



HCS News

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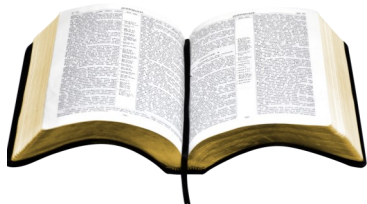
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PTF News

The April PTF Night Out will be tomorrow from 4:00-10:00, at Culver's. A flyer is attached to this newsletter and is posted on the Band app. Please help HCS by participating in this fundraiser. The last PTF meeting of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6. It will include board member elections and other important updates before the end of the school year. Support HCS and get to know your HCS family better by being involved in these events.

Secondary Girls' Bible Study

Mrs. Toni Drinkard is leading our secondary girls in a Bible study entitled "How to share your faith!" The last session is next Wednesday, April 30. Thank you, Mrs. Drinkard, for your dedication to helping the HCS girls grow in their faith.



Lifeline Children's Services is a ministry designed to help women and children in need. They provide pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, and a care closet. They help women process their pregnancy options as well as provide them access to health insurance and look for ways to connect them to a local church for support. HCS is collecting money to help them provide for those in need. Each class has a jug for the money we are collecting. Please help remind your students to contribute to this very worthy cause.

We are also collecting supplies for the care closet: diapers size 4, 5, and 6, wipes, and 12 ounce cans of dry formula. New or gently used baby clothes, toddler clothes, and maternity clothes are also appropriate donations to consider. Please help HCS support this ministry.

Gift Cards

Purchase Gift Cards from the HCS office or by ordering from the Raise Right app. Contact Mrs. Griffith in the HCS office for more information about the cards that we have in stock or how to order by using the app. Order forms listing all of the cards available can also be picked up in the HCS office. Thank you for supporting HCS in this way.

Take Note!

*We are collecting money and baby shower items for Lifeline Children's Services through the month of April. See below for more information.
*The 3rd annual golf tournament will be held at Western Hills Golf Club on Saturday, May 31. Sponsors are needed to help with this fundraiser. A flyer for more information on sponsorships was attached to an earlier newsletter, and a flyer with information about registering for the tournament was attached to the last newsletter. It is also on the school website.
*Secondary finals will be held on Tuesday, May 13-Thursday, May 15. The testing schedule for finals will be available soon. Each student will be given a schedule sheet with a section for parents to complete as to the afternoon choices for their students. Please complete and return these forms promptly.

Spring Program and Open House

Our Spring Program & Open House was last Thursday, April 17th! All PK-6th grade students, band students, middle school choir, and the Heritage Singers performed for an appreciative audience. There were also academic displays in the classrooms and hallways. Thank you for supporting the music department, teachers, and students.



Calendar of Events

School in session	4-21
PTF Night Out at Culver's 4:00-10:00	4-22
Formal—1/2 Day for Grades 9-12	4-25
Middle School Etiquette Dinner 6:00-8:00	4-29
PTF Meeting 6:30	5-6
Secondary Finals	5-13 to 15
Kindergarten Graduation	5-13
End of 4th Quarter	5-15
Field Day/Awards Day 1/2 day	5-16
High School Graduation 2:00 Topeka Baptist Church	5-17
Golf Tournament	5-31



Sports Calendar*

Monday, 4/21 Soccer vs. Manhattan 4:30
Tuesday, 4/22 Soccer vs. Wichita Defenders 4:30
Monday, 4/28 Soccer vs. Liberty Homeschool 4:30
Senior Night!
Tuesday, 4/29 Soccer vs. Calvary Baptist 4:30
Friday, 5/2 Soccer @ St. Joe (JH/JV) 4:30
Monday, 5/5 Soccer MCAA League Tournament in Topeka TBD

Watch for information about the Spring Sports Banquet on BAND.

***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.**

Yearbook Orders

Order your 2024-2025 yearbook now for \$65.00! You can contact the office or Mr. Fanning to place your order. The main part of the book will be delivered in May. There will be a secondary signature party when the books are delivered. The rest of the book (a supplement that will easily attach to the interior of the main book) will be available in August. It will contain some of the spring events and the end of school events. This new approach is designed to try to encourage enthusiasm to purchase books in advance and to help the seniors have a better chance to be involved in the signature party.

2024-2025 Theme: Anchored in Christ!

“Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

Philippians 4:11-13

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.



Be devoted to one another in love.
Honor one another above yourselves.
ROMANS 12:10

Coming Events

Mark your calendars so you won't miss out on these exciting events:

- ◆ **School is in session** today to make up one of our snow days.
- ◆ **The PTF Night Out at Culver's** is tomorrow from 4:00-8:00.
- ◆ **The HCS High School Formal** is this Friday. This will be a half day for grades 9-12.
- ◆ **The Middle School Etiquette Dinner** is next Tuesday, April 29, from 6:00-8:00, at HCS.
- ◆ **The last PTF Meeting** for this year will be held on Tuesday, May 6, at 6:30.
- ◆ **Secondary Finals** will be on Tuesday, May 13-Thursday, May 15.
- ◆ **Kindergarten Graduation** will be on Tuesday, May 13.
- ◆ **The 4th Quarter ends** on Thursday, May 15.
- ◆ **The Field/Awards Day** will be the morning of Friday, May 16.
- ◆ **High School Graduation** will be on Saturday, May 17, at 2:00, at Topeka Baptist Church.
- ◆ **Teacher Post-Service/Work Days** are Monday, May 19-Friday, May 23.
- ◆ **The 3rd Annual Golf Tournament** is Saturday, May 31, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at Western Hills Golf Club.

Check the **HCS website** and **future issues of the HCS newsletter** for more information as the dates get closer.

2024-2025 LUNCH PRICES:

Hot Lunch (includes milk):

PK-2nd - \$4.25

3rd-12th - \$4.50

Milk - \$ 1.00

Sides - \$1.00 and \$1.50

Salad - \$2.00

Extra Entrée - \$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.

2024-2025 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.



School Improvement Plan

The 2024-2025 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 85% of students achieving growth in Language Arts categories on the Iowa Basics yearly testing, 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, 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: Anchored in Christ. Our teachers will also continue to work toward building the technological skills of our students. Mrs. Doss's kindergarten students are working on reading with more confidence as they approach the end of the year and being ready to read daily in first grade next year. They will be reading from their readers every day. They will also be reading one-vowel word cards, two-vowel word cards, special-sound clue cards, and sight words from the wall. Mrs. Doss's and HCS's goals for reading in kindergarten include wanting our students (your children) to love reading and learning to read well, so that they are able to read their Bibles as they grow in their walk with Christ, anchored in Him.

April Character Trait

CREATIVITY

Creativity is cultivating wise thoughts, prudent words, and skillful actions to carry out God's will.

“In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works.”

Titus 2:7

“The more obstacles you have, the more opportunities there are for God to do something.”

Clarence W. Jones