

# Herald



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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, MR. BRIAN KUIPER

### "SUCCESS IN SCHOOL"

As we near the end of summer, and the beginning of a new school year, the question can be raised, "What can be done to ensure that my child is successful in school?" A simple internet search brings up an endless supply of answers. Many of these answers are great ones and have studies and knowledgeable educators to back them up. Yet, these answers rarely if ever get to the root of the issue. They are often humanistic in nature, and thus fail to truly answer the question.

Nevertheless, it serves a good purpose to mention several of these "recipes for success":

*Help your child with organization.* Homework is more often finished when it can be located. Tests are normally studied for when written in assignment books, and when known to the student and the students' parents.

*Agree on a consistent study spot.* This is one of the toughest things to do. Most of us agree that the student's bedroom is not the best study spot. It's likely that the kitchen table is not so good either in a four child home. Good thought and knowing your child and her learning style will go a long way towards making this decision.

*Know the school system and the teacher.* This is a two-way street. As a school system, we encourage teachers to reach out regularly to parents to get to know them. Parents communicating regularly and proactively with teachers is an important part of the process as well. When we know each other during the positive or easy times, we work best with each other during the difficult times.

*Know your child's friends.* Ideally, that is every classmate. Really, the circle of "good" friends is smaller than that, and students feed off each other. Knowing how and by whom your child is being influenced is valuable for many reasons. This too is a reciprocal relationship. To have good friends, one is called to be a good friend.

*Understand reports and report cards.* Many reports are sent home throughout the year. In the lower grades, these are sometimes weekly. Take time to look at the packet of papers as that is a telling indicator of real time learning. Hopefully the six or nine week reports tell more than simply a letter grade. These often include sentences or paragraphs referring to growth, and areas that need work. Then, those MAP and DIBELS reports...lots of numbers and graphs. If you don't do so well with that,...

*Or if you have any other questions, ask.* Please ask questions about things that are unclear. As often as possible, ask them specifically to those who are "in the know". Parents who have gone before you can be helpful, but the best answer is often obtained



by asking school staff. The receptionists who answer the phones, the business manager, the teacher or teacher's aide, the administrator, or the school board member is often best equipped to answer your school related questions. Please don't hesitate to ask.

Humanistic or not, there are some great ideas in that list. However, I think the list can be pared down to a much shorter and more helpful list in our schools. This is due to the very nature of our schools as parental and Christian. I propose the list is as short as these two ideas:

*Understand the basis of our schools as parental, and that the whole of this relationship relies on our understanding of the phrase "in the place of the parent".* Hopefully, summer provided an opportunity for you to do some reading, as it did for me. *Reformed Education* by Professor Engelsma is good reading as we prepare for the school year. In this book, he develops well the idea that our school must be parental, and that for a time, the parent gives their authority to the teachers. This means that the teachers and the parents have the same responsibility to rear and instruct the student. It means that for the day, when the child is at school, they obey teachers as they would obey parents. It means that teachers love and nurture during the day as they would their own child. But, it does not mean that the teacher assumes all of the responsibility. When we know and understand that we work together in this calling, then no party drops the ball in the work

that is to be done. For a period of the day, teachers act as parents when they teach, rear, and discipline the children. For a period of the day, parents fulfill their calling as parents when they teach, rear, and discipline the children. Weak means to fulfill His will, but, together, means to fulfill His will. We trust that He will use us together in this instruction. "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6). One additional thought here – as we would never speak evil of our spouse, let's commit ourselves, teachers and parents, to not speaking evil of each other.

*Pray about school.* "Pray one for another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). Pray for the bus driver. Pray for the teacher. Pray for the teacher's aide, office secretary, librarian, custodian, and coach. Pray for the administrator and the school Board. But, most importantly, as you pray with your children, pray for your children. Pray that God will bless the work of the school, that He will grant safety and health, that He will increase each child in love and learning, and that He will be praised by this work. God's answer to prayer is always clear. His answer is that His will will be done, and that when we trust in Him, we will be successful!

## **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 commitment which tuition places on each of these families.

The Board is happy to report that the 2017-2018 fiscal year ended with a surplus of \$57,217. This has enabled us to pay off the remaining mortgage balance that we had and allows us to start setting money aside for the new expansion.

