



HCS News

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Secondary Parent Meeting

The secondary parent meeting is this evening at 5:00, in the lunch room. It involves the students now in 6th-11th grades and their parents. You will receive a packet of information about the classes for your student for the 2026-2027 school year. It will include a specific schedule for each student which must be completed, signed by a parent, and returned to the school office. There will also be information about taking dual credit college classes for the juniors and seniors. Please do your best to attend the meeting.

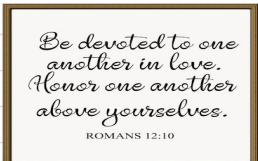


Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will this Saturday, April 11, from 8-10. Enjoy a great breakfast, fellowship, and the opportunity to serve by helping complete a few jobs at the school. It is the second weekend in order to not conflict with Easter weekend. Watch the BAND app for updates from John Freerksen!

Yearbook Orders

Order your 2025-2026 yearbook through the HCS office! The cost is \$65. The main book will be delivered in May; the supplement will be available in August. The secondary students will have a signature party in May shortly after the books arrive. Don't miss out on having this memory for your student.



Gift Cards

You can purchase gift cards from the HCS office or by ordering from the Raise Right app. Contact Mrs. King in the office for information about the cards that we have in stock or how to order by using the app. Forms listing all of the cards available can also be picked up in the office.

PTF News



Variety Show

The Variety Show will be held this Thursday, April 9, beginning at 6:30! Plan now for a night of entertainment and fun fellowship. We hope to see you there to enjoy the fellowship and talent!

PTF Nights Out There will not be April or May PTF Nights Out this year. Please contact the office if you are interested in taking over that responsibility for PTF. Thank you, Stephanie Munoz, for all of your work on the past Nights Out and other PTF activities!

Spring & Kindergarten Graduation Pictures

Kramer Photography will be on campus Friday to take Kindergarten graduation pictures and optional spring individual pictures, beginning at 9:00. Students wanting individual spring pictures may dress up for the pictures, but they must bring either spirit wear or uniform clothes to change into. Order forms are attached.

Spring Program and Open House

The HCS music department is busy preparing for the spring program of praise. It will begin at 6:00, on Thursday, April 16. School will be dismissed at 11:00 with no after care. **All students must be picked up at 11:00.** All of the students have also been working on projects in various classes throughout the year to display for the open house which will follow the spring program and end at 8:00. We hope that you will come support the students, and we encourage you to invite friends and neighbors to come see our school and the work that your students have accomplished.



5K, Pancake Feed, Bake Sale

The 5K, Pancake Feed, and Bake Sale fundraiser is on Saturday, April 18, at the Crestview Shelter House (4901 SW Shunga Dr). Race check-in is from 8:15 to 8:45 am. The 5K race begins at 9:00; the Fun Run/Walk begins at 9:10; the Pancake Feed (with a \$5 suggested donation) and Bake Sale begin at 8:30 and end at 11:00. Each family is asked to raise \$250 in sponsorships. There are also various volunteer opportunities. Be sure to check the BAND app to sign up to bring various items for the bake sale or to help with some of the events. The deadline for sponsors to be included on the T-shirt has passed, but families can continue to ask for sponsors until the day of the event. Refer to the packet you received for more detailed information.

Refer a New Family

You can help the HCS family grow by recommending HCS to families who are looking for a Christian school. If a family lists your name on their application and their student attends HCS for the first semester, your family will receive a \$500 credit toward your second semester tuition bill. Contact the office for more information.

Calendar of Events

Secondary Parent Meeting—5:00, lunchroom	4-7
Variety Show—6:30	4-9
Spring & Kindergarten Graduation Pics. 9:00	4-10
2nd & 6th Grades Field Trip, 8:30-2:00	4-10
Half day of school: Spring Program & Open House, 6:00-8:00	4-16
Secondary Band & HCS Singers to Fine Arts Festival in Kansas City	4-17
5K/Fun Run/Pancake Feed/Bake Sale: Crestview Shelter House, 8:15 Race Check-in	4-18
HCS Board Meeting: 7:00, Room 14	4-23
High School Formal: Half day for 9th-12th	4-24
4th Grade Field Trip, 8:30-3:00	4-27
Vacation Station Book orders due (attached)	4-27



Sports Calendar*

- Friday, 4-10** Soccer @ Christ Prep. JV 4:30
- Saturday, 4-11** Soccer vs. Wahaa 11:30
- Friday, 4-17** Soccer to be rescheduled
- Tuesday, 4-21** Soccer vs, KC East 5:00
- Thursday, 4-23** Soccer vs, Manhattan Chief 4:30
- Tuesday, 4-28** Soccer vs. Blue Ridge (JH) 4:30

*The Sports Calendar is subject to change. Up-to-date schedules and directions can be found on the HCS website under "Athletics." Be sure to scroll all the way to the bottom of the page.

