



HCS News

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Are you planning on sending your little one to kindergarten in the fall? We're rounding up all those little buckaroos for a rootin' tootin' good time on Thursday, March 23rd! If

Kindergarten Roundup this Thursday!

you know of anyone with a prospective kindergarten student who will be 5 years old by September 1st, please invite them to sign up for Kindergarten Roundup. They can go to the Admissions page at hcostopeka.org and

click on the "Kindergarten Round Up Sign Up" button to reserve a spot. This event is open to everyone, even to those who have not decided where to send their kindergartners next year, so please spread the word!

Calendar of Events

Kindergarten Roundup	03-23
Variety Show	03-24
Picture Day! Spring Sports, Kind. Grad., Optional Individual	03-30
Standardized Testing Begins	04-03
No School—Good Friday	04-07
No School—Easter Break	04-10
Sk8away PTF Event	04-11
1/2 Day, Spring Program/Open House	04-20
2nd Grade to Deanna Rose Children's Farm	04-21
CLT 11112	04-26
9th–12th 1/2 Day/ Formal	04-28



HCS Exhibits Talent at Variety Show this Friday

Don't miss the opportunity to cheer on HCS family members as they share their talent this Friday, March 24th, at 6:00 p.m. We've had a wide variety of acts sign up and anticipate a night of great entertainment and fun, however we still don't have the volunteers we need to

make the night a successful one. This is a great opportunity to earn Parent Support Credits and have fun while you're serving. You can sign up on BAND or email Stephanie Muñoz at sdmunoz8@yahoo.com, or Amber Freerksen at amberfreerksen@hcostopeka.org.



If you have been considering applying for an ACE Scholarship, now is the time! Applications for the 2023-24 school year are open and will remain open through tax day, Tuesday, April 18th, at 11:59 p.m. Scholarship money is limited, so don't delay! In order for an application to be completed, new families will need to upload both taxable and nontaxable income documentation. Families who file taxes must provide their 2022 tax return. ACE is encouraging families to apply as soon as possible after February 6th, even if their taxes have not yet been completed. Families may begin the application, save, and log back in at a later date to upload their tax return and any other documentation that may be required. Also new this year, returning families will not be required to upload income documentation. Visit <https://online.factsmgt.com/grant-aid/inst/4NGG6/landing-page> to apply.



Spring Photos, March 30th

Kramer Photos will be back on campus on Thursday, March 30th, to take Spring sport pictures and Kindergarten graduation pictures. He will also take individual pictures for those who would like to purchase them. Order forms will be sent home on March 27th.



Support Girls' Soccer...Order Fan Cloth This Week!

Support our ladies' soccer team by ordering spirit wear through Fan Cloth! You can go to <https://fancloth.shop/WERD> right now and place your order. The soccer team will get \$4 to \$10 per item depending on the number of items ordered. Purchases will be sent directly from Fan Cloth approximately 2-3 weeks after the sale closes this Friday, March 24th.



Senior Photos Needed!

The fourth quarter is upon us and plans are already moving forward for graduation. We need a senior photo for the graduation program and fifteen others for the slide show presentation. The senior photo may be submitted to valerieludolph@hcostopeka.org. The other photos should be representative of the "growing up" years, and must be submitted in chronological order on a thumb drive or disc. Please submit the necessary photos no later than Thursday, April 6th, in order to give ample time to prepare the slide show.



Sports Calendar*

<u>Monday, 3-27</u> Baseball vs. St. Mary's, 4:30/6:30
<u>Thursday, 3-30</u> Girls' Soccer vs. Kansas City Christian, 4:30
<u>Friday, 3-31</u> Baseball @ KC East, JV/V, 4:30/6:30
<u>Monday, 4-3</u> Girls' Soccer vs. Manhattan CHIEF, 4:30
<u>Tuesday, 4-11</u> Girls' Soccer @ Faith Christian School, 4:30
<u>Thursday, 4-13</u> Baseball @ St. Mary's, 4:30/6:30

**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.*

2022-2023 Theme: Walking with Jesus

“...walk by faith, not by sight.”
2 Corinthians 5:7



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.



