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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, MR. BRIAN KUIPER

### "KNIT TOGETHER"

*"That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding."  
Colossians 2:2*

The inspired apostle writes in Colossians 2 using very graphic language. A complete read of the chapter should bring to the mind of the reader many pictures as the chapter is taken from a verbal form to a visual. The passage quoted refers to only one of these pictures, but it serves well for us as we begin a new school year.

The idea portrayed should cause us to consider the work of knitting or quilting. In the case of knitting, wool or yarn threads are interwoven in such a way that they soon form a useable object such as a sweater or a pair of mittens. The product created is pleasing to the eye, and sturdy due to the nature of the stitching and knots being used. Quilting sometimes adds another element to the picture as it is possible for several people to make small pieces of the quilt and then come together for the purpose of binding them together into one large and colorful quilt. Yet, in the end, the longevity of the finished product is determined by the quality of fabrics and threads used to create the quilt.

The apostle tells members of the church that they are to be knit together. This idea must impact our fellowship and relationships in a profound way. As we gather in our families, our churches, and soon, our schools, we gather as individuals. But, we gather for the purpose of serving the body. Thus, we look for ways to strengthen the bonds that we have in Christ. We speak for the glory of His name and the building up of the Christian brother. We act in a way that is Christ-like, and respects the sister in Christ. We play, think, and conduct ourselves on social media in a way that demonstrates we are pulling the knots tighter for the strength of the body. And, we do this as a means of thankful Christian living.

The focus of this brief meditation is on the positive picture set forth. Yet, it is necessary to note one negative aspect that stands against the picture. Often the ties that bind us are loosened or torn due to the sins of this world. Primarily, we notice the sin of selfishness. The loose knot or torn thread that weakens the whole quilt normally comes from those who desire to be noticed, recognized, or honored in some way. The Spirit may have moved the apostle along to other pictures, but reminds us in verse 11, "Ye are complete in Him". Acknowledging our completeness in Christ allows us to put down our own desires, and seek to build stronger ties with others.

This year we seek to bind together 576 young people who come from 248 families. The work of knitting will be done by parents and teachers pulling the knots together for His glory. Please speak in your homes about this beautiful picture as well as the many ways in which we can work together to form tighter knots, stronger threads, and more beautiful quilts. Please pray together for the school, the teachers, the students, and the bonds that we desire to strengthen each day.

#### **Gradelink**

Many of you realize that Engrade is no longer available to us as an online grading program. After several months of research which included parents and teachers piloting several online grading programs, the Board approved using Gradelink as our new reporting tool. We have spent much time this summer getting to know Gradelink and expect it will be a great resource for many things in the future. What we have to decide is what features to use. For example, many of the communication features will be great. Our school family contact information will be readily available to teachers. Questions remain including how we will use the other features like enrollment and attendance features. A letter will come home early in the school year with more information regarding logon information and some of the details that parents need to know.

#### **School Security**

Once again this summer, we met with a Sergeant from the Ottawa County Sheriff's office as well as the

school security administrator for Hudsonville Public Schools. They are excited about what we are doing for school safety and shared a few possible upgrades that the Education Committee will soon be discussing. Always there is a desire to have a friendly and inviting building for family and friends. However, because of the increased need for security, practices and procedures will make this harder for us to accomplish. Both security experts reminded us that we have 2 essential priorities: to educate students and to keep them safe.

#### **Reminder to READ**

Many communications will occur this school year. Nearly three dozen weekly memos from the school. Some thirty-six or so weekly memos for each of your lower elementary children. Various, and sometimes random, communications from upper grade teachers. A school directory. Three Heralders. A Parent Student Handbook, Report cards either 4 or 6 times this school year. Two sets of parent-teacher conferences. Our goal is not to overwhelm you with communication. Our goal is to partner with you in the instruction of His children. We promise to read and respond when you communicate with us. We ask you to do the same.

Looking forward to a great 2019/2020 school year! Praying for the Lord's blessing. Thanking each of you who have helped prepare the building and the curriculum and the bus routes and the grounds.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT ~ MR. TOM HOLSTEGE**

The Finance Committee continues to review the tuition for the past year and is thankful for the commitments made by each family of Heritage Christian School. We are aware of the great financial burden that tuition places on us all as we take up our calling to instruct our children in the fear of the Lord. The financial sacrifices that you make do not go unnoticed by the Finance Committee or the rest of the Board. We thank you for all the support that has been provided to HCS in the past year, and we give thanks to our Almighty Father for granting us another opportunity to instruct our children in this coming year.

The 2018-19 school year ended just over budget by \$5,233. While the expenses for the year were under our budgeted amount, there was a shortfall in some of our collection of tuition that put us over budget.

This past April, the Society approved a budget for the school. The budgeted expense for the upcoming school year is \$2,838,099 with tuition accounting for just over \$2,219,399 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 \$160,000 and a Spring drive of \$160,000. For this past school year, we thank God that we received more than the budgeted amounts for these drives.

