



# High Level Christian Academy



**“THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH”**

*“Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”*

Nehemiah 8:10

## JUNE 2022 MEMOS

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear HLCA Family!

It's June already! Another school year almost complete; another year of God's incredible faithfulness to our school. There is no other way to frame these last few years. Even during lockdowns and Covid restrictions, God was and is at work! He ensured the health and safety of our students; He ensured that HLCA could cohort as a school; He continues to reveal Himself to our staff and students. He gives generously far above what we can possibly imagine or think. 2 Peter 1:3-4 reminds us of God's incredible goodness to all believers, "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire." God is good all the time!

There are several dates to be aware of in these next weeks: June 3<sup>rd</sup> is track and field; please come out and join us in cheering on HLCA's students. Between June 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, the grade 6s and 9s will be writing PATs, while the grade 5-9 students will also write various exams. June 12<sup>th</sup> is church in the park and HLCA students will be performing a song during the service! On June 16<sup>th</sup>, we are planning a day at Hutch Lake for the whole school; we love it when parents and families join us! Finally, our last day of school is June 17<sup>th</sup>; awards, ECS and Grade 9 grad will all be that evening.

As we close out this school year, I know that there are questions about what next year looks like; every year that I have been in this school, we have seen God's steadfast provision for our school. Next year will be no different. Ms. Ahn informed us earlier this year that God was calling her out from our school; she has served faithfully in our school and will be missed. We will be saying a very difficult farewell to Mrs. Brock as our school secretary; Mrs. Brock will continue to serve as bookkeeper but her daily presence in our school will be dearly missed. Currently, Mrs. Thiessen will not be returning as school janitor either. I am pleased to announce the following staff members for the next school year; I, Ms. Jeffrey, will continue to serve as school principal and will teach junior high next year; Mrs. Bartlett will be returning as the grade 2/3 teacher. Mrs. Connie Gerbrandt will be teaching Kindergarten and Grade one and we are currently looking for a teacher to fill the grades 4-6 position. Ms. Dyck will continue to serve as an EA and Mrs. Marie Derksen has accepted an EA position for the fall also! We are actively looking for an upper elementary teacher and a school secretary. If you are interested in either position or know anyone interested, please let me know or refer them to our job posting, <http://www.hlcaacademy.ca/job-opportunities.html>.

Our God is good, and our God is able!

Ms. Jeffrey

## CLASSROOM REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Jump Rope for Heart** – a total of \$322 was raised for the event. Thank you for your support!

### ECS – GRADE 1

As part of Year End Student Awards, there is a Master Memory Award for students able to recite the year's memory verses. This Master Memory Award is for Grades 1-9, excluding kindergarten students. For Grade 1s, they are allowed 5 mistakes including helps. The verses to be memorized for the memory verses are as follows: Nehemiah 8:10 and Psalm 96:1-13. For Grade 1s, Philippians 1:3-11 will not be part of the Master Memory Verses. Students will be tested for memory verses on the week of June 13<sup>th</sup> if they choose to challenge the Master Memory Award.

### ECS

**LA:** Students will begin their Gates-MacGinitie Reading Tests on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The purpose of these tests is to know the general level of reading achievement of individual students. The objective information obtained from the tests can be useful for planning instructional materials for the students.

Students have been practicing reading skills. It's amazing to see their progress. In June, we will focus on long vowel sounds and guided reading in literacy. Students have been practicing how to read long vowel sounds and digraphs using word cards with pictures. We will continue to do more practice. In the summer, please continue to read with students so that they can build their fluency. This is very important so that students do not forget what they have learned.

**Math:** We will focus on subtraction within 10 and composing up to 10.

### GRADE 1

**LA:** Students will be continuing with the Poetry unit; learning to write poems with rhyming patterns. In LA students will be reviewing Dolch words. Our spelling words will focus on R-controlled vowels for the next two weeks. R-controlled vowels are words with <ir>, <er>, <ur> and <or>. The first three digraphs sound the same.

**Math:** Students will be continuing with the 3D shapes unit. We will also learn about pictographs, tally charts,

and surveys in our Probability and Data Management Unit.

**Science:** We are continuing with our Needs of Animals and Plants Unit.

**Social:** We are continuing to learn more about our community and its past.

### GRADES 2 – 4

**LA:** Finishing up our study of poetry; we will explore acrostic, concrete, and nonsense poems. Also, wrapping up our study of figurative language and cursive writing

**Math:** Gr. 2: Final units will cover measurement and geometry (3D Objects).

Gr. 3: final units will cover measurement (time) and geometry (3D objects).

