

# Herald



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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, MR. BRIAN KUIPER

### "PREPARATION"

Most of us have heard the phrase "Failing to prepare is preparing to fail." This simple and short phrase lends great wisdom to the child of God as he walks his earthly pilgrimage. Whether preparing for worship, a day at work or home, or a week of vacation, success always depends upon the quality of preparation that has gone into the endeavor. As we prepare for a new school year, let's consider the necessary characteristics of preparation.

In the introduction, I intentionally referred to preparation leading to success. This will be true only when the preparation begins, continues, and ends in **prayer** - seeking God's will and His blessing on our endeavors. When we pray, "Thy will be done", we fully submit ourselves to the council and will of God, knowing that whatever happens it is the hand of God leading and guiding in our lives. As teachers we begin the day in personal prayer for God's blessing on the school day and on the children. We continue with public prayer when the students are in the room and ready to begin the day of learning. As parents we pray early and often with our children that they will seek out God's will and plan in their lives, that they will honor and respect authority, and that they will walk a Godly life. By faith we believe the word that teaches us, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much (James 5:16).

Naturally, preparation requires intentional and careful **thought**. Different experiences require varying levels of intentional thought. Experienced mothers put less intentional thought into some of the daily tasks than do brand new mothers. Experienced campers can plan and pack much more efficiently than a rookie camper. This is also true of experienced teachers. Less intentional thought might occur when things become more learned and automatic. Yet, the truth is good thought needs to go into all of our planning so that we are prepared for whatever lies ahead in our daily walk. Following the very familiar command of the apostle to "Think on these things" we read, "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you" (Philippians 4:8-9). Careful thought will lead to informed action.

Many times preparation is enhanced when there is **collaboration**. Those who have experience lend so much wisdom to our planning. When parents talk about school, raising teen-agers, how to address troubles in their child's life, or what store to buy appropriate clothing at, we all become more prepared and planning becomes easier. When teachers discuss the best way to teach a certain topic, how to help the child who has trouble attending to the lesson, or how to best help the child who has trouble attending to the lesson, or how to best



reach the heart of a troubled student, our preparation and planning becomes more effective. As we plan together, may God bless our endeavors.

I am excited for the start of a new school year! I hope you share in that excitement. I know it will be successful because of the prayer, thought, and collaboration that has gone into the school year. I

also know it will be successful because God tells us so. "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever" (Psalm 23:5-6). When He prepares our way, it is good!

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT ~ MR. JARED DYKSTRA**

As we start another school year, the Finance Committee has reviewed the tuition from the past year. As a committee, we have been reminded again of the commitment that each family at Heritage makes when they promise to see to it that their children are instructed in the truths of the Scriptures. They are not only making a commitment to the time and effort it takes to instruct these children, but to the great financial burden which tuition places on each of them. The financial sacrifice that is made by the families that support HCS is not unnoticed and the Finance Committee along with the rest of the Board would like to thank all of these families.

The 2016-2017 school year ended under budget by \$113,560. For this we are truly grateful. As we continue to get to know our building, Todd is always looking for new ways to save on supplies, time and other ways to be more efficient!

In April, the Society approved a budget for the school. The budgeted expense for the upcoming

school year is \$2,574,075 with tuition accounting for just over \$2,090,000 of these expenses. The remaining funds must come from drives, church collections, fundraisers, the HCS Foundation, and other gifts. The new budget has a Fall drive of \$152,500, and a Spring drive of \$152,500. In this past year we fell short of our spring drive, however it was also a year in which the Fundraisers had the school auction, raising over \$76,000 in funds for the school!!

The Finance Committee would like to especially thank those who do not have children at HCS, but who willingly give at the time of the drives and to the collections. Without the success of these drives, fundraisers, and collections, the tuition for each family would be much higher. We ask for your continued support for the coming school year and that you continue to give as God has blessed you.

### **ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE REPORT ~ MR. BOB DRNEK**

The Enrollment Committee met this past June with each of the new families that will be sending their children to Heritage for the first time. During these meetings with each family we went over our mission statement, our basis of beliefs and had the opportunity to explain how the school operates on a daily basis. The meeting also allowed us to answer questions from the parents who might be a little anxious sending their child off to school for the first time.

This year's Enrollment Committee interviewed and welcomed, with the School Board's approval, 17 new families. The make-up of these 17 families is: 7 boys and 10 girls, with 15 of them entering Kindergarten, one entering 6th and one entering 7th grade.

Introductions for many of the new families follow. Please take the time to welcome and encourage them as they begin their journey at Heritage Christian School.

#### **NEW FAMILIES**

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Bill and Amanda Booth          | Grandville PRC     |
| Michael and Leah Booth         | Hudsonville PRC    |
| Eric and Tricia Bouma          | Georgetown PRC     |
| James and Meri Beth DeZwarte   | First PRC, Holland |
| Jeremy and Jill Essenburg      | Trinity PRC        |
| David and Elizabeth Faber      | Hudsonville PRC    |
| Shawn and Lynne Kamminga       | Faith PRC          |
| Clint and Katie Karsemeyer     | Trinity PRC        |
| Jason and Julie Koll           | Providence PRC     |
| Benjamin and Kelly Noordermeer | Zion PRC           |

Tom and Abigail Pastoor  
Ben and Brenda Rau  
Rick and Shawna VanBaren  
Jeffrey and Evelyn VanOverloop  
David and Abigail VanTil  
David and Michelle Veldman  
Matthew and Elizabeth Warren

Zion PRC  
Faith PRC  
Hope PRC  
Grandville PRC  
Hudsonville PRC  
Hudsonville PRC  
Georgetown PRC

## NEW FAMILY INTRODUCTIONS

### **Makayla Booth's family**

Hello we are the Booths. My husband's name is Bill and I am Amanda. We have been married almost 7 years now. We have 3 beautiful children – Makayla (5 years), Hailey (3 1/2 years), and William (1 1/2 years - aka baby Bill). We live in Jenison and are members at Grandville PRC.

My husband Bill owns his own business installing flooring. He has been very busy and works hard. I stay home with the 3 kids and that keeps me busy. In our spare time we enjoy doing family things with our jeep, going to car shows and camping.

Makayla is beyond excited to start kindergarten. She is very social and likes playing with other kids. Hailey will be starting preschool next year and she is excited about that as well. Baby Bill loves to play with his sisters and trucks.

