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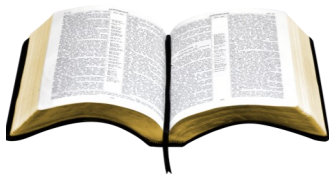
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Men's Breakfast

Join us for a Men's Breakfast this Saturday, February 7, from 8–10. Enjoy a great breakfast, meaningful fellowship, and the opportunity to serve by helping complete a few jobs around the school. It's a wonderful way to connect with other men, support our school, and lend a helping hand. We hope you join us!



Conferences

Plan now to attend the parent/teacher conferences on Thursday, February 26. An email for sign up times will be sent out soon. Please check your email regularly and sign up as soon as possible. We hope to see you for the last scheduled conferences this school year!

Prayer Groups

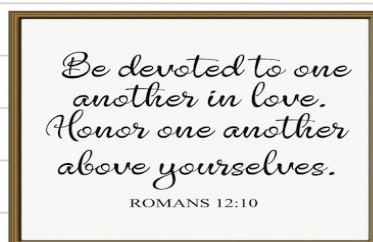
God continues to bless HCS in countless ways; prayer is one of the greatest tools and privileges we have. Each Saturday morning, from 8:00–9:00, in their homes, a group of HCS moms and grandmothers pray by name for our students and intercede for our staff and school. This dedicated time is a powerful encouragement and support. We would love to see this ministry grow; imagine several groups of Heritage families across Topeka, united in purpose, seeking God's protection, wisdom, and blessing over HCS every week. If God stirs your heart to join this ministry, or if you would simply like more information, please contact Melissa Pagán at 785-221-7504. If you would 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. Contact Kathleen Rothe (785-383-5944) for information about this opportunity and her desire for unity within the HCS family and to have a mom's prayer group for each grade. Your prayers matter, and they make an eternal difference. "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving." Colossians 4:2

Yearbook News

We are excited about adding the dedications to the yearbook. The deadline for purchasing one is **this Friday, February 6, 2026**. They can contain one or two pictures and text. Please submit your orders to Mr. Fanning by email: jamesfanning@hcstopeka.org, or by text: 620-273-9013. Digital photos can also be emailed to him or put on a flash drive and taken to the HCS office. Information and order sheets for dedications are 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.

Class & Basketball Pictures

Class and Basketball pictures will be taken on Friday, February 20. Parents of students who participate in basketball are asked to ensure that their child arrives at school dressed in their blue (away) basketball uniform and ready for sports pictures at 8:00am. Taking pictures promptly will help keep the schedule running smoothly. Please have your student bring the picture forms and payment with them on picture day. Thank you for your help and cooperation.



Singing Valentines Orders

Bless your loved one or neighbor this Valentine's Day with a Singing Telegram and sweet treat! The HCS Singers will deliver your Singing Telegram & treat in full performance attire on Friday, February 13. Forms are available in the HCS office. Cost is \$25; orders will be taken through next Tuesday, February 10. All proceeds go to the HCS Fine Arts department. Space is limited – don't delay!

PTF News



The February PTF Night Out will be at Jason's Deli from 10am-8pm, on Thursday, February 12. A flyer is attached to this newsletter. The next PTF meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, at 6:30. Information about the upcoming 5K & Pancake Feed Fundraiser scheduled for April 18, will be discussed. Please make your best effort to attend this meeting and to support the PTF Nights Out. Thank you for your support! The Variety Show is coming on April 9! Plan now for a night of fun entertainment. The sign up sheets are available in the office and are due by February 25! A flyer for the variety show is also attached to this newsletter.

Calendar of Events

CLT Testing 9th & 10th	2-3
Baseball Pre-Season Meeting 4:00, Room 7	2-4
Deadline for Yearbook Dedications & Ads	2-6
Men's Breakfast 8-10	2-7
HCS Board Meeting 7:00, Room 14	2-12
PTF Night Out at Jason's Deli 10am-8pm	2-12
Singing Valentines delivered	2-13
No School—Presidents' Day	2-16
PTF Meeting	2-17
Class & Winter Sports Pictures 8:00	2-20
Etiquette Dinner	2-24
No School: Parent/Teacher Conferences & Teacher Work Day	2-26 and 27



Sports Calendar*

Tuesday, 2-3 vs. St. Joseph
JH Boys: 5:30, HS Girls: 6:30, HS Boys: 8:00 Senior Night
Thurs. 2-5—Sat. 2-7 @ Blue Ridge JH MCAA
Tournament Girls: 6:30 Th., Boys 5:30 Th., Other games TBD
Monday, 2-9 vs. Cornerstone JH Girls: 4:30, JH Boys: 5:30, HS Girls: 6:30, HS Boys: 8:00
Tuesday, 2-10 @ Shawnee Mission JH Boys: 4:30, HS Girls: 5:30, HS Boys: 7:00
Friday, 2-13 @ CPLS HS Girls: 6:00, HS Boys: 7:30
Sports Banquet: TBD!

*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.

Mrs. Fanning's seniors in online College Algebra, Business Math, and Calculus spent the first semester using their critical thinking skills, problem solving skills, reading and understanding examples skills, and remembering math skills that they have used in the past. They are continuing to use those skills this semester as they take College Elementary Statistics or Business Math. In addition to the skills they used last semester, the Statistics students are learning to use a program called Stat Crunch to aid in the calculations needed in that class. Time management is essential for all of the online college students (juniors and seniors) as they work on their online classes and keep up with their HCS classes and all of their other activities. All of these skills will be useful in their future plans in college, other post-secondary schooling, or an occupation.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 3—CLT Test for 9th & 10th grades

Wednesday, February 4—Baseball Pre-season meeting, 4:00, Room 7

Friday, February 6—Deadline for yearbook dedication orders and ad purchases

Saturday, February 7—Men's breakfast, 8-10

Thursday, February 12—HCS Board Meeting, 7:00 in Room 14

Thursday, February 12—PTF Night Out at Jason's Deli, 10am-8pm

Monday, February 16—No School, Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 17—6:30, PTF Meeting

Friday, February 20—Basketball & Class Pictures, 8:00

Tuesday, February 24—Middle School Etiquette Dinner

Wednesday, February 25—Variety Show sign-up sheets due

Thursday, February 26—Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, February 27—No School: Teacher Work Day

Watch for information about the winter Sports Banquet!

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.

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.

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.



February Character Trait: Compassion

Compassion is responding to a deep need with a longing to do whatever necessary to meet it.

“But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?”

1 John 3:17

“We will never know by experience God's richest blessings of comfort and compassion toward others until we ourselves have trials.” - T.J. Bach