This past May, the Society approved a budget for the school. The budgeted expense for the upcoming school year is \$2,708,375 with tuition accounting for just over \$2,211,375 of these expenses. The remaining funds must come from drives, church collections, fundraisers, 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 were blessed to have exceeded these budgeted amounts

for the annual drives!! The fundraisers have again donated over \$70,000 to the budget which helps keep our tuition down while also having made large donations for items such as the fire suppression system which needed to be repaired last summer. We cannot thank the ladies that run the fundraisers and the fair enough. At the society meeting we also approved and began a new expansion for the school and capital campaign. While this expansion is currently underway we would like to remind everyone of the \$750,000 capital campaign that is in process and request that you prayerfully consider this need. The goal of this campaign is to keep our mortgage balance to a minimum and to not have to increase tuition any more than necessary.

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 Christian School for the first time. During these meetings with each family we went over our mission statement, our basis of beliefs, and we had the opportunity to explain how the school operates on a daily basis. The meetings also allowed us to answer questions from the parents who might be a little anxious sending their child off for the first time.

This year's Enrollment Committee interviewed and welcomed, with the School Board's approval, 21 new families. Of these 20 families, 14 of the new students are boys and 10 are girls, with 17 of them entering kindergarten, 2 entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and 1 entering each of 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grades.

Please take the time to welcome and encourage these new families as they start their journey at Heritage Christian School.

Casey and Sara Baas  
Dan and Lindsey Boverhof  
Ryan and Terri Brunsting  
Jason and Alyssa Butler  
Mark and Bethany Feenstra  
Nathan and Courtney Holstege  
Rev. Brian and Tabitha Feenstra  
Nick and Sarah Hopkins  
Joe and Emily Joostens  
Tim and Penny Kamps  
Mark and Holly Kooienga  
Jordan and Megan Koole  
Ben and Elizabeth Kuiper  
Chad and Mary Nienhuis  
Chad and Jeanette Richards  
Katharina Rosario  
Nick and Elizabeth Schipper  
Jared and Rachel VanBaren  
Steve and Shannon VanderZwaag  
Jeff and Nicole Westra  
Doug and Emily Zwak

Zion PRC  
Georgetown PRC  
Hope PRC  
Hudsonville PRC  
Georgetown PRC  
Hudsonville PRC  
Trinity PRC  
Redlands PRC  
Grandville PRC  
Byron Center PRC  
Hudsonville PRC  
Zion PRC  
Zion PRC  
Hudsonville PRC  
Georgetown PRC  
Hope PRC  
Hudsonville PRC  
Zion PRC  
Heritage Reformed  
First PRC Holland  
Zion PRC

### NEW FAMILY INTRODUCTIONS

#### Jordan Brunsting's family

Jordan Brunsting will be a new student in the Genesis Preschool, Heritage Kindergarten and Special Ed programs. He is the youngest son of Ryan and Terri Brunsting. He has two brothers, Ryan Jay (21) and Joshua (15) and three sisters, Alicia (17), Rebecca (12) and Sarah (8). Ryan, his Dad, works at Wonderland Tire on 84th Street in Byron Center, and Terri, his Mom, is a homemaker. We attend Hope PRC and our children have either graduated from Hope Protestant School or currently attend there. Jordan was born with Down syndrome and we are blessed to be able to have him be sent to the Special Education classroom here at Heritage while being included as much as possible in the typical kindergarten room. We are excited to start this new chapter in our lives.

#### Myla Butler's family

Hi, we are Jason and Alyssa Butler. We live in Hudsonville and are members of Hudsonville PRC. Jason works as a CPA at Lettinga and Associates and I am a stay at home mom. We have three

children, Myla (5), Lilia (3), and Tyson (1 1/2) and are expecting another baby the week before school starts. Myla is looking forward to kindergarten.

#### Cory Feenstra's family

Hi from the Feenstras! We are excited to send our son Cory to kindergarten. Our family goes to Georgetown PRC and lives in Jenison. Mark works at his family business, Fields' Fabrics, as a manager and bookkeeper. He has many interests: sports with his kids, running, and birding are currently the top three. Bethany takes care of her family and also enjoys reading and gardening. We are blessed with three sons: Cory (5) is enthusiastic about learning, Adam (3) is a lovable and funny little boy, Marcus (9 months) is our chubby baby, and we remember with love their sister, Sarita (8/19/09).

