



HIGHLIGHTS

August 2022



Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage;
be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is
with thee whithersoever thou goest.

~ Joshua 1:9



FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



CONTINUED RESOLVE

Mr. Ron Koole, Principal

What hath God wrought? This question should excite in Christians a desire to know the events of the past. For the past is not the revelation of random masses of people and nations or individuals performing haphazard activities, but the past has been perfectly orchestrated by the sovereign Lord of heaven and earth. This applies to the history of the nations as well as every action, thought, and word of all creatures who have ever lived. The sovereign will of God is being carried out by His providence and grace. Therefore, it can be said that all of history is church history, because throughout history God is directing all events to the gathering, preserving, and defending of the church of Jesus Christ.

Along with the institutions of church and home, God uses the good Christian school for the instruction and nurturing of the covenant youth of that church of Jesus Christ. These children are His precious lambs. Last year marked the 75th anniversary of Hope School and many wonderful events took place to commemorate God's goodness. At graduation I attempted to capture the blessing of God to us for 75 years but also to encourage us to continue with zeal to maintain this precious cause. I have been asked by several people to put my remarks into print. I do that here with a few words as a preface and then the remarks.

In the 1860's our nation engaged in a bloody Civil War. One of the key battles was fought in July, 1863 at Gettysburg. During a dedication of the cemetery on November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln delivered his two minute Gettysburg address which begins "Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth..." (You can look it up and read it). What follows is my "Graduation Address" using Pres. Lincoln's speech as the model. May the Lord bless our 76th year of instruction.

"Threescore and 15 years ago our "fathers" (great-grandfathers) brought forth on this continent a new school, conceived in love for God's everlasting covenant, and dedicated to the proposition that all of God's children must be instructed in the fear of the Lord. Now we are engaged in a strenuous effort to maintain this precious cause, testing whether a Protestant Reformed Christian School so dedicated, can long endure. We are met this evening in a church bearing the name Protestant Reformed. We have come to witness the graduation of 16 covenant youth who are the offspring of many who have sacrificed much – their money, labor, and even in the eyes of the world, their reputations. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot take credit for maintaining this covenantal institution. The spiritually strong men (and women) living and dead, who went forward in faith have consecrated it. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but the continuation of the instruction of the covenant youth is a constant testimony to the faithfulness of God's goodness to His people. Now it is for us, parents and you students, to be dedicated to the unfinished work which they who have gone before have sacrificed for and so nobly advanced. It is for us to be dedicated to the continued support of this great cause of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. From those who have gone before we take increased devotion to this blessed cause to the utmost of our power so that the generations to come will have the blessing of a distinctly biblical and Christ-centered education to the glory of God. Be thankful graduates that the Lord has provided Hope

Protestant Reformed Christian School, established by God's people, and for God's people. Cherish your education, graduates, and do what you can to support this precious cause so that it does not perish from the earth but remains a beacon of light in the midst of a world of darkness."

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Rich DeMeester, Chairman
Brad Schipper, Dave Langerak, Brad VanderVeen

Over the summer months, the Enrollment Committee has been interviewing and welcoming those who desire to enroll their children at Hope School. We have had three new families and one returning family apply for enrollment this year. Each of the families have met the enrollment qualifications laid out in our *Guidelines for Enrollment* and the Board has approved enrollment for all of them. We welcome the Engelsmas (Michael-K), Guichelaars (Kennedy-4th, Jayden-2nd, Bethany-K), TenBrocks (Macy-8th, Baylah-5th), and the Van Overloops (Zoey-K). Please help us welcome these families to our school!

As we look forward to a new year, we thank God for His provision as He continues to provide for our school by giving us like-minded teachers, staff, and parents who are zealous for the cause of Christian education. Within His covenant we, as God's friend-servants, are called to and desire to live a life of loving, serving, and glorifying Jehovah our God. May we put our trust in Him and rest in His promises.



Seth & Rosie Engelsma (Michael)

Hi, from the Engelsma family! We are so excited for Michael to start kindergarten this year. Seth and I have been married for 7 years. Seth is the last son of Mike and Brenda and works for KVO Communications/360 Electric. I am the youngest daughter of Ed and Mary Stouwie and I grew up in Lansing, Illinois. Seth attended Hope and Covenant and I went to PRCS and Heritage Christian High School. Morgan is our youngest and will be turning three years old at the end of this month! We are members of Grandville PRC. Michael graduated from Mapletree Preschool and has been waiting all summer for his first day of school and can't wait to meet all of his classmates!

Rev. & Cherith Guichelaar (Kennedy, Jayden, Bethany)

Hello! We are the Guichelaars, and we are excited to be joining the Hope PRCS community. We recently moved to the area, after Pastor accepted the call to serve as the pastor of Grace PRC. Before the move, we were in Randolph, WI, serving the saints at Randolph PRC for 9 years. Cherith (nee Cammenga) actually attended Hope School for all her elementary education, so for her things will definitely feel familiar.

We have five children. Kennedy is going into 4th grade. Jayden is going into 2nd grade. Bethany is going into kindergarten. Mikayla is 4. And Alison is almost 2. Our children are going to miss their dear friends at Randolph when they start school this year, but they are excited to make new friendships too. As parents, we are too. We are very thankful that the Lord has given us the opportunity to send our children to a Protestant Reformed Christian School.



Cameron and Amy VanOverloop (Zoey)

Hello, we are the VanOverloops. We have been married for 6 years and have three daughters: Zoey (5) Harper (2) and Stella (6 mo). We attend Grace PRC. Cameron works at Grand Valley Concrete Products as a diesel mechanic while I stay home with the girls. Zoey will be starting kindergarten this year and is so excited! Zoey is a very nurturing big sister and loves to swim, color and play with her babies and barbies. This summer we have enjoyed camping, fishing/boating, and swimming in grandma and papa's pool. Cameron and I are so thankful for the Christian education our children will receive at Hope PRCS and are excited to see how God will lead them!



BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Rich DeMeester, Chairman
Dan Boeve, Brad Schipper, Brad Schwarz

The last time you read a Building Committee update in the *Highlights*, our addition of the music room and renovation of the library, offices and lounge was well underway. One year later, as many of you have seen for yourselves at the 75th anniversary open house, we have moved into these newly built and remodeled facilities. The main office, administrator's office, and teacher supply room have been made bigger to better accommodate our staff. Several updates have been made to the main hallway for a nicer appearance including repainting of the doors and an open glass wall to the office. We also have an updated library and teachers' lounge with an outdoor area for the teachers to enjoy during their breaks. Quite possibly the highlight of the past year has been the completion of the new music room. This new addition is not only a wonderful improvement for the band and choir classes, but also a very nice meeting place for other gatherings such as PTA and association meetings. Thanks to the many volunteers who gave of their time to this building project. For this reason, the cost for the remodel came in almost \$70,000 under what we had budgeted. It is good to see so many give to the cause of Christian education at Hope School.