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, 16 new families. Of these 16 families, 9 of the new students are boys and 12 are girls, with most of them entering kindergarten, and the rest entering various other grades.

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

New Families		
Boer	Kent and Lindsay	Zion PRC
Dekker	Jared and Susan	Georgetown PRC
Dekkinga	Sandee	Georgetown PRC
DeVries	Jared and Cassie	Trinity PRC
Doezema	Keith and Melissa	First PRC Holland
Engelsma	Nick and Leanne	Georgetown PRC
Hassevoort	Kylar and Roxanne	Southwest PRC
Holstege	Rev. Joe and Lisa	Zion PRC
Kalsbeek	Kenton and Lisa	Grace PRC
Kuiper	Jonathan and Laurel	Hudsonville PRC
Langerak	Daniel and Annie	Hudsonville PRC
Pastoor	Jon and Alyssa	Zion PRC
Rosario	Elvis and Katharina	Hope PRC
Start	Zach and Kelsi	Georgetown PRC
VanDyke	Adam and Catherine	Trinity PRC
VanPutten	Scott and Jori	Hudsonville PRC

### NEW FAMILY INTRODUCTIONS

#### Owen Boer's family

We are the Boer family. We are a family of 5 who live in Jenison and attend Zion PRC. Lindsay stays home with the kids and Kent works at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital as an xray and CT technologist. Our oldest son is Owen, who will be 6 in August and can't wait to go to school all day long. He is also very excited to see his grandma (Arlene Westhuis) at school every day. Our middle child is Morgan, who turned 4 this summer and plans to attend Genesis preschool this fall. She is eager to have class in the new building! Molly is our youngest child and is almost 2. She tries to be independent and do everything her siblings do. As a family, we enjoy riding bikes, camping, gardening, and playing most sports. We are thankful for our Christian schools and are excited to start our journey at Heritage.

#### Lena DeVries' family

Jared and Cassie are members of Trinity PRC. We live south of Hudsonville and enjoy being in the country and spending time outdoors. We also like to go to the airport lookout, Critter Barn and library as often as we can. Jared works at Michigan Wood Fibers in Borculo and enjoys hunting and fishing in his spare time. I stay home with our three children, Lena, Nora, and Declan. I enjoy making new recipes and gardening. Lena will be in Kindergarten this year, Nora is 3 years old, and Declan is 1. It seems so surreal that we have a school age child already. We're so thankful that we are able to send our children to Heritage, and look forward to the fellowship and friendships at Heritage in the years to come.

#### Kayla Hassevoort's family

We are Kylar and Roxanne Hassevoort. We will be sending our oldest daughter, Kayla, to Heritage this coming school year. We are excited and look forward to getting to know everyone at Heritage. Kayla is a very busy girl, and likes to do just about anything that keeps her from being still. She can't wait to start Kindergarten! Kayla has two younger sisters: Hailey, who is 3 years and Taylor who is 1 ½ years old.

We live in Hudsonville and are members of Southwest Protestant Reformed Church in Grandville. Kylar is employed at Wonderland Tire in Byron Center, and Roxanne is a stay at home mom. As a family, we enjoy visiting with friends and family; and being outside. Whether we are: camping, fishing, biking, swimming, etc... we are glad to be out and not in the house.

#### Jacob Holstege's family

Hi, my name is Jacob. I am excited to go to Kindergarten at Heritage. I'm most excited to work and then play and then work and then play. I think it's funny that my teacher's name is Miss Holstege because it's just like my mom's name. My Dad's name is Joe, but most people call him Reverend Holstege. My Dad preaches at Zion church. My Mom's name is Lisa, and she cleans up and gets me ready for school and likes to make food (she is a stay at home mom : ) ). My Dad and Mom have been married for 8 years, and we are making plans to adopt a baby. I like it when my family goes to the beach, swimming, and when we go camping.

#### Ben Langerak's family

Hi! My name is Ben Langerak, and I will be starting kindergarten this year. My parents are Dan and Annie and I have a little sister Marie who is 3 and a baby brother Mason who is 3 months. We are members at Hudsonville PRC. We are so excited to begin our time here at Heritage and become part of the school community. We are so thankful for our christian schools and all who have a part in them. My dad works at Dun-Rite Machine and my mom stays home with us. As a family we enjoy all things animal! Trips to the zoo, trips to grandmas farm, or any place that has cats or dogs.

#### Reese Engelsma's family

We are Nick & Leanne Engelsma and our two children are Reese (5) and Shiloh (3), who have a baby brother coming in December. Nick works at Environmental Pallet Solutions and Leanne enjoys staying at home with the kids and subbing at Heritage whenever she can. As a family we love to go camping and spend time with family and friends.

We attend Georgetown Protestant Reformed Church in Hudsonville.

#### Riley Pastoor's family

We are Jon and Alyssa Pastoor, parents of Riley Pastoor, who will be attending Kindergarten this fall, Lord willing. Riley has two younger sisters, Madison (3) and Taylor (1). Jon is a Branch Manager for Macatawa bank and Alyssa is a stay-at-home wