



Heritage Christian School

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GREAT START TO THE 2026-2027 YEAR!

The year is off to a great start with our first day of school on Thursday and the Secondary Retreat on Friday beginning to learn more about how to Act Justly, Love Mercy, and Walk Humbly based on Micah 6:8. Many of the students and the teachers took pictures with the First Day of School sign in front of the school.

Friday began with students meeting their buddies and enjoying donuts together. The secondary students then went to The Woods at Wanamaker for their secondary retreat. They were lead in worship by the HCS worship team three times throughout the day. Pastor Blake Owings encouraged the students to lead like Jesus (act justly), love mercy, and walk humbly with our God as the main speaker. Pastor Patrick Garlock and Pastor Jordan Stineman each lead a breakout session for the boys and for the girls. We appreciate these three men taking the time to pour into our students and help us start the year off with Christian guidance.

The students had bonding time through family group discussions and game competitions of soccer, 9-square, and gaga ball. Some parents and all of the secondary teachers helped transport the students, prepare lunch, and keep water, juice, and Gatorade available for them throughout the day. Below are some pictures of these first two days. We look forward to continuing to grow in how to Act Justly, Love Mercy, and Walk Humbly this year.



PTF NEWS

The first PTF night out will be on Tuesday, August 25, at Chipotle on North Topeka Blvd. from 4:00-8:00. Please help support HCS by participating in this fundraiser. The first PTF meeting for this year will be held on Tuesday, September 8, in the HCS gym beginning at 6:30. The Fall Festival and other topics will be discussed. We hope to see you there.

Welcoming New Staff

HCS welcomes three new staff members this year: Mrs. Megan Perry as the morning care facilitator, Mrs. Morgan Fry as the kitchen manager, and Mrs. Joanna Cunningham as the elementary music teacher.

Fall Sports Parent Meeting

The fall sports parent meeting is this evening beginning at 5:30. This informational meeting is for both the soccer and volleyball families. Please plan to attend.

Gift Cards

Purchase gift cards from the HCS office or by ordering from the Raise Right app. Contact the office for more information.

Calendar



8-17: Fall Sports Meeting 5:30

8-20: HCS Board Meeting 7:00

8-25: PTF Night Out @ Chipotle on North Topeka Blvd. 4:00-8:00

9-7: No School-Labor Day

9-8: PTF Meeting 6:30

9-12: Fall Festival @ Shively Farms 9:00-Noon

9-17: HCS Board Meeting 7:00

9-23: See You At The Pole 7:15

9-25: ½ Day- Grandparents' Day, Program @ 10:30



Sports Calendar



Monday, 8-17: Fall Sports Parent Meeting 5:30

Tuesday, 8-18: Volleyball @ New Hope vs. New Hope & St. Joseph
JH-3:00 & 5:30, Vars.-4:00 & 6:30

Thursday, 8-20: @ Whitefield
Soccer 4:30, Volleyball JH 4:30, Vars. 5:30

Tuesday, 8-25: Soccer vs. New Hope 4:30

Friday, 8-28: @ Blue Ridge
Soccer 4:30, Volleyball-JH 4:30, Vars. 5:30

Tuesday, 9-1: vs. St. Joseph
Soccer 4:30

The Sports Calendar is subject to change. Be sure to check for texts or emails from the coaches and office, under Athletics on the Current Families page of the website, and updates on the BAND app.

2026-2027 Theme:
Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly: “He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8

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.



26-27 Theme & School Improvement Plan
The theme for this year is Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly based on Micah 6:8, “He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” The planners provided for students in grades 1-8 and offered to older students were designed around this theme. Each year HCS evaluates our School Improvement Plan to address current needs. The 2026-2027 School Improvement Plan has four goals based upon the overarching needs of our students and faculty:

1. Increase student achievement so that 90% of students are performing on grade level or above or demonstrate measurable academic growth as evidenced by the Iowa Assessments and classroom measures.
2. Challenge students to think deeply, ask meaningful questions, solve problems, and make connections through joyful, rigorous instruction.
3. Provide intentional opportunities for every student to grow in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ while living out the school theme.
4. Develop Christlike character by encouraging every student to treat others with kindness, respect, and compassion while living out Micah 6:8 each day.

Each issue of the HCS News will highlight a specific activity or project used in a classroom or for a specific age group designed to help us accomplish these goals. Additionally, each month we will focus on a particular character trait that is carefully chosen to help train our students toward becoming more Christ-like. The character trait chosen for August is Orderliness. Teachers and staff will watch for students who exhibit orderliness to award them with a “Character Caught” certificate. The names of those students will be announced in school in early September.

Our staff work hard to keep you informed about HCS through the HCS News, emails, texts, the Band app, the website, and the Family Portal. We ask that you honor the time and effort it takes to compile these communications by reading them. Please check the Family Portal often for announcements, student progress, and homework, read the classroom newsletters sent home each week by the elementary teachers, and read the HCS News. Some information will be repetitive, but there will always be something new in each issue. Be sure to check your email inbox frequently. Please let the office know as early as possible if your student will be absent, tardy, or has shown any signs of illness of which we should make other families aware. We also ask that any problems, disagreements, or disputes that may arise during the year be handled in love, with a goal of restoration in accordance with the steps in Matthew 18:15-17. This style of conflict resolution is based on a desire for holy living and love for the person who has committed wrong. Let us surrender ourselves wholly unto God that we might please and glorify Him.

2026-2027 LUNCH PRICES:
Hot Lunch (includes milk):
PK-2nd - \$4.25
3rd-12th - \$4.50
Milk - \$ 1.00
Side Cart Items - \$1.00 or \$1.50
Salad - \$2.00
Extra Entree- \$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.

2026-2027 AFTERCARE FEES:
3:30-4:00 p.m.: No Charge
4:00-5:00 p.m.: \$5.00 per family
After 5:00 p.m.: \$5.00 per child for every 5 minutes or part of a 5 minute increment.

Aftercare accounts, like lunch accounts, are set up as prepay family accounts. Charges for each family for the entire week are billed out the following Tuesday or Wednesday. Payment may be made online through the Family Portal or in the school office.



August Character Trait: Orderliness

Orderliness is keeping everything that is under our jurisdiction neat, clean, functional, and in its proper place.

“God is not the author of confusion, but of peace. . . Let all things be done decently and in order.” I Corinthians 14:33 & 40

The 2nd Law of Thermodynamics: Without intervention, things tend to go from order to disorder.