This past year, the Building Committee has been busy keeping up with the regular maintenance of the school. With a building as big and as old as Hope School, there is always something that needs to be maintained or replaced. In addition to this, over the summer, we have begun work on the lower elementary hall. The old wood open lockers have served their purpose for many years and it was due for an update. In early June, we held a work bee where we tackled removing these lockers, patching the parking lot, and cleaning out the storage garage. By the time you are reading this update, the project should be completed and we should be ready for another school year. Thanks to the School Circle, who have donated generously to this project.

We thank God for the means he has provided to instruct our covenant children. What a gift it is to have good Christian schools. May all of us be good stewards of the gifts He has given.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Scott Kooienga, Chairman
Matthew DeBoer, Dan Kalsbeek, Dave Langerak

It's hard to believe that another year of school is soon to begin. It seems as though summer just began! On Monday August 29th, 2022, Hope School will begin its 76th year of covenantal instruction. God is so good to us! Last year we were faced with some very difficult challenges because of the schism in our denomination. Through all of it, God was faithful. He provided spiritually and financially, and He preserved us for another year by giving us a dedicated staff of Protestant Reformed teachers and aides. As we make preparations for a new school year, we see His provisions once again. Thank God from whom all blessings flow!

The committee has continued to carry out its work throughout the summer months and would like to welcome the students, teachers, administrator, aides, and countless volunteers back for another year. It is our prayer that the staff and students have enjoyed the summer months, feel refreshed, and are ready to return to their work with renewed vigor.

There are a few teacher changes this year. We are excited to welcome Miss Suzanna Smit, from Redlands, CA, to our staff as the new 7th grade homeroom teacher. Additionally, Mrs. Becca Lubbers (nee Boeve) will no longer be a homeroom teacher. Because of the reduced student count in the class she has followed for the past two years, that class (now in 5th grade) will not be split this year. Dan Hanko will remain the 4th grade homeroom teacher, Brian Dykstra continues as the 5th grade homeroom teacher, and Becca has agreed to join Jill Reitsma in the Discovery Room fulltime. This program has continued to grow and the need for another qualified teacher in this area has been made evident. Again, God has provided, and we are thankful that Becca, who has an endorsement in Special Education, has graciously agreed to take up this new position. Becca and Jill have been working together to prepare for those students who are able to benefit from this great program.

This summer the School Board voted to adopt a new 7th and 8th grade American History curriculum. The committee spent time reviewing and analyzing the new curriculum, weighing the pros and cons, and comparing it to the current curriculum. The new curriculum is from Bob Jones University and has a conservative Biblical worldview, as compared to the existing secular worldview curriculum from McGraw Hill. Other of our Protestant Reformed schools including Covenant are transitioning to Bob Jones University curriculum and highly recommended the curriculum. We believe the teachers, students, and parents will find this new curriculum refreshing.

May God again richly bless the labors of the teachers, parents, and School Board in the rearing of this generation of our covenant youth in the fear and knowledge of His name. These labors are done not just at home, not just at school, but we acknowledge this as the work of us all.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Brad VanderVeen, Chairman
Scott Kooienga, Josh Meulenberg

Since the previous issue of the *Highlights*, we have turned the page from one fiscal year to the next. This issue of the *Highlights* contains the FY 2021-2022 financial statement. Despite a strong tuition deficit “headwind”, we are pleased to report that we ended the fiscal year in a very good position. A bottom-line review shows a modest gain of \$9,786.54, approximately +0.8% of the annual budget. An incredible drive result, along with generous church collections helped offset the tuition deficit we began the year with. We also did well on the expense side, coming in under budget on health insurance and payroll line items, primarily due to the contracted 7th grade teacher being unable to move with his family to the United States due to COVID restrictions. All thanks be to God for his continued care, even in our finances.

For the Finance Committee specifically, the new fiscal year begins in July with enrollment. We find this to be a very enjoyable process, in which we are encouraged by the financial support and prayers of the 72 families that have committed to another year of covenantal instruction of their children at Hope PRCS. The Finance Committee met at school on July 28 to review enrollment forms which had been mailed in or dropped off. For the most part, all forms were in on time which streamlined the work for the committee. You should have received your first tuition statement for the 2022-2023 school year by the time you read this article. Please contact Brad Vander Veen if you did not receive the statement, or if there was incorrect information.

We gladly report that all families are current with their tuition to begin the 2022-2023 school year. Please make it a priority to stay current on tuition throughout the upcoming school year. Several families have chosen to participate in monthly EFT again. The automatic collection process is very efficient for the Finance Committee, and we encourage any parents who have not already signed up to contact a member of the Finance Committee if they are interested in doing so.

It is a great privilege to have this school for our covenant children. We are thankful that our Heavenly Father supplies our needs and provides the means to operate this school. "O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever."

The financial statement can be found on pages 8 & 9

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Matt DeBoer, Chairman

Brad Schipper, Brad Schwarz

We are pleased to report that our buses are ready to begin another school year. This summer, Bus #15 received its regular maintenance as well as some rust repair. Bus #16 also received routine maintenance. Both buses are ready for inspection at any time. The buses were last inspected by Michigan State Police in August 2021 and they are approved to be used until the next inspection which we can anticipate happening in the first half of 2023.

We're thankful that Mrs. Jennifer Kalsbeek has agreed to drive again this year. She will be driving the Jenison (including Hudsonville/Grandville/ Byron Center) route which has six families riding this year (one less than the previous year). The Coopersville (including Walker/ Marne) route will feature a few new faces, but will again have seven families this year. Notices were put in our church bulletins regarding the need for a full-time driver on our Coopersville route, and we are happy to report that Mr. Dennis Kaptein has begun the process of licensing and has agreed to drive that route for us full-time this year. Mr. Dan Kuiper and Mr. James Haveman will again be available to drive afternoons. Our reliable Transportation Supervisor, Mr. Dan Kalsbeek will continue in his day-to-day role and also fill in for the drivers as the need arises.

