HIGHLIGHTS

August 2026

Back-to-School



My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.
Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.
For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.
Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.
Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.
Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.
Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.
Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.
~ Proverbs 4:20-27

TO SEARCH OUT A MATTER

Mr. Dan Kuiper, Principal

While on vacation this summer, the peace and quiet in our cabin was suddenly interrupted by screams. A young child in our group had discovered a bee buzzing around the corner of the room. She quickly retreated, wanting to get as far away from the tiny intruder as possible. It is not difficult to understand her reaction. Many of us have been stung by a bee and know the pain. A bee may be small, but its sting is powerful. As God's people, moments like these give us an opportunity to pause and consider the world God has made. Everyday events are opportunities to view creation through the lens of Scripture. Even something as ordinary as a bee can teach us about our God, and searching out what we can learn from the bee reminds us why Christian education is such a rich blessing.

Scripture itself uses the bee as a picture of danger and judgment. When the children of Israel were wandering in the wilderness, Moses reminded them of the consequences of their unbelief. After refusing to enter the Promised Land because they feared the inhabitants of Canaan, they later attempted to go up in their own strength. Moses described what happened, "And the Amorites, which dwelt in that mountain, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, even unto Hormah" (Deuteronomy 1:44). The verse gives a vivid picture. A swarm of bees pursues relentlessly, bringing fear and harm. In the same way, Israel's enemies quickly overtook them because they had acted apart from the Lord.

Similar imagery appears elsewhere in Scripture. Describing the opposition of his enemies, the psalmist writes, "They compassed me about like bees: they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them" (Psalm 118:12). Isaiah speaks of the Lord summoning "the bee that is in the land of Assyria" as an instrument of His judgment (Isaiah 7:18). These passages remind us that God is sovereign over all things. The nations are held in His hand. Even the mightiest armies and the greatest world empires are no more than small bees before the Lord, accomplishing His sovereign purpose. He directs them where He wills, restrains them when He pleases, and uses them to fulfill His perfect counsel.

Yet Scripture does not leave us with only the bee's sting. The same creature that can bring fear also produces sweetness. When Samson returned to the lion he had slain, "behold, there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcass of the lion" (Judges 14:8). Throughout Scripture, honey is a picture of sweetness and delight. The God who created the bee with a powerful sting also ordained that it should produce one of creation's sweetest gifts. Consider also the honeycomb in which the honey is produced. Within the hive, thousands of perfectly fitted cells form a structure of remarkable order and beauty. The hexagonal pattern of each cell makes excellent use of space while providing strength and stability. The bee has never studied geometry or engineering, yet, according to the wisdom of its Creator, it constructs a masterpiece of remarkable order, beauty, and efficiency.

This is why we study, and why our Christian schools are such a joy. The bee and its hive ought to fill us with awe and wonder. Its powerful sting reminds us of the dangers and power found in God's creation, while the sweetness of honey and the remarkable order and design of the honeycomb display His wisdom and goodness. The more carefully we study creation and the unfolding of God's providence throughout history, the more clearly we see the wisdom, purpose, and glory of our God revealed in every detail. Our children naturally observe these things. One child sees a bee and thinks, "That can hurt me." Another marvels at the beauty and design of a honeycomb. Both observations

are true, but Christian education teaches our students to look beyond what they see and to search out what those observations reveal about God: Why did God create the bee this way? What does its design reveal about His wisdom? How does this small creature declare His glory? Every subject gives us another opportunity to ask such questions. Math uncovers the order and patterns God has woven into creation. Science explores the power by which He upholds it. Language enables us to express what we discover, and music teaches us to respond with praise.

The eyes of our students are directed beyond the creation to the Creator Himself because God's Word is the foundation of all that is taught. The same psalm that declares, "The heavens declare the glory of God," tells us that God's Word is "sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb" (Psalm 19:10). Creation reveals God's power and wisdom, but through Scripture we come to know Him rightly and rejoice in His saving grace through Jesus Christ. This is why every subject matters. We do not study mathematics merely to solve problems, science merely to learn facts, or language merely to communicate well. We study them because every subject provides another opportunity to search out the wisdom God has concealed in His creation, and to grow in our knowledge and worship of Him. As Proverbs 25:2 reminds us, "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter."

As another school year begins, what a joyful calling lies before us as teachers, parents, and students. Every lesson is an opportunity to grow in the knowledge of God's creation and, through His Word, in the knowledge of God Himself. Parents, encourage your children to apply themselves diligently to the work set before them, eager to search out the wonders God has shown throughout His creation and throughout history. Help them see the value of every subject studied and every skill learned as another opportunity to behold the wisdom of their Creator and to grow in their gratitude and praise for His goodness. May we all give thanks to God for the precious gift of our Christian schools, where the hearts and minds of our covenant children are directed day after day to the God whose works declare His glory and whose Word is sweeter than honey and the honeycomb.

