



HCS News

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PTF News

The May PTF Night Out will be tomorrow at Pizza Hut. A flyer is attached to this newsletter and is posted on the Band app. Please help HCS by participating in this fundraiser.

The last PTF meeting of the year is also tomorrow beginning at 6:30. It will include board member elections and other important updates before the end of the school year.

Support HCS and get to know your HCS family better by being involved in these events.



Golf Tournament

Be sure to check out the website for information about the 3rd annual HCS golf tournament. This fundraiser is on Saturday, May 31, at Western Hills Golf Club. Join the fun, meet more of the HCS family, and help support HCS for the future.

Prepare for Fall

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 w Spring Sportsith keeping math and reading skills sharp. Be sure to check the HCS website and the BAND app for the supplies lists and for updates for next year. We hope you have

Gift Cards

Purchase Gift Cards from the HCS office or by ordering from the Raise Right app. Contact Mrs. Griffith in the HCS office for more information about the cards that we have in stock or how to order by using the app. Order forms listing all of the cards available can also be picked up in the HCS office. Gift cards will be available at the PTF meeting tomorrow evening. Thank you for supporting HCS in this way.

Take Note!

*The 3rd annual golf tournament will be held at Western Hills Golf Club on Saturday, May 31. Sponsors are needed to help with this fundraiser. Flyers for more information on sponsorships and about registering for the tournament were attached to previous newsletters and are on the school website. There are also extras available in the office.

*The Secondary Yearbook Signature party will be held Thursday morning from 7:45-8:20 in the gym.

*Secondary finals will be held on Tuesday, May 13-Thursday, May 15. The testing schedule for finals was given to the students on Friday. It includes a section for the parents to complete and sign indicating the preference for their choices for the afternoon for their students. The completed and signed forms are to be returned by Wednesday. Please ask your student about the form if they haven't given it to you yet, so that you 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.

Yearbook Orders

Purchase your 2024-2025 yearbook this week before the secondary signature party on Thursday! The cost is \$65.00 per book. The pre-ordered books will be distributed at the signature party. There will also be books available for purchase Thursday morning. The students are encouraged to have a pen with them for signing the yearbooks and to purchase their books in advance. Pastries will be provided from 7:45-7:55. The rest of the book (a supplement that will easily attach to the interior of the main book) will be available in August. It will contain some of the spring events and the end of school events. Elementary students who have purchased books will receive their books from their teachers on Thursday also. We hope to see the secondary students early Thursday morning ready to enjoy pastries and sign yearbooks!

Field & Awards Day Notes

Friday, May 16, 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).

Lifeline Children's Services

The official end of the drive to support Lifeline Children's Services with the Make A Change project was last week. The money and supplies that have been donated will be given to the ministry soon. Thank you for your help in supporting this important ministry.

Calendar of Events

NHS Induction during Secondary Chapel	5-5
PTF Night Out at Pizza Hut	5-6
PTF Meeting 6:30	5-6
Secondary Yearbook Signature Party 7:45-8:20a.m.	5-8
Secondary Finals	5-13 to 15
Kindergarten Graduation 6:00	5-13
End of 4th Quarter	5-15
Field Day/Awards Day 1/2 day	5-16
High School Graduation at Topeka Baptist Church 2:00	5-17
Teacher Post-Service Work Days	5-19 to 23
Golf Tournament	5-31



Sports Calendar*

Monday, 5/5 Soccer MCAA League Tournament at HCS:
2:00-HCS vs St. Joe,
4:00-St. Joe vs. Whitefield,
6:00-HCS vs. Whitefield

Thursday, 5/8 vs. Calvary Baptist 4:30 Senior Night

Monday, 5/12 Spring Sports 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.*

2024-2025 Theme: Anchored in Christ!

“Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

Philippians 4:11-13

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.



Coming Events

Mark your calendars so you won't miss out on these exciting events:

- ♦ **The NHS Induction Ceremony** is today during secondary chapel.
- ♦ **The PTF Night Out at Pizza Hut** is tomorrow.
- ♦ **The last PTF Meeting** for this year is also tomorrow, beginning at 6:30.
- ♦ **The Secondary Yearbook Signature Party** is Thursday morning from 7:45-8:20.
- ♦ **The Spring Sports Banquet** is on Monday, May 12, at 6:00.
- ♦ **Secondary Finals** Tuesday, May 13-Thursdays, May 15.
- ♦ **Kindergarten Graduation** Tuesday, May 13 at 6:00.
- ♦ **The 4th Quarter ends** on Thursday, May 15.
- ♦ **The Field/Awards Day** will be the morning of Friday, May 16.
- ♦ **High School Graduation** will be on Saturday, May 17, at 2:00, at Topeka Baptist Church.
- ♦ **The 3rd Annual Golf Tournament** is Saturday, May 31, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at Western Hills Golf Club.

2024-2025 LUNCH PRICES:

Hot Lunch (includes milk):

- PK-2nd - \$4.25
- 3rd-12th - \$4.50
- Milk - \$ 1.00
- Sides - \$1.00 and \$1.50
- Salad - \$2.00
- Extra Entrée - \$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.

2024-2025 AFTERCARE FEES:

- 3:30-4:00 p.m.: No Charge
- 4:00-5:00 p.m.: \$3.00 for the first child, \$1.50 for each additional child
- After 5:00 p.m.: \$5.00 per child for every 5 minutes
- Afterschool accounts, like lunch accounts, are set up as prepay family accounts. Charges are applied the following school day. Payment may be made online through the Family Portal or in the school office.



The following students were honored recently for displaying the March character trait of sensitivity: back row: Rosalise Perez, Milania Perry, Hughes Rice, Owen Driver, Ariel Laursen, Kara Strahm; front row: Charlie Lorg, Paisley Olson, Finn Laursen, Isabella Vazquez, Samuel Villa, and Avery Parker. Not pictured is Lily Mayfield.



School Improvement Plan

The 2024-2025 School Improvement Plan has three goals based upon the overarching needs of our students and faculty: 1) Ensure academic achievement in reading and writing by meeting or exceeding the end of year school-wide goal of 85% of students achieving growth in Language Arts categories on the Iowa Basics yearly testing, 2) Enhance the rigor and relevance of curriculum and outcomes to ensure that all students have access and entry points to high-level content and skills, and 3) Ensure students have the skills and support necessary to grow in their Christian walk and service as they carry out the school theme: Anchored in Christ. Our teachers will also continue to work toward building the technological skills of our students. All of the students have been demonstrating the theme “Anchored in Christ” by giving to the Lifeline Make a Change project. The money and supplies donated for this project will go to helping women who need support during their pregnancy and/or help with supplies and clothing for their children. Our prayer for our students is that they will continue to grow in their relationship with Christ and to become even more securely anchored in Him.

May Character Trait Determination

Determination is looking at insurmountable obstacles as opportunities to cry out for God's supernatural intervention.

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

When God is about to do something great, He starts with a difficulty. When he is about to do something truly magnificent, he starts with an impossibility.
- Armin Gesswein