



HCS News

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100th Day

We LOVE to celebrate the 100th day of school in the elementary hallway. This year, we are having an **all-school t-shirt contest** for the 100th day of school. **It will be on Friday, January 30th.** There are some pretty great prizes. Flyers with more information about the t-shirt contest were sent home last Friday.

Men's Breakfast

Join us for a Men's Breakfast on 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!

Spirit Week

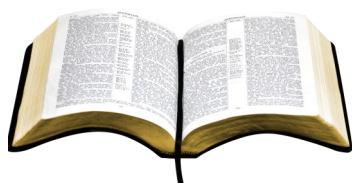
Spirit Week is here! Students and staff are dressing according to the theme for each day as follows:

Wednesday: Dress to Impress Day (Look your sharpest, classiest, and most ready for success.)

Thursday: Career Day (Wear clothes appropriate for your chosen profession.)

Friday: Comfy-Cozy Day (Relax in your favorite, school-appropriate, comfy clothes.)

We have game competitions, jump rope challenges, and all-school worship time each day, and other ways for each class to earn points. We are looking forward to a week of Christ-centered fun. The points earned from Coin Wars last week will be added to the points from this week to determine the winners for rewards in both elementary and secondary divisions.



Conferences

Plan now to attend the parent/teacher conferences on Thursday, February 26. An email for sign up times will be sent approximately 2 weeks before. We hope that you take the time to sign up and attend the last conferences for this school year.

Lil' Eagles Cheer

The Lil' Eagles cheerleaders have one practice left (tomorrow from 3:45 to 4:30pm, in the HCS gym). They will cheer at the following games: Today-junior high boys, 4:30pm, Fri. 1/23-junior high girls, 4:30pm, Mon. 1/26-junior high girls, 4:30pm. They will also perform a cheer dance to "The God I Know" on the 26th, at halftime.

Class & Basketball Pictures

Picture day has been rescheduled to 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. If possible, please hold onto your picture forms until the updated picture day date. Thank you for your flexibility and cooperation.

School Choice Rally

HCS students have an opportunity to attend the Kansas School Choice Rally at the Statehouse on Tuesday, January 27. The purpose of the rally is to support legislation that benefits HCS and our families. If the school choice bill were to pass in Kansas, it would strengthen educational opportunities for our students and families across Kansas. Our presence matters, and showing up together helps demonstrate to our state senators and representatives how much we value this legislation.

Here is the tentative schedule for the day:

-meet at the school at 9:30am, depart at 9:40 am

-tour of the Kansas State Capitol at 10:00 am

-Rally from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

-lunch provided by the event organizers.

-return to the school by approximately 1:00 p.m.

Parents who are willing to help transport students to and from the Capitol are needed. They are also encouraged to stay for both the Capitol tour and the rally if their schedule allows. Please refer to the email from Mr. Snowden for more information.

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 will be available in the HCS office. Cost is \$25; orders will be taken through 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 will be attached to the next 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!

Yearbook News

We are excited about adding the dedications to this year's yearbook. The deadline for purchasing one is **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.

Calendar of Events

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| <i>Spirit Week</i> | 1-20 to 23 |
| <i>School Choice Rally at the Statehouse</i> | 1-27 |
| <i>100th Day of School Celebration</i> | 1-30 |
| <i>Senior Pictures (2 per senior) due for Yearbook & Program</i> | 2-1 |
| <i>CLT Testing 9th & 10th</i> | 2-3 |
| <i>Deadline for Yearbook Dedications & Ads</i> | 2-6 |
| <i>Men's Breakfast 8:00-10:00</i> | 2-7 |
| <i>HCS Board Meeting 7:00, Room 14</i> | 2-12 |
| <i>PTF Night Out at Jason's Deli 10am-8pm</i> | 2-12 |
| <i>No School—Presidents' Day</i> | 2-16 |
| <i>PTF Meeting</i> | 2-17 |
| <i>Class & Winter Sports Pictures 8:00</i> | 2-20 |



Sports Calendar*

Tuesday, 1-20 vs. Shawnee

Mission JH Boys: 4:30, HS Girls: 5:30, HS Boys: 7:00

Friday, 1-23 vs. St. Joseph

JH Girls: 4:30, JH Boys: 5:30, HS Girls: 6:30, HS Boys: 8:00

Monday, 1-26 vs.

Cornerstone JH Girls: 4:30, JH Boys: 5:30, HS Girls: 6:30, HS Boys: 8:00

Friday, 1-30 @ Blue Ridge

JH Girls: 4:00, JH Boys: 5:00, HS Girls: 6:00, HS Boys: 7:30

Thurs. 2-5—Sat. 2-7 @

Blue Ridge JH MCAA League Tournament JH Girls & JH Boys 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.

Miss Fiero's third graders worked hard during the first semester and have started the second semester with the a hard-working attitude. In math, they have worked on their math facts by doing speed drills and using XtraMath on the computers in the classroom. For reading, they have worked on completing the reading homework each evening and answering a comprehension question with complete sentences as well as reading the book *Stone Fox* (about a young boy who tries to save his grandfather's farm by winning a dogsled race) and writing about it. In Bible class and to help them grow in their spiritual walk, they have had Sword Drill competitions, worked together on Missions Day serving HCS neighbors, and completed special coloring sheets to send in the Operation Christmas Child boxes. They have been doing test preparation using wayground.com as a study tool. Their penmanship is enhanced as they make journal entries. They recently worked on watercolor paintings of the Northern Lights in art. This project helped them experiment with color blending while appreciating God's marvelous creation.

Upcoming Events

This Week—Spirit Week!
Tuesday, January 27—School Choice Rally at the Statehouse
Friday, January 20—100th Day Celebration
Sunday, February 1—Two Senior Pictures due for Yearbook
Tuesday, February 3—CLT Test for 9th & 10th grades
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
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.



January Character Trait: Integrity

Integrity is a God-like life of consistency and sincerity with no deception or pretense.

“The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.”

Proverbs 11:3

People of integrity have nothing to hide and nothing to fear.