2026-27 School Calendar

August 31	First Day of School
Sept. 4-7	Labor Day Break
September 9	Dental Screening (Kindergarten)
September 23	School Pictures
September 21-24	MAP Assessments
September 29	PTA
October 8-9	Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 14-16	Teachers' Convention – No School
November 26-27	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 24- Jan. 1	Christmas Break
January 15	End of 1st Semester (1/2 day)
January 18-21	MAP Assessments
February 4-5	Parent/Teacher Conferences
April 2-9	Spring Break
May 3-6	MAP Assessments
May 31	Memorial Day – No School
June 3	Last Day of School (1/2 day) / Graduation

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Scott Moelker, Chairman
Vance Grasman, Alex Kalsbeek, Ed Reitsma

On the nights of June 16th and 23rd the committee and our principal met with eight couples. Seven of them seeking to enroll their first child into kindergarten and one family desiring to transfer from Heritage Christian School. The Board approved their enrollments, and we welcome these new families to our school.

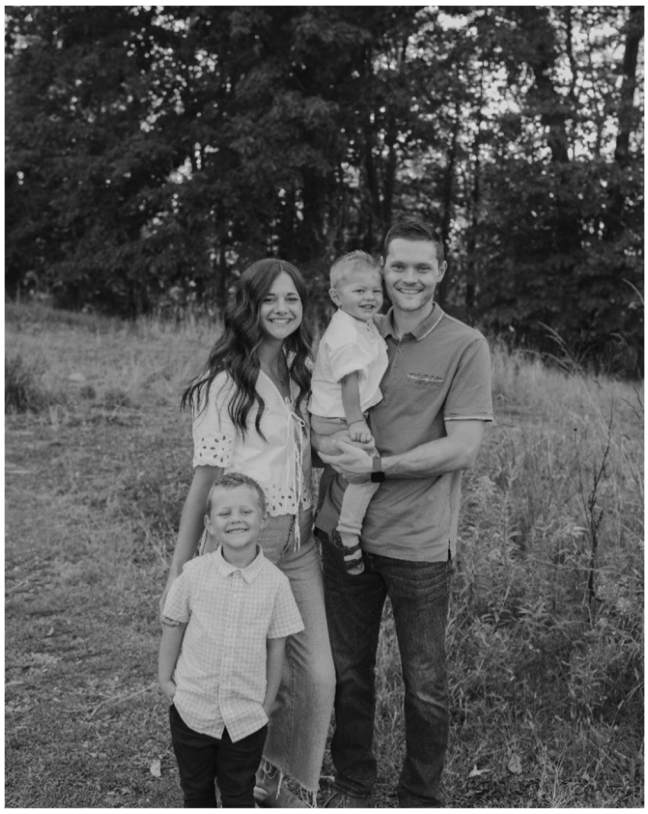
Austin and Rachel Brower (Graham - K)
Nate and Emily Koole (Jetson - K)
Collin and Maddy Mulder (Maci - K)
Joel and Larissa Rau (Liam - K)
Isaac and Libby VanBaren (Benjamin - K)
Trent and Shelbi VanDenTop (Madison – K, Wyatt – 1st)
Loren and Kayli VanderKolk (Alessia - K)
Brian and Danae Westra (Blake - K)

We acknowledge God's faithfulness in providing our schools and our parents, who stand united in equipping covenant children to fulfill their lifelong calling to glorify Him.

New Family Introductions:

The Browers:

Hello from the Browers! We are looking forward to joining the Hope School community this year. Austin and I have been married for 7 years and are members at Hope PRC. We live in the "Hope Ghetto" neighborhood, and Graham is very excited to be attending the school we walk and drive past daily. He is a big brother to Lucas (2), with a new brother or sister due any day. As a family we enjoy camping during the summer, and Graham loves spending time biking, playing baseball & golf, swimming, and playing with his cousins and uncles & aunts. He can't wait to go to school to see his friends more often and finally learn to read books on his own! We are so thankful for the blessing of Christian education and look forward to seeing our children grow during their time at Hope.





The Kooles:

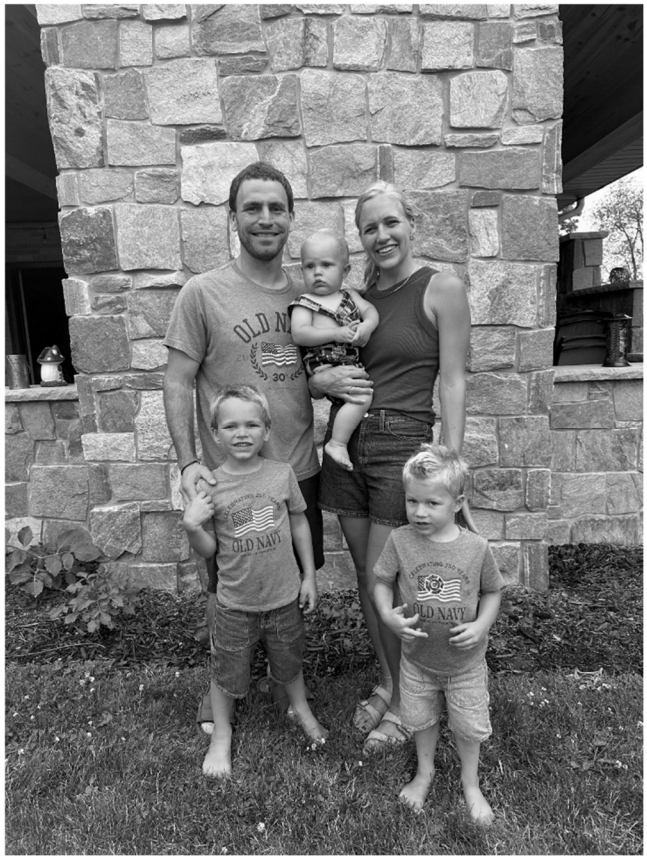
Hello! We're the Nate Koole family! Nate and I met in 2018 and Nate moved to Colorado in 2019. We were married in 2020 and had our first two babies, Jetson and Violet, in Colorado. We moved here to Michigan in 2023 and have since had two more babies, Lily and James. Nate has a wonderful job at Meulenberg Painting and Decorating and I am blessed to be a stay-at-home mom. Jetson is so very excited to start kindergarten this year and Violet looks forward to kindergarten next year! Lily is about to be 2 and thinks she's the boss of the house. James is almost 3 months and only really cares about his bottles! We are so thankful to be part of a Christian community here in Michigan. May God bless the schoolteachers and all the students as we head off into another school year!

The Mulders:

Hello! We are the Collin & Maddy (Meulenberg) Mulder family, and we are excited to be joining the Hope PRCS community. We are both graduates of Hope PRC and are eager to be back as parents and supporters. We have 3 children; Maci (5), Jameson (3), Dexton (2) and Lord willing we will welcome baby #4 in January. We attend Faith PRC. Collin works at Process Engineering and Equipment Co. as an engineer while I'm at home with our kids. Maci is very excited to start kindergarten and she can't wait to meet all her classmates. We are so thankful for the gift of our PRC schools, and we are looking forward to this coming school year!



The Raus:



Hello! We are the Raus, and we are excited to be re-joining the Hope PRCS community. Both of us graduated from Hope and we are so thankful to be able to send our children to the same school that we attended and that was attended or supported by our parents and grandparents. We've been married for close to 7 years and have 3 sons – Liam (5), Blake (3), and Kelton (1). Liam is so excited for school and has been counting down the days until it starts (just like everyone, right?). We are in the middle of a move that will put us close to school, church (Hope PRC), and Joel's work (as Controller at Meulenberg Painting), and that has been keeping us pretty busy recently. But in our spare time, our family enjoys spending time outdoors together and being active. We feel blessed to be a part of this community of like-minded believers as we join together with the common goal of nurturing our children with an education that is based on the word of God and that helps us to further prepare them for their callings in the body of Christ.



The VanBarens:

Hello! We are Isaac and Libby Van Baren. We are blessed with three sons. Benjamin is five years old and is excited to start kindergarten! Titus is three and a half, and Caleb will be two next month.

Isaac grew up in Indiana, a son of Phil and Karen (Hanko) Van Baren. He attended PRCS and Heritage Christian High School. I am a daughter of Jeff and Mary Kalsbeek. I grew up here, attending Hope and Covenant.

Isaac worked as an engineer for three years in California before we moved to Michigan for Isaac to attend our seminary. He is in his fourth year of seminary training, currently on his internship at Unity PRC, where we are attending through the end of this year.

We are very thankful for our Protestant Reformed Christian schools and are excited for Benjamin to learn and grow this year at Hope!