Gr. 4: final units will cover Patterns and Algebra (Equations) as well as measurement (2D shapes) and Geometry (3D objects).

**Science:** Our last unit for the year is Animal Life Cycles. We will start out with learning about animals' classification followed by the life cycle of a frog.

**Social Studies:** Learning about what it means to be a global citizen from a biblical worldview.

**Health:** Focus on moving our bodies in healthy ways.

**Bible:** Students participated in a fundraiser to support locals in need based on inspiration from the parable of Talents found in Matthew 25. They started out with \$18 and earned a total of \$104.05. Thank you to all the moms, dads, grandmas, and grandpas who came out to support our efforts! End of the year lessons will continue to focus on the miracles of Jesus.

### GRADES 5 - 6

With only three weeks left in school, we are wrapping up all curriculum in the next two weeks. **The Grade 6s will write their PATs between June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>**; the grade 5s will write similar tests for Social Studies and Science as preparation for writing PATs in the future.

This will be our last week for spelling and students can work ahead in their cursive writing. Bible Memory will continue until June 10<sup>th</sup> and ANY student who wants to earn their Bible Memory Award will have until June 17<sup>th</sup> to accomplish the feat.

## GRADES 7 - 9

With three weeks left in school, we are working to wrap up all curriculum in the next couple of weeks. **Grade 9 PATs will be written between June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Junior Highs have exams coming up:**

**Grades 7-9:**

- **Bible Final Exam – June 8<sup>th</sup>**
- **Logical Fallacies Exam 3 – June 10<sup>th</sup> pm**
- **Social Studies Unit 3 Exam – June 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Grade 7/8s:**

- **LA final exam – June 9<sup>th</sup> am**

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### ALLERGIES/MEDICAL

Please let us know if any of your children have any allergies or medical concerns, we need to know about so we can best accommodate them.

### HOT LUNCHES

There will be no hot lunch offered in June.

### ATTACHMENTS

1. June Calendar

### CUTLERY/UTENSILS

The school WILL NOT be providing any cutlery to students except for hot lunch. The students MUST bring their own. We suggest they always have a set in their backpacks or lunch kits.

### VISITOR SIGN-IN

Please report at the office by signing in before proceeding to any classroom. Scan the COVID-19 health check list posted on the entrance door before entering the building.

### STUDENT PICKUP

The afternoon dismissal time is 3:25pm. All students must either walk home or be picked up by a parent or guardian. If someone other than the parent or guardian is picking up a student, the school must be notified prior to dismissal time.

### STUDENT SIGN-IN

Please stop by the office to sign your child "in" if you are dropping them off after 8:50am or "out" if you are picking them up throughout the day before 3:25pm. This will assist us in knowing which children are on site.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Please check out our website @ [www.hlccademy.ca](http://www.hlccademy.ca) for upcoming events and homework. HLCA has a Facebook group. Its purpose is to be an additional source of information for parents, supporters and alumni to keep up to date on current events at HLCA. It is a supplement to our school newsletter. If you wish to have something posted, (information, encouragement, praise/prayer) please contact the school. Essentially, it is like an electronic billboard. Questions, comments, and concerns need to come to the school by way of phone, text, email or in person. Questions related to your child's class are best communicated by phone, text, email, or a note in your child's agenda.

## IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

**June 3: Track & Field**

**June 13: ECS Orientation**

**June 17: Last Day of School (8:35am-12pm- ½ day)**

**June 14: ECS Last Day**

**June 17: ECS/Gr 9 Grad / Awards Night – 5:30pm**

### (HLCS) UPDATE FROM THE BOARD:

On Schoology in the HLCA Parents group is an open discussion forum for asking questions of the board; Ms. Jeffrey will be notified when a question is posted and will seek a response from a board member.

### Annual General Meeting (AGM) –TODAY

**May 30, 2022 – 7pm - Please plan to attend**

### FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**Fundraising Goal: \$152,900**

**Actual to Date: \$171,816**

### **Board Members:**

- Shawn Wiebe – Chairman
- Ray Lapka – Vice Chair and Secretary
- Jerry Krahn – Fundraising & Maintenance
- Suzanne Wolfe - Member