



HCS News

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Yearbook News

We are excited about adding the dedications to this year's yearbook. Our goal is to have a 1/4 page dedication for each student in kindergarten, 8th grade, and 12th grade. We are hoping that families will purchase those dedication pages and that others will consider donating the \$50 cost of the dedication for students whose families are not able to buy one. We can accept dedications as late as **February 6, 2026**. However, it takes us time to create them and have them proofed, so it would be very helpful for them to be ordered by Christmas break. If you wish to purchase a yearbook (\$65) and a dedication (\$50), you can purchase both for \$100 if you will make the purchases before **December 18, 2025**.

They can contain one or two pictures and text. Please submit your orders to Mr. Fanning by text: 620-273-9013 or by email: jamesfanning@hcstopeka.org. Digital photos can also be emailed to him or put on a flash drive and taken to the HCS office.

Parents who are interested in selling ads will earn PSC's for your time spent and will earn a free yearbook if they sell 10 ads. Ads must be submitted to Mr. Fanning by **February 6, 2026**. If you are interested in helping to sell ads, please contact Mr. Fanning by email or text as listed above.

Information and order sheets for both dedications and ads are available on the table in the front lobby. Order your 2025-2026 yearbook through the HCS office. Please contact Mr. Fanning or the office if you have any questions.

Vision/Hearing Retests

Some students will be retested for vision &/or hearing this Friday, November 14, beginning at 8:00. Screening results for all students will then be sent home.

Moms in Prayer

Would you like to join other Heritage moms to pray for your children and the school? We have a group of moms meeting every Wednesday morning at 7:45, in the library. We would love to have you join us. Contact Kathleen Rothe (785-383-5944) for information. There is also a group praying remotely on Saturday mornings for every student in the school. Contact Joyce Cowsert (785-221-5009) for information on that opportunity.

PTF News and Fundraiser Updates



The November PTF Night Out is this Thursday, November 13, from 4:00-9:00, at Whataburger. A flyer was attached to the last newsletter, and extras are available on the table in the front lobby. Keep watching the BAND app and the HCS newsletters for updates on PTF events.

The PTF would like to extend a huge thank you to our Heritage families and friends for your amazing support of our recent fundraisers! Each event and campaign reflects the heart of our school community—families working together with joy, generosity, and purpose.

 Clay Shoot at Ravenwood Lodge:
Raised \$3,495.40

Thank you to all who participated, sponsored, and volunteered to make this event a great success!

 Fall Festival: Raised \$5,813.00
— what a wonderful morning of family fun and fellowship at Shively Farms!

 Nite Out at Qdoba: Raised \$239.60
Thank you for joining us for a delicious night out in support of HCS!

 Nite Out at Freddy's: Raised \$100.94
We appreciate everyone who came out to enjoy burgers and custard for a cause!

 Kroger Quarterly Donation: \$388.34
Thank you to all who have linked your Kroger cards to Heritage; your everyday shopping continues to bless our school!

 Fund to Serve Letter Writing Campaign:
So far, \$15,718.80 has been raised! Letters are still coming in, and we're excited to see how God continues to provide through this campaign. Thank you to all our students and families for helping us reach others with the vision of Christian education at Heritage! Every dollar raised makes a difference in the lives of our students and teachers. Thank you for giving, praying, and participating with hearts full of love and faith.

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." – Colossians 3:23

High School Students to GPACS Conference

This Thursday, November 13, the HCS high school students will be traveling to Mid America Nazarene University in Olathe to attend the GPACS student conference. **They need to be at the school by 6:15 that morning in order to be able to leave by 6:25.** Thank you to the drivers/chaperones for the day: Mr. Current, Mr. Riddle, Mrs. Stirtz, Mrs. Freerksen, and Mrs. Tindell. Students need to have supplies with them in order to take notes at the conference.

They may dress up for this event. Boys may wear nice slacks or nice jeans with a polo or button up dress shirt or a Heritage hoodie. Girls may wear nice slacks or nice jeans with a Heritage hoodie, a polo, or a nice blouse with sleeves and an appropriate neck line. The girls may choose to wear a knee-length dress or a knee-length skirt with an appropriate shirt instead of slacks. Please contact the office if you have questions.

Calendar of Events

High School Students to GPACS Conference	11-13
PTF Night Out at Whataburger 4-9	11-13
Vision/Hearing Retests 8:00	11-14
Washburn Tech Meeting 10th-12th, 5:00 in Room 14	11-18
Washburn Math Day	11-18
Thanksgiving Buddy Lunch	11-20
HCS Board Meeting 7:00 in Room 14	11-20
Heritage Day	11-21
Final Prize Day for Fund to Serve Campaign	11-21
No School—Professional Day	11-24
No School—Thanksgiving Break	11-25 to 28
Alumni Basketball Game 7:00	11-25



Sports Calendar*

Tuesday, 11-25 vs. Alumni
Vars. Boys only 7:00

Tuesday, 12-2 @ Cornerstone JH Girls: 4:00, JH Boys: 5:00, HS Girls: 6:00, HS Boys: 7:30

Thursday-Saturday, 12-4-6 Shea Tournament HS only TBD

Tuesday, 12-9 vs. St. Joseph JH Girls: 4:30, JH Boys: 5:30, HS Girls: 6:30, HS Boys: 8:00

**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.



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. Purchase gift cards now for Christmas gifts!

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.

The secondary students prayed over and blessed their Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes in their chapel service last Thursday. They provided 38 boxes to be delivered to children by Samaritan's Purse and their volunteers. The elementary students will pray over and bless their shoeboxes at their chapel time this Friday. All of the shoeboxes donated by the students will be taken to a local collection center this weekend or early next week to be sent on to Samaritan's Purse. Thank you for your support of this important mission project by sending items and/or money for shipping costs with your students. This annual project helps our students learn to soar as they serve others by giving. All of the HCS students served in the community or surrounding area on Friday for our annual Missions Day. They have been learning that serving the Lord also means serving others!

Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 13—
GPACS conference for 9th-12th
Thursday, November 13—PTF
Night Out @ Whataburger, 4-9
Friday, November 14—Vision &
Hearing Retests, 8:00
Tuesday, November 18—
Washburn Math Day
Tuesday, November 18—
Washburn Tech Meeting for 10th-
12th grades, 5:00, in room 14
Thursday, November 20— Buddy
Lunch for Thanksgiving lunch
Thursday, November 20— HCS
Board Meeting, 7:00, in room 14
Friday, November 21—Heritage
Day
Friday, November 21— Final day
of prizes for Fund to Serve Campaign
Monday, November 24—No
School, Professional Development
Day
Tuesday, November 25— Alumni
vs. HCS Varsity Boys Basketball, 7:00
**Tuesday-Friday, November 25-
28—**No school, Thanksgiving Break
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



The following students were honored for displaying the character trait of humility: back: Andre Greer, Abigail Atwood, Ava Fitzgerald, Aurora Ritchey, Clara Moore; Front: Raelynn King, Emersyn Ward, Haven Drinkard, Crosby Atwood, Jackson Reynolds; Not pictured: Jude Dormer, Brielle Adams, William Taylor.

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.



November Character Trait: *Contentment*

Contentment is realizing that God has
already provided everything I need for
my present and future happiness.

“He said unto them, Take heed, and
beware of covetousness: for a man's life
consisteth not in the abundance of the
things which he possesseth. ”

Luke 12:15

“Discontentment makes rich men poor
while contentment makes poor men
rich.” Benjamin Franklin