When asked what he was most looking forward to about school, Cory told us, "All the things! Especially field trips, recess, lunch, and learning how to 'subtact' numbers." Our whole family is happy to be part of Heritage.

### Milo Holstege's family

Nate owns and operates Preferred Machine LLC in Jenison, MI. Courtney is a stay at home mom of three. She also helps at the shop whenever needed. We live in Allendale and attend Hudsonville Protestant Reformed Church.

We have all boys! Milo is 5 and will be going into kindergarten! Logan will be 4 beginning of September and is in preschool at The Learning Ship! Dawson follows them all at 1 year old.

We love camping throughout the summer and take frequent trips to water parks! We enjoy fishing and hunting on our property and Nate loves fishing the big lakes. We have a zoo membership and sometimes go weekly when we are home! The boys love exploring the property and finding new things! They love sleepovers at Grandma's and Grandpa's houses, swimming, riding quads, and playing on their playset and trampoline. Milo is looking forward to a new school with his church friends.

### Kaleb Joostens' family

We are Joe and Emily Joostens. We live in Byron Center, and attend Grandville PRC. Joe works as a care manager for Spectrum Health in a doctor's office in Byron Center. Emily stays at home with our two children, Kaleb (age 5) and Sadie (age 2). Kaleb is very excited to go to kindergarten this year, especially because that means he gets to go to "Grandpa's school." We enjoy spending time with our families, camping, swimming, fishing, or pretty much anything outside. We are so thankful for the opportunity to send our children to a Christian school, and bring our children up around those with like-minded faith.

### Jace Kooienga's family

Hi, we are the Mark and Holly Kooienga family. Mark was born and raised in Loveland, Colorado, and now resides in Hudsonville. He works for Preferred Machine LLC. Holly is a former CAN with Hospice who is now a stay-at-home mother. Together, we have 3 precious sons: Jace, 5, who is entering kindergarten, Jax, 3, and Nixon, 1. We attend Hudsonville PRC. Things we enjoy doing together as a family include hiking, biking, and bowling.

### Hudson Koole's family

Hi, we are the Koole family! We live in Grandville and attend Zion PRC. Jordan is an accountant at Lakeland Pallets and Megan is a stay at home mom to our three boys. Hudson is five and is so excited to go to kindergarten this fall, Graham is three, and Easton is six months. As a family, we enjoy all things summer - camping, going to the pool, playing sports and hanging out with friends and family. We are looking forward to beginning this new chapter as we send our children to Heritage!

### Brady Nienhuis' family

Hello! We are Chad & Mary Nienhuis. We live right here in Hudsonville with our 3 children. Brady (6) will be going into Kindergarten, Laeni (4) will be attending Genesis this fall, and our youngest Calvin, just turned 1. We are members at Hudsonville PRC.

Chad was raised in the Hope Ghetto, attending Hope School & Covenant. He grew up in Hope PRC. For the last 4 years he's been working sales at A+ Lighting. Mary grew up in Lansing, Illinois. She was a member at Crete PRC, and attended PRCS and Heritage.

We enjoy family walks and fires on the nice summer nights, but are looking forward to the fall to begin this new chapter of our lives at Heritage.

### Michael Rosario's family

Hello. We are the Rosario family. Michael will be attending kindergarten this year. He is 5 years old and he has a little brother named Nathan who was born this past January. Michael is jealous, but loves his new brother. We go to Hope PRC. Michael's father's name is Elvis, and he works as a cook in a restaurant. I am Katharina, Michael's mother, and I am a homemaker at this time. We live in Kentwood, Michigan. Michael loves cars, trucks, playing with water, and digging sand. He is a very active child. We look forward to fellowshiping with our new Christian school. Sincerely, Elvis, Katharina, Michael, and Nathan Rosario

### Calvin VanBaren's family

Hello from the VanBarens! Jared works at Vibration Research as a sales engineer and marketing manager. Rachel stays at home with our 3 children - Calvin (age 5) who is very excited for kindergarten, Peyton who wishes she could go to kindergarten with her older brother (age 3), and Brody who will be 1 at the end of the summer. We are members of Zion PRC and live in Grandville near Jamestown. As a family we enjoy being outdoors, going for walks and bike rides, playing t-ball in the yard, or going for ice cream in the summer. We are very excited to begin the school phase of life at Heritage, and look forward to getting to know more Heritage families and supporters!

