



HCS News

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5K Sponsorships and Shirt Orders

Don't forget to get sponsorships for the 5K from businesses, churches, and families. They need to be submitted either online or on the forms by Friday, March 13, to be included on the T-shirt. The deadline for shirt orders is also on Friday, March 13. We hope that each family can find sponsors for this important and fun fundraiser. Thank you for your help and support of HCS!

Senior Parent Meeting

A very important meeting for the seniors and their parents will be held on Tuesday, March 24, at 4:30, in Room 14. This will include final details for the senior mission trip and graduation information. They will be given their caps & gowns and other graduation items. The flash-drive with 15 pictures (in order) for the graduation slide show are due to the office by Wednesday, April 1! There may also be discussion about a group senior reception to be held at HCS.

Yearbook Orders

Order your 2025-2026 yearbook through the HCS office! The cost is \$65. The main book will be delivered in May; the supplement will be available in August. The secondary students will have a signature party in May shortly after the books arrive. Don't miss out on having this memory for your student.

Prayer Groups

There are two groups of women who pray over the students, families, staff, and school each week. On Saturday mornings, 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. 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. We have a group of moms meeting every Wednesday morning at 7:45, in the library to pray for the school family. Contact Kathleen Rothe (785-383-5944) for information about this opportunity. Your prayers matter, and they make an eternal difference.

PTF News



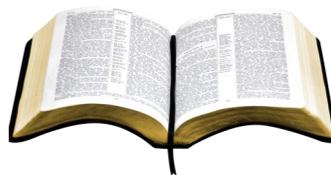
The next PTF Night Out will be at the Wanamaker Chick-fil-A on Tuesday, March 24, from 6:30a.m. to 10:00p.m. Orders **must** be made through the app using the code "eagles" and can be dine-in, carry-out, drive-through, or curbside pick up. Four volunteers (for 30 minutes each) are needed to run the prize wheel from 5:00-7:00. Look for a sign-up opportunity on BAND or contact Stephanie Munoz to volunteer. A flyer is attached to this newsletter and extras are available on the table in the front lobby.

Variety Show

The Variety Show screenings for all of the potential acts that have signed up will be held on Wednesday, March 11 after school. If you signed up, please watch for news from Mrs. Laursen about the screenings. The Variety Show will be held on Thursday, April 9, beginning at 6:30! Plan now for a night of fun entertainment. Flyers are available on the front lobby table. We hope to see you there to enjoy the fellowship and talent!

Secondary Girls' Bible Study

Mrs. Toni Drinkard will be leading our secondary girls in a spring Bible study beginning on Wednesday, March 25. It will be in the elementary computer lab each Wednesday from March 25 through April 29, from 3:45-4:45 pm. The theme for this study is Be Free: Living a Life of Beauty Instead of Duty based on a study of our freedom in Christ as found in Galatians. This study is available for all 6th-12th grade girls.



Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday, March 7, from 8-10. Enjoy a great breakfast, 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!

Kindergarten Round-Up

The Kindergarten Round Up for the 2026-2027 kindergartners and their families is on Thursday, March 26, from 5:30-7:00. It includes an informational meeting and a presentation by the current kindergarten students. Families who attend will have the opportunity to meet the teacher and staff, review curricula, and ask questions. To register, please use the school website (hcstopeka.org). We hope to see you there!

Take Note!

- *Worship Team Auditions: informational meeting tomorrow, applications due next Monday, auditions (by invitation only) after spring break
- *5K Sponsor Information due Friday, March 13, to be on the T-Shirts! Shirt orders also due on March 13!
- *Secondary Parent Meeting (for parents of 2026-2027 seventh graders-seniors) Tuesday, April 7, 5:00, in the lunchroom.
- *Spring & Kindergarten Individual Graduation Pictures will be taken on Friday, April 10, beginning at 9:00.

Calendar of Events

Juniors to Advisors Excel	3-3
Variety Show	3-11
Screenings	
End of 3rd Quarter	3-12
HCS Board Meeting @7:00, Room 14	3-12
No School : Teacher Work Day	3-13
No School: Spring Break	3-16 to 20
Senior Parent Meeting @4:30, Room 14	3-24
PTF Night Out @ Wanamaker Chick-fil-A	3-24
Secondary Girls' Bible Study Begins	3-25
Kindergarten Round-Up @5:30	3-26
Standardized Testing	3-30 to 4-1
Senior Mission Trip	3-30 to 4-3



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Sports Calendar*

- Tuesday, March 3** Soccer Practice Begins
- Saturday, 3-14** Soccer @ Spurgeon College HS Jamboree TBD
- Thursday, 3-26** Soccer @ KC Christian 4:30
- Friday, 3-27** Soccer vs. Whitefield 4:30
- Tuesday, 3-31** Soccer vs. St. Joseph 4:30
- Thursday, 4-2** Soccer @ Manhattan Chief 4:30
- Friday, 4-10** Soccer @ Christ Prep. JV TBD
- Saturday, 4-11** Soccer vs. Wahaa 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. Urwin’s sixth graders have been working on reading fluency & comprehension, researching and writing skills, and spiritual growth this year. They were assigned a selection for an oral reading evaluation to check their fluency followed by a question to check their comprehension. For English, they have been working on creating a historical fiction story and doing research using the internet and encyclopedia from the HCS library about a particular place that they would like to learn more about. They took notes, created an outline, and are working on writing a research paper which they will revise, proofread, and publish as their final draft. In their Bible class, they have studied the history of the Bible and where our English translations came from, the attributes of God, their identity in Christ, and how they can respond to the culture: condemn, consume, critique, copy, cultivate, or create.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, March 3**—Juniors to Advisors Excel
 - Wednesday, March 11**—Variety Show Screenings
 - Thursday, March 12**—End of 3rd Quarter
 - Thursday, March 12**—7:00, HCS Board Meeting, Room 14
 - Friday, March 13**—No School: Teacher Work Day
 - Monday, March 16-Friday, March 20**—No School: Spring Break
 - Tuesday, March 24**—4:30, Senior Parent Meeting, Room 14
 - Tuesday, March 24**— PTF Night Out at Wanamaker Chick-fil-A
 - Wednesday, March 25**—Secondary Girls’ Bible Study begins
 - Thursday, March 26**—5:30, Kindergarten Round-Up
 - Monday, March 30-Wednesday, April 1**—Standardized Testing
 - Monday, March 30-Friday, April 3**—Senior Class Mission Trip
- 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.



March Character Trait:

Gentleness

Gentleness is supporting others during their times of weakness so that they can achieve their full potential in the Lord.

“To speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.”

Titus 3:2

Gentleness comes as we humble ourselves and do to others as we would have them do to us.