Cair Paravel Latin School, 635 SW Clay Street, is hosting a special speaker on Thursday, March 23rd, at 6:15 p.m. in their gymnasium. Mr. Keith McCurdy, a Family and Parenting Educator and Consultant, Licensed Professional Counselor, and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, has worked with children and parents for over 30 years. He will be exploring our roles as parents and educators in raising “sturdy kids.” HCS teachers had the privilege of hearing from Mr. McCurdy during a professional development session last summer and are very excited about HCS parents having the same opportunity. Visit livesturdy.com for more information about Mr. McCurdy’s ministry and the value of struggle.

Attention: Students & Parents of Students Entering 6th-12th Grades Next Year

Now that early re-enrollment is finished, there will be a meeting for all students and parents of students who will be entering grades 6 through 12 at HCS in the fall on Tuesday, April 4th, at 5:00 p.m. in the HCS lunch room. Preliminary schedules for next year will be given out as well as lots of other important information about the 2023-2024 school year. Also, representatives from Allen Community College will be speaking to juniors and seniors about college classes after younger students and their parents are dismissed. Please don’t miss this important meeting!

Tips for Standardized Testing on April 3rd-5th

HCS will be administering the Iowa Basic Assessments to our K-11th grade students on April 3-5. The following tips will help your student do his very best: 1) Be sure your student gets plenty of sleep during the weekend before and each night before testing...ten hours is the recommended minimum; 2) Feed your student a healthy, protein-rich breakfast each morning before the test; 3) Send a nutritious snack for your student to enjoy during break times; 4) Dress your student in layers – this allows for adjustments to be made in accordance with room temperatures. By the way, following these tips on a daily basis is the best way to facilitate your child’s academic success throughout the school year. **Secondary classes who achieves an 80% or higher average as a whole can earn a day off school next year!**



As the HCS Board and Administration plan for the 2023-2024 school year, please pray for wisdom and clear guidance in each of the following areas:

- * Staffing
- * Scheduling
- * Admissions

If you have a prayer request to share with the HCS family, we would be happy to print it in future issues of the HCS News. Just email your request to valerieludolph@hcstopeka.org. Thank you for praying!



School Improvement: Walking with Jesus through Orderliness

The 2022-2023 School Improvement Plan has three goals based upon the overarching needs of our students and faculty: 1) Encourage students to implement organizational and time-management skills to improve student achievement; 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; 3) Ensure student have the skills and support necessary to grow in their Christian walk and service as they carry out the school theme: Walking with Jesus. Our teachers will also continue to work toward building the technological skills of our students.

This Week’s SIP Highlight:

Our kindergarten class has been focusing on their organizational and time management skills. The children are learning to be more orderly at home and at school. At school, they are striving to keep their desks neater and put puzzles, toys, and books away correctly. At home, Mrs. Doss is encouraging her students to be more orderly by putting toys in the toy box, books on the bookshelf, make their beds, and put their clothes away properly. God has given us the precious gift of time. When we are orderly, we make better use of the time God gives us. “Let all things be done decently and in order.” (1 Corinthians 14:40.) See Goals #1 and #3.

March Character Trait:

Resilience

Resilience is being able to withstand adversities that come our way. It means being able to come back stronger after we’ve fallen down, and to continue moving forward in the same arduous journey.

“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair.”
II Cor. 4:8

“Stand firm, and you will win life.”
Luke 21:19

Thought on Resilience

The biblical principles of resilience ultimately show us the quality of our faith in the Lord. Hard times reveal to us our hearts and the depth of our faith in God. Are we truly rooted in God in our faith? If anything, our faith must be strengthened in times of adversity, not weakened.