We are excited for this new chapter in our lives as our children start school. We pray for God's guidance we we raise our children in the fear of His name.

### **Adelynn Booth's family**

Hello, we are Mike and Leah Booth. Our oldest daughter, Adelynn, is 5 and excited to be in kindergarten this fall. We have two other daughters, Elsie (3 ½) and Emma (8 months). We live in Hudsonville and are members of Hudsonville PRC. Mike works for Superior Groundcover. We enjoy camping and spending time with friends and family. We look forward to beginning our children's years of Christian education at Heritage.

### **Shania Bouma's family**

My name is Shania Kate Bouma and I am thirteen years old. I will be in 6<sup>th</sup> grade this fall. I was adopted into my family about 8 months ago. I live with my family in Grandville and we are members of Byron Center Protestant Reformed Church. My parents' names are Eric & Tricia Bouma. My dad is a self-employed finish carpenter and my mom keeps busy at home and managing the candy/ice cream store at the Conference Grounds. My siblings and I all work at the Conference Grounds as well and I love helping my mom pick out the candy to sell in the store.

I have 4 sisters and 2 brothers. My oldest sister Madalyn just turned 17 and will be a senior at Covenant Christian this year. My next sister Mariah was adopted a year before I was. She is 16 and will be a sophomore at Covenant. My oldest brother Austin is 15 and also a sophomore at Covenant. My younger sister Anna is 12 and entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Adams Christian. My little brother Jaxon is almost 11 and will be in 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Adams. My youngest sister Sarah is 9 and is living in a foster home in Kentucky while waiting for a family to adopt her. I enjoy weekly phone calls with her.

As a family we enjoy serving fellow Christians while living at The Conference Grounds all summer. If you come out to the lake on the weekends, please say hi to me while I am washing dinner trays. During the other seasons we enjoy going to sporting events. I like to watch my siblings play sports. My favorite team to watch is Covenant's boys basketball teams. I am excited to make new friends at Heritage this school year.

### **Brittany De Zwarte's family**

Hi! My name is Brittany Leanne De Zwarte, and I am 5 1/2 years old! My parents are James and Meri. I have a little sister named Anna, who is 3, and a little brother named Nicholas, who is 6 months. We live near Hamilton, and we go to Holland PRC. My dad works as a fuel truck driver at Merle Boes. My mom keeps busy taking care of us, and she also answers the phone for my Grandpa Zandstra's carpet cleaning business. I love to read books and I have a big imagination! Our favorite thing to do is visit our Grandpa and Grandma D in Iowa. I am so excited to start Kindergarten this fall, and I can't wait to make new friends and learn a lot!

### **Miles Faber's family**

Dave and Elisabeth Faber live in Hudsonville with their 3 children - Miles (5), Tessa (3), and Graham (8 mths) - and attend Hudsonville PRC. Dave works for Lafarge-Holcim in Kalamazoo in quality control. Elisabeth stays at home and occasionally works as a dietitian at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. As a family, we enjoy the beach, hiking and camping.

### **Ian Kamminga's family**

Hello, we are the Kamminga family. We live in Jenison and are members of Faith PR Church. Shawn works for Speed Tech Equipment, while Lynnae is a stay at home mom. Our oldest son, Ian is looking forward to starting kindergarten very soon! His 4 yr old sister Isla would also love to go along, but her turn will come next year, Lord willing. Raelynn and Dena, our 1 yr old twin girls also keep Lynnae busy at home. We are looking forward to meeting more families as we get involved with Heritage.

### **Dylan Karsemeyer's family**

We are Clint and Katie Karsemeyer. Clint graduated from Heritage in 1995 and I graduated from Hope in 1996. Clint is co-owner of Pinnacle Heating and Cooling, and I am the owner of Elizabeth Brooke Salon and stay home with our girls. Our oldest daughter, Dylan is starting kindergarten this year. Our youngest daughter is Skyler who is 22 months old. We are also members of Trinity PRC.

As a family, we love to be outside. Dylan is very social and athletic. She has been the princess of our house but quickly took her role on as a helpful and amazing big sister to Skyler.

We are very excited to start this new journey!

### **Joshua Koll's family**

We are Jason and Julie Koll. We go to Providence PRC. We have two boys. Joshua is six and excited to enter kindergarten at Heritage. Jordan is four and will follow next year.

### **Lucas Noordermeer's family**

Hi! We are the Noordermeer Family! Our family includes Benj, Kelly, and three energetic sons: Lucas (5yrs), Evan (3yrs), and Brock (1yr). We are getting excited for another school year to start and it is often discussed at our house that it is finally THIS month! Preschool ended so "long ago" according to Lucas. We may be sending our oldest to Kindergarten but we are not necessarily 'new' to Heritage. Kelly went to Heritage K-9th and we currently are meeting at Heritage as Zion PR members. Prior to Zion, we were members at Faith PRC. It's encouraging to see some of the same teachers that Kelly had at Heritage. What dedication these teachers have to educate our children year after year! Many may not know Benj since he is from Canada. He was born and raised just outside of London, Ontario. Benj has two sisters and a brother. Two siblings live in the States and one sister lives in London, Ontario. Benj works full-time at Koops Inc in Holland and Kelly is a RN and works occasionally at Christian Rest Home in Grand Rapids. As a family we enjoy swimming, playing

soccer, boating, and eating ice cream. We pray for God's blessings on this 2017-2018 school year and for all the teachers, staff, board, and students.

### **Ellia Rau's family**

We live in the Wyoming/Grandville area and have been blessed with four children over our seven years of marriage. Ben works at Amway in the IT department and is currently a deacon at Faith PRC, where we've attended since getting married. I stay at home with our busy family.

Our oldest, Ellia, is five and excited for her first year of school. She is mom's little helper and will be missed during the day by her mom and siblings! She loves to play outside and keep all of her brothers in line. After Ellia we had identical twins Layton and Ryder who are now three years old. They keep us entertained full-time, but are definitely double trouble! After the twins we were blessed with another son, Anderson, who is now 18 months. He is a busy little guy and tries his best to keep up with his siblings.

As a family we enjoy anything outdoors (family bike rides, camping, beach days) as well as hanging out with family and friends. We are excited for this new chapter in our family life to begin and are very thankful for the opportunity to send our children to a Christian school with Christ-centered teachers and staff.

### **Toby VanBaren's family**

We would like to take a couple minutes of your time and introduce our family to you. We are the VanBarens.....Rick, Shawna, Russell, Toby, Nathan and Richard.

This year, our son Toby, who is in 7th grade, will be coming to Heritage, for which we (as well as him) are pretty excited!

He, along with our other 4 children, went to Hope School throughout their grade school years. Toby is needing a bit of extra help this year, help that we feel Heritage is able to provide for him at this time, and for which we are very thankful.

We as a family also belong to Hope PRC, and are thankful for our church family as well.

Our family enjoys a lot of outdoor activities together. We have done a fair amount of camping in the past, most of which has been done out of state in Colorado, and some in Kentucky. We love it in Colorado, and also have some family out there.

We really like taking day trips to places nearby such as Gun Lake, to do some hiking, swimming, and fishing. Rick, Toby and Russell especially enjoy the fishing part!

I am a stay at home mom, and am thankful to have been able to do this for all the years we have had

children. Our children are 18, 17, 13, and 12. Rick works at Royal Technologies, and has been there for about 15 years now and enjoys his work.

I love to walk, ride bike, hike and almost any other outdoor thing! Rick enjoys these too, but will tell you very quickly that fishing is by far his favorite activity!

Anyway, thanks for taking time to read a little about our family!

We are nervous and also excited to get to know many new people as Toby starts his year at Heritage. Please keep us as a family in your prayers if you would, as adjusting to a completely new school is quite an adjustment for all of us!

#### **Cayden VanTil's family**

Dave works at Premier Granite & Stone as the production manager and Abby is a stay at home mom. We have 3 boys, Cayden who is almost 6 and will be going into kindergarten this fall, Zac who is

almost 4, and Emmett who will turn 1 in October. We go to Hudsonville PRC and also live in Hudsonville. We enjoy hunting, fishing, and playing softball, and also relaxing at the family cottage in the summer. We look forward to joining the Heritage family and thank God for this gift of Christ-centered education.

#### **Brooklyn Warren's family**

Hi my name is Brooklyn I am 6 years old. I have 1 little sister who is 3, her name is Madison. My daddy's name is Matt and he works at Zeeland Farm Service and my mommy's name is Liz and she works at Legends Design Salon as a receptionist 2 days a week. I had a fun summer camping and swimming. I can't wait to start kindergarten!

### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT ~ MR. BOB CAMMENGA**

The Transportation Committee was very pleased with how 2016-17 went for our busing. There are approximately 125 stops our buses make in order to transport some students to and from their homes. This does not include the many other vehicles that bring the rest of our children to and from their homes. Many prayers go up to God each day for traveling mercies, and once again God has been merciful to us this past year and has answered our prayers, and for that we give Him our thanks. We can also report there were no significant unexpected costs related to transportation this past season.

A big thank-you to our transportation supervisor, DaVonna Holstege, and all our other drivers for the safe, conscientious, and faithful work they perform each day for us. Our drivers start early each morning to warm up the buses, and after their safety checks they have to maneuver their buses down all types of roads and through the storms, all to their destinations with 50 energetic children on board. They drove about 56,000 miles this past year with no accidents. They are committed to staying up on current laws and safety information. DaVonna attends supervisor classes annually and our drivers also attend bus safety classes regularly. We also report that all the buses have passed the state inspection. Much extra effort falls on DaVonna to get these scheduled and completed successfully every year. As of this writing the routes for the 2017-18 season are being completed.

Although thankfully there were no significant behavior issues last season, there were several occasions of general rowdiness that needed to be addressed. Our drivers need to have their full

attention on the road, making it very difficult and even a safety concern to watch and address behavior concerns as they happen. Please take the time to remind your children to obey the rules and respect the authority of the drivers, as well as insure they are ready at their stops on time. If we all pay attention to these items it will promote a safe, efficient, and pleasant commute for everyone. If you do have concerns about behavior please contact the driver to discuss this. If the concerns do not get resolved, please contact DaVonna and/or a member of the Transportation Committee.

We can report the purchase of a new bus this year to replace our oldest bus. Our school society sets aside money in the budget each year to allow a bus purchase every 3 years in order to keep the fleet at an acceptable age and condition. This year a gasoline bus was purchased and we are excited to see how it performs. There have been very positive reviews from schools that have used these already and there is a significant reduction in service/maintenance costs. If you want to check it out, look for bus #15!

Finally, a special word of thanks is in order to Doug Kooienga for his many years of faithful and safe driving of our children. We wish Doug the best in his retirement that he will now enjoy. Our current driver pool will be able to cover for Doug's route with some adjustments to the number of days they drive.

Continue to pray for wisdom and safety for our drivers and children. Thanks to every one of you for all of your support.

## BUSING INFORMATION

**Bus routes will be emailed out as soon as they are completed. If you signed up for the bus and you do not get an email next week, please call either Sharon Kraker (669-1773) or DaVonna Holstege (896-8781).**

Those who are planning to ride Heritage buses, please read the following information: 1) Parents are asked to have their children at the bus stop 5 minutes before their scheduled time. *At times students wait in cars at the bus stop. Please make sure your kids are out of the car and ready to board the bus before it stops instead of waiting until the*

*bus is stopped to exit your cars.* Time is vital to keeping the bus routes on schedule. 2) The Holland bus students will be picked up in the bus driveway at approximately 3:03 in the afternoon. 3) The first family on each HCS bus route will be notified when the bus will not run, or will be late due to bad weather or a breakdown. It is important that each family then call the next family on the list. **If the next family in line cannot be reached in person, please leave a message, then call the following family on the route so that the calls will continue through to the last person on the list.** Don't stop calling until you speak to a live person, please!

### BUS RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD

1. Instruct your children what they should do if you are not at home when they get dropped off the bus. Tell them about a spare key, a neighbor to go to or the like.
2. No eating or drinking on the buses.
3. Noise must be kept to a minimum and children must remain seated during the running of the bus.
4. If windows are open, nothing may be thrown out, and no part of the body extended out windows.
5. Anyone destroying bus property will be responsible for repairs.
6. Proper, Godly behavior is the utmost importance and must always be emphasized to our children. We must remember that if students misbehave and distract the driver, they endanger everyone on the bus.