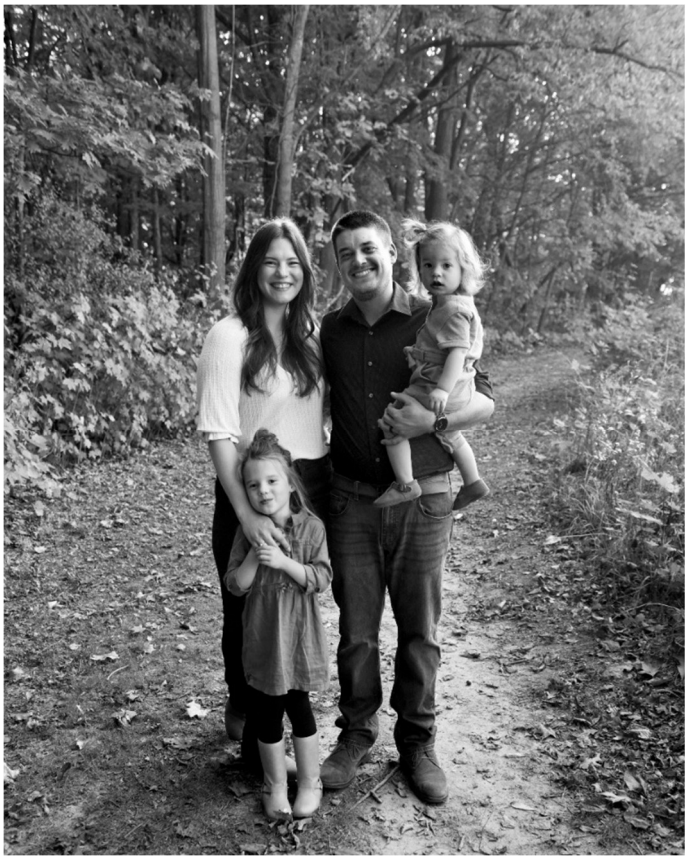
The VanDenTops:

A little bit about our family. We just moved back to Coopersville from Jenison last year. We went from being surrounded by people to having virtually no neighbors and it's amazing. We are surrounded by farmland, and we love seeing God's beauty in the land and the sky each day. We started a little hobby farm, and it currently includes 2 cows, 6 sheep, 40 chickens, 2 cats and a dog. We hope to get a few pigs here shortly too. We plan to stay here for the long haul and watch our family and farm grow.



Wyatt is smart, kind and passionate. He is very outgoing and makes friends wherever he goes. He is full of energy and loves to play sports and catch bugs and frogs.

Madison is loud, stubborn and fierce. She is full of energy and lives life to the fullest. She loves anything with sparkles or unicorns. She is very passionate about animals and tries to boss them and her siblings around.



The VanderKolks:

Hello! We are the VanderKolks. Our little family is made up of Loren, Kayli, Alessia and Freya. Loren is the youngest of Jim and Kathy VanderKolk and reminisces many memories of his school days at Hope. He works for Jonathon Kamps Carpentry and truly enjoys the work God has placed in front of him. Kayli is the youngest of Eugene and Sharon Kamps. Made into a stay-at-home mom 6 years ago and entirely grateful for the position. We have been married for almost 10 years and are members of Grandville PRC. Alessia, our 6-year-old, is READY for school. She is excited to start and will not stop asking when school will come. She has a big personality, and we are excited for her to grow in the church of Christ. Freya is our youngest, she is 2 and will not be overshadowed by her sister but loves to follow her example. May God bless this new season of life for our school and family.

The Westras:



Brian and Danae Westra are excited to be joining the Hope School family this year. They have been married for seven years and live in Allendale with their three children: Blake (5), Morgan (4), and Abby (1). Blake is excited to be entering kindergarten this fall.

Brian grew up in Hull, Iowa, where he was a member of Hull Protestant Reformed Church. Danae grew up in Hudsonville and is a member of Hudsonville Protestant Reformed Church, where the family now worships together. Brian works as a machine design engineer, and Danae manages her family's business, Kraker Greenhouses. Since the family lives right next door, it's not uncommon to find all three kids helping out, exploring, or playing around the greenhouses.

As a family, the Westras enjoy traveling and have recently begun working toward the goal of visiting as many national parks as possible before the kids are grown. They are thankful for the opportunity to become part of the Hope School community and look forward to getting to know the teachers, students, and families in the years ahead.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Tom Huizinga, Chairman
Jared Bosveld, Jamie Langerak, Ed Reitsma

As usual, the summer is passing quickly, and the Building Committee has had plenty of work to get done before school opens again in the fall. There is always work to be done to keep a large building and grounds running smoothly, but the summer months are when we attempt to get the bulk of this work done. Once again, we have been blessed with many willing hands and the financial means to get this work accomplished. We kicked off the summer with our annual work bee on June 6 and a large number of men and teenagers showed up to give of their time. A group of them worked outdoors and readied the landscaping for new mulch, moved the soccer goals off the field, and put the patio furniture into summer storage. Another group of men concentrated their efforts indoors, removing the cabinets, bookshelves, and closet doors from six of our classrooms. With so many men to help, the work was finished quickly and the Building Committee is thankful once again for the willingness of our constituents to help out with the work necessary to keep our school operating.