We encourage all Hope families to consider using our bus service. With young or old children, riding bus has many benefits for the family and students and we encourage everyone to perform a cost-benefit analysis for their own situation. It is never too late to add your family to the schedule! With our ridership numbers continuing their downward trend, we sent a note to CCHS notifying them of the availability of door-to-door bus service on either of our two routes. With the price of gas, used cars and insurance for young drivers, we anticipate this drawing some interest.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our parents to review the bus policies printed in the back of the school directory. These are in place primarily for the safety of our children and drivers as well as the orderly operation of the routes each day. The ride on the bus can be difficult for a young student or one who rides the duration of the route. Our hope is that the time our children spend on board our buses is a good reflection of the godly atmosphere of our homes.

Please remember our bus riders and drivers in your prayers. May God grant us a safe and blessed school year.

The bus routes can be found on pages 9 & 10

Hope Protestant Reformed School Highlights Report - Actual to Budget

Actual to Budget. July 2021- June 2022	Jul '21 - Jun 22	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Church Collections	54,757.97	44,000.00	124.45%
Gifts and Pledges	394,475.00	346,000.00	114.01%
Gym Rental	5,153.00	5,000.00	103.06%
Hope Foundation	50,000.00	50,000.00	100.0%
Special Ed Society	7,514.18	7,333.00	102.47%
Tuition	682,942.03	788,661.00	86.6%
Z - Bus Fees	15,938.61	16,000.00	99.62%
Total Income	1,210,780.79	1,256,994.00	96.32%
Expense			
Accounting Fees	6,450.00	6,450.00	100.0%
Band Expenses	2,000.00	3,000.00	66.67%
Building and Grounds - Y/E	43,000.00	43,000.00	100.0%
Class Trip Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00	100.0%
Educational Supplies and Books	30,000.00	30,000.00	100.0%
Federation Dues	3,616.89	4,125.00	87.68%
Insurance, General	14,489.03	14,041.00	103.19%
Insurance, Group	86,195.26	106,000.00	81.32%
Insurance, HRA - Y/E	4,000.00	4,000.00	100.0%
Insurance, Workers Comp	2,557.82	2,300.00	111.21%
Janitors Supplies	3,742.89	4,500.00	83.18%
Library Fund	1,700.00	1,700.00	100.0%
Long Range Building Fund Trans	45,000.00	45,000.00	100.0%
Miscellaneous Expense	4,932.98	2,000.00	246.65%
Office Equipment - Y/E	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.0%
Office Supplies	1,321.00	1,000.00	132.1%
Payroll - Band / Choir	19,846.14	21,000.00	94.51%
Payroll - Building Maintenance	1,210.00	1,500.00	80.67%
Payroll - Discovery Room	37,137.00	46,000.00	80.73%
Payroll - Janitor	32,496.00	32,500.00	99.99%
Payroll - Lawn Maintenance	3,056.79	4,000.00	76.42%
Payroll - Librarian	3,906.00	4,200.00	93.0%
Payroll - Office	33,048.75	32,375.00	102.08%
Payroll - Substitute Teachers	630.00	1,000.00	63.0%
Payroll - Teachers	578,482.80	599,902.00	96.43%
Payroll - Teachers Aids	12,655.50	16,976.00	74.55%
Payroll - Technolgy Maintenance	125.00	3,000.00	4.17%
Payroll Taxes	51,166.89	58,165.00	87.97%
Phys Ed Uniforms	817.75	1,000.00	81.78%
Repairs and Maintenance	10,390.20	8,400.00	123.69%
Retirement Plan	19,591.35	18,744.00	104.52%
Snow Removal	2,528.75	3,500.00	72.25%

Hope Protestant Reformed School Highlights Report - Actual to Budget

Actual to Budget. July 2021- June 2022	Jul '21 - Jun 22	Budget	% of Budget
Teacher Classroom	1,500.00	1,648.00	91.02%
Teacher Development - Y/E	12,000.00	12,000.00	100.0%
Technology Supplies	14,079.50	14,000.00	100.57%
Utilities, Electric	20,297.13	23,000.00	88.25%
Utilities, Gas	11,174.24	13,000.00	85.96%
Utilities, Internet & Phone	4,042.44	3,000.00	134.75%
Utilities, Trash	1,971.24	1,700.00	115.96%
Utilities, Water & Sewer	1,271.51	1,300.00	97.81%
Z. Bus Expenses			
Bus Depreciation Fund Trans	17,499.96	17,500.00	100.0%
Bus Driver Cost Subsidy	856.00	1,000.00	85.6%
Bus Driver Payroll	25,039.50	22,918.00	109.26%
Bus Driver Payroll Taxes	1,495.44	1,700.00	87.97%
Bus Driver Workers Compensation	1,004.93	1,000.00	100.49%
Bus Insurance	2,179.25	2,100.00	103.77%
Bus Repair	12,918.48	7,000.00	184.55%
Gas and Oil	13,819.84	11,000.00	125.64%
Transportation Supervisor	1,250.00	1,250.00	100.0%
Total Z. Bus Expenses	76,063.40	65,468.00	116.18%
Total Expense	1,200,994.25	1,256,994.00	95.55%
Net Ordinary Income	9,786.54	0.00	

2022-23 Hope PRCS Bus Routes

Jenison

Drivers*: AM - Jen Kalsbeek (616) 350-5376
PM – Dan Kuiper (616) 727-0443

7:06 M. DeBoer 7028 Rolling Hills Dr. Hudsonville 49426
7:08 D. Overway 3227 Deep Rose Dr. Hudsonville MI 49426
7:09 M. Rutgers (PM Only) 3411 Sagecrest Dr. Hudsonville MI 49426
7:30 J. Kregel 4613 Caspian Dr. Hudsonville 49426
7:34 M. VandenBerg Corner of 24th & Riley Jamestown Township Offices
7:40 B. Kregel 6886 Kenowa Ave. Byron Center, 49315
7:52 N. Tanis 1186 Kinney Ave. Grand Rapids MI 49534
8:00 Hope School

*Jen will be full time in November, once cross country is completed.

Coopersville

Driver: Dennis Kaptein (616) 826-6001

7:12	K. Koole	4997 Leonard St. Coopersville MI 49404
7:22	T. Kleyn	4263 Garfield Coopersville 49404
7:29	T. VanDenTop	4234 E. Cleveland Coopersville 49404
7:44	J. Feenstra	13354 8th Ave. Marne MI 49435
7:50	E. Guichelaar	11243 8th Ave. Grand Rapids MI 49534
8:00	Covenant	

If you have any questions regarding the schedules, please contact the Transportation Supervisor, Dan Kalsbeek at 616-791-4425 (home) or 616-890-1029 (cell).