#### Public Bus Riders

Hudsonville Transportation will be mailing out post cards with bus routes this year. This will probably happen the week of the fair. If you don't see a postcard by Friday, August 25, please email or call school. If no one answers, we will be there on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup>.  
([receptionist@hchr.org](mailto:receptionist@hchr.org), [businessoffice@hchr.org](mailto:businessoffice@hchr.org), or 669-1773)

**Attention students planning to ride the bus to Covenant Christian High School: WE NEED YOUR FORMS ASAP – no later than August 18!!!!** Please be ready to board the bus in the

circle drive of Heritage **BY 7:47 AM**. At the conclusion of the school day, the bus will arrive back at Heritage at approximately 3:03 PM.

If you have not signed up for the shuttle bus, but are interested, please call Sharon Kraker at Heritage (616-669-1773) or email her ([businessoffice@hchr.org](mailto:businessoffice@hchr.org)).

The cost for the year is \$500; the lack of worry on snowy mornings is priceless!

### Heritage Chr. Bell Schedule

7:52	First Bell
8:00	Tardy Bell; Junior High Devotions
11:30	Lunch begins
12:10	End of Lunch
2:31	School Ends
2:38	Heritage Buses Leave

Please remember to continue to be courteous to all the neighbors around our campus!

We remind you that at no time is school traffic allowed to use the driveways of the apartment buildings to the north of school!  
*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Matt. 5:16)*

## HERITAGE CHRISTIAN STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

The dress code policy of Heritage Christian School follows. Please review it in order to answer any questions which you may have regarding appropriate dress for school days.

*The parents have the primary responsibility for the clothing their children wear to school. We are confident that parents desire to exercise proper judgment in this regard. Because there are occasions when the school and the parents may differ on what is proper and appropriate clothing, Heritage Christian School reserves the right to decide on what is proper and fitting for school wear in accordance with Heritage Christian School policy.*

*For all the students in grades 6-8, clothing must be modest, and clean. While young children may wear sleeveless blouses or shirts, all students in grades 6-8 will wear blouses or shirts with sleeves. Top garments must be shoulder covering, i.e. no tank tops or straps over the shoulder; bottom garments must be at least mid-thigh length. Bare midriffs and backs, low necklines, and exposed undergarments*

*are not acceptable in any position, i.e. reaching down, stretching, etc. All clothing which is made of sheer material, or which is suggestive, offensive, or advertises alcohol, tobacco, or other "inappropriate-for-school" messages, is prohibited. Hats are not to be worn in school except on specified days; footwear is to be worn at all times during the school day. No forms of sandals may be worn for indoor or outdoor gym classes or for intramurals, due to practical and safety concerns.*

*At any time during the school year, the principal, in consultation with the staff, may prohibit any grooming practice, article of clothing, accessories, emblems and logos, if they are deemed to be a safety concern or a distraction.*

*Students who choose to violate this policy may be asked to change their clothing or be held out of class. Parents will be notified by the classroom teacher if there is a lack of cooperation on the part of the students.*

## PEER TO PEER WALK 2017

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Peer to Peer Walk will be September 23 at Millennium Park. This is an awareness walk that highlights the work of the Protestant Reformed Special Education Society and the valuable contribution it makes in the education of our students with special needs. As parents of children with special needs we are so thankful that our children are able to learn about God in every area of education and are truly part of the covenant community of our schools. It is such a blessing to see the interaction of our children's peers - communicating, helping, laughing and even learning many life lessons with our children. Our children love their schools, classmates, teachers, support staff, bus drivers, and office secretaries.

The Peer to Peer walk is a free event for the family. The morning begins at 9:30 with donuts, coffee and hot chocolate. There will be games and activities for the kids to enjoy along with the many fun playground areas. The walk begins around 10 am. This is a short awareness walk on the paved trails around the beautiful grounds of Millennium Park. A time of fellowship and activities continue after the walk.

There is no cost to come but we would like you to register online at [peertopeerwalk.com](http://peertopeerwalk.com) so that we can have an idea of how many people are coming.

There is also information for volunteers (face painting, games, balloons, registration, etc....) on the website. We also appreciate any donations or sponsors to help offset the cost of hosting this event. Any funds raised in excess of our costs will be donated to the PR Special Education Society. If you have any questions please contact us at [info@peertopeerwalk.com](mailto:info@peertopeerwalk.com).

This year we will also be selling a new red color T-shirt. You do not need a T-shirt to participate in the walk. However, we encourage everybody to wear the Peer to Peer T-shirts from previous years or the new red ones (2017) to show our unity and support at this event. You can pre-order the new 2017 T-shirts on line at [peertopeerwalk.com](http://peertopeerwalk.com). The T-shirts will be \$10 for an individual or \$40 maximum for a family. After you order the T-shirts you can pick them up and pay for them at the walk.

Thank you to all the families, individuals, teachers, support staff, fellow church members, and friends who come out and enjoy this special day with us. We are humbled by the support of so many members of the body of Christ who encourage us in our "walk" not just on September 23, but every day.

Our summer roofing project is completed, at a cost of \$18,419.84 –  
under budget by \$22,000!! It was paid for from "fund the need."  
Thank you so much for your support, and the ability to learn with dry heads!

# Heritage Christian School Fundraisers

## Annual Treasurer's Report

### July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

**Beginning cash balance @ 7/1/16 \$55,149.04**

#### PROJECT PROFITS

Auction(Incl "Fund the Need")	\$76,828.92
Box Tops	\$1,529.40
Clothing Sales	\$5,206.80
Cookbooks	\$45.00
Fall Family Supper	\$2,676.10
Grandparent Day Donation	\$20.00
Hudsonville Fair Resturant	\$60,000.00
Heritage TRIP	\$9,702.18
Interest	\$66.39
Key Card Sales	\$2,000.00
Meijer Community Rewards	\$814.52
PTA Account Funds	\$95.10
RBO - Precious Jewels	\$277.50
The Farbers	\$12.00
Wee Sing Glory CD Sales	\$8.00
Window Sticker Sales	\$40.00
	\$159,321.91