At our April Society Meeting, we approved hiring Bosveld Inc. to handle the new parking lot addition. Since then, the old administrator's house has been torn down. After a couple of snags with the City of Walker and MDOT, a few yards of dirt have been moved around, old sidewalks have been replaced, the old parking lot has been torn up, and we foresee new asphalt being ready for the

new school year. Another large project that has been going on indoors is the classroom remodel. As previously stated, we are having new cabinetry and shelving installed in 6 of our classrooms. In addition, several of these rooms are receiving a new coat of paint, and all the closet doors a new coat of stain to match the doors to the hallway. These rooms were quite old and in need of some updating. The project was very generously funded by the School Circle and we thank them for the fundraising they do and the time they spend in support of our school. Before school begins, the lead filters that the government mandated last year will have been replaced and shortly after school begins the water will be tested and the results sent to the State of Michigan. Last year's 8th grade graduating class contributed some money for a "shade structure" for our playground. The Building Committee has poured a concrete pad and purchased a gazebo that will sit on the playground close to the Kindergarten Room entrance.

The rental property has continued to provide a small amount of income while requiring very little work from the Building Committee. We got some new tenants in April, and other than removing a large broken tree branch we haven't had to concentrate any of our efforts on that property.

The Building Committee would like to thank all of the people who make the operation run behind the scenes. Ron Koole remains our janitor and continues to make sure our building is clean each day and handles the many rentals that take place throughout the year, and especially during the holiday season. Dan Boeve is serving as our Maintenance Man once again. Dan does a nice job of keeping up with the maintenance items that constantly pop up around school. Mike Elzinga retired from our Groundskeeper position at the beginning of summer. The Building Committee would like to thank Mike for all his work during the past several years. Grant Reitsma took over this position, and he is doing a great job keeping the grounds looking nice and our athletic fields ready for play. We would also like to thank the Medema family for their work keeping our sidewalks shoveled this past winter, especially during the weeks when it seemed to snow constantly, and they probably wondered how they got roped into the job. These jobs can be easy to forget, but they are necessary to the daily operation of the school, and we are grateful that we have people willing to perform these tasks to keep everything operating smoothly. We give thanks to God for the school that He has given us, for the Covenant education our children receive, and for the confidence we, as parents, have that our children will receive instruction consistent with what we believe.

We give thanks to Him, also, for the resources and financial means that He has blessed us with, and for the willingness of our people to give of their time and money to run our school. Our school has truly been blessed. We continue to ask for wisdom that we might use these gifts wisely, that we might be good stewards of all that He has given us, and that we might make all our decisions according to His Word and for His Glory.

ATTENTION:

All band students, please bring your instruments to school on the first day.	We will have a LEGO robotics informational meeting on Wednesday, September 2 at 7 PM.
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.	

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Vance Grasman, Chairman
Brad VanOostenbrugge, Alex Kalsbeek

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" – Galatians 3:26

In the book, "Union with Christ", by Prof. Huizinga and Prof. Engelsma, there is an explanation of a key detail of the truth of faith. It explains that, "Union with Christ is covenantal." Furthermore, "With regard to what the covenant is, Scripture reveals it as union with Christ and thus as union with God Himself." (pages 50-51). This is to be emphasized (page 51). We are adopted into the covenant as God's children and all our life is with and in Him. This is opposed to the idea that faith is a decision, agreement, or action made on our part (page 51). Our faith is not a feeling. It is an established union and life with Christ.

Our covenantal schools are a place where our children live with Christ in the work He has called them to do. In Christ, they learn of Him with whom they live. They do not just learn things of this world, but they learn Christ in all the things of heaven and of earth. In addition to the academics, we learn the fruits of the Spirit of Christ. We learn the life of the communion of fellow saints in Christ. And we learn of the ways of Christ in the repentance and forgiveness of sins. By God's grace, our dear Hope Protestant Reformed Christian School is a place where our children can live and grow in all things according to His Word.

Christ is not head of Himself or of a bunch of self-decided individuals. He is head of a body or family of many members from young to old chosen by God in Christ (pages 64-65). Our school in its operation manifests this. Whether students, teachers and staff, parents, board members, or supporters, we are the children of God by faith united with Christ. All of us as children do our work as members of Christ by faith working in His kingdom. As a covenantal school we together unite our gifts of time, energy, wisdom and knowledge, money, and other resources. We do so as the work Christ has given us to do in order to instruct our children of all things in Christ Jesus.