### Brooke Zwak's family

Hello! We are Doug and Emily Zwak. We live in Jenison and are members of Zion PRC. Doug works for Trubuilt Builders and I stay at home with our three girls, Brooke (5), Kensley (4), and Elliott (5 months). Brooke is so excited to start kindergarten. She loves to read books, ride bikes, and go camping. We are excited to begin this new journey at Heritage!

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT ~ MR. TOMM HEYBOER

The Transportation Committee is thankful for God's watchful eye over the past year in transporting our students to and from school. We are mindful of His mercy and power as we witness Him keeping our children in safety each day.

After many years of service, DaVonna Holstege has retired from her role as transportation supervisor. We'd like to give a very special word of thanks to her for her diligent work over the years, serving our school by faithfully embracing this work with enthusiasm and love for our students. We are also excited to report that Jessica Vander Kolk has now taken on the role of transportation supervisor. Jessica brings several years of bus driving experience and has already taken on the role, working capably to be sure all of the busses are properly maintained, inspected, and ready for service. Additionally, we report that the routes for the 2018 – 2019 school year are being completed soon.

You may have noticed in your bulletin that there is still an opening for a bus driver for one of our afternoon routes. We hope that you will prayerfully consider this need, as we hope to fill this position soon, so an afternoon route does not need to be cut

out. Heritage would arrange and cover the cost of any licensing requirements.

There were two minor items of note during the state bus inspections this summer. These are being repaired so all of the busses will be ready for service when school starts.

There were occasional occurrences of student misbehavior noted in the past school year. Please take the time to remind your children to obey the rules and respect the authority of the drivers, so they can give their full attention to the safe, timely transportation of students to and from school. Please also remind your children of their calling to be lights in this world, giving witness of their faith through godly behavior. 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 Jessica Vander Kolk and/or a member of the Transportation Committee.

Please continue to pray for the safety and wisdom on the part of our bus drivers and students in the coming year. Thank you for your support.

## BUSING INFORMATION

**Bus routes will be emailed out as soon as they are completed. We are still juggling routes because we are STILL looking for an afternoon driver!**

Those who are planning to ride Heritage buses, please read the following information: 1) Please mark your houses and mailboxes clearly so that our drivers can find your houses easily. 2) 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. 3) The Holland bus students will be picked up in the bus driveway at approximately 3:03 in the afternoon. 4) 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 to everyone but families that have only a kindergartener attending (those families will receive an email from the bus barn). Postcards will be mailed the week of the fair. If you don't see a postcard by Friday, August 24, please email or call school. If no one answers, we will help on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Remember that there is NO public busing the first day of school.**

**Attention students planning to ride the bus to Covenant Christian High School: WE NEED YOUR FORMS ASAP – no later than August 17!!!!** 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).

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	School begins
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 2018

The 4th annual Peer To Peer walk for the support of our Protestant Reformed Special Education Society (PRSE) will be held this September 22nd. Think of this as the PRSE's family fun night or fall supper but with donuts for breakfast! On more than one occasion in recent months, members of the committee have been asked; "How did the event start?" So I thought I'd take this opportunity to share that with you.

Prior to the first walk, a number of our Protestant Reformed families were participating in a Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk in Grand Rapids. We decided it would be good to adopt this idea for our PRSE. The purpose was two-fold: to raise

awareness of the prevalence of special needs in our community, and witness and experience the support that exists therein. Since beginning this event 4 years ago, our PRSE society has grown and with it, the support. I am amazed each year at how many families have a member with special needs and how great the support for the persons and their families is. Our Heavenly Father knows us well and, in Galations 6, speaks of the burdens we all have to bear and calls us to share them with each other. For this 4th year, I hope you will come and experience (as so many of us have) the love of Christ as we show His love to each other in this unique way.