#### PROJECTS FUNDED

Band/Art Teacher Allowance 2017-18	\$150.00
Discovery Center Allowance 2017-18	\$750.00
Edu. Support Kurzweil Program	\$2,560.00
Fall Family Supper	\$536.08
Field Day	\$682.24
Garage Sale Sign Cart	\$1,000.00
Gift for Hudsonville PRC Janitor	\$50.00
Gift for Nursery Attendant	\$50.00
Gift for Admin/Teachers (Birthdays)	\$1,150.00
Gift for Secretary's Day	\$50.00
Grandparent's Day	\$878.37
Heritage Board Request	\$60,000.00
Heritage Board ADD'L Request	\$30,000.00
Heritage Board "Fund the Need" Paid	\$22,405.00
Heritage Library Fund	\$2,500.00
Heritage Sports Fund	\$300.00
Key Cards	\$1,000.00
Kindergaten Program	\$58.90
Kindergarten Roundup	\$216.35
Mini Olympics	\$277.74
New Tables and Carts	\$6,500.00
New Teacher Allowance 2017-18	\$650.00
Postage	\$9.40
Precious Jewels Recording Supplies	\$106.22
PRTI Meeting (GFS Food)	\$92.92
Teacher Allowances 2017-18	\$7,700.00
Teacher Appreciation Week	\$292.36
Teacher/Staff Year End Luncheon	\$542.76

\$140,508.34

**Ending cash balance @ 6/30/17 \$73,962.61**

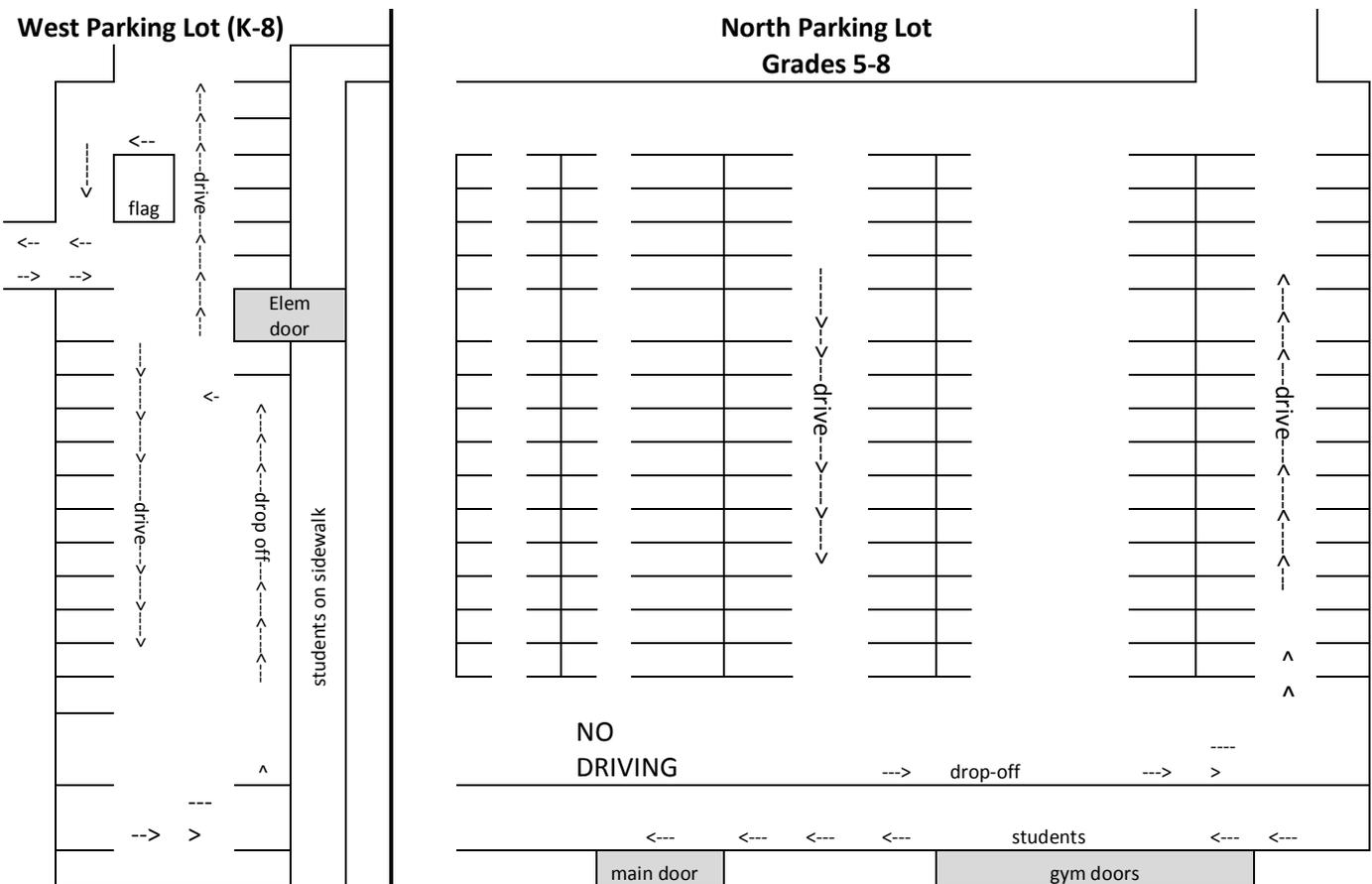
Tracy Dykstra, Treasurer

## Beginning of the year information:

- School starts on **TUESDAY, August 29 at 7:52 AM**. We will see you then, D.V.
- **There WILL be public school busing on the first day!**
- On the first morning of school, all staff will be outside to assist students to the correct doors.
- Parents who drop off and pick up children – **we have new procedures for morning and afternoon!** Please read the following notes carefully so that you fully understand the procedures for drivers in the school parking lot. If you are reading this but your spouse drops off the children, **PLEASE** make sure that they read it or read it to them!! THANKS!