The Finance Committee has the privilege to witness the working of faith in Christ by all the various supporters of Hope School. So many come together by faith out of love for their Christ to give to our children the opportunity to live in union with Christ and to learn of Him. We are so thankful for all the parents who teach us something of the love and sacrifice of Christ. We are so thankful for the entire staff who impart the wisdom and knowledge of Christ. We are thankful to God for all the supporters who make the care of Hope School a matter of their faith in Christ Jesus. What a precious gift we have in Christ Jesus! What a precious gift we have that He has chosen to dwell in union with us and our children! And God be thanked for our life together at Hope School.

Below you will find the outcome of our 2025-26 fiscal year budget which concluded on June 30. This is evidence of all supporters coming together to care for our children's education. We finished right at our target income. Tuition was under budget due to a couple less families enrolling last year. This was in large part made up by a little extra from our fall/spring drives. Expenses were a mixed bag, but we came in overall under budget. We budgeted for an operational net income of -$43,400. The result was -$23,400. Because of interest income and house rent, we were able to overcome our operational budget deficit and ended the fiscal year with a positive net income of $36,680. It was a good fiscal year for Hope School. Thank you for all your support and thanks be to our Heavenly Father for His constant faithfulness.

One final note to report. Our bookkeeper, Mr. Larry Meulenberg, has decided to pass on his duties after eight years of faithful service to Hope School. Hope School was an overwhelming

beneficiary of much expertise, wisdom, attention to detail, and experience that Larry employed in his time as bookkeeper. We are excited to report that our secretary, Laurel Lotterman, has agreed to take over the bookkeeper duties in addition to her secretary duties. Laurel is familiar with some of the financial functions from her day-to-day work. Larry is in the process of training Laurel. This will continue for a few more months. Larry has agreed to remain on standby for the upcoming year to answer any questions that arise. Thank you, Larry for your dedicated and loving service to Hope School in this capacity for the past eight years.

Year End Actual to Budget 2025-26	Total	Budgeted	%
Income			
Church Collections	$49,457.99	$50,000.00	98.92%
Gifts and Pledges	$369,945.00	$360,000.00	102.76%
Gym Rental	$5,980.00	$4,500.00	132.89%
Hope Foundation	$50,000.00	$50,000.00	100.00%
Special Ed Society	$16,593.76	$16,594.00	100.00%
Tuition	$863,335.27	$877,470.00	98.39%
Z - Bus Fees	$36,692.22	$34,700.00	105.74%
Total Income	$1,392,004.24	$1,393,264.00	99.91%
Expenses			
Accounting Fees	$7,000.00	$7,250.00	96.55%
Accounting Software	$2,073.89	$2,000.00	103.69%
Band Expenses	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	100.00%
Building and Grounds - Y/E	$50,000.00	$50,000.00	100.00%
Class Trip Fund	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	100.00%
Educational Supplies and Books	$35,000.00	$35,000.00	100.00%
Federation Dues	$4,304.96	$4,439.00	96.98%
Insurance, General	$17,279.75	$18,642.00	92.69%
Insurance, Group	$107,719.67	$118,016.00	91.28%
Insurance, HSA - Y/E	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	100.00%
Insurance, Workers Comp	$3,105.91	$2,478.00	125.34%
Janitors Supplies	$5,232.06	$4,500.00	116.27%
Library Fund	$2,000.00	$2,000.00	100.00%
Long Range Building Fund Trans	$20,000.04	$20,000.00	100.00%
Miscellaneous Expense	$2,494.25	$2,000.00	124.71%
Office Equipment - Y/E	$1,500.00	$1,500.00	100.00%
Payroll - Band	$20,523.22	$20,148.00	101.86%
Payroll - Building Maintenance	$6,768.34	$2,500.00	270.73%
Payroll - Choir	$8,350.00	$6,350.00	131.50%
Payroll - Discovery Room	$94,692.84	$101,092.00	93.67%
Payroll - Janitor	$37,000.08	$37,000.00	100.00%
Payroll - Lawn Maintenance	$4,070.00	$5,400.00	75.37%
Payroll - Librarian	$5,704.00	$5,600.00	101.86%
Payroll - Office	$40,752.25	$41,800.00	97.49%