## Heritage Christian School Fundraisers Annual Treasurer's Report – Kristin Korhorn, treasurer July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

Beginning Cash Balance @ 7/1/17 \$73,962.61

### PROJECTS FUNDED

Box Tops	\$1,028.70
Clothing Sales	\$4,656.65
Cookbooks	\$75.00
Direct Your Dollars (Spartan)	\$1,342.07
Fall Family Supper	\$2,827.00
Hudsonville Fair Restaurant	\$59,000.00
Heritage TRIP	\$9,608.98
Interest	\$84.00
Key Card Sales	\$1,700.00
RBO Precious Jewels	\$562.50
The Farbers	\$60.00
Window Sticker Sales	\$10.00

\$80,954.90

### PROJECTS FUNDED

Band/Art Teacher Allowance	\$150.00
Discovery Center Allowance	\$500.00
Duplicate Checks	\$28.75
Edu. Support Kurzweil Program	\$2,000.00
Fall Family Supper	1,104.40
Field Day	\$985.30
Gift for Hudsonville PRC Janitor	\$50.00
Gift for Nursery Attendant	\$50.00
Gift for Admin/Teacher's Birthdays	\$1,250.00
Gift for Secretary's Day	\$50.00
Grandparent's Day	\$362.49
Heritage Board Request	\$70,000.00
Heritage Board ADD'L Request	\$1,300.00
Heritage Library Fund	\$2,500.00
Heritage Sport Fund	\$300.00
Hot Lunch- Table Shield Guards	\$171.98
Key Cards	\$862.50
Kindergarten Program	\$65.00
Kindergarten Roundup	\$225.55
Mini-Olympics	\$366.75
New Teacher Allowance	\$650.00
Precious Jewels Recording Supplies	\$123.36
Teacher Allowances 2018-19	\$8,050.00
Teacher Appreciation Week	\$298.82
Teacher/Staff Year End Luncheon	\$501.25

Proposal passed March 2018 (any funds over \$20,000.00 will be given to the Board in July once all commitments have been paid.)

\$42,971.36

\$134,917.51

**Ending cash Balance July 2018**

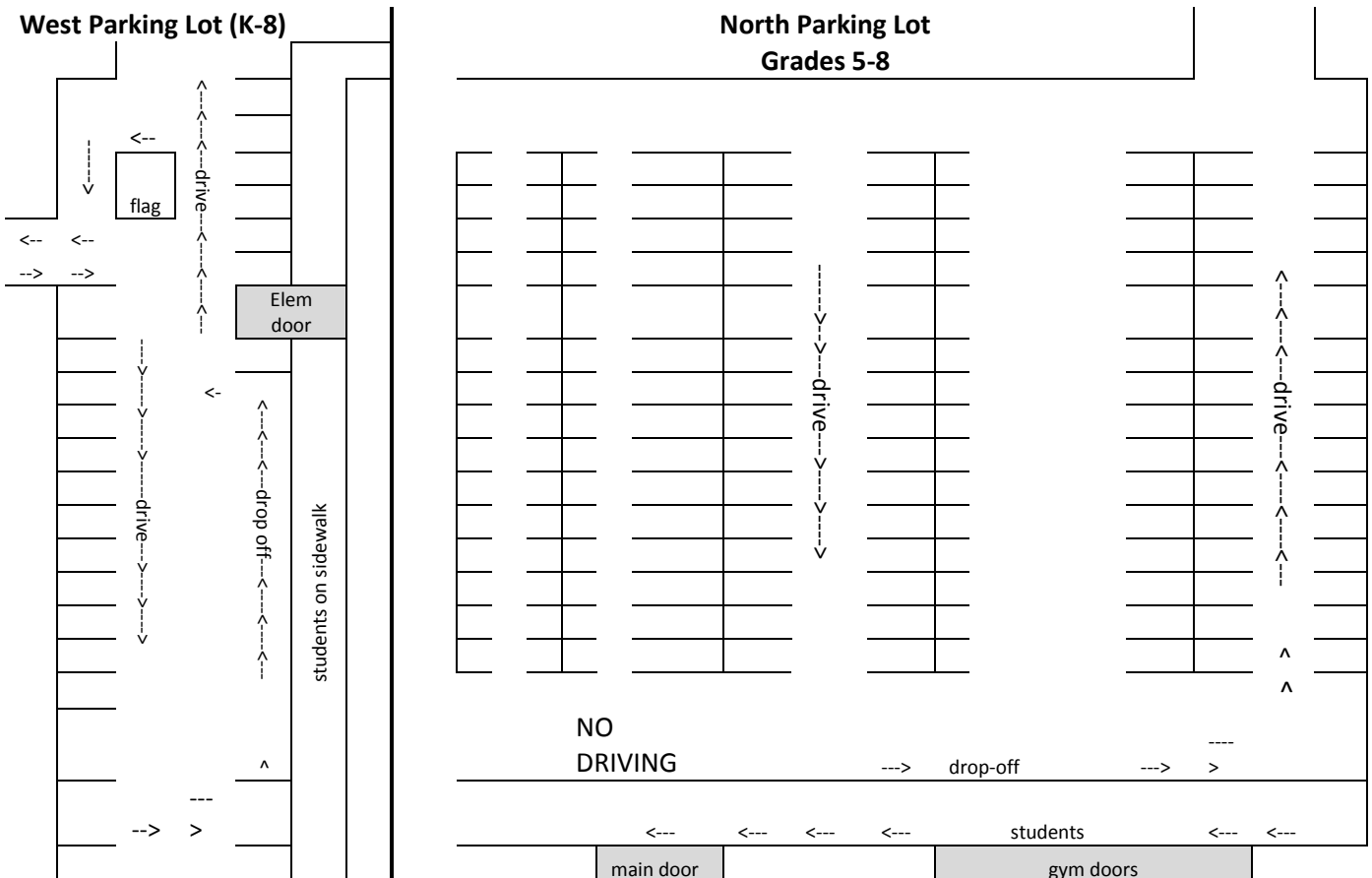
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## Beginning of the year information:

- School starts on **MONDAY, August 27** at 7:52 AM. We will see you then, D.V.
- **There WILL NOT be public school busing on the first day! It begins on Tuesday, 8/28.**
- 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 – **please follow 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!! These guidelines apply each and every day of the school year. THANKS!

### **THIS IS the Morning Procedure:**

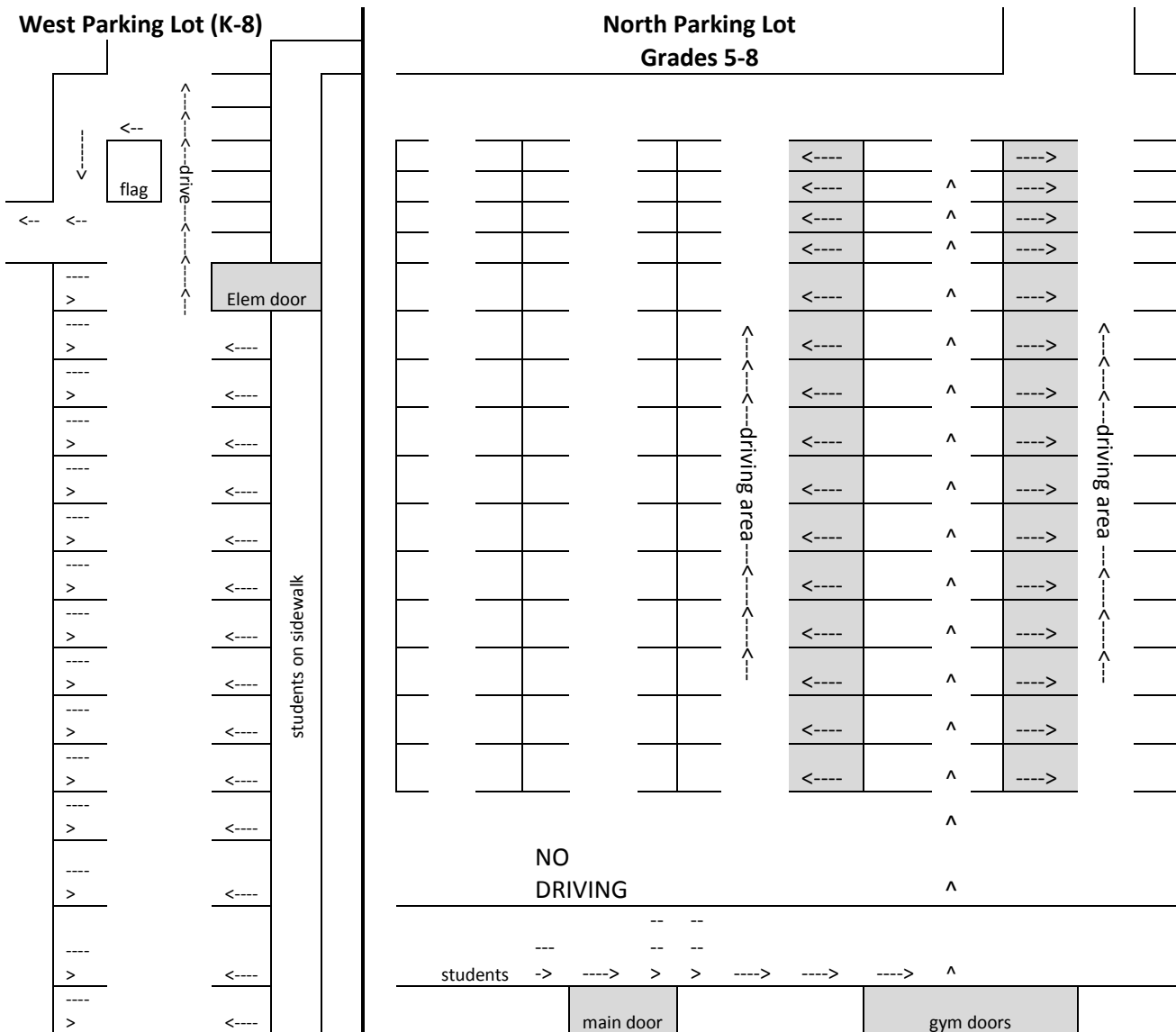
- **If you have students in K-8, use WEST** parking lot – Drive south, make a U-turn, & pull ahead as far as possible and drop off ALL students. (see diagram below).
- **IF you have students ONLY in 5-8, use NORTH** parking lot – Enter the 3<sup>rd</sup> (center) driving lane and pull up to the sidewalk 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 the 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 27. You may drop them off, mail or fax (616-669-4257) them to the office. Any questions, please call the office (669-1773). Thanks!
- 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:

- Mon. Aug. 27, 2018 Black Bear and Fox classes: half day 7:52-11:30 parent meeting in the classroom at 11:30
- Tues., Aug. 28, 2018 Brown Bear class: half day 7:52-11:30 meeting in classroom at 11:30
- Wed., Aug. 29, 2018 Black Bear and Fox classes: half day 7:52-11:30
- Thurs., Aug. 30, 2018 Brown Bear class: half day 7:52-11:30
- Fri., Aug. 31 - Mon. Sept. 3 Labor Day break: no school
- Tues. Sept. 4 Brown Bear class: full day
- Wed. Sept. 5 Black Bear and Fox classes: full day
- Thurs. Sept. 6 Brown Bear class: full day
- Fri. Sept. 7 Black Bear and Fox classes: full day \*\*Note only two classes, to keep days even for the first two weeks of school.

Normal schedule begins on Monday, September 10

## **CLASS LISTS**

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

## **2018-2019 School Year Calendar**

August 27, 2018 – First day of school  
August 31 – September 3, 2018 – Labor Day Break  
September 5 and 6, 2018 – School pictures  
September 20, 2018 – Fall Family Supper  
October 6, 2018 – Fall Children's Clothing and Toy Sale  
October 18 -19, 2018 – Teacher's Convention (no school)  
October 26, 2018 – Grandparent's Day  
November 3, 2018 – 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament  
November 7 – 8, 2018 – Parent Teacher Conferences  
November 22 – 23, 2018 – Thanksgiving Break  
November 29, 2018 – Band and Choir Concert  
December 24 – January 4, 2019 – Christmas Break  
January 30 - 31, 2019 – Parent Teacher Conferences  
February 15, 2019 – Mid-winter Break  
February 28, 2019 – All School Program  
March 29 - April 5, 2019 – Spring Break  
May 2, 2019 – Kindergarten Round-up  
May 9, 2019 – Elementary Music Program (afternoon)  
May 15, 2019 – Band and Choir Concert  
May 17, 2019 – Kindergarten Program  
May 27, 2019 – Memorial Day break  
June 4, 2019 – Last day of school, ½ day, HCS 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 (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program) 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## 2018-2019 School Supplies

