



HCS News

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2024-2025 Ace Scholarships

Ace Scholarship applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. today. See the HCS website under admissions for the link to the application. Applications must be completed and submitted for all currently awarded scholars to remain on scholarship. All new applicants need to complete an application with all of the required documentation for taxable and non-taxable income in order to be considered for an award. ACE will only accept applications submitted via FACTS and is only able to review applications that are complete.

PTF Events

The PTF Family Olympics will be held this Saturday, April 20, from 2:00-4:00. It is a free game day with a minimum team size of two members. There is not a maximum team size. A flyer with more information was attached to the April 2nd HCS newsletter and to an email from HCS last week.

We also need some volunteers. You can volunteer for part of the time and participate during the rest of the event. The sign up form is on hand. To let Mrs. Laursen or Mrs. Munoz know you can help, you can email either of them as listed below: jessclausen@hcstopeka.org or sdmunoz8@yahoo.com. We had not had any volunteers sign up as of last Thursday, so we really need your help! Nine volunteers are needed for each of two time slots: 2-3 p.m. and 3-4 p.m. Game selection is first come/first serve. Volunteer for one slot, and join in the fun for the other slot. Get your PSC's if you still need some this semester!

The Poppin' Squeeze food truck has been canceled for this Saturday, but look for them at the Carnival in the fall.

Pastries with Parents will be Tuesday, May 7, before school. More information will be in the next newsletter.

The last PTF meeting for the 2023-2024 school year will also be on Tuesday, May 7, beginning at 6:45 p.m., in the HCS gym, and will include the election of new board members.

Spring Play

The drama class will be entertaining the HCS family and friends with a spring production, *Men Aren't From Venus*, on Saturday, May 11, at 3:00 p.m. Plan to come out and support the student actors and enjoy some good fellowship with other HCS families.

Golf Fundraiser

This year's annual Golf Tournament & Fundraiser is May 4, at Western Hills Golf Club. Golf will start at 8:00 a.m. Sign-up and details on other activities are now available on the HCS website. Proceeds go to the PTF fund and general fund for next year. We have just three weeks until the fundraiser, and we need everyone's help to make this a successful event! Please contact Jason Parker at jason.parker2112@gmail.com with questions.

Doxazo Camps

Doxazo Camp is a day camp for elementary students to grow in their faith and build friendships. Camp is from 8:30 to 2:30 each day, and campers can attend July 9-12 or July 16-19. Camp costs \$150 per camper. Registration is open until July 1, on the website:

doxazotopeka.com/camp/. Information about volunteer opportunities for students entering 7th grade and older is also on the website. You may contact Abigail Stuart by phone at 785-806-8811 or by email at astuart@doxazotopeka.com.

Spring Program and Open House

Our Spring Program and Open House is Thursday, April 18, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Your students have been working hard and all the elementary classes will be performing as well as the secondary choirs and bands. If they are in band or choir, this will be a part of their grade. Students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. (no lunch or after-care). Elementary students should be in their class rooms between 5:30 and 5:45. They should wear their nicest spring clothes with these guidelines in mind: **Girls:** Knee length dresses or skirts, dress pants, or navy or khaki school pants. Tops or dresses should have sleeves. We prefer dress shoes. **Boys:** Dress pants or school navy or khaki pants with a button down shirt or polo shirt. We prefer dress shoes. The Open House will follow the Spring program. The students will have displays of their classwork in their rooms, the lunch room, and the hallways for you to see.

Instrument "Petting Zoo"

Todd Manning of Manning Music will be at HCS on Thursday, May 2, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. to present an "Instrument Petting Zoo" for all of our third graders. They will have the opportunity to try each band instrument and see which one they like and are best suited to play. The students will need to have specific abilities for each of the various instruments that will be available. They will also be learning about the instruments in music class to prepare for this special time.

Senior Reception

A reception for the seniors will be held on Thursday, May 16, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the gym. Come wish them well. There will be light refreshments and cake.