STAFF CONTRIBUTIONS



WE ARE A FAMILY

Mrs. Deb Hoeksema, Kindergarten

Each year, we go camping with the same group of families and have done this for the last seven years. Our group consists of three generations of a family, in addition to “adopted” families like my own. During the course of our trip this year, one of the children told me I was like their second mom. I took this as a compliment. The couples older than myself have become like grandparents to my daughter too. After all these years, we truly feel like we are one big camping family. That got me thinking about all of the other families of which I count myself a member.

The first one that comes to mind is my immediate family. God has blessed me with a husband and daughter with which to share my life. My husband and I have multiple siblings on both sides and many nieces and nephews. While both of us have had a parent inherit their eternal rest, our daughter has been surrounded by loving grandparents all of her life. We are fortunate to have both of our families live nearby so that we may enjoy fellowship with them often throughout the year.

Another one of these families is my Hope School family. I have taught in several other schools, both our Christian schools and in the public school system. Yet it is Hope School that truly feels like a family to me. When I first started teaching, the kids would accidentally call me “mom”. Now it seems that I get “grandma” more often. Since grandmas play such a loving roll in the lives of our students, I will consider it a term of honor. ☺ For the majority of new families enrolling here, I count it as a privilege to welcome them and their kindergarteners to the Hope School family.

My last example will be my church family. I have been a member of a few of our congregations. It is here that I have learned the true meaning of the fellowship of the saints. We rejoice in the happy moments, rally together during difficult times, and mourn when loved ones end their earthly journey. Grace Church is especially happy to have Rev. Guichelaar and his family join our congregation.

It is through these examples of family that we truly learn the extent of God’s love to His people, His family. We come from different states and countries. We have different skin color, hair color or eye color. We speak different languages and live in all parts of the world. But the one aspect that we

all have in common is that we are a part of God's family. He has called us to be His children before the beginning of the world. He has given His only begotten Son as a payment for all of our sins, so that we can be deemed worthy and counted as part of His family. And for this great gift, we will spend all of our eternity praising Him. I pray that God will be with all of your families, including those of Hope School in the coming school year. May He strengthen the labors of the teachers, staff and students so that we may gain a better knowledge of Him and His creation.

THE BEST DAY OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Sue Grasman, 1st Grade

Teachers and students everywhere find joy in the first day of a new school year. The atmosphere of that first day with its fresh hopes and dreams is hard to describe. Brand new pencils, books, markers- as well as children's faces lit with joy and anticipation – this is an experience that only comes around once a year at Hope School and it will be taking place this year on August 29, Lord willing.

If you walk down the sidewalk on the morning of the first day of school, you will hear the excited voices of returning students getting reacquainted with each other and renewing friendships. Stories of summer vacations and sports camps are shared, as well as wonderment on what the coming year might bring. These students are so glad to be together again!

Stop by the kindergarten door and you will see the nervous, but still smiling, new kindergartners, their faces brimming with excitement. They are ready and anxious to begin their educational journey at Hope School and their enthusiasm is catching. One wonders what might be in store for these little ones as they journey the path God has set before them. It is comforting to know that He holds the future as well as their little hands.

Linger until the bell rings, and the formerly empty hallways will be filled with the happy sounds of children finding their classrooms and greeting their new teachers. Soon those same happy voices will be singing, lifting up praises in Psalms to our God. Hearing this joyful praise is music to the ears, and brings a tear to the eye. A new year offers fresh starts and opportunities, a time to once again take up the work that God has given us to do at Hope Protestant Reformed Christian School. May we do so joyfully, with the prayer that He establish the work of our hands so that we might prosper in this coming school year. The first day of school – truly, it is the best day!

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION

Mrs. Julie Schwarz, 2nd Grade

One of the things I do on the first day of school is read the story, "How I Spent My Summer Vacation" by Mark Teague. This is a story about a young boy with a large imagination who spins an exciting tale about how he spent his summer vacation. After reading this story I spend time letting my students tell about their summer adventures. There are always those students who are bouncing out of their seats ready to tell all the details of all the various things they did over the summer. There are also those who sit quietly and try to recall if they have done anything worth telling about. I think summer is a special time whether it is filled with exciting activities or not. Summer is about long, less-structured days. It is about spending time with family. It is using your senses to enjoy God's beautiful

creation. The smell of the newly mowed grass, the sight of colorful flowers blooming, the sound of the birds chirping and the feel of the warm sunshine on your face are all a part of summer.

So, how did I spend my summer vacation? I did not do big exciting things but I was able to do the three things that I had hoped to accomplish. All three begin with the letter R: Relax, Recharge, and Reevaluate. To relax and recharge I did a lot of reading. I sat out in the sunshine, did some shopping, and worked on projects around my house and yard. The last few weeks I have played a lot of bean bag toss on our new corn-hole boards. I would like to say I am improving, but...Soon, I will also, the Lord willing, spend 1 ½ weeks at Pentwater enjoying time with family and friends, getting my fill of the beautiful big lake and relaxing on the sandy beach. I am thankful for this time to relax and recharge. However, throughout these summer months my mind was often busy thinking of the coming school year.

Once the school year starts there is much to do and never enough time to get it all done. Often new ideas come to mind or things that should be changed and summer is a good time to work on these things. There are practical things to consider such as how I want to decorate my classroom for the new year, how I should arrange the many desks as I have 7 more students to fit, and what schedule works best with aides and helpers. At the end of the last school year, my students joked that they were graduating to third grade but I had to remain and take second grade over again. When you do something over again, it is always good to reevaluate and see if there are ways you can improve. That is something I did this summer. I spent time looking over some of my lesson plans and tried to better incorporate a Biblical perspective in them. I also spent time assessing my teaching as a whole.

As a teacher, my job is to teach the basics such as math, reading, science, and spelling. As a Christian teacher my job is to teach these subjects in the light of scripture. The students must see how all the knowledge they gain is to be used in God's kingdom and for His glory. But also, as a Christian teacher there is so much more to teaching than just the subject areas. Prof. Engelsma writes in his book Reformed Education, *"the teacher is to rear the child in the education of Christ, teach the child diligently the words of love for God, and bring the child up in God's fear."* He also wrote, *"the teacher's work is not only to impart facts, to give head knowledge, to educate intellects, to teach subjects capably, to develop God given abilities, although he may not do less than this or something entirely different from this. But he must in all of this rear the covenant child."* The whole atmosphere of the classroom should be distinctly Christian.

