

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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SONG OF THE WEEK

Psalter #433

*Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.*

*Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory
Now and forever more. Amen.*

~ ~ Christmas Collection ~ ~

Each year before Christmas time, the students here at Heritage contribute to a Christmas collection. This year the collection will go to the Grace Foster Home in Vellore, India, run by Paul Raj and his wife.

The money collected will be sent to the Georgetown PRC India Mission Committee to distribute to the orphanage or buy necessary items for them.

Money can be given to either office or to individual classroom teachers any time before next Friday.

SCHOOL NEWS:

Hot Lunch: Friday, December 15 – Chicken Out strips and corn dogs, chips, ice cream

Workers: Please be here by 11 AM Jenn Moelker, Heidi and Heather Mowery, Brittany Nead, Kelly Noordermeer, Melanie and Laura Noorman

Friday, December 22 – Subway, chips, donuts

Workers: Please be here by 11 AM Jamie Noorman, Amy Ondersma, Ellen and Abigail Pastoor, Sheri Penna, Sherry Pipe, Barb Poortinga

We express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Marilyn Bylsma in the passing of her mom, Mrs. Nellie Reitsma last week. Mrs. Reitsma was also the grandma of Mrs. Kaitlin Bylsma, and was Miss Amber Griess' great grandmother. May they be comforted by the knowledge that after 100 years on this earth, she is now in heaven. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Ps 46:1

For those of you who ordered, don't forget next week Wednesday is *Pizza Wednesday*!

Our Christmas Break begins on Monday, December 25. We will return to school on Wednesday, January 3, Lord willing.

Holland bus riders (both CCHS and Heritage student families please read!) –

- The bus will be leaving immediately after school on Friday, December 22. CCHS does not have class that day.
- We do not have school on January 2, but CCHS does. There will be an abbreviated shuttle bus run on that day. The first pick up will be at 7:30am @ Holland PRC, followed by a stop @ Heritage Christian at 7:45am. The bus will then go straight to CCHS. In the afternoon the bus will leave CCHS at 2:50pm, make a stop at Heritage and then proceed to Holland PRC for the final drop.

Public bus riders -

- There will be no public busing at all on January 3-5. Huds. Public will still be on break.
- Also, advanced notice – on Friday, January 12 there will be no AFTERNOON busing.

Program DVD and CD orders can be placed now! Please fill out the form on today's memo, include payment, and send to either office. Orders will be filled in a couple of weeks, and sent home with the youngest student of your family.

Please be aware there have been cases of head lice reported almost weekly since the beginning of school. This is not a cause for panic, but we want to **remind you to be vigilant** by checking your child's head regularly. There may be several reasons for this increase in cases, such as the number of students in our school, (536!) and more "head lice awareness". Let us remember that this can happen to anyone and please be discreet and courteous. **Please inform the school office of any head lice cases**, so we can be proactive in stopping the spread of head lice in our school. Thanks for your cooperation. Please see the following general tips to prevent transmission: Teach children not to share combs, brushes, hair ornaments, hats, caps, scarves, headsets or any other personal headgear. Do not try on other people's hats (even in department stores). Teach children to hang coats separately - placing hats and scarves inside coat/jacket sleeves. Shared headgear, (i.e., helmets) should be cleaned and disinfected with Lysol® or rubbing alcohol before being shared with other students. Remember to check children regularly, at least once a week, for head lice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 25 – January 2
Christmas Break

January 3
School Resumes

January 5
Spelling Bee

January 15-26
MAP Testing 3rd – 8th grade,
please avoid appointments

ADVANCE NOTICE

May 7-18, 2018

Grades 3-8 MAP testing
(please avoid appointments
these 2 weeks)

MATH PENTATHLON

December 14 – Yes Math
December 21 – Yes Math
January 4 – Yes Math

SPORTS SCHEDULES

All games begin at 4 PM unless
otherwise noted

Directory updates: Jon & Janis VanDyk have a new email: janjonvd@gmail.com; Luke and Rebecca Koops have a new address: 1983 84th Ave, Zeeland 49464; Jordan and Alyssa VanBaren have a new address: 1050 Greenly St. Hudsonville, MI 49426

Donation requests: Do you or your grandparents have any greeting cards or 2018 freebie calendars you don't need? Please donate them to Mrs. Bleyenbergs 2nd grade instead of throwing them away! Unused greeting cards of any age or ugliness will be put to use during writing time - if the words are too cheesy, we just cross them out. And the fronts of used greeting cards will be repurposed into bookmarks for students! We'll take any 2018 calendars up until the end of December, but used/unused greeting cards may be donated any time this school year. Thank you!!