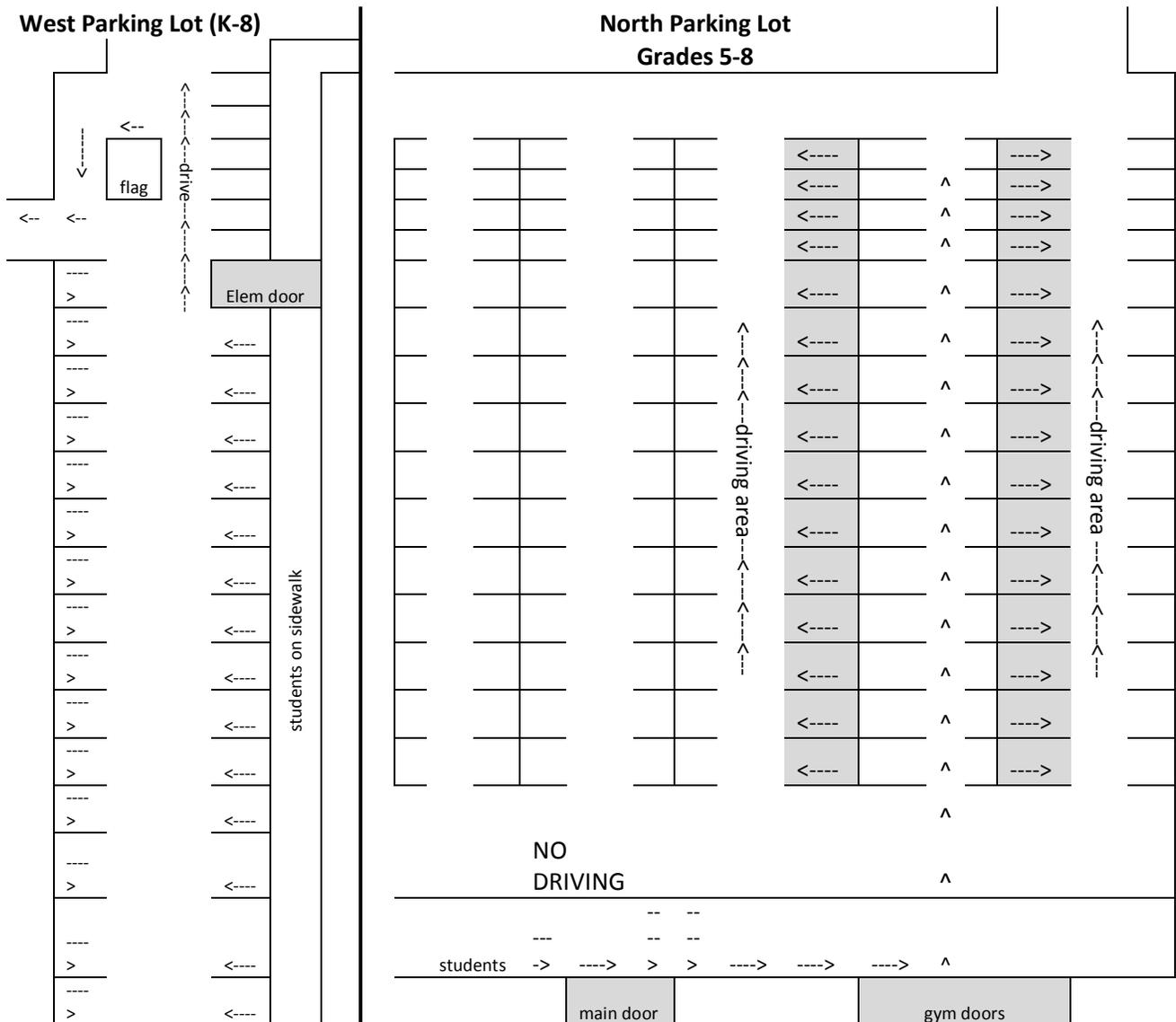
### **THIS IS NEW Morning Procedure:**

- **If you have students in K-8, use WEST** parking lot – Drive south, make a U-turn, & pull ahead as far as possible and drop off ALL students. (see diagram below).
- **IF you have students ONLY in 5-8, use NORTH** parking lot – Enter the 3<sup>rd</sup> (center) driving lane and pull up to the sidewalk in front of the gym entrance (see diagram below).
- **BOTH LOTS:** Have your children quickly exit your vehicle on the **passenger side** and go directly to the sidewalk. Your children can then walk on the sidewalk to their designated door. You **DO NOT** have to wait to be first in line to let your children exit your vehicle, but you do need to be by the sidewalk. You will then exit the parking lot either through the west drive to Balsam or through the north drive to Port Sheldon.
- If you have business in school, first drop off your students and then park in one of the parking spots in the north parking lot (by the main doors).
- **DO NOT PARK** in the **WEST** parking lot before 8:15.
- **DO NOT ENTER** the bus drive at any time.



## **THIS IS NEW Afternoon Procedure:**

- **For families with students in K-8:** Please back into a marked spot on either side of the **WEST** parking lot. School personnel will help children cross and find rides.
- **If you ONLY have students in 5-8:** Please pull into a parking spot on the east side of the **NORTH** parking lot facing out (see diagram). After 2:30, there will be no driving in the open area between as this will be the walking area. Students will approach cars from the rear and once you have your students, you can exit by using the outside driving lanes. If you arrive later than 2:30, please **DO NOT** drive in the student walking area. You will need to back into a spot when you can safely do so.
- **If you only pick up occasionally,** i.e. if there is no public busing, please use the **NORTH** parking lot. If all spots in the designated area are taken, back into a spot on the far east leaving enough room for students to walk behind your car. **NO** students may walk in the designated driving area.
- Students who are walking to the car in either lot are instructed to walk **ONLY** on the sidewalk or a designated area in or around the parking lot. If they need to cross the parking lot, they may cross when the monitor tells them it is safe to cross.
- Parents are asked to show by example and only use the crosswalk and the sidewalk.



## ***Other general information:***

- Students are not to take I-Pods, MP3 players, or any other listening devices to school. Cell phone use and display by students is also not permitted during school hours.
- Immunization Records are required for all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade, all kindergarteners and all students new to Heritage. Kindergarten health appraisal forms and vision screening certificates are due in the office by the first day of school, August 29. You may drop them off, mail or fax (616-669-4257) them to the office. Any questions, please call Vicki (669-1773). Thanks!
- Parents: If you or some of your child's relatives would like to receive the weekly memo by e-mail every Wednesday, please send the e-mail address to Karen at [receptionist@hchr.org](mailto:receptionist@hchr.org) and she will add you to the list.
- Volunteer scheduling will take place later in September. Thank you to those of you who signed up to volunteer! Wilma will be attempting to match your offers of help to the requests of the teachers. There are many requests for assistance; if you didn't sign up yet and you (or your child's grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) would be willing to help, please call her in the office (669-1773).
- The staff of Heritage Christian School would like to thank all the Board members, Fundraisers, volunteers, bus drivers, and anyone else who has a part in making the schools run so smoothly. We look forward to another year of working together!