I spent time this summer thinking through how I could improve in this area. In what ways could I better handle the many situations that arise throughout the school days. There are many social problems that arise such as tattling, hurtful words between friends, or excluding another student. There are the attitude problems such as disrespect towards fellow students or teachers, misuse of equipment, and disregard for rules. How should I handle these things in a Christian way? My job as a Christian teacher is to discipline sinful behavior but always in love. It is easy to react hastily or even in frustration whereas God requires that I be patient and remember that I am dealing with His precious, covenant children. I sometimes think this is one of the hardest parts of being a teacher and it can be overwhelming. To this end, I have given much thought to how I should deal with such issues as they arise so that my classroom reflects the love of Christ. I am thankful God gave me time this summer to relax, to recharge, and to reevaluate. I rely on Him and I covet your prayers as we begin a new school year.

FIVE SIMPLE WAYS TO SUPPORT TEACHERS

Miss Gayle Lotterman, 3rd Grade

Every year there are a few parents who reach out to me, asking how they can help in my classroom. I am always so thankful for parents who are willing to contribute in this way, but I am also sure there are many of you who would love to help and either do not know how, or do not know if you have the time. Perhaps you are looking to get involved by assisting at school, or perhaps you are looking for a way to encourage teachers without having to step foot in the classroom. Either way, I think all parents can do a few simple things to support teachers this school year.

1. **Pray for Us** – Every year when parent-teacher conferences come around, I am always struck by the number of parents who tell me that they pray for the teachers daily at their house. It is one thing to know it happens, and quite another to have parent after parent say it at conferences. It is humbling to know that we are thought of every day, and it is also so encouraging and uplifting to be reminded of this. Teachers certainly covet your prayers!
2. **Extend Grace** – Teachers make silly mistakes. Teachers say the wrong things, misspell words, put the wrong dates on memos, and sometimes make choices that seem unusual. I have been thankful for parents that have been gracious to me in the past, and I try to reciprocate in my dealings with parents. Of course, if something a teacher says or does results in confusion (or worse), I am not saying we should overlook these things in the interest of keeping the peace. However, in general, addressing these silly mistakes with kindness is appreciated, if the mistake even needs to be addressed at all.
3. **Communicate** – If you have concerns or questions, teachers would rather hear them while the issue still seems small. The longer you wait to contact a teacher, the bigger the problem gets. When you do need to speak to a teacher regarding a specific issue, do so privately. If you talk about your concerns with your child or other parents first, it can result in teachers hearing about it secondhand. Sometimes this can be tempting when you have a question but do not want to “bug” the teacher. Even so, teachers understand that this is part of what our job entails, and we are grateful for parents who are upfront and direct with their communication.
4. **Be Involved at Home** – Another important way to support teachers is by staying in the loop at home. Reading memos and other notes, helping your child with homework, and promoting good habits and routines results in teachers seeing students who are well rested, prepared, and ready to learn. Teachers know that sometimes not every word on a note is read, sometimes homework goes unchecked, and every once in a while your child has a bad night of sleep. Nevertheless, when these instances are few and far between, teachers appreciate knowing that parents are doing their best to support their student at home.
5. **Volunteer** – If you are looking to be more involved than any of the ideas above, there are many ways to assist in or out of the classroom. Parents can sign up to be room mothers, chaperone field trips, or help during art or other projects. Offering to help even just once or twice makes a difference. There are also many ways to assist from home. Whether it be cutting out laminated items, covering books, or sending in paper plates or plastic utensils, teachers are always thankful for even the littlest of things. Contact your child’s teacher if you are looking for more ideas of how to volunteer your time and/or resources.

Hopefully these five ideas help you consider how to better support teachers this school year. Teachers appreciate all that parents do to support Hope School, knowing that the work we do is in

place of parents. Many of you are already doing all five of these things, and for that I am grateful. Feeling your support in these ways has been a huge encouragement to me in the past, and I am looking forward to working together again in educating your covenant children this year!

LESSONS OF THE TRAIL

Mr. Dan Hanko, 4th Grade

At the crack of dawn, the five of us started up the trail in the Grand Tetons of Wyoming. The goal was to reach the Continental Divide by noon and back down by supper time. In reflection, the strenuous hike reminds me of my work in the year ahead. I will touch on the 3 P's of the hike: preparation, persistence, and praise; and then relate these to my anticipated labors in fourth grade at Hope.

Once the trail and route direction were decided, most of the crucial preparation took place the evening before and the morning of the hike. Proper clothes for temperature change were set aside, lunch and energy food were made ready, three water bottles each were filled, a water filter to replenish our water supply halfway through the hike was stowed away, phone batteries were charged, rest was taken, and prayers made that we would be given a safe trip. As proper preparation was needed for the day hike, so will it be necessary for each school day. What I want to teach and its Biblical application, how I will present the material, what papers or activities I need to prepare, and how much time it will require, must all be addressed. And finally, time must be given for rest and prayer. Devotions and prayer will begin each day to ask the Lord's blessings upon labors in His service.

The first mile of the hike around the lake was flat, and the sunrise on the jagged peaks was glorious! The temperature was cool and the skies clear. The beautiful reflection of the mountains was captured with cameras before turning our attention to the climb up the canyon. I knew I would need the persistence to endure the steady climb to the Divide. Setting a pace and keeping to it were important as the climb took us thousands of feet upward. Stops for rest and water, an occasional snack, and many photographs of the majestic mountain peaks and valley below were all so necessary. A brief stop was made at Holly Lake in the Paintbrush Canyon before the grueling two miles to the top. A slow but steady pace saw us slowly crossing snow fields and scrambling over rocky switchbacks. Persistence. By an hour before noon we were walking along the Continental Divide, viewing the grandeur of God's mountain peaks and valleys below on each side. Persistence would continue as we would later head down a different canyon in the heat of the day. There will be mountains to climb this school year also. A seasoned veteran certainly has less preparation in many areas. But the writing, the typing, committee work, grading of papers, meetings, continuous reading, and searching the Scriptures and creeds for application will be inevitable and sometimes exhausting. Research in areas of learning will be necessary as things change from year to year. This persistence takes prayer; and patience, power, and strength given by the Lord.