Yearbook staff thanks those of you who have turned in your patron and order forms! If you haven't yet, the form is on the back. Remember, all patrons and page sponsors receive a free yearbook if they are interested. Also remember that we are going to try pre-ordering books this year! Turn in the order form below and payment to either office. We will order some extras; you will also be able to buy one when they arrive.

FUNDRAISER NEWS:

We are still selling keycards for \$25 each! They are loaded with many popular area merchants! We have them available in each of the schools offices, or you can call Tara Kooles at 808-6237 or Kim Scholten at 745-4344, and they will get you a book as well! This is a great and easy fundraiser as we get 50% profit of each book we sell!

TRIP NEWS:

The holiday season is upon us! Just a reminder to get your Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers through TRIP! We offer Barnes & Noble, Starbucks, Culvers, Panera Bread, Signatures, and Mr. Burger in \$5 increments, and Target, Meijer, Barnes & Noble, Starbucks, Panera Bread, Bath and Body Works, Applebees, Outback, and many others in \$10 increments.

AREA PR SCHOOL NEWS:

Save the date! Adam's annual Soup Supper; Feb. 8, 2018.

Covenant Christian High School is again sponsoring its Gift Certificate Drive to help those who have need in our area Protestant Reformed churches. To participate, you can purchase gift certificates/cards (grocery stores, gas stations, etc.) or send money to Covenant, care of Student Council. Thank you!

Softball Pitching Instruction: Is your daughter interested in learning how to pitch? Softball pitching classes are offered at Covenant on Saturdays throughout the winter for grade 4th through high school. Great father/daughter time!! Contact Travis Van Bemmell at covenantad@yahoo.com for more information.

Attention Boys in Grades 3-8! Do you love basketball? The Covenant Chr. Boys Basketball program will once again be offering a fun, relaxed basketball "league" just for you. The league will start on Saturday, January 13 and run through March 3 at CCHS gym. Boys will be divided by age groups for one hour each (Grades 3-4 from 10:00-11:00, Grades 5-6 from 11:00-12:00, Grades 7-8 from 12:00-1:00). The cost is \$25/player for the entire six week program. We plan to spend the first half hour working on fundamentals and skills and the second half hour will be game play. No pressure, just a fun way to develop basic basketball skills. Please use the link below to sign up and get more information. **Deadline to sign up is December 23.** www.covenantbasketball.com/youth/saturday-morning-league Any questions, please contact Tyler Schimmel or Doug Kaptein.

OTHER NEWS:

Voices of Victory has two upcoming events: 1) A singspiration at Faith PRC on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24 at 7:45 PM. Join us as we praise God in song for the gift of His Son! 2) Our annual concert on December 31 will be held from 8-11 PM at BETHEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (location has moved from previous years). As always, you are welcome to come and go whenever you would like. We will once again be joined by Sacred Harmonies and will incorporate plenty of audience singing. Coffee and cookies will be served, and the collection will go to Georgetown Harmony Homes. End your old year, and begin your new year in praise to God!

The Hope Heralds' 2017 CD is now available. The CD, "Our God Is God" is available at Covenant Chr. High School, Heritage Christian School, the Reformed Book Outlet, or the PR Seminary for \$10.

Matthew L. Fisher's newest CD, "Shelter," is available in the office. We also have "Glorious Christmas" and "Lullabies" available as well. Cost of each CD is \$12, \$2 of which Matt will donate to HCS.

All School Program DVD	Number Ordered _____	Total cost - \$10 each _____
All School Program CD	Number Ordered _____	Total cost - \$5 each _____
Family Name: _____		
<u>Please include payment, making checks payable to Heritage Christian School</u>		

Yearbook Pre-order, Patron, and Page Sponsor Form

_____ # of books pre-ordered (\$20 each)

_____ Patron \$45*

_____ Page Sponsor \$95* *Businesses, please include a current business card.*

**Check here _____ if you desire a FREE yearbook with your support.*

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