



# HCS News

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## Yearbook Orders

If you haven't yet ordered your yearbook, now is the time to do that! Go to the News & Events section on the Resources page of the HCS website (HCStopeka.org) and use the yearbook link that is there. The cost is \$65. We ordered some extras in addition to the ones that had been ordered when we submitted the book to Jostens. Those extras will be available on a first come/first served basis. The main book has arrived! The signature party for the secondary students will be held from 12:40-1:15, this Friday. The supplement will be available in August.

## Men's Breakfast

There will not be a May Men's Breakfast. Watch for information from John Freerksen about the June meeting on the BAND app. They enjoy a good breakfast, a short devotion, great fellowship, and an opportunity to serve by helping complete a few jobs at the school.



## Field Day Notes

Friday, May 15, is the annual Field & Awards Day. Students may wear spirit wear shirts and knee length shorts to enjoy activities with their buddies. Parents are invited to attend the awards which will begin at approximately 10:30 in the gym. Students will be dismissed for summer break after the ceremony (approximately 11:30).

*Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.*  
ROMANS 12:10

## 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



**Meeting:** The last PTF meeting of this school year will be held tomorrow, May 5, at 6:30. It will include updates from Mrs. Lischke and the board and elections for new board members. Refer to the email from Mrs. Lischke (sent on Friday) for information about the nominees for the board positions.

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



The soccer sports banquet will be held in the HCS gym next Monday evening beginning at 6:00. All of the coaches and players and their families are invited to attend. Each family needs to supply a main dish. In addition, families with last names A-L need to bring a side dish, and ones with last names M-Z need to bring a dessert. Come enjoy the fellowship and celebrate the girls for their soccer season.

## Secondary Finals

Secondary finals will be next Tuesday, May 12, through Thursday, May 14. The testing schedule for finals was given to the students last week. It includes a section for the parents to complete and sign indicating their choices for the afternoon for their students. The completed and signed forms are to be returned by tomorrow. Please ask your student about the form if they haven't given it to you yet, so that they are able to return it on time.



Summer office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday from 9:00-1:00, or call for an appointment. Please try to take care of any school business that you have over the summer break during those times. The office will be closed from Monday, June 29, through Friday, July 10.

As you and your students enjoy your summer plans, remember to also work on being ready for the start of school in the fall. Take time to work on the Vacation Station books or doing other work to help with keeping math and reading skills sharp. Be sure to check the HCS website Resources page (HCStopeka.org) and the BAND app for the supplies lists and for updates for next year. We hope you have a blessed summer!

## 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

PTF Meeting & Board Elections, 6:30	5-5
5th Grade Field Trip, 7:30-4:30	5-7
Secondary Yearbook Signature Party	5-8
Kindergarten Graduation, 6:00	5-12
Secondary Finals	5-12 to 14
7th Grade Orientation (this year's 6th graders) 1:00-3:00	5-13
8th Grade Promotion Practice: 12:40-1:30, (8th graders, Singers, & Choralaires)	5-14
Half day: Field Day/ Awards Ceremony	5-15
Last Day of School	5-15
HS Graduation: Topeka Baptist Church, 2:00	5-16
8th Grade Promotion: HCS Gym, 6:30	5-19



## Sports Calendar\*

**Monday, 5-4** Soccer @ St. Joseph 5:00  
**Tuesday, 5-5** Soccer vs. Wichita Defenders (Senior Night) 4:30  
**Saturday, 5-9** MCAA Soccer Tournament @ HCS TBD  
**Monday, 5-11** Soccer Banquet 6:00

\*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**

- Tomorrow, May 5**—PTF Meeting and HCS Board Elections, 6:30
  - Thursday, May 7**—5th Grade Field Trip
  - Friday, May 8**—7th-12th Yearbook Signature Party 12:40-1:15
  - Monday, May 11**—Soccer Banquet, 6:00
  - Tuesday, May 12**—Kindergarten graduation, 6:00
  - Tuesday-Thursday, May 12-14**—Secondary Finals
  - Wednesday, May 13**—7th Grade Orientation 1:00-3:00
  - Thursday, May 14**—8th Grade Promotion Practice, 12:40-1:30
  - Friday, May 15**—Half day, Field Day & Awards Ceremony/Last Day of School
  - Saturday, May 16**—High School Graduation, 2:00, Topeka Baptist Church
  - Tuesday, May 19**—8th Grade Promotion, 6:30, HCS Gym
  - Thursday, May 28**—HCS Board Meeting, 7:00, Room 14
- 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



**2025-2026 LUNCH PRICES:**

- Hot Lunch (includes milk):
    - PK-2<sup>nd</sup> - \$4.25
    - 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> - \$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 displaying the character trait of Gentleness: Back: Tenley Vobach, Noah Jolly, Hughes Rice, Landon King, Lily Mayfield, Isabella Vazquez; Front: Leya Stegall, Paisley Olson, Liliana Aragon, and Josie Wilson. Not pictured: Natalie Hess.



**May Character Trait:**

**Endurance**

Endurance is experiencing the power of God’s love by rejoicing in trials and tribulations.

*“I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:14*

*“Do not pray for tasks equal to your strength, but for strength equal to your tasks.” Philips Brooks*

**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.

Mrs. Doss’s kindergarten students have been learning about trusting God to help them remember their parts in plays for Kindergarten Round-Up in March and for the Kindergarten Graduation next week. Their graduation play is entitled “A Sunday of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.” Each of the students has been given lines to memorize. It is good to have children start memorizing parts and learning to act out plays in front of an audience when they are young. They can learn to trust God and have more peace by knowing that the Lord is there with them to help them. Come celebrate with them and enjoy the fruits of their learning this year next Tuesday evening at 6:00 in the HCS gym.