The third "P" of the hike would be "praise". Praise Him who formed the hills and mountains and the lush valleys with its unique flora and fauna. The view from the top was spectacular as we could see for miles and miles. The peaceful lakes and gurgling streams, resulting from snow melt, were a sight to behold! "For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, is his name." (Amos 4:13) To God be all praise and

glory! This is the goal of teaching. The children must be directed to see God's glory in all areas and praise Him. We must walk - loving and serving Him, who is our faithful, unchangeable, Almighty, covenant God and Father. Pray for the teachers as they prepare, persist, and praise Him throughout this new school year.

A NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. Brian Dykstra, 5th Grade

The highlight of this summer came rather early, June 14. That's the date our second daughter gave birth to her first child, a girl. My wife and I now have six grandchildren. The first was a boy, and all the rest have been girls. Our daughter expresses great joy at the opportunity to have four hours of sleep from time to time. I'm always amazed when I hold these little ones to realize that this child's life has already been perfectly planned by a gracious Father. Then I recall the tumult in society over the Supreme Court's decision overturning Roe vs. Wade. It's quite something to see the strident protests from a part of society which demands the right to an abortion at nearly any time and for any reason. How God's anger must be kindled! I contrast the world's attitude toward children with how thrilled my daughter and son-in-law are with their daughter, and I am thankful.

We are all aware of the rate of inflation. Many people are looking for what I believe people now call a "side hustle," a little job which generates some income. The new grand-daughter gave me a business opportunity. I have a "baby holding" business. I try to keep the baby calm and entertained long enough on an occasional afternoon for my daughter to get a little needed sleep. Somehow, I just don't think I can bring myself to give her a bill at the end of the summer! My wife and I also team-up to entertain our first daughter's children at a park for one afternoon every week. Doing grandpa duty has given me something enjoyable to do.

Some of you know my wife's love for travel, especially road trips out West. Since she needs a driver and photographer, she takes me along. As she rhapsodizes about the newness, uniqueness and beauty of the scenery, or how it has changed since the last time we were in the same place, I just try to keep the yellow line to the left, and the white line to the right. Sadly, there was no road trip this year.

However, on the bright side, our two sons have completed their educations. After thirty-two years, we have no children attending any educational institution anywhere. As a result, we had to move one son back from Champaign, Illinois. He had a furnished apartment, so that move involved just one trip and no U-Haul trailer. The other son finished his school work in Detroit. His apartment was unfurnished. Therefore, we had to take two trips to Detroit, one with a rented trailer and one without. When I tried to explain to my wife that the nearly 24 hours of driving while moving our sons back home constituted a road-trip, she was not convinced. I have a feeling she is making preparations for our next trip. Hmmm, where is she planning to take me?

My wife and I did spend a quiet week in the Lake Michigan Recreation Area. This is a state wilderness campground whose southern border is the same as the north border of Ludington State Park. There is no electricity in wilderness campgrounds, so that was nice. Also, the campsites are large. We both mentioned that we wished all campgrounds were this way.

Now I am in the home-stretch of preparing for another school year. This is the first year this class will be united into one class instead of being split into two. They will have some adjustments to make! I plan to be there on the first day of school, D.V., at the door to greet all twenty-eight (gulp!) of them. I'll see you soon!

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

Mrs. Stephanie Daling, 6th Grade

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:"

Romans 1:20

Here we are again! Another school year is about to begin. I spent the majority of my summer enjoying the outdoors, hiking trails and visiting the beaches right here in Michigan, but was also given the opportunity to spend ten days exploring the West coast from Portland, Oregon to Los Angeles, California. The differences in landscape that we experienced while there was breathtaking. From mountains to valleys, ocean to desert, we truly saw it all. The locals are used to these daily views and tend to not experience how spectacular these sights are. Every direction we looked we seemed to be seeing new things. "Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined." Psalm 50:2

The truth is, these views often become mundane for those that see them on a daily basis. We take these trips and think there is no way one could get sick of these views, but they are often taken for granted. We experience this ourselves with the Great Lakes and beautiful beaches Michigan has to offer. Instead, we must be reminded daily that God's handiwork and invisible attributes are being shown to us through the creation around us. As Romans 1:20 states above, even the wicked are left without excuse; God makes it very evident that He is Creator of all.

We spent most of our time on the West Coast hiking and exploring on our own, so we did not encounter many other people. However, the pamphlets we had and the few touristy things we did do proved to show how the wicked do not want to know about God; they try to suppress the truth about Him. Many of the pamphlets and signs talked about how these beautiful sights we were seeing; the canyons, giant Redwoods, waterfalls, and arches in the rocks, were all formed millions of years ago. Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" reminds us that we are all sinners and often fall short; forgetting that the world around us clearly makes known to us about our Lord.

Paul reminds us to look around us, to see what is visible around us in nature, to look and study what God has made, and discuss what things we observe about God that are invisible. We are able to see that God has eternal power and a divine nature, just as David stated in Psalm 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." When we and the world around us look at the creation, its beautiful sights, and choose to willingly ignore the obvious, we are then suppressing the truth about our Creator.

Instead, we need to take this opportunity to speak to our children, our spouses, and our friends about the beauty of the creation. For as Paul spoke in Colossians 1:16b-17, "all things were created by him, and for him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist" - all things were made by Christ and FOR Christ. We need to use what is around to us to speak to them about how powerful, mighty, majestic, faithful, and holy our God is. We must convey to them and be reminded ourselves of how we can use this creation around us to serve Him. I am thankful that God has used this past summer to put this all into perspective again. We must continue to remind ourselves of how thankful we should be that God has given us this world every day to learn and teach from. I am excited to continue to learn and teach from it in the classroom this upcoming school year.

INTRODUCTION

Miss Suzanna Smit, 7th Grade

Hello, I am Suzanna Smit! I am excited to be filling the position of 7th-grade homeroom teacher this next school year. While it certainly has been a journey for me to get to this point, I am thrilled to start teaching here at Hope PRC School this year and am looking forward to meeting and getting to know many new people.

I am the fifth of six children of Peter and Linda Smit. I grew up in Yucaipa, California attending church at Hope PRC in Redlands. Therefore, there is still a lot for me to learn about Michigan, including getting to know my students and how to drive in winter weather. I will admit that I am quite a bit more excited about the former than the latter! I moved to Michigan with the help of my mom in early August.

