



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. The ad sales and dedications sales were discussed at the PTF meeting. 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 want to sell ads. The deadline for ordering a dedication or an ad is February 12, 2027.



SCHOOL PICTURES

Families should have recently received an email from Kramer Studios with a code and ordering instructions for the fall picture packets. Some 1st and 2nd graders and the fall sports families will receive their emails later this week. We hope that this process works well for our HCS family.



STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL™

HCS students and staff have been working on the annual training for the standard response protocol by the "I Love U Guys" Foundation. This training is used for preparing our students and staff to respond as quickly and appropriately as possible to various types of emergency situations. The 4th through 12th grades watched a video and discussed the protocol for each situation and will review the processes in other classes during the next two weeks. The K3 through 3rd grades began their age appropriate lessons and book on the 14th. They will continue to work through the lessons this week and next week. There will be a school-wide lockdown drill sometime during the week of October 12 or 19, and the office will send a text message to all families when the drill is complete. Please discuss the drill with your students that day so that they can express concerns and feelings and visit the website at iloveuguy.org for more information.

PTF NEWS

The September PTF Night Out is tomorrow at the North Topeka Pizza Hut from Noon to 10:00. Flyers with the HCS code were sent home with the elementary students last week and are available in the office. You need to let the Pizza Hut staff know that you are supporting Heritage before you order if ordering in the restaurant or by phone and use the code TY if ordering online. Please support this fundraising effort and enjoy fellowship and good food, then come to the Renewation meeting in the gym. The October Night Out is on Tuesday, October 13, at Red Robin. The November Night Out is on Tuesday, November 17, at the Panda Express on NW 25th Street (across from Dillons).

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.

Renewation Meeting

The informational meeting about the upcoming federal tax credit opportunity for donations to non-profit organizations is tomorrow evening at 6:00 in the gym. A representative from Renewation will be here to make the presentation and answer questions. The donations can start being made in January, and you will be able to receive a tax credit on your 2027 taxes. Please plan to attend this important meeting about helping families get scholarship money toward tuition and you get a tax credit for your donation.



Calendar



9-29: PTF Night Out @ North Topeka Pizza Hut Noon-10:00

9-29: Renewation Meeting about the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship Program 6:00

10-1: Vision & Hearing Screenings

10-3: Family Breakfast & Work Day 8:00-11:00

10-5 - 10-12: Book Fair

10-8: End of 1st Quarter

10-9: No School - Teacher Work Day

10-13: PTF Night Out at Red Robin



Sports Calendar



Tuesday, 9-29 Soccer @ New Hope 4:30

Thursday, 10-1 Soccer @ Manhattan Chief 4:30

Friday, 10-2 Volleyball vs. Cornerstone: JH 4:30, JV 5:30, Vars. 6:30

Saturday, 10-3 JV Volleyball Tournament in Kansas City

Tuesday, 10-6 Volleyball vs. St. Xavier JH 4:30, Vars. 5:30

Thursday, 10-8 & Friday, 10-9 MCAA League Volleyball Tournament @ HOA

Thurs. 10-8 - Sat. 10-10 MCAA League Soccer Tournament @ Compass

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.

Miss Fiero’s third graders have been learning how to read a thermometer, reviewing their multiplication facts tables, and studying about how diamonds are mined in Africa. They discovered how thermometers work and why it is important to know the temperature. They put their knowledge to use by reading a thermometer to find the actual temperature of their classroom. They have been doing timed drills for their multiplication facts and worked toward being able to complete the 30 problems in only 1 minute! They watched a short video of different methods used to mine diamonds and read about each step in the processes in their textbook. They also recalled a time when they sifted rocks on a previous field trip, mimicking the type of work that miners do with diamonds.



September Character Trait

Meekness

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

Psalm 22:26

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

William Booth



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

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.