### Kindergarten Supplies - all labeled

Backpack  
Lg size Pencil Box (> 4" high)  
2 Large Erasers  
2 Large Solid Glue Sticks  
Thick 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)  
One pair socks  
Picture of your kindergartener

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Supplies – all labeled

School Box – Large Size  
10 Pencils  
1 yellow highlighter  
1 Large Eraser ("Pink Pearl")  
3 Large Glue Sticks  
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  
Earbuds in a small bag/pouch

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Supplies - all labeled

KJV Bible  
Psalter  
12 **Sharp** Pencils  
24 Crayons  
24 Colored Pencils  
10 thick washable markers – standard colors  
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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Supplies

KJV Bible  
12 - #2 Pencils  
Earbuds in a small bag/pouch  
Fiskar Scissors  
2 Red Pens  
4 dry-erase markers

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Supplies, continued

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)  
2 Black Sharpie markers (1 fine and 1 ultra-fine)  
Thin washable markers  
24 pack of colored pencils  
10 sharpened #2 Pencils  
2 large glue sticks  
Yellow highlighter  
Large Eraser  
12" ruler with metric and customary measurements  
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)  
Earbuds  
1 dry erase marker

### 5<sup>th</sup> 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)  
Pointed Scissors

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Supplies, continued

Gym Shoes  
Calculator  
1 Large Glue Stick  
2 fine tipped Black Sharpies

### 6<sup>th</sup> 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

### Junior High Supplies

KJV Bible and Psalter  
Multiple Pencils and Pens (they lose them!)  
Colored Pencils  
1 good eraser  
Rubber cement  
White-out  
Scissors  
5 3-Ring Binders (1" rings) for core courses  
5 Spiral Notebooks for core courses  
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)  
1 pkg. 3x5 note cards



*Thank-you for volunteering your time at*  
**Heritage Christian's Fair Restaurant**

**Here's what you need to know before you come:**

*From the Health Department:*

- No tank-tops, open-toed shoes or sandals allowed
- Long hair must be tied back
- Kitchen help must wear a baseball cap, or we will provide 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:*

- Expect your clothing to get dirty, particularly if you are working in the kitchen.
- Neat, modest, clothing is always appropriate. Wear comfortable tennis shoes.
- Shorts are permitted by the Health Department, and suggested by the committee, since it is usually hot in the building.
- Please do not bring large purses or bags with you for your shift. We have limited shelving, so take only what fits in your pockets or a very small bag.

*Other important things to note:*

- Children are not allowed to accompany parents to their shift at the restaurant or the food prep day. 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 have a short break on your shift, and may order from our kitchen at half price.
- Per the Hudsonville Fair Board, our volunteers are required to pay the regular gate admission fee of \$3. Please consider this a donation to our school. If this is a hardship, contact a committee member during your shift for reimbursement.
- Have fun! Be cheerful! Remember, we will be representing Heritage Christian School to many people this week!

You should get a reminder from Sign Up Genius confirming the date and time of your shift.

**We are counting on you!**  
**If you are unable to make your shift,**  
*please find your own replacement*  
**and notify one of the committee members of the change.**

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

The Fair Food Fundraiser Committee

Cara Dykstra, Jen Eriks, Lanae Holstege, Tara Koole, Melissa Schimmel, Lori VanOverloop

For other Fair information, please see our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HCSFair/>  
(even non-FaceBook users can view this page)  
or see the Heritage website <http://www.heritageprschool.com/for-parents/>  
for more information regarding the Fair (and other things you may be interested in).

Congratulations to Mr. Matt Kuiper (Junior High)!  
Matt earned his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Cornerstone University,  
completing his course of study this summer!



**UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION**



The construction on the addition has not progressed as quickly as we had hoped due to some unforeseen delays. Hopefully things will begin ramping up soon! We are asking parents and students to be aware of the work throughout this coming school year. There will be fencing erected around the construction zones for student safety.



# Heritage Fundraisers

Welcomes you back to Heritage

& invites you to

**the Annual Fall Family Supper**

on Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018

Supper from 5:00-7:00pm

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## MENU:

Pulled Pork

Potato salad

Hot Dogs

Chips

Baked Beans

Ice Cream

Oreo Fluff

Coffee/Lemonade

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Also happening during the evening:

Meet your teachers

Face painting

Visit classrooms

\*\* 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!**