



Heartland Christian School

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**Year In Review
2023-2024**



Vision

The vision of Heartland Christian School is to develop graduates who are biblically grounded, academically qualified and thoroughly equipped to fulfill Christ's calling upon their lives by providing a unified team that facilitates a comprehensive program of excellence within a nurturing environment.



Mission

Heartland Christian School exists to assist parents in the training and equipping of their children to achieve the fulfillment that God intends for their lives.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jason Norbo
Heartland Christian School President

On behalf of the Heartland Christian School Board, Administration, and faculty, welcome to the first issue of the HCS Year In Review!

Over the course of the past academic year, our team has been meditating on Ephesians 4:1-3, striving together to heed Paul's exhortation to walk in a manner worthy of the high calling to which we as believers have been called. In our staff devotional times we have especially focused on humility, and have labored to foster a spirit and culture of unity at HCS this year. By God's grace, we are reaping many blessings of seeking to honor the Lord in this way!

Heartland Christian School has undeniably entered into an unprecedented time in its 28-year history, and it is my conviction that God has a remarkable plan in placing each of us in this place and at this time to accomplish His purposes. Amidst the confusion and chaos that characterizes many of the academic institutions surrounding us, parents and students alike are thirsting for a place where there is clarity, truth, and light that does not flicker with the passing winds of cultural and political change. We are deeply grateful for your partnership with us in the invaluable task of equipping young people to be anchored in the regenerative and transformative power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and urging them to walk in a manner worthy of their calling.

2023-2024 Highlights



Rebecca Geiss

Rebecca, a sophomore at HCS, won the school's first state title in one of the closest finishes in the history of the OHSAA state cross country meet. Her time of 17 minutes, 55.0 seconds is one of the best in this area's history.



Varsity Boys Basketball

The Heartland Lions advanced to the District Championship for the first time in OHSAA tournament history, coinciding with Head Coach Josh Scott's impressive 200th career victory.



Schools of Distinction

It is with great enthusiasm that we are launching our Schools of Distinction program in the 2024-2025 academic year. The program will commence with the innovative course Introduction to Career Pathways, wherein juniors and seniors will be afforded opportunities to uncover and nurture their unique talents and abilities, setting them on a path to future success and bridging academic learning with real-world application.

Mini Term Trips

Guatemala



Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Norbo took 19 students to Monjas, Jalapa, Guatemala to minister to over 100 children in an orphanage for children who have been rescued from harrowing circumstances. The team was also able to encourage house parents and teachers who serve at the children's home.

Local



Twelve students joined Mrs. Arthurs and Miss Blair as they visited a museum in Pittsburgh, rode the Inclines, dined at Station Square, and went to Top Golf.

New York City



Mrs. McCoy and Mr. Hosler took 30 students to New York City, where they visited the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, climbed the steps of the Statue of Liberty, volunteered at a Times Square church, and so much more!

Tennessee



Mrs. Morgan and Mr. Franken took 41 students to explore the Smoky Mountains, experience the Titanic, and enjoy Dollywood.

Washington, D.C.



Mrs. Lightly and Mr. Prentice took the freshman class to our nation's capital, where they visited the Museum of the Bible, the Smithsonian Museums, and took in many of the monuments along the National Mall.

Valedictorians & Salutatorians



Emily Jane Lightly

Class of 2024 Valedictorian

Emily has attended HCS since Kindergarten. She plans to attend Cedarville University to pursue a degree in Elementary Education.



McKenzie Sue Lightly

Class of 2024 Valedictorian

McKenzie has attended HCS since kindergarten. She plans to attend Cedarville University to pursue a degree in Middle Childhood Math.



Zoe Elizabeth Matthews

Class of 2024 Valedictorian

Zoe has attended HCS since 8th grade. She plans to attend Boyce College next year, where she will pursue a major in Humanities with a minor in Communications.



Makenna Jade Holloway

Class of 2024 Salutatorian

Makenna has attended HCS since 6th grade. Next year she will be training to work in ministry through the Trellis internship program in Florida, while earning her degree in Mission Driven Leadership through Indiana Wesleyan University.



Alaina Grace Shaulis

Class of 2024 Salutatorian

Alaina has attended HCS since 1st grade. Next year she plans to attend Geneva College, where she will major in Biomedical Engineering.

Alumni Spotlight

Giving Back to HCS



Joanna Bell, Class of 2017

Secondary Math Teacher

Joanna attended HCS from 5th grade through her senior year. After graduating in 2017 she attended Youngstown State University to earn a B.S. in Secondary Math Education as well as her teaching certificate.



Brooke Hosler, Class of 2020

3rd Grade Teacher

Brooke graduated from Grove City College with a degree in elementary and middle level education. She loves to sing, play piano, spend time with family and friends, and talk anything related to education or theology.



Ashley Vogel (Barron), Class of 2005

Teacher and Reading Specialist

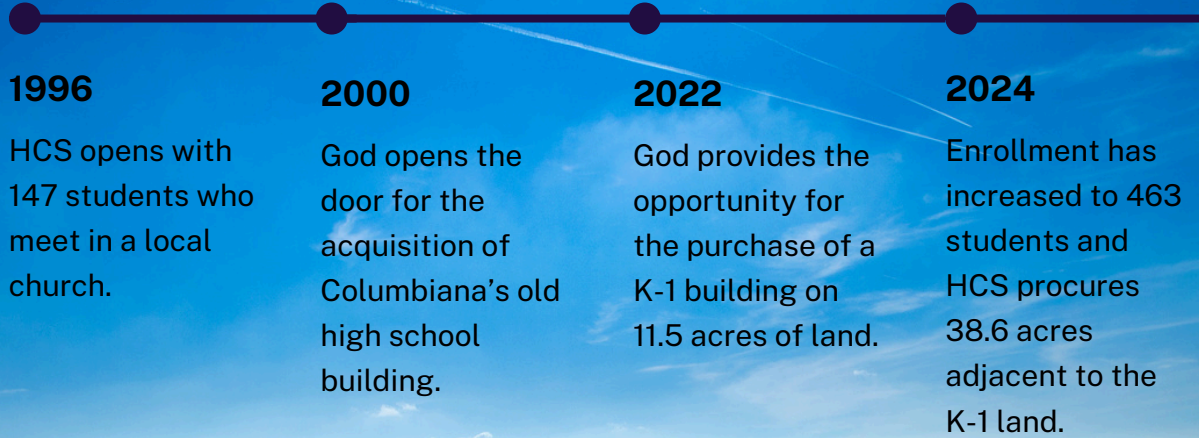
Ashley started attending HCS in 6th grade and has been a part of the school for over 25 years. She received her Bachelor of Education degree in English, Math, and Reading in 2009 from Youngstown State University. She also completed a Master's degree in English in 2013. After teaching in public schools for several years, Ashley returned to HCS as a teacher and a reading specialist in 2012. In her free time, Ashley loves traveling, reading, eating out, and spending time with her wonderful family!



“BY THE HAND OF GOD”

Heartland Christian School was **established**, is **sustained**, and is **expanding** by the hand of God.

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19



Over the course of its 28-year history, enrollment at HCS has increased by over 300%. In 2022 God continued to enlarge our territory, as He provided our K-1 campus on 11.5 acres of land on the corner of Heck Rd and State Route 7. Most recently, in April of 2024, the Lord opened the door for us to purchase 38.6 acres of land adjacent to our K-1 campus. Heartland Christian School now owns a total of 50.1 acres of land in a developing area.

Please join us in praying that God will continue to give us guidance, and for His favor to rest upon us as we earnestly endeavor to be good stewards of the resources He has given us.

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