



**Song-of-the-Week**

Talk to the children about their three-fold enemy and where they will receive enough strength to defeat this enemy. Read Psalm 18, a rather lengthy chapter, to see how David defeated his enemies. And then sing Psalter #36 with the children this week.

1. As Thou, O Lord, hast made me strong to overcome my mighty foe,  
So now to fight against the wrong and conquer in Thy Name I go.
3. Jehovah lives, and blest is He, my rock, my refuge and defense,  
My Savior Who delivers me, and will the wicked recompense.
4. For grace and mercy ever near, for foes subdued and victories won,  
All nations of the earth shall hear my praise for what the Lord has done.

**Financial Drive**

The spring financial drive is underway. Drive information letters were placed in church mailboxes recently. If you did not receive a letter and desire to support the drive, please contact the school office. A balance of \$127,909 needs to be collected in this drive to meet the approved budgeted amount. Prayerfully consider this need and give as you are able by May 5.

**Annual Society Meeting**

The annual society meeting for Hope Protestant Reformed Christian school is TONIGHT, April 21 at 7:30PM. We encourage new members to join. Agendas have already been emailed out to current members. If you did not receive an agenda and would like one please contact Joel DeVries at mail@joeldevries.com.

**Athletics**

**Boys' Baseball** – Coach: Brad VanderVeen (616-610-5289)

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| Tuesday, April 22  | Home vs. Westside Chr.  | 4 pm |
| Thursday, April 24 | Home vs. Huds. Chr. (8) | 4 pm |
| Monday, April 28   | at Heritage Chr. (8)    | 4 pm |

**Girls' Soccer** – Coach: Deb Feenstra (616-706-8834)

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| Monday, April 21    | Home vs. Byron Center Chr. | 4 pm |
| Wednesday, April 23 | Home vs. Westside Chr.     | 4 pm |
| Friday, April 25    | Home vs. Adams Chr.        | 4 pm |
| Tuesday, April 29   | at Huds. Chr. (8)          | 4 pm |

**Mr. Koole's Retirement Open House**

This Saturday, April 26, Hope School will host an open house to commemorate the many years of service of Mr. Ron Koole, both as teacher and principal in our PR Schools. It will be held at Hope PRC School from 3:00-5:00 p.m. We encourage all family, friends, former students and coworkers throughout the years to join in the celebration.

**Choir Director Position Available**

The School Board is seeking applicants for the 4-6<sup>th</sup> & Jr. High choir director position for the 2025-26 school year. The 4-6<sup>th</sup> choir meets once a week and the Jr. High choir meets twice a week. Those interested in this opportunity should contact Steve Langerak, Education Committee Chairman - [langerakmasonry@gmail.com](mailto:langerakmasonry@gmail.com) for more information.

**Kindergarten Program**

The Kindergarten Program is scheduled for THIS Wednesday evening, April 23 at Hope Church beginning at 7 PM. Kindergarten will have a half day on program day.

**Kindergarten Round-Up**

Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for Thursday, May 8 at 9:30 AM in the music room.

**Hope Classic Races**

The 27th Annual Hope Classic race registration is now open! The races will take place on Saturday, May 24. Go to [www.hopeprcschool.org/classic](http://www.hopeprcschool.org/classic) to view details and register to run or walk in the 5K or 1 mile races. The deadline to register and receive a free shirt is May 10.

**Report Cards**

Report Cards for grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> will be sent home with the students this Wednesday. D.V.

**Elementary Music Program**

Hope School's 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will present their 32<sup>nd</sup> annual program in the gym on Thursday, May 1 beginning at 7 PM.

**MAP Assessments**

The students in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> will be taking the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of MAP Assessments the week of May 5. Please see to it that the students are well rested and limit appointments if possible. Results of these assessments will accompany the end of the year report cards.

**Found Rings**

A wedding ring and band were found in the big gym at Hope School and have not been claimed since December. Please contact the office if they are yours.

**Congratulations**

We rejoice with Kyle and Hannah Tanis who were blessed with a baby girl, Susanna Beth, last week. Psalm 13:6 "I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me."

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**School Circle News**

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**Hot Lunch / Snack Sale – April 23**

**Hot Lunch: Hot Dogs/BBQ** Servers (please be to school by 11 am): Shannon Bylsma, Rosie E, Ang F, Julie F, Tracey F, Brenda G

**Snacks provided by:** Leigh K, Jill Koole, Jodi K, Sarah K, Jill Kregel, Kara K, Jori K, Mary L, Carla L (Please have 24 homemade, prepackaged snacks to the school kitchen by 9am. Thank you!)

**Motman's Fundraiser**

The School Circle is selling Motman's gift cards. School will profit from 25% from your purchases. Order forms are coming home today. The cards come in values of \$25, \$50 or \$100 and are available immediately. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Hoeksema.

**TRIP**

TRIP will be sold every Tuesday morning from 8:15-9:00 AM in the classroom to the right at the bottom of the ramp. Please contact Sharla Moelker at 791-6091 with any questions.

See the requested announcements on the back →

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### Requested Announcements

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**RCS Auction: Redeemer Christian School** is hosting their 3rd Annual Online Auction on Miedema Charity Auctions. Bidding will be live 8am to 9pm on Thursday, April 24 and you can place your pre-bids now. We have some fun and exciting items available so mark your calendars! Please follow our Redeemer Christian School Online Auction Facebook event for the most recent updates to our auction! Thanks for your support!