Calendar of Events

1/2 day: Spring Program & Open House	04-18
PTF Family Olympics	04-20
1/2 day for 9-12: Formal	04-26
Instrument Petting Zoo	05-2
Golf Fundraiser	05-4
Pastries with Parents	05-7
PTF Meeting & Elections	05-7
Etiquette Dinner for Grades 6-8	05-9
Spring Play	05-11
Kindergarten Graduation	05-14
Secondary Finals	05-14 to 16
1/2 Day: Field Day and Awards Ceremony	05-17



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Sports Calendar*

Monday, 4-15

Soccer @ Liberty Homeschool 4:30

Baseball vs. Midland Academy 4:30 & 6:30

Tuesday, 4-16

Soccer vs. Whitefield (JH & Vars.) 4:30 & 6:15

Friday, 4-19

Soccer @ Faith (JH & Vars.) 4:45 & 6:30

Baseball vs. St. Mary's 4:30 & 6:30

Monday, 4-22

Baseball @ Midland Academy 4:30 & 6:30

Tuesday, 4-23

Soccer vs. KC East (JH & Vars.) 4:30 & 5:30

*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.

**2023-2024 Theme:
Shine like the Stars!**

“And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.” Daniel 12:3

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

The 2023-2024 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 each grade achieving 75% percentile or above in Language Arts, 2) Enhance the rigor and relevance of curriculum and outcomes to ensure that all students have access and entry points to high-level 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: Shine Like The Stars. Our teachers will also continue to work toward building the technological skills of our students.

The seniors served at Beautiful Feet Ministries in Fort Worth for their senior mission trip last week. They grew their faith as they led the worship services each day by leading songs, reading scripture and giving devotions, and doing skits and tricks that they related to the Christian walk. They also helped get people from the streets to Beautiful Feet on the bus routes, serve breakfast and lunch, distribute supplies and mail, and encourage the homeless. They helped with work projects for Beautiful Feet in the afternoons. They enjoyed a trip to Six Flags on Sunday afternoon and to Main Event for bowling and arcade games on Thursday evening.

Make a Change Competition

Our students are competing to see which class in the elementary and which class in the secondary collects the most money to support Lifeline Women’s Resource Center. The competition will end on April 30, so send in those coins and bills to help this great ministry. Lifeline Women’s Resource Center helps support women and families in our community as they walk through a pregnancy. We provide free services to help strengthen and equip parents to make decisions that are good for them and for their babies/children. When you participate in the Make a Change Campaign you are helping women receive items from our care closet such as diapers, formula, and clothing; and you help women have access to pregnancy tests, options counseling on their pregnancy options, ultrasounds to see and bond with their baby, help enrolling women in health insurance, and connecting women to local churches to grow their community of support! Your support has a lasting, kingdom impact, and we are so thankful for your partnership in our ministry! To learn more about our services and our ministry, or to give online, visit us at www.lifelinewrc.com.”



2023-2024 LUNCH PRICES:

Hot Lunch (includes milk):
PK-2nd - \$4.00
3rd-12th - \$4.25
Milk - \$ 1.00
Sides - \$1.00 and \$1.50
Salad - \$1.75
Extra Entrée - \$1.75
Extra Slice of Pizza - \$1.50
PBJ - \$1.75
Ramen Noodles - \$1.50
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.

2023-2024 AFTER-CARE 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
Aftercare 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.

**April Character Trait
ENTHUSIASM**

Enthusiasm is God’s energy in my spirit expressing itself through my mind, will, and emotions.

“ But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you.” Galatians 4:18

A Thought on Enthusiasm: Maintaining Enthusiasm requires continuous fellowship with the Word of God and with the Spirit of God. It turns ordinary actions into extraordinary achievements.

“Wherever you are, be all there. Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God.”

~Jim Elliot

Enthusiasm is expressing to those around me the power of God working in me!