



Heritage Christian School

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YEARBOOK NEWS

The 2026-2027 yearbooks can be ordered online through the HCS website on the Current Families page. The cost for a yearbook is \$65. We hope to have a dedication for each student in Kindergarten, 8th grade, and 12th grade. Each dedication is ¼ page and costs \$50. You can receive a \$15 discount if you order a dedication and yearbook together by December 16, making the total cost for them only \$100. Payment for dedications, ads, and yearbooks is due when ordered and can be by cash or check, or through your FACTS account. To order a dedication, send your message and picture to Mr. Fanning at fanning1209@gmail.com. Please contact him if you have questions, want to order an ad or dedication, or want to sell ads. The deadline for ordering a dedication or an ad is February 12, 2027, but we prefer to have them before Christmas.

PICTURES

Class pictures and individual retakes will be on Monday, November 9, beginning at 8:30. ALL students must wear khaki bottoms and navy blue uniform tops that day. Those who need to have individual pictures taken may bring other clothes to change into for that picture, but must change back into the uniform clothes for the rest of the day.



Senior Parent Meeting

There is a very important meeting for seniors and their parents on Tuesday, October 20, at 4:30, in Room 14. It will include information on graduation, the senior mission trip, transcripts, senior pictures, the senior video pictures, the Fasfa form, and letters of recommendation. You will also be able to ask questions that you may have about anything pertaining to your senior's last year at Heritage. We request that each senior and at least one parent be present for this meeting.

StuCo Events

The annual StuCo bonfire will be held on Friday, October 30, from 6:30-10:00. The students in each class are asked to bring the following items: 7th grade-chips, 8th grade-marshmallows and graham crackers, 9th grade boys-hot dogs, 9th grade girls-water and soft drinks, 10th grade-condiments and napkins, 11th grade-chocolate, and 12th hot dog buns.

The soccer vs. volleyball teams volleyball matches will be this Friday, October 16, beginning at 4:30. There is a \$1.00 admission, and concessions will be available.

PTF NEWS

The October PTF Night Out is tomorrow at Red Robin. A flyer with more information is attached to this email and more are available in the office. The November Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, at Panda Express on NW 25th Street (across from Dillons) from 10:00A.M. to 9:00P.M. Please support this fundraising effort and enjoy fellowship and good food. Thank you to all who came to the Renewanation meeting.



The fall sports banquet will be held next Monday, October 19, at 6:00, in the HCS gym. All families need to provide a main dish. Families with last names beginning with A-L also need to provide a dessert. Families with last names beginning with M-Z also need to provide a side dish. This is for all of the soccer and volleyball participants and coaches and their families.



Conference Sign Up

Be sure to sign up for a conference with your students' teachers. The email with the sign-up genius form is scheduled to be sent out today. The conferences will be held next Thursday, October 22, from 8:00-noon and 1:00-6:00, and Friday, October 23, from 8:00-noon. Some teachers may have modified schedules. Please make time for these important discussions about your children that you have entrusted to us.

Calendar



- 10-13: PTF Night Out @ Red Robin
- 10-15: HCS Board Meeting 7:00
- 10-16: Vision & Hearing Rechecks
- 10-17: Clay Shoot Fundraiser
- 10-20: Preschool Field Trip
- 10-20: Senior Parent Meeting 4:30
- 10-21: K-4th Field Trip
- 10-22: Worship Team to McPherson Worship Festival
- 10-22 & 23: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10-30: Secondary Bonfire 6:30-10:00
- 11-4: Balfour at HCS to talk to Seniors and Sophomores
- 11-5: 9th-12th grades to GPACS Conference in Olathe
- 11-9: Class Pictures and Individual Picture Retakes 8:30



Sports Calendar



Friday, 10-16: Soccer vs Volleyball Teams Volleyball Matches 4:30

Monday, 10-19: Fall Sports Banquet 6:00

Be watching for information about basketball practices starting dates on the BAND app and in emails or texts from coaches.

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.

Mrs. Bussen’s first graders spent part of the first quarter learning about the character traits of love and respect as they learned to willingly and cheerfully help others. They have also been working on their *God Made Me Unique* booklets showing how God made each of us as unique individuals within His amazing creation. They have been reading the book *My Father’s Dragon* and learning map skills as they follow the adventures of the main character on the map of Wild Island included in the book. Their recent science lessons have included predicting how a person’s health would change if their heart didn’t pump efficiently. They will continue to grow in both academic and spiritual knowledge throughout the rest of the school year.

Gift Cards

You can purchase gift cards from the HCS office or by ordering from the Raise Right app. Contact Mrs. King in the office for information about the cards that we have in stock or how to order by using the app. Forms listing all of the cards available can also be picked up in the office. Check to see if there are cards available for the PTF Night Out at Red Robin tomorrow. You can check in the HCS office for physical cards or in the app for electronic cards to help increase the funds raised through any of the Night Out events.



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.



October Character Trait: Trust

Trust is knowing that God will never leave us nor forsake us, and that whatever we give to Him will become an eternal treasure.

**“The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him and I am helped.”
Psalm 28:7**

**“Anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows, but only empties today of its strength.”
C. H. Spurgeon**