



HCS News

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Senior Parent Meeting

A very important meeting for the seniors and their parents will be held tomorrow at 4:30, in Room 14! This will include final details for the senior mission trip as well as graduation information. They will be given their caps & gowns and other graduation items. The flash-drive with 15 pictures (in order) for the graduation slide show are due to the office by Wednesday, April 1 (while the seniors are on their mission trip)! There may also be discussion about a group senior reception to be held at HCS.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be 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!

Take Note!

- *Worship Team Auditions: (by invitation only) after school this Wednesday & next Wednesday
- *Secondary Parent Meeting (for parents of 2026-2027 seventh graders-seniors) Tuesday, April 7, 5:00, in the lunchroom.
- *Spring & Kindergarten Individual Graduation Pictures will be taken on Friday, April 10, beginning at 9:00.

Testing

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills will be given to Kindergarten through 11th graders next week, March 30-April 1. Elementary students will test all three days, and secondary students will test Tuesday and Wednesday. Please make sure your students are on time and ready to begin testing at 8:00 a.m. each day.

Be sure your student gets plenty of sleep this weekend and each night before testing. Feed your student a healthy breakfast each morning before the test. Send a nutritious snack for your student to enjoy during break times. Dress your student in layers; this will help your student be more comfortable with the room temperatures. Thank you for your help with the success of testing.

PTF News



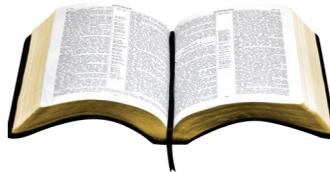
The next PTF Night Out will be at the Wanamaker Chick-fil-A tomorrow from 6:30a.m. to 10:00p.m. Orders **must** be made through the app using the code "eagles" and can be dine-in, carry-out, drive-through, or curbside pick up. Four volunteers (for 30 minutes each) will help run the prize wheel from 5:00-7:00. Thank you for signing up! A flyer was attached to the newsletter on March 2, and extras are available on the table in the front lobby.

Variety Show

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

Secondary Girls' Bible Study

Mrs. Toni Drinkard will be leading our secondary girls in a spring Bible study beginning this Wednesday. It will be in the elementary computer lab each Wednesday through April 29, from 3:45-4:45 pm. The theme for this study is Be Free: Living a Life of Beauty Instead of Duty based on a study of our freedom in Christ as found in Galatians. It is for all 6th-12th grade girls.



Kindergarten Round-Up

The Kindergarten Round Up for the 2026-2027 kindergartners and their families is this Thursday, from 5:30-7:00. It includes an informational meeting and a presentation by the current kindergarten students. Families who attend will have the opportunity to meet the teacher and staff, review curricula, and ask questions. To register, please use the school website (hcstopeka.org). We hope to see you there!

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

Senior Parent Meeting @4:30, Room 14	3-24
PTF Night Out @ Wanamaker Chick-fil-A 6:30am-10:00pm	3-24
Secondary Girls' Bible Study Begins	3-25
Kindergarten Round-Up @5:30	3-26
Standardized Testing	3-30 to 4-1
Senior Mission Trip	3-30 to 4-3
Senior Slide Show Pictures Due	4-1
No School: Easter Break	4-3 to 4-6
Secondary Parent Meeting @5:00, lunchroom	4-7
Variety Show @ 6:30	4-9
Spring & Kindergarten Graduation Pics. 9:00	4-10
Half day of school: Spring Program & Open House 6:00	4-16



Sports Calendar*

- Thursday, 3-26** Soccer @ KC Christian 4:30
- Friday, 3-27** Soccer vs. Whitefield 4:30
- Tuesday, 3-31** Soccer vs. St. Joseph 5:00
- Thursday, 4-2** Soccer @ Manhattan Chief 4:30
- Friday, 4-10** Soccer @ Christ Prep. JV 4:30
- Saturday, 4-11** Soccer vs. Wahaa TBD
- Friday, 4-17** Soccer @ St. Joseph 5:00

*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.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 24—4:30, Senior Parent Meeting, Room 14
Tuesday, March 24— PTF Night Out at Wanamaker Chick-fil-A
Wednesday, March 25— Secondary Girls’ Bible Study begins
Thursday, March 26—5:30, Kindergarten Round-Up
Monday, March 30-Wednesday, April 1—Standardized Testing
Monday, March 30-Friday, April 3—Senior Class Mission Trip
Wednesday, April 1—Senior slide show pictures due
Friday, April 3-Monday, April 6— No School: Easter Break
Tuesday, April 7— 5:00, Secondary Parent Meeting, lunchroom
Thursday, April 9— 6:30, Variety Show
Friday, April 10—9:00, Spring and Kindergarten Graduation Pictures
Thursday, April 16—6:00, Spring Program & Open House; 1/2 day of school
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.



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.



These students were recently honored for showing the character traits of compassion or joy: Back: Liam Robbins, Addison Putman, Everlie Broyles, Haylie Graybeal, Ethan Driver, Olivia Oesterreich, Layla Fowles, Aurora Ritchey; Front: Diego Perez, Raegan Parker, Cathlin Johnson, Tess Pipkin, Brenya McNary, Wrenna Ward, and Hadley Richert. Students who competed in the math contest were recently honored also. Noah Regier moved to the next level!

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.

A group of sixteen 8th-12th grade students and six adult sponsors spent part of their spring break volunteering at The Voice of the Martyrs in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. They worked in the operations center helping the VOM staff with various jobs preparing items for mailing and helping prepare other items to be used in future mailings. The group also toured the Wurmbbrand Building which houses the chapel, offices, and museum. They enjoyed worship time and Bible study time together each day. On Wednesday afternoon, they listened to a VOM speaker tell about what is happening in the field. Most of the group returned home on Wednesday evening. The seven seniors and two of the sponsors stayed through Friday morning for some extra bonding time and to serve at Agape Soup Kitchen in Bartlesville.

March Character Trait:

Gentleness

Gentleness is supporting others during their times of weakness so that they can achieve their full potential in the Lord.

“To speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.”

Titus 3:2

Gentleness comes as we humble ourselves and do to others as we would have them do to us.