**2025-2026 Theme:
Soar!**

“But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. “

Isaiah 40:31
Seek God Daily
Obey His Word
Abide in Christ
Rejoice Always

Our Mission: To provide a Christ-centered, quality education in order to prepare our children to serve Christ.

Our Vision: Students at Heritage Christian School will acquire wisdom, knowledge, and a Biblical worldview as evidenced by a lifestyle of character, leadership, service, stewardship and worship.



School Improvement Plan

Each year HCS administration reevaluates our School Improvement Plan to address current needs. The 2025-2026 School Improvement Plan has three goals based upon the overarching needs of our students and faculty:

1. By the end of the 2025-26 school year, 85% of students will demonstrate growth, or learning gain, and be on grade level or above as measured by the Iowa Basics standardized tests core composite. 2. Enhance the rigor and relevance of curriculum to ensure that all students have access and entry points to high level content and skills. 3. By the end of the 2025-2026 school year, all HCS students will have received discipleship and opportunities to serve our community. Our teachers will also continue to work toward building the technological skills of our students.

All of the Kindergarten through 11th grade students spent part of last week taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. The teachers have been preparing them for these tests throughout the school year. These tests help our teachers find trends in academic strengths and weaknesses for our classes. This in turn, helps the teachers and administration plan for the future. We hope that test results will be back to us by late May or early June. Parents will receive their students’ results shortly after HCS receives them. Thank you for encouraging your students to do their best on the tests and in all that they do. They have also been preparing for the Spring Program and Open House that is next Thursday, April 16, at 6:00. Some of their work from the year will be on display for the HCS family and friends to see.

Upcoming Events

This Evening — 5:00, Secondary Parent Meeting, lunchroom
Thursday, April 9— 6:30, Variety Show
Friday, April 10—9:00, Spring and Kindergarten Graduation Pictures
Friday, April 10— 2nd & 6th Grades Field Trip
Thursday, April 16—6:00, Spring Program & Open House; 1/2 day of school
Friday, April 17—Secondary Band and HCS Singers to Fine Arts Festival in Kansas City
Saturday, April 18—5K/Pancake Feed/Bake Sale at Crestview Shelter House
Thursday, April 23—HCS Board Meeting, 7:00, Room 14
Friday, April 24—Formal, half day for 9th-12th students
Monday, April 27—4th Grade Field Trip and Vacation Station Book orders due
Wednesday, April 29—5K Prize Field Trips 10:00-12:00
Check upcoming issues of the newsletter, the HCS website, your elementary students’ class newsletter, and the BAND app for more information on these events and on potential PSC opportunities.



April Character Trait:

Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm is God’s energy in my spirit expressing itself through my mind, will, and emotions.

“But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you.” Galatians 4:18

Maintaining Enthusiasm requires continuous fellowship with the Word of God and the Spirit of God. Enthusiasm turns ordinary actions into extraordinary achievements. “Wherever you are, be all there. Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God.” Jim Elliot

Enthusiasm is expressing to those around me the power of God working in me!

2025-2026 LUNCH PRICES:

Hot Lunch (includes milk):
PK-2nd - \$4.25
3rd-12th - \$4.50
Milk - \$ 1.00
Side Cart Items - \$1.00 or \$1.50
Side Beverages - \$2.00
Salad - \$2.00
Extra Entree- \$2.00
Extra Slice of Pizza - \$2.00
PBJ or PB only - \$2.00
Ramen Noodles - \$1.75
Set up your prepay family lunch account in the office. You will receive an email reminder to replenish your account if the balance drops below \$10.00.

2025-2026 AFTERCARE FEES:

3:30-4:00 p.m.: No Charge
4:00-5:00 p.m.: \$5.00 per family
After 5:00 p.m.: \$5.00 per child for every 5 minutes or part of a 5 minute increment
Aftercare accounts, like lunch accounts, are set up as prepay family accounts. Charges for each family for the entire week are billed out the following Tuesday or Wednesday. Payment may be made online through the Family Portal or in the school office.