## **Kindergarten Parents, please take note!**

The schedule for the first two weeks of school will be as follows:

- Tuesday, August 29 - Elephant class will have a half day 7:52-11:30 AM, with a parent meeting in the classroom at 11:30 AM
- Wednesday, August 30 - Giraffe and Zebra classes will have a half day 7:52-11:30 AM, with a parent meeting in the classroom at 11:30 AM
- Thursday, August 31 - Elephant class will have a half day 7:52-11:30 AM
- Friday, September 1 – Monday, September 4 Labor Day break - no school
- Tuesday, September 5 Elephant class (full day)
- Wednesday, September 6 Giraffe and Zebra classes (full day)
- Thursday, September 7 Elephant class (full day)
- Friday, September 8 Giraffe and Zebra classes (full day)

Normal schedule begins on Monday, September 11

### **Class Lists**

Class lists will be emailed out to HCS families tomorrow. If you don't see an email by suppertime, please email or call school at ([receptionist@hchr.org](mailto:receptionist@hchr.org), [businessoffice@hchr.org](mailto:businessoffice@hchr.org), or 669-1773).

## **2017-2018 School Year Calendar**

**August 29, 2017** – School begins  
**September 1 and 4, 2017** – No school (Labor Day)  
**September 6 and 7, 2017** – School Pictures  
**September 21, 2017** – Fall Family Supper  
**September 30, 2017** – Fall Children's Clothing and Toy Sale  
**October 19-20, 2017** – No school (Teachers Convention)  
**October 27, 2017** – Grandparents Day  
**November 1 and 2, 2017** – Parent Teacher Conferences  
**November 23-24, 2017** – Thanksgiving Break  
**November 30, 2017** – All school program  
**December 25, 2017 – January 2, 2018** – Christmas Break  
**January 31 and February 1, 2018** – Parent Teacher Conferences  
**February 8, 2018** – 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Choir Concert  
**February 16, 2018** – Mid-winter Break  
**February 22, 2018** – Fine Arts Night  
**March 30 – April 6, 2018** – Spring Break  
**May 18, 2018** – Kindergarten Program  
**May 3, 2018** – Kindergarten Round-up  
**May 3, 2018** – 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Choir Concert  
**May 18, 2018** – Kindergarten Program  
**May 22, 2018** – All Schools Band Concert  
**May 28, 2018** – No school (Memorial Day)  
**May 31, 2018** – Last day of school (1/2 day) and Graduation

### **Attention, moms interested in being room mothers:**

When you know which teacher your child has, consider being a room mother for the school year. Your duties would include throwing the teacher a birthday party, giving the class a Christmas party, going on the annual class trip, and going on any field trips your teacher might have. You will be asked to provide snacks and drinks for these parties and field trips.

You might have to drive and sometimes even pay for some of these field trips.

If you would like to be a room mom, please e-mail Wilma at [receptionistwest@hchr.org](mailto:receptionistwest@hchr.org) and let her know you are interested. We only need 2-4 moms per teacher, so contact her soon.

We do have the moms that have already contact us on the list already!

A formal letter will be sent home with your child once we have all the room moms needed.

You will also be notified if you are not needed. Thank you for considering this.

### **FROM THE TRIP COMMITTEE**

Thank you to all of our TRIP customers! We are having a busy and successful summer!

We would like to encourage new families to sign up for the TRIP program. Information can be found on the school's webpage or you can simply fill out the registration form found on the next page and send it to school or bring it on a TRIP morning!

All current TRIP families, please fill out the disclaimer section of the form on the next page in order to clarify where your TRIP needs to go and with what child it should be sent home. Return the form to school or a member of the TRIP committee as soon as possible. A new form is needed each year!

TRIP hours for this school year are from 8-9:30 AM on Tuesday mornings. The TRIP ladies will always be set up in the far east end of the school, in the junior high gym's lobby. Come in and see us, start saving on your tuition dollars, and benefit HCS at the same time! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Thanks again from the TRIP Committee

## TUITION REDUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

1. New Account Registration:

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Direct my tuition credits to (check one):

My personal tuition account - account number: \_\_\_\_\_

Family of \_\_\_\_\_

Confidential contribution:  Yes  No

General Tuition Assistance Fund

3. **FUTURE FAMILIES ONLY** – Please complete this section if your children are not yet enrolled at Heritage Christian School:

Projected date of enrollment \_\_\_\_\_

4. I have read, understand, and will abide by the general policies of the Heritage Christian School TRIP program

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### DISCLAIMER SECTION

(To be completed if your TRIP orders may be sent home with your child)

**I authorize the TRIP Committee to release my TRIP certificates to my child as indicated below or to be mailed if I provide a self-addressed stamped envelope with my order. I will not hold Heritage Christian School or the TRIP Committee responsible for any lost or misplaced certificates as a result of my child's actions or as a result of postal delivery.**

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 2017-2018 School Supplies

### Kindergarten Supplies - all labeled

Backpack  
Lg size Pencil Box (> 4" high)  
2 Large Erasers  
2 Large Solid Glue Sticks  
Medium point Washable Markers  
Crayons (24 or less)  
Good Quality Scissors (round-tips)  
1 Sturdy Folder with Inside Pocket  
Gym Shoes (Velcro or Slip-on)  
Art Shirt  
Small Pillow (14" or smaller)  
Headphones or Earbuds  
One pair socks  
Green Health Form for Office  
Picture of your kindergartener

### 1st Grade Supplies – all labeled

School Box – Large Size  
10 Pencils  
1 yellow highlighter  
1 Large Eraser ("Pink Pearl")  
3 Large Glue Sticks  
Elmers White Glue  
24 Crayola Crayons  
Colored Pencils  
12 Thick Washable Markers  
4 Dry erase markers  
Fiskar Scissors  
1 **wide** ruled spiral notebook  
Paint Shirt  
Gym Shoes  
2 Strong, Durable Pocket Folders

### 2nd Grade Supplies - all labeled

KJV Bible  
Psalter  
12 **Sharp** Pencils  
24 Crayons  
12 Colored Pencils  
8-12 thick washable markers - not neon  
1 Yellow Highlighter  
2 Dry Erase Markers – black or blue  
1 normal pink eraser  
Large Plastic Pencil Box (w/ Snap Lid)  
Fiskars **Sharp-Point** Scissors  
3 Large Glue Sticks  
1 Wide Ruled Notebook  
1 Hard Covered Composition Notebook  
2 Strong, durable Folders  
Art Shirt  
Gym Shoes & Extra Pair of Socks