Payroll - Substitute Teachers	$900.00	$2,000.00	45.00%
Payroll - Teachers	$661,549.68	$665,870.00	99.35%
Payroll - Teachers Aids	$15,313.60	$26,460.00	57.87%
Payroll - Technology Maintenance	$0.00	$1,000.00	0.00%
Payroll Taxes	$62,746.37	$70,072.00	89.55%
Phys Ed Uniforms	$738.71	$1,000.00	73.87%
Repairs and Maintenance	$10,136.38	$10,000.00	101.36%
Retirement Plan	$25,221.80	$21,776.00	115.82%
Snow Removal	$6,268.48	$3,000.00	208.95%
Teacher Classroom	$1,700.00	$1,700.00	100.00%
Teacher Development - Y/E	$2,000.00	$2,000.00	100.00%
Technology Supplies	$15,357.50	$17,000.00	90.34%
Utilities, Electric	$23,177.85	$20,000.00	115.89%
Utilities, Gas	$13,182.85	$12,000.00	109.86%
Utilities, Internet & Phone	$4,726.65	$4,800.00	98.47%
Utilities, Trash	$2,098.92	$2,000.00	104.95%
Utilities, Water & Sewer	$1,567.32	$1,400.00	111.95%
Z. Bus Expenses			
	$9,999.96	$10,000.00	100.00%
	$987.00	$1,250.00	78.96%
	$36,648.00	$36,000.00	101.80%
	$2,099.89	$2,736.00	76.75%
	$1,152.34	$1,100.00	104.76%
	$2,633.38	$2,285.00	115.25%
	$17,042.34	$10,000.00	170.42%
	$12,600.32	$13,500.00	93.34%
	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	100.00%
Total Z. Bus Expenses	$86,163.23	$79,871.00	107.88%
Total Expenses	$1,415,420.60	$1,436,664.00	98.52%
Net Ordinary Income	-$23,416.36	-$43,400.00	
Other Income (Interest & Rent)	$66,419.79		
Other Expenses (Bank Charges & Rent)	$6,322.63		
Net Income	$36,680.80		

EDUCATION COMMITTEE ARTICLE

Rodney Rau, Chairman
Kevin Huizinga, Brent Kregel, Scott Moelker

As we look to begin another year of Christian education at Hope PR Christian School, we ask the Lord's blessing on the entire school, students, staff, families, and the Board. It is our prayer that the instruction given in the next year is God centered, glorifying to His name, and a powerful tool in His covenantal community.

We would like to give a word of encouragement to the families here at Hope School. The importance of parents and teachers working together to set good examples to the children can hardly be overstated. We, as a community of believers, need to strive daily to encourage antithetical living in the home, church, and school. We know and see that the devil is crafty and able to cause much trouble in the home when given "open doors". With the abundance of technology around us all, it takes great wisdom to guide our families in this modern day. Let us all be encouraged to carefully guard our families from the influence of the world and guide them to faithfulness to our covenant keeping God. The way forward for God's children is to look and act very differently from the world and culture around us, so let's continue to work together as believers to foster this type of an atmosphere in our beloved Hope School! Deuteronomy 6: 6-7 "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

We are happy to report that all our teachers are returning from last year with one serving in a different capacity. Becca Lubbers and her husband, Ryan, were blessed this summer with the birth of a baby girl whom they named Adaline. We rejoice with them and pray for the Lord's blessing on them. Jenn Medema will be taking over for Becca in Discovery in the classroom with the children, while Becca is going to be helping in the background from home for the first semester. We are thankful to Jenn and Becca for their willingness to work together in this unique way. We have hired Laura DeVries to teach in place of Becca and Jenn at the start of the second semester once she has completed her degree. We are thankful to God for supplying our need for the coming year in the Discovery Center.

We ask that you continue to pray daily for God's blessing on the work performed at Hope School.

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 the 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.) Parents, make sure your CCHS drivers know the rules as well. Thanks for your cooperation!

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Kevin Huizinga, Chairman
Jamie Langerak, Jared Bosveld

Each summer the Transportation Committee meets to go over busing needs for the upcoming year, with the goal of continuing to offer safe and affordable transportation to our children to and from school. Our prayer is that God grants us another year of safe travel for children, parents, and staff. Busing continues to be one of the safest forms of transportation for our children, and we are happy to report that we will again have two bus routes this year. As in recent years, one route will cover the Marne/Coopersville area, with the other covering Grandville/Jenison/Hudsonville (including afternoon shuttle service from CCHS to Heritage). We do currently have room for additional families on both routes, if interested please reach out to transportation@hopeprcschool.org.

We are thankful for our bus drivers and the many hours of work they put in, not only on the road, but in keeping up to date with various licenses and certifications. Returning this year, we will have Carol Boeve full time on the Grandville/Jenison/Hudsonville route. Jen Kalsbeek will continue to drive mornings for Marne/Coopersville, with afternoons being split between Dan Van Uffelen and Lynn VanOverloop. We've seen in prior years that finding bus drivers is not always easy, so if you get a chance to thank our drivers please do so!