Growing up, I attended the 'other' Hope Christian grade school in California. After high school, I attended a local community college, and I transferred to a 4-year university, California State University, Chico. Since I transferred right after the COVID-19 shutdowns, I was thankful to be enrolled in a program already designed to be online before the pandemic occurred, for many of my teachers were comfortable using online tools. After finishing a B.A. in Social



Sciences in December of 2021, I enrolled in a teaching credential program. I completed the first part of my student teaching via Zoom (due to continued covid restrictions in California). However, I finished my student teaching at Covenant Christian High School; I am very thankful for this experience because I was able to spend time learning in a PR school and meet many other Christian teachers.

In my free time, I will most often be found reading. I read a variety of genres, and I am always interested in hearing new suggestions. Growing up, I also enjoyed many family vacations camping at different national parks. Most recently, my family and I camped near Yosemite, but my favorite was Grand Canyon National Park. Lately, I have also started learning martial arts with a few of my cousins. While I have found it both mentally and physically demanding, this training has also been a lesson in humility. When I see young children perform kicks and stunts that I will never be able to do, I am reminded that God grants talents in different ways. Similarly, although my role here is to be a teacher and mentor, I am also here to constantly learn with and from those of all ages and backgrounds. As we enter this new school year, I ask for a prayer of wisdom and grace as I find my place here at Hope Protestant Reformed Christian School.

1.59 MILLISECONDS

Mr. Nate DeVries, 8th Grade

One of the more interesting stories to develop this summer is the change in the speed of the rotation of the Earth. Scientists started recording the time it takes Earth to rotate fully on its axis in the 1960's when the cesium atomic clock came into use, and that time has been almost exactly 24 hours with very minor deviations. In recent years, the time for a full rotation has been shorter, with the shortest time ever recorded occurring on July 29. On that day the rotation was 1.59 milliseconds shorter than normal. Scientists are now proposing various theories to explain this acceleration of the Earth, but no one really knows the reason for it. It would seem that 1.59 milliseconds would not be a cause for concern; however, technology today, most notably GPS systems, run based on precise atomic time. In the past, slight deviations in rotation speed were corrected using leap seconds. Now, in order for time to be accurate, some in the science community are proposing that a negative leap second will need to be added so that atomic time remains precisely in time with the rotation of Earth. This proposal caught the attention of tech engineers at Meta who say that adding a negative leap second could be catastrophic for high-tech systems that run just about everything in the world. In addition to adding a negative leap second, another potential solution given would be to divorce time from Earth's rotation completely. How this develops should be interesting to a Christian. God has told us that day and night and seasons will continue while the earth remains, but we are also told that shortly before the return of Jesus Christ things will happen in the creation that are unexplainable even though sinful man will always attempt to explain them scientifically. Especially one verse from the Bible comes to mind when considering this story: "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision." Psalm 2:4

THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S CREATION

Mrs. Rebecca Lubbers, Discovery

This past summer, my husband and I went to the Pacific Northwest on our honeymoon. We spent most of our time hiking through three National Parks in Washington- North Cascades, Olympic, and Mount Rainier. Each park was amazing and beautiful with its massive mountains, although they were all quite unique and different too. From the colorful wildflowers at high elevation to the torrents of water flowing down the mountain sides from snow melt, the glory of God in His beautiful creation was evident all around us. Of all the things I could reflect on, I am choosing to look upward into the heavens to see God's glory and majesty in the dark night sky and in the moving clouds.

On a clear night while staying near Olympic National Park, we drove up to Hurricane Ridge at midnight to go stargazing at 6,000 feet of elevation. Never before have I seen so many stars and the Milky Way Galaxy so clearly! I felt so small up on those massive mountains staring up into the endless heavens. The words of Psalm 19:1 ran through my mind as we stood there gazing heavenward in awe and wonder: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handywork."

As Christians, we can take comfort, even amidst the toughest trials, knowing that God Almighty, our heavenly Father, is the one who created and sustains the stars, mountains, and all of creation. "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales,

and the hills in a balance?” “Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth” (Isaiah 40: 12 & 26). Knowing and confessing that He is our sovereign God, we then respond with praise and thanksgiving.

We were reminded of God’s majesty and comforted by His sovereignty in the clear night sky, but we also witnessed the glory of our Creator in the cloudy skies as well. The Pacific Northwest is known for its cloudy skies and rainy days. Surprisingly, we only had one rainy day, but the clouds were something that we were constantly looking through as we hiked up in the mountains. Throughout the three days we stayed at Mount Rainier National Park, we never saw the complete mountain, because clouds were always in the way. We would catch a glimpse of the peak from here and then have a view of a glacier from there, but each sighting was always a fleeting glance as walls of clouds swiftly moved through the sky. The clouds seemed to be hiding the towering mountain from our eyes.

Both of our hikes on mountain tops were supposed to give us amazing views of the mountains, however, we were completely surrounded and blocked in by clouds. It was a very strange feeling knowing that while we were standing on the top of a mountain with so much to see on every side, all we could see were white walls of cloud. We were supposed to be staring at the glorious Mount Rainier that reached high into the heavens, yet we could hardly see the tree that was one hundred feet in front of us. The clouds were hiding the grandeur and glory of the 14,000-foot-tall mountain.

Several times throughout the Old Testament, God hid His glory from His people in a cloud. When the Israelites were at Mount Sinai receiving the Law, God used a cloud to cover His glory because He was too glorious to be seen by the Israelites. “And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount. And the glory of the Lord abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud” (Exodus 24:15-16). While Israel could not see God, they knew that He was there hidden in the cloud. While we stood on top of the mountain staring off in the direction of Mount Rainier, I felt much the same way; I knew of the glory of majestic Mount Rainier, but I could not see it. My experience was quite different however, because the Israelites must have experienced great comfort in seeing the cloud, knowing especially that God was present with them.

There are so many more things that I could share about our trip to the Pacific Northwest enjoying God’s beautiful creation. The time spent out in the mountains and river valleys reminded us of our awesome God and of His many promises to us as the sovereign, majestic Creator. I encourage you, parents, to spend time with your children out in God’s creation, away from the hustle and bustle of city streets. You don’t necessarily have to travel across the country to find a quiet and peaceful spot where you can enjoy the beauty of the creation around you. If you get the chance on a clear night too, find a dark place and spend some time star gazing. You won’t regret it!

I Belong: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A1 for Children

Coming soon from the RFP! This picture book for ages four to seven explains each comforting phrase of Heidelberg Catechism Q&A1 in language that children understand. *I Belong* was written by Joyce Holstege, kindergarten teacher at Heritage Christian School, and illustrated by Meagan Krosschell of Randolph PRC. Preorder your copy at rfpa.org.

