



Heritage Christian School

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 Community Blood Center

BLOOD DRIVE

Be the reason for their golden hour adventure.



Heritage Christian School
Wednesday, September 2nd
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Gym
2000 NW Clay St

Prepare to donate

-  Eat well and hydrate
-  Bring a photo ID
-  Feel good and symptom free
-  Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
-  Meet minimum weight requirements

 Sign up at savealifenow.org/group and use group code **EF3L**.

\$500 giveaway

8 lucky lifesavers will win a **\$500 gift card**.
17 spots of availability September 2nd, 2026. savealifenow.org/savealifesavers

Visit savealifenow.org/eligibility for complete donation guidelines.

877.468.6844 | savealifenow.org

Calendar



- 9-2: Blood Drive 1:00-5:00
- 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
- 9-21: Fall Pictures: Sports (team & individual) and Yearbook Individual 8:00 start
- 9-23: See You At The Pole 7:15
- 9-25: ½ Day- Grandparents' Day, Program @ 10:30
- 9-29: PTF Night Out @ North Topeka Pizza Hut Noon-10:00



Sports Calendar



- Tuesday, 9-1:
Soccer vs. St. Joseph 4:30
Volleyball vs. Flint Hills JV 4:30, Vars. 5:30
- Thursday, 9-3:
Soccer @ St. Marys 5:30
- Friday, 9-4:
vs. Shawnee Mission
Soccer (9v9) 4:30
Volleyball JH 4:30, JV 5:30, Vars. 6:30
- Tuesday, 9-8: Soccer vs. Manhattan Chief 4:30
Volleyball @ CFS vs. New Hope JH 4:30, Vars. 6:00
- Friday, 9-11:
Soccer @ St. Joseph 4:30
Volleyball vs. Flint Hills JHA 4:30, JHB 5:30

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.

Heritage Christian School Invites You to Our

Fall Festival Fundraiser

Saturday, September 12th
9am - 12pm
Shively Farms Pumpkin Patch
5840 SE Croco Rd. Berryton, KS

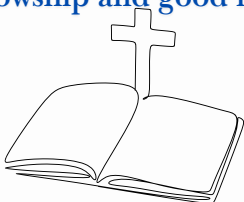
\$15/pp admission (includes lunch!)

sign up today!! 4 & under: free

corn maze zip-line slides pumpkin photo ops petting zoo	lots of games corn pit hot dog lunch Fall craft stations face painting
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PTF NEWS

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, yearbook ad sales and dedications, and other topics will be discussed. We hope to see you there. The September PTF Night Out is Tuesday, September 29, at the North Topeka Pizza Hut from Noon to 10:00. Please support this fundraising effort and enjoy fellowship and good food.



YEARBOOK NEWS

The 2026-2027 yearbooks can be ordered online through the HCS website on the Current Families Page. The ad sales and dedications sales will be discussed at the PTF meeting on Tuesday, Septmebr 8. More information will be available then and in future newsletters.

Gift Cards

Purchase gift cards from the HCS office or by ordering from the Raise Right app. Contact the office for a list of the gift cards available, to purchase gift cards in stock in the office, or for more information.



SCHOOL PICTURES

Fall pictures will be taken on Monday, September 21, beginning at 8:00. They will include volleyball & soccer team and individual pictures and individual yearbook pictures. Ordering is all online this year, so there will not be picture packets distributed to the students in advance. Students may dress up for their individual pictures. Those in volleyball & soccer will need to have their uniforms with them.

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.



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. These must be renewed each year because 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!

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.

Mrs. Doss’s kindergartners have been learning about respect and vowel sounds. One of our foundations in Christian Character is respect. This week in the classroom, we will work on showing respect by using polite words. When we use polite words like please, thank you, you’re welcome, excuse me, yes and no ma’am, yes and no sir, we are showing respect to others, and this brings glory to the Lord. This week the Kindergarten class will use rigor to get everyone engaged as they say which vowel sound they hear in the picture and then go to the corner where the vowel is posted. They are using their ears to listen for the vowel sound, their mouth to say the correct vowel, their eyes to find the correct vowel that is posted in the corner, and their body to move to the correct corner. Using all of their senses helps them to learn the material successfully.

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.



September
Character Trait:
Meekness

Meekness is yielding our rights to God so He can demonstrate His peace and power through us.

“The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek Him: your heart shall live forever.”
Psalms 22:26

“The greatness of man’s power is the measure of his surrender.”
William Booth