

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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SONG OF THE WEEK

Psalter # 272

*My heart is withered like the grass,
And I forget my daily bread;
In lonely grief my days I pass
And sad my thoughts upon my bed.*

*My foes reproach me all the day,
My drink is tears, my bread is grief,
For in Thy wrath I pine away,
My days are like a fading leaf.*

HOT LUNCH

March 10 – Taco Bell

Workers: Please be at school by 11 AM – Rachel and Alyssa VanBaren, Ronda VanBemmel, Jessica VanderKolk

March 17 – Marco's

Workers: Please be at school by 11 AM – Tara, Rachele, and Katie VanderKolk and Becky VanderSchaaf

SCHOOL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 31 – April 7
Spring Break

SPORTS SCHEDULES

All games begin at 4 PM unless
otherwise noted

Spelling Bee Final: Everyone is invited to the PR Grade School Spelling Bee Final TOMORROW at 4:00 p.m. in Adams School gym. Luke Drnek, Lucas Noorman, Kate Decker, and Gavin Heyboer will be competing against the top 4 spellers from the other area PR grade schools.

meeting. This meeting is designed to help answer questions about the process.

All students (K-6) have the opportunity to earn 2 free tickets to a Whitecaps baseball game by reading during the month of March. A voucher was given to each student last week for parents to fill out. The voucher can be redeemed online, in person (take to the game), or via mail for the two free tickets. Please note: we only have ONE voucher per student, so we will not be able to replace lost vouchers.

All 7th and 8th graders will be given the opportunity to participate in the AOK league bowling tournament to be held at Hudsonville Lanes on Saturday, March 25 from 11:30-1:00 PM. An information flier has been given to all 7th and 8th grade students and must be returned by Wednesday, March 15 by those who desire to participate.

This year's solo and ensemble band festival is next Thursday, March 16 at Adams Christian School. Students should be signed up and practicing their songs. A full schedule will be sent home next Monday.

7th/8th grade Baseball Coach needed! Practices begin in March, games begin in April, and our team of eager boys has no coach! Please contact Doug DeBoer at ddeboer@hchr.org if you are interested.

Amazon Smile has sent us a \$290.11 check for our 2022 4th quarter earnings! Money received from them is used to pay for part of your children's field trips. Unfortunately the program has been discontinued by Amazon. We should be getting one final check in the next month or so.

The Sus Manos volunteer date has been rescheduled to March 22. Please check and make sure your 6th – 8th graders are aware.

Advance notice: The annual Society Meeting will be held on Monday, April 24.

Attention PARENTS of 8th graders: If your son or daughter is planning to participate in a sport at Covenant during the **fall of 2023**, please be aware of the following:

- 1) Practices may legally begin on August 7 (YP Convention is Aug 7-11, so some teams may possibly begin on August 12).
- 2) In order to participate, the athlete **MUST** have a physical form in the office **by August 1**.
- 3) The date of the doctor's exam **MUST** be April 15, 2023 or later. We encourage you to call your doctor's office now and set up an appointment between April 15 and July 31 so your child will be ready to go for the fall season.

Attention parents! Next week is Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week! Please take a moment to send an extra word of thanks for your child(ren)'s teachers and aides, office staff, janitor, and librarians! The Fundraisers are looking forward to treating them to a morning snack Monday, and lunches on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, but the true gratitude comes from each parent. Please take the time to express it to the teachers and staff! The T.A. Committee also thanks many of you for your donation of supplies to help make this week a success. If you have a chance to pop into school, you will see the "Teacher Highlight" theme all around the hallways!

The Band and Choir Concert that was scheduled for Feb 23, canceled due to the weather, has been rescheduled to this coming Monday, March 13 at 8 AM in the Junior High gym. Please let your loved ones know that are interested in attending this. **THE LIVE STREAM LINK** for the concert is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVEp2r3m0zo> Please share with your loved ones who wish to watch. When the videos are available to us we will share them on our YouTube page. No uniforms will be required.

Public busing families – the public schools have early release next week Friday, March 17. There will be no public busing in the afternoon that day.

3rd through 8th grade report cards were distributed last week Friday. Please take a moment to go over them with your children.

For 8th Grade Parents: Mr. Rick Noorman will meet with the 8th grade students this week Friday, and will distribute a packet of information to each of them about registering for high school. Please return the required papers from the packet in the manila envelope to your school office by Thursday, March 23. Covenant will host a meeting for parents regarding the high school program and how to choose courses on Wednesday, March 15 at 7 pm in the Covenant library. Parents are encouraged to attend but this is not a required

4) Physical Forms are available at the "Athletics" Tab on the Covenant website at www.covenantchristianhs.org. The 2-page Physical Form is also available at <http://www.mhsaa.com>.

5) If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the CCHS Office at office@covenantchristianhs.org or the Athletic Office at covenantad@yahoo.com.

Reminder: Planned absence forms are required for all students in grades 6-8 taking any days taken off from school. Students may get one from the main office.

STILL LOOKING!! Our school is trying to hire additional bus drivers for the 2023-2024 school year. If you have ever considered driving, but were intimidated by the size of a typical school bus, we are willing to offer a test drive to try it out and to answer any questions you may have. Job responsibilities include safely transporting our students to and from school, keeping the buses clean, and performing daily safety inspections. Time spent in training for this role is paid, and all training costs will be covered. Please contact Jessica Vander Kolk at transportation@hchr.org or 616-688-5456 if you are willing and able to help!

FUNDRAISERS NEWS

Heritage Christian Fundraisers will be meeting on Thursday, March 16, at 10:00 A.M. We meet at Hudsonville PRC and nursery is

provided. Hope to see you there!

AREA PR SCHOOLS

Covenant Christian High School is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 14. Adults and students (16 yrs +) are encouraged to sign up online by going to the homepage at www.covenantchristianhs.org and click on "Blood Drive Sign-up". Thank you for your participation.

With the retirement of Jon Engelsma, Covenant Christian High School is looking to hire a new custodian to start June 2023. All interested candidates can contact the building committee via Nate Van Overloop at Nathanvanoverloop2@gmail.com or 616-821-8418

OTHER NEWS

First PRC of Holland's Young People invite you to our spring made-to-order breakfast on Saturday, April 15 from 7:30-10 am at our church. More details to come.

Joyful Praise with One Accord: Plan now to attend the main fundraising event for the Byron Center Young People on Saturday, March 18 at 7 PM. This will be held at Byron Center PRC. An enjoyable night of music is being planned and the male quartet One Accord is eager to perform for us! There will be other special numbers as well. A freewill offering will be taken that evening to help our Young People with their convention costs. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Hope you can join us!

Please plan to join SW Young People's Society for their pancake breakfast THIS Saturday, March 11. Breakfast will be served at Southwest Protestant Reformed Church from 8am-10am. Gluten free pancakes will be available during breakfast and cinnamon rolls to purchase on your way out. Proceeds will benefit the 2023 PRYP convention.

The Faith YP invite you to an evening of fellowship and food on Saturday, March 25 from 5:00-6:30 pm at Faith PRC. Our young people will be serving a delicious Mexican supper: beef & chicken tacos with a variety of toppings, including rice, guacamole and pico de gallo. Grab a side of chips & queso and don't forget about an ice cream sundae for dessert.