



HCS News

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Mission Day Projects

Last Friday, November 8, all of the HCS students participated in our annual Missions/Service Day. They helped and encouraged various individuals and groups in our community and area. The secondary students were divided into 5 groups serving at Alpha Christian Children's Home, Topeka Rescue Mission, Harvesters, The National Guard and Air Combat Museums, and God's Storehouse. There was a total of 89 students, staff, and parent volunteers who worked for the secondary groups. The elementary students served various groups in the community and our neighborhood. Thank you to all of the parents who helped to make the day a blessing for the students and the people they served!



Physics Class Field Trip

The Physics class visited Wolf Creek Nuclear Power Plant last Wednesday. They were able to learn about the workings of the plant, tour the facility, and perform procedures to deal with a seismic event. Thank you to their host Mr. Jeremy Strahm and their sponsors for the day Mr. Nathan Tindell and Mrs. Lischke.

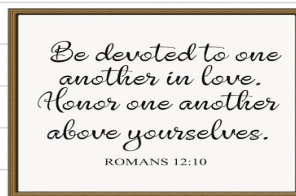


PTF News

Pastries with Parents is tomorrow in the HCS gym beginning at 7:15 A.M. Please bring juice and pastries to share. The next PTF Night Out will be at the Wannamaker Qdoba next Tuesday, November 19, from 4:00-8:00. A flyer with more information is attached to this newsletter and has been posted on the school BAND app. The annual HCS movie night will be on Saturday, December 7, beginning at 6:00 P.M., featuring the movie *UP*. Please bring a drink or snack to share with everyone. Don't forget to bring your pillows, blankets, and/or chairs! Information about the December PTF Night Out will be available soon.

Christmas Programs

The HCS music department will present two separate Christmas programs this year to try to help with the space for the family members and other guests. The elementary program will be on Thursday, December 12, beginning at 6:00. The staff and students have been working diligently on the play and the band music for their parts. The secondary program will be held on Monday, December 16, beginning at 6:00. Those students have also been practicing diligently for their parts. Come support the music department students and celebrate the birth of our Lord with your HCS family.



Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped provide donations for the Operation Shoebox project, the Alpha Christian Children's Home food pantry, and the many other ways that you support the mission of HCS. Many people volunteer at HCS as door-holders, as kitchen helpers, in the classrooms, in the library, for the music programs, with grounds and cleaning work, and in many other areas. Your service is appreciated! The shoeboxes will be taken to a distribution center within the next two weeks. If you wish to help with the shipping cost of \$10 per shoebox, please take your donation to the office this week.

Calendar of Events

Pastries with Parents 7:15 A.M.	11-12
Hearing & Vision Rechecks 10:30	11-13
PTF Night Out at Wannamaker Qdoba 4:00-8:00	11-19
Buddy Lunch for Thanksgiving Meal	11-21
Heritage Day	11-22
Thanksgiving Break-No School	11-25 to 29
Singers Caroling	12-3
PTF Movie Night 6:00	12-7
Elementary Christmas Program 6:00	12-12
Secondary Christmas Program 6:00	12-16
Secondary Finals	12-17 to 19



Sports Calendar*

Thursday-Saturday, 12/5-7
Varsity Basketball @ Shea Tournament TBA
Tuesday, 12/10 @ Blue Ridge
No JH Girls, JH Boys 4:30, Var. Girls 5:30, Var. Boys 7:00
Friday, 12/13 vs. SMCS
JH Girls 4:30, JH Boys 5:30, Var. Girls 6:30, Var. Boys 8:00
Friday, 12/20 @ Cornerstone
JH Girls 4:00, JH Boys 5:00, Var. Girls 6:00, Var. Boys 7:30
Tuesday, 1/7 vs. Faith
JH Girls 4:30, JH Boys 5:30, Var. Girls 6:30, Var. Boys 8:00

***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.**

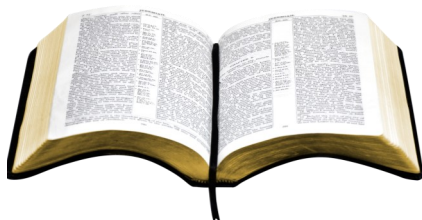
2024-2025 Theme: Anchored in Christ!

“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.



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. Current's fifth grade class has been reading excerpts from *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan. In the lesson "Vanity Fair," they read about the worldly pleasures that distract Christians on their Christian walk. They discussed the things in their lives that can become idols in place of their relationship with God. Bypass Meadow took Christian and Hopeful down a path that appeared to be easy but led them off the path to the Celestial City. As they read the lesson "Dungeon of Despair," the students found the characters faced with doubts about God's presence with them, only to be reminded that God is always with His children. As the characters in the story came closer to their destination, the things that would be stumbling blocks for them became more subtle. The students discussed discernment and how to recognize what is not good and pleasing as they learned that to be equipped to face such things, they (and we) need to be immersed in the truth of God's word.



Coming Events

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

- ◆ **PTF Pastries with Parents** is tomorrow beginning at 7:15.
- ◆ **Vision & Hearing Rechecks** are Wednesday beginning at 10:30.
- ◆ **PTF Night Out** at Wannamaker Qdoba is next Tuesday, November 19, from 4:00-8:00.
- ◆ **Heritage Day** will be on Friday, November 22. The elementary students will be presenting their projects about a prominent American.
- ◆ **No School - Professional Day and Thanksgiving Break** from Monday-Friday, November 25-29.
- ◆ **PTF Family Movie Night (UP)** is on Saturday, December 7, at 6:00.
- ◆ **Elementary Christmas Program** is Thursday, December 12, at 6:00.
- ◆ **Secondary Christmas Program** is Monday, December 16, at 6:00.

Check future issues of the **HCS News** and the **HCS website** for more details as the date for each of these events draws near.



These HCS students and staff were recently recognized for displaying the character trait of security: back: Ariel Laursen, Mrs. Laursen, Rosalise Perez; front: Emma Griffith, Eden May, Miriam Moore, and Leopold Norton.

November *Gratefulness*

Gratefulness is expressing sincere appreciation to God and others for the ways that they have benefited my life.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights.” James 1:17

“When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude.”

G.K Chesterton

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.