**Plan now to attend an evening of praise with the Hosanna Choir** at Mayflower Congregational Church on April 25, 2025, at 7:30PM. We are asking that you pre-purchase tickets at [mrcnossen2@gmail.com](mailto:mrcnossen2@gmail.com) or call/text Mike at (616)218-1840. Tickets are \$12/individual or \$40/family. Tickets ordered will be available for pickup in the office at Covenant Christian High School or at Heritage Christian School. All ticket sales will go to benefit Protestant Reformed Special Education.

**Saturday, April 26 from 7:30-9:30am - Breakfast, Car Wash & Pop Can Drive** – an unlikely trio that works, but just for one day!!! Come enjoy the most important meal of the day while your car takes a bath as the Faith PRC young people put their service skills to the test. Menu will include fresh cooked eggs, meat, French toast, pancakes, orange juice, coffee, and, of course, great fellowship. This event helps raise funds for the 2025 Young People's Convention, and to further support their efforts, we're also hosting a pop-can drive. Bring in those extra cans cluttering your space, and we'll take care of them for you! We can't wait to see you there!!!!

**Redeemer Christian School:** Join us for our 4th Annual Garage Sale this Saturday, April 26! We will have our amazing bake sale with all the cookies, coffee cakes, pies, breads, bars, and cinnamon rolls you can imagine, a beautiful selection of plants from Dekker Bros. Farms, mattresses from Talsma Furniture, and of course all the fun garage sale finds! At 2pm, shoppers will have the opportunity to fill a brown paper bag with ANYTHING they can fit in there for \$10. Larger items that do not fit in the bag will be marked down accordingly. All proceeds from this portion of the sale will go toward RCS. We hope to see you there!

**Southwest PRC Young People's Softball Tournament:** Sign your team up now to play in our annual softball tournament on May 24, 2025 at Whistle Stop Park in Byron Center, MI. We are looking for co-ed youth (ages 14-18) and mens teams to participate. Cost is \$125 for co-ed and \$300 for mens. Deadline to sign up is April 21, 2025. Email [southwestsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:southwestsoftball@gmail.com) to sign up or contact Kathleen Kuiper at 616-446-4737 with any questions. We are looking for sponsors for the tournament. If you would like to sponsor, please email [mantozak@hotmail.com](mailto:mantozak@hotmail.com).

**Chargers Middle School XC Team Signups** are now open for 6th-8th graders for Fall 2025. We compete in 7 races throughout the fall. Our team typically consists of about 60 middle schoolers from Covenant's feeder schools. Even if you might not be able to run in all of the races, why not be one of them? You may just discover your new favorite sport or a new friend from a different school. Please sign up at <https://www.covenantchristianxc.com/middleschool>. If you have any questions, please contact middle school XC coach Jared Kraker at [xcountry@hchr.org](mailto:xcountry@hchr.org).

**CCHS Boys Basketball Camp: June 9-12 (Grades 3-8):** This camp is open to boys going into 3rd-8th grades (Fall 2025). Due to the PRCA 100th Anniversary and the ongoing construction at Covenant, we are moving the camp to Heritage Christian. To sign up, please go to: [covenantchristianathletics.bigteams.com/main/campsclinics](https://covenantchristianathletics.bigteams.com/main/campsclinics) and click on the 2025 boys basketball camp link. The deadline to sign up is May 15. There is limited space, so please sign up right away.

**Girls Youth Basketball Camp** Registration is now open! Basketball camp for girls entering grades 3-8 & 9-12 will be Monday - Thursday, June 9-12, 2025. Dates, time & cost are listed at the top of the registration link. New this year, please register those entering 9th grade as well (grades 10-12 do not need to register). We can't wait to see you there! Please use this link to register: <https://forms.gle/npw58qMiVsWRoQmD6>

**PRSO string summer camp** for string players on June 23-27, 2024. The camp will be held at Adams Christian School in Byron Center Michigan. Elementary/middle school camp will be held in the mornings; high school/post high camp will be held in the evenings. A combined concert is planned for Friday evening, 6/27. We invite string students who are school-aged as well as adult string players. PRSO alumni and other adult string players are encouraged to consider joining us! <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScl2R6emBbcatl1f7WVe4MJqK5VltoBlpLY37fwY6tZtUXJvJw/viewform?usp=dialog>

**Join us for the 1st annual Charger Summer Baseball League** for students going into 9th-12th grades this fall. Each team will be guaranteed 7 games. The games will take place on a Tuesday or Thursday the weeks of June 24, July 8, July 15, and July 22. See more information on the attached form. Sign up by May 24!! We'd love to see a good turnout. We will need about 44 kids to make this work. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/gXB8nfUWVvk8s7EHu6>

**K-12th Boys/Girls Charger Soccer Camp July 14-17, 2025!** Register for the camp - [Soccer Camp Form](#) Payment and Registration due May 31. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Marissa Holstege at [marissajo29@gmail.com](mailto:marissajo29@gmail.com) / 616-264-1128 or Shon Griess at [sgriess@charter.net](mailto:sgriess@charter.net) / 616-437-7871.

**CCHS K-9th grade Running Night Camp** is scheduled for Thursday, August 7 at Covenant Christian HS. This is for all boys & girls entering K-9th grade in fall of 2025. Please sign up for this FREE event at <https://www.covenantchristianxc.com/middleschool>. If you have any questions, please contact middle school XC coach Jared Kraker at [xcountry@hchr.org](mailto:xcountry@hchr.org), high school XC coach Brian Kalsbeek at [brijenkalsbeek@gmail.com](mailto:brijenkalsbeek@gmail.com), or high school T&F coach Brantley Van Overloop at [bvanoverloop@covenantchristianhs.org](mailto:bvanoverloop@covenantchristianhs.org).