



HCS News

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PTF Night Out



Thursday, September 28th, is PTF Night Out at Papa John's. The flyer with our School code for you to use when ordering is attached. Buy Papa John's gift cards in the HCS office to make it a double fund-raiser! You may purchase your pizza at either Topeka location (2121 SW Wanamaker, or 1700 Washburn.) Papa John's will donate up to 25% (\$1,201.00 in purchases) of sales made using our school's promo code to HCS. Let's all have pizza and make this a record night out event!

See You at the Pole

See You at the Pole, a nation-wide event, will be held on the HCS front lawn on Wednesday, September 27, beginning at 7:30. There will be worship time lead by the HCS worship team, a devotion lead by one of the area pastors, and special prayer time in small groups. We invite our families to join students in praying for our nation at the flag pole.



This week all HCS students and staff will continue training in Standard Response Protocol as outlined by the "I Love U Guys" Foundation. This important annual training prepares our students and staff to respond as quickly and as appropriately as possible to a variety of emergency situations. The 4th-12th grade teachers showed a video to their classes last week and will continue discussing and practicing with their students. Training for preschool through 3rd grade classes in particular is carefully designed to prepare the children without



Friday, September 29th, is Grandparents' Day at Heritage Christian School. Students are asked to invite their grandparents or any other honored adult with whom they have that special connection. We will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the gym with light refreshments for the grandparents and will follow up with a program in the gym at 10:30. The program will feature special presentations from elementary students and secondary music students. After the program, students will be released to their classrooms where they can be signed out for the day.

Drivers' Requirements

All volunteer drivers for any school event must have a copy of their current driver's license and proof of insurance on file with the office before they can transport any students other than their own. Additionally, these must be renewed each year. All such documentation is shredded at the end of each school year. Please check with the office if you are unsure whether your information is on file there. Thank you!

frightening them and includes cartoon worksheets and lessons to explain the procedures. They will have one lesson a day until they complete the 17 lesson curriculum. We will have a campus-wide lock down drill during the week of October 9 and will send a text message to all families as soon as the drill is complete. Please be sure to take the time to discuss the drill with your students when they get home that day and give them a chance to express their feelings and concerns. For more information, visit <https://iloveguys.org/The-Standard-Response-Protocol.html>.

Student Illness

Absences are always discouraged at HCS so that our students may achieve their highest standard of academic excellence. However, we ask that you please keep your child at home if he 1) currently has a fever of 100 degrees or above, 2) has had a fever of 100 degrees or above during the past 24 hours, 3) is currently experiencing nausea or vomiting, 4) has experienced nausea or vomiting in the past 12 hours, 5) has or is suspected of having head lice, 6) has or is suspected of having pink eye. Students will be sent home if they have the above described conditions, or if they are experiencing 1) diarrhea, 2) a rash that is suspected of contagious disease, 3) a sore, reddened throat, 4) obvious discomfort, as from an earache, toothache, stomach ache, or headache, 5) injury occurring that causes the student pain or limits movement of the joints or extremities, 6) abdominal pain that is severe enough that the student cannot find a position of comfort through sitting, standing, or lying down. Please let the office know of absence for any reason the morning of the absence. Also let the office know of any contagious illness your child is experiencing, such as chicken pox, pink eye, or impetigo. This way we can let the proper individuals know if their child might be affected. If a student becomes ill during the school day, he or she may be excused to go home following a phone call through the school office. Parents must sign students in/out at the office. Secondary students who transport themselves may sign out providing parents have called office personnel to give permission. If for some reason a student is not able to participate in regular school activities, the school must be notified in writing by a parent of the nature of his incapacity and the probable length of its duration. Repeated non-participation will result in the need for a note from a physician. (Reprinted from the Parent Student Handbook.)

Calendar of Events

Buddy Lunch	9-22
See You At the Pole	9-27
PTF Night Out at Papa John's	9-28
Grandparents' Day—Half Day	9-29
End of 1st Quarter	10-12
Teacher Workday—No School	10-13
Jr/Sr CLT, eye screening	10-18
PTF Square Dance Night	10-20
PT Conferences—No School	10-26 & 27
Fall Play	11-2
Daylight Savings Ends: Set Clocks Back 1 hr.	11-5



Sports Calendar*

Monday, 9-18
Volleyball vs. St. Xavier
JH-4:30, JV-5:30, V-6:30
Soccer vs. Wichita Defenders
6:00

Tuesday, 9-19
Volleyball @ Manhattan Chief
JH-4:30, JV-5:30, V-6:30

Thursday, 9-21
Volleyball @ Flint Hills
JH-4:30, JV-5:30, V-6:30
Soccer vs. NEK
V-4:30, JH 6:15

Friday, 9-22
JH Soccer @ Manhattan Chief
4:30

Saturday, 9-23
Volleyball MCAA JH
Tournament @ SMCS
Soccer MCAA JH
Tournament @TBD

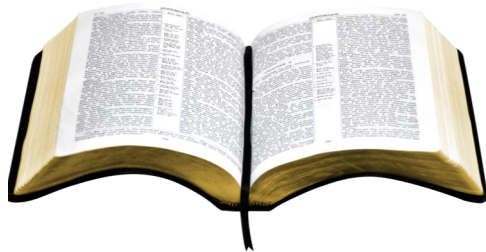
*The Sports Calendar is subject to change. Up-to-date schedules and directions can be found on the HCS website under "Athletics." Be sure to scroll all the way to the bottom of the page.

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 Plan

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.

Mrs. Doss’s kindergarten class will continue to “Shine Like the Stars” as they learn their memory verse this week. It is Proverbs 20:11 “Even a child is known by his doings.” Scripture tells us that we can know a lot about a person’s character just by observing what he or she does. As we learn our Bible verse, we will be talking about how God’s Word is what determines what is pure and right, and that a child needs to be trained in how to walk in this world in a way that pleases and honors the Lord.

Parents Enforce Dress Code at HCS

Students at HCS are required to wear uniforms that meet the guidelines stipulated in the Parent Student Handbook. For instance, all tops and jumpers must have the HCS logo on the left chest, and girls’ skirts, skorts, and jumpers must be knee-length or longer. Parents are expected to enforce our dress code from home. If at any time a student’s apparel does meet our guidelines a report may be made to the office. Reports may come from staff, students, or other parents. A notice of the report is emailed to the parents so they can address the issue at home. All reported complaints are recorded. An accumulation of three reported infractions in one quarter will result in a hearing before the Board. Multiple reports on the same day for the same violation are only counted as one infraction, unless the student has been asked to remove an unacceptable garment or accessory and chooses to continue wearing it.

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 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

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.



Students were honored for displaying the August character trait of thoroughness. Back Row: Breckin Freerksen, Timmy Lundy, Rosalise Perez, Layla Fowles, Hannah McCormick. Front Row: Nora Drinkard, Avery O'Brien, Eden May, Jackson Moore. Not pictured: Cash Perry.

September Character Trait: Resilience

Resilience is being able to withstand adversities. It means being able to come back stronger after falling down, and to continue moving forward on 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

The biblical principles of resilience ultimately show us the quality of our faith in the Lord.