One other position that is critical for our buses running smoothly is our Transportation Supervisor, who is responsible for many of the logistics behind the scenes in scheduling routes and repairs. Jen Kalsbeek has been serving as our supervisor for the last few years with Matt DeBoer assisting, and they both have done a great job. While Jen will continue to drive for us she will be handing over her supervisor duties to a familiar face – our administrator Dan Kuiper. We thank both Jen and Matt for all of their hard work and welcome Dan to the position.

As we enter another school year, we would like to give a reminder to all Hope families of the long-standing policy regarding pickup and drop off of students. Even with the new parking lot addition, we ask that you continue to use the Hope Church parking lot if at all possible. Enter the parking lot through the west entrance from Ferndale, and exit through the south exit to Riverbend. We also ask parents of children riding the buses to review the transportation policies that have been set in place for the safety of both drivers and students. In addition, please talk to your children about being respectful to the driver and the other students while riding the bus. This is an opportunity to glorify God through our interactions with those around us as well as those who have been put in places of authority.

We thank our God for His continued blessing and safety of those traveling to and from Hope School, and look forward to the beginning of another year!

2026-2027 HOPE PRCS BUS ROUTES

Marne/ Coopersville

Bus #16

Driver AM - Jen Kalsbeek (616-350-5376)

Driver PM - Monday/ Thursday - Dan VanUffelen (616-777-7538)

Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday – Lynn VanOverloop (616-291-1392)

7:20	Dave Rutgers	11830 24th Ave. Marne 49435
	Nate DeVries (PM ONLY)	11830 24th Ave. Marne 49435
7:25	Chad VanBaren	2560 Leonard St Marne 49435
7:30	Kevin Koole	4997 Leonard St. Coopersville 49404
7:40	Dave/ Trent VanDenTop	16985 48th Ave. Coopersville 49404
8:02	CCHS	
8:05	Hope	

Jenison/ Hudsonville/ Byron

Bus #17

Driver AM/PM - Carol Boeve (616-337-4030)

CCHS > Heritage Shuttle (PM ONLY)

7:18	Matt Rutgers	3411 Sagecrest Dr. Hudsonville 49426
7:21	Matt DeBoer	7028 Rolling Hills Dr. Hudsonville 49426
7:26	Dan Gritters	2311 Greendale Dr. Jenison 49428
7:31	Kevin Huizinga	7345 Pine Aire Ct Jenison 49428
7:46	Jason Kregel	3856 Costen Ct. Grandville 49418
8:02	CCHS	
8:05	Hope	

A FEW REMINDERS:

It takes a couple of weeks for routes to settle in. Please expect changes.

Please review the bus rider policy in the school directory with special attention toward rules B through E. These rules are for the safety of the riders as well as the drivers. These rules pertain to proper bus boarding, behavior and conduct while riding the bus, and safe departure of the school bus.

If you have any questions regarding the schedules, please contact the Transportation Committee at transportation@hopeprcschool.org.

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

1st Grade

KJV Bible – large print if possible **(2nd semester)**

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

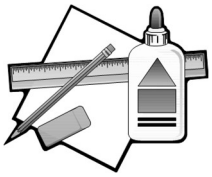
2nd Grade

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
Pencil sharpener	Dry erase marker

3rd Grade

KJV Bible	12 pencils (#2)
1 Glue stick	2 large erasers
Colored pencils	Scissors
Washable Markers	Gym shoes
Paint Shirt (labeled) – Optional	1 red pen
3 (100 ct) packages sticky notes	Dry erase marker x 2
Old sock for whiteboards	Pencil box
(2) 2-pocket folders	Spiral notebook



4th Grade

KJV Bible	Scissors
Pencils/Erasers	Notebook paper
2 red pens	3-ring binder
Colored pencils	Binder dividers with 5 tabs
Glue stick or Elmer's glue	Gym shoes (labeled)
Old sock for whiteboards	



5th Grade

KJV Bible	Pencils/Eraser
Colored pencils	Scissors
Pencil sharpener	Notebook paper
3-ring binder	Gym Shoes
2 red pens	Highlighter
Black felt tip pen	

Fine tip dry erase marker x 4
Glue stick or rubber cement
Binder dividers with 5 tabs

6th Grade

KJV Bible	Wite out
Ruler	3 ring binder w/ 8 folders
Notebook paper	Scissors
Gym shoes (labeled)	Colored pencils
Eraser	Black felt tip pen x 2
Pens	Dry erase marker x 4
Highlighter x 2	Old sock for whiteboards
5 subject notebook	

Half-circle protractor (3.75 inch)
Pencils

**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
Black felt tip pen
Several red pens
Colored pencils – not erasable, Crayola brand preferred
Highlighter
Dry erase markers
Pencils
Eraser
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

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