### 3rd Grade Supplies

KJV Bible  
12 - #2 Pencils  
Earbuds in a small bag/pouch

### 3rd Grade Supplies, continued

Fiskar Scissors  
2 Red Pens  
4 dry-erase markers  
2 Glue Sticks. 1 Glue Bottle  
Art Shirt  
Small Pencil Box  
12" Ruler w/Inches & Centimeters  
2 Blue or Black Erasable Pens  
1 yellow highlighter  
Small Notebook for assignments  
2 Black Papermate brand fine point, non-permanent markers  
1 Black Sharpie marker  
Crayons (~48)  
Markers, Colored Pencils  
3 Wide Ruled Spiral Notebooks  
3 Single Pocket Folders – incl blue  
Loose Leaf Paper –Wide Ruled  
Psalter  
Large Eraser  
Gym Shoes

### 4th Grade Supplies

KJV Bible  
Psalter – in Good Condition  
Crayons  
Red pen  
2 Black Flair pens (Papermate brand fine point, non-permanent markers)  
1 Black Sharpie marker  
Thin washable markers  
24 pack of colored pencils  
10 sharpened #2 Pencils  
2 large glue sticks  
Yellow highlighter  
Large Eraser  
12" ruler with centimeters and inches clearly marked  
Pointed scissors  
Zippered 3 Ring Binder/Trapper  
Wide ruled loose Leaf Paper  
Gym Shoes  
1 wide ruled 1 subject spiral Notebook  
6 2-Pocket PLASTIC folders (w/ holes)

### 5th Grade Supplies

KJV Bible and Psalter  
Zippered 3-Ring Binder/Trapper  
6 Folders  
Colored Pencils  
Markers  
#2 Pencils  
2 Red Pens  
Blue or Black Erasable Pen  
1 Yellow Highlighter  
Large Eraser  
Loose Leaf Notebook Paper  
5 wide ruled spiral notebooks  
Ruler (w/Standard & Metric)

### 5th Grade Supplies, continued

Pointed Scissors  
Gym Shoes  
Calculator  
1 Large Glue Stick

### 6th Grade Supplies

KJV Bible and Psalter  
Pencils and Eraser  
Pens: Blue/Black for Work  
Pens: Red for Correcting  
Black Thin Tip Marker  
Colored Pencils  
Markers (Optional)  
Highlighting Markers (optional)  
6 spiral notebooks (70-100 pgs)  
Calculator  
Gym Shoes  
Ruler with inches AND centimeters  
Glue Stick  
Scissors  
Zippered 3-Ring Binder/Trapper  
5 Folders w/Pockets  
200 pg. loose-leaf paper

### 7th Grade Supplies

KJV Bible and Psalter  
Multiple Pencils and Pens (they lose them!)  
Colored Pencils  
5 3-Ring Binders (1" rings) for core courses  
5 Spiral Notebooks for core courses  
Portable pencil sharpener  
5 Folders w/Pockets  
Folder for Art  
Loose Leaf Notebook Paper (200 pages)  
Ruler with Inches & Centimeters  
Compass  
Protractor  
Scientific Calculator (TI-83 or 84 recommended but not required)

### 8th Grade Supplies

KJV Bible and Psalter  
Pencils and Pens  
Colored Pencils  
5 3-Ring Binders (1" rings) for core courses  
5 Spiral Notebooks for core courses  
1 pkg. 3x5 note cards  
5 Folders w/Pockets  
Folder for Art  
Loose Leaf Notebook Paper (200 pages)  
Ruler with Inches & Centimeters  
Compass  
Protractor  
Calculator (TI-83 or 84 required)

# Hudsonville Fair Food Fundraiser!

*Heritage families and supporters!!!*

*Visit us on the Heritage Christian School side of the building for delicious breakfast, lunch, supper, and snack food – fair dates are August 21-26!!*

## ~~Volunteers - thank-you for volunteering your time!!~~ Here's what you need to know before you come:

- ⤴ Per the Health Department:
  - No open-toed shoes or sandals allowed
  - No tank-tops allowed.
  - Long hair must be tied back.
  - Kitchen help must wear a baseball cap, or if you prefer, we will provide you with a hairnet.
  - Food from home may not be stored in the restaurant kitchen. If you wish to bring in food for your break, please keep in your vehicle until break time.
- ⤴ Dress code and suggestions from the committee:
  - Do not wear your Sunday best. Expect your clothing to get dirty, particularly if you are working in the kitchen. However...
  - Neat, modest, clothing is always appropriate.
  - Shorts are permitted by the Health Department, and suggested by the committee, since it is usually hot in the building.
  - Wear comfortable tennis shoes.
  - Please do not bring large purses or bags with you for your shift. We have limited shelving, so we would appreciate it if you could put your keys and phone in your pockets or in a very small bag.
- ⤴ Children are not allowed to accompany parents to their shift(s) at the fair, or to the food prep day at school. We could be shut down by the Health Department if this rule is not followed.
- ⤴ If you are working in the kitchen, expect to wear gloves for most of your shift. We will provide latex-free gloves in two sizes.
- ⤴ You will be given one 15-30 minute break on your shift, at which time you may order one meal from our kitchen at half price.
- ⤴ Per the Hudsonville Fair Board, workers in our restaurant are required to pay the regular gate admission fee of \$3.00 per person. We ask that you please consider this your donation to the school. However, if this is a hardship, please contact a committee member during your shift, and we will reimburse you immediately.
- ⤴ If you are sick or otherwise unable to work your shift, please find a replacement and notify a committee member of this change.
- ⤴ Remember, we will be representing Heritage **Christian** School to many people this week!

**Please note that you should receive a reminder email through the Sign Up Genius system confirming the date(s) and time(s) of your shift(s). If you would like to check on your shift before you get an email, search for our schedule under [heritagefairwork@gmail.com](mailto:heritagefairwork@gmail.com) at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com).**

Thanks again for volunteering your time! We are looking forward to another fun and successful week!



## Heritage Fundraisers

welcomes you back to Heritage & invites you to our

### Annual Fall Family Supper

on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017!

Supper served from 5:00-7:00pm

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Menu includes some *NEW* and some *FAVORITE* items:

***NEW!*** Pulled Pork

Potato salad

Hot Dogs

Chips

***FAVORITE!*** Baked Beans

Ice Cream

***FAVORITE!*** Oreo Fluff

Coffee/Lemonade

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Also happening during the evening:

Meet your teachers

Face Painting

Visit classrooms

Mums for purchase

\*\* Please check with the kitchen at the end of the night to purchase any EXTRA food! We appreciate your support and donations! SEE YOU THEN!\*\*

**Thank you to SHELDON MEATS for processing & cooking the pulled pork  
and to MACATAWA BANK for providing the ice cream!**