PEACEFUL MORNINGS

Mrs. Jill Reitsma, Discovery

My writing desk today is a table on our back deck. A soft breeze is blowing. The only conflict within sight is war between two cardinals and a blue jay. The cardinals are winning.

It is a place of peace in the morning hours. I haven't always been a morning person, but the last several years have brought me to enjoy this quiet time. My coffee in hand along with my Bible, devotional or other reading material and I am ready to observe God's creation. My view is surrounded by trees, a pond and animals of all sorts. No houses, cars or people to cloud my vision. Peace, like the word of God is peace for the soul.

As the weeks turned into months, I realize the stark difference in each new morning. The elements of weather may be reasonably the same, but the sights, sounds and activities are different. My favorite sound is the morning doves, my least favorite is the tree frogs! My husband loves to feed the birds. We have so many different kinds visiting our yard that a bird book was a necessary purchase. I begin to realize that this morning routine of observing nature could be compared with the upcoming school year and students I will come in contact with each day. Just as the trees and animals have the same environment but react to it differently, so my students will all have the same material and tools as each other, but some will learn and communicate in different ways. It may take some extra time to grasp concepts, others will need more repetition to master a skill, and some may need an altogether modified environment (quietness/no noise) to comprehend. More can be added to this, but the main idea here is that we learn in various ways that are best for us. God made us unique and with a variety of skills, strengths, weakness and abilities. I pray for understanding, wisdom and peace in this school year to help those that may need an extra measure of peace and confidence in their school day.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27

Pick Ups and Drop Offs

SLOW! SLOW! SLOW! Drivers please exercise extreme caution when picking up or dropping off students. Use either the SE parking lot (NOT the front of school area) or the church lot (SW). Please enter through Hope Church lot and exit out to Riverbend so that all traffic flows the same way. Also leave a lane open on the north side of the parking lots for area walkers and bikers to arrive and depart safely. (Cones will be placed out periodically to help.) Thanks for your cooperation!

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

NEWS FOR YOU. . .

1. Parents of Kindergarten students, 7th grade students and new students: Immunizations are required for all students entering 7th grade, kindergarten, and any transfer students. If your child’s shots are not up to date, please have them completed by Monday, August 29.
2. The “School Supply Store” has many school supplies for sale including notebooks, pencils, and calculators at low prices throughout the year. The “store” (located in the office) is open during first recess.
3. If you would like to receive the **Monday Memo** via email, please send your request to hopeschool@hopeprcschool.org or call 616-453-9717. If you received the memo last year, you are already on the list and do not have to email or call.
4. Please avoid making appointments on this date: **SCHOOL PICTURES** - Friday, September 23.
5. ATTENTION: All band students, please bring your instruments to school on the first day.

POLICY REMINDERS:

Athletic Eligibility Policy

Those students who fail one or more subjects in a six-week period are ineligible to participate in interscholastic sports for a period of two weeks.

After this period, their grades will be recalculated to determine their eligibility. Also, those students who have multiple D’s will be subject to junior high staff evaluation to determine their eligibility.

Participation Policy

Participation in extracurricular athletic or robotics practices and games is restricted to students who have been in school for the entire day. Participation will be allowed for those students who are legitimately excused from class due to necessary appointments or other family emergencies.

2022-23 School Calendar

August 29	First Day of School
September 2-5	Labor Day Break
September 23	School Pictures
October 6	PTA
October 13-14	Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 20-21	Teachers’ Convention - No School
November 24-25	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 23- Jan. 2	Christmas Break
February 9	PTA
February 16-17	Parent/Teacher Conferences
April 3-7	Spring Break
May 29	Memorial Day – No School

SUPPLY LISTS

Kindergarten

Backpack	Pillow (15'' x 15'' max)
Folder w/ pockets	Gym shoes - velcro style
Scissors	2-3 large glue sticks
Crayons (24)	Eraser
Pencil box/holder	Colored Pencils (optional)
Journal Pictures	

*Please label all items

*We provide "fat" Tri-Write pencils



5th Grade

KJV Bible	Pencils/Eraser
Crayons	Scissors
Pencil sharpener	Notebook paper
3-ring binder	Gym Shoes
Glue stick or rubber cement	
Binder dividers with 5 tabs	

1st Grade

KJV Bible (2 nd semester)	Scissors
Pencil box	Folder (2 pocket)
12 pencils	1 large eraser
Gym shoes (labeled)	Washable markers
Colored Pencils	16-24 crayons
2 glue sticks	

2nd Grade

KJV Bible – large print if possible	
Pencil box	Gym shoes (labeled)
12 Pencils (#2)	2 large erasers
2 solid glue sticks	1 Spiral notebook
16-24 crayons	Scissors
Colored pencils	Old sock for whiteboards
Washable markers	(2) 2-pocket folders

3rd Grade

KJV Bible	12 pencils (#2)
Glue stick	2 large erasers
Colored pencils	Scissors
Washable Markers	Gym shoes
Crayons (optional)	Wide-ruled paper
Pencil box	Paint Shirt (labeled)
(3) 2-pocket folders	
2 red pens	
1 spiral notebook	
3 (100 ct) packages sticky notes	
Old sock for whiteboards	



4th Grade

KJV Bible	Notebook paper
Pencils/Erasers	Scissors
Gym shoes (labeled)	3-ring binder
2 Red pens	Binder dividers with 5 tabs
Colored pencils	Glue Stick or Elmer's Glue
Ruler w/ inches & cm	



6th Grade

KJV Bible	
Psalter	3 ring binder w/ 6 folders
Notebook paper	Pencils
Gym shoes (labeled)	Scissors (good)
Eraser	Colored pencils
Pens	Ruler
Highlighter	Black felt tip pen
1 - 5 subject notebook	Dry erase marker
Basic calculator	Pencil Sharpener
Protractor (3.75 inch)	Glue or rubber cement

**All 6th-8th grade students will be issued a free assignment book



7th & 8th Grades

KJV Bible w/ references, concordance, and maps
Blue/black pens
Several red pens
Colored pencils
Pencils
Scissors
Something in which to carry above items
Notebook paper
Binder w/ folders
5 subject notebook
Ruler
Protractor & compass
Scientific calculator - TI-30XIIS (available at school for \$14)
Gym clothes – labeled
Gym Shoes
Single subject notebook (8 th only)

PARENTS:

Please mark your child's items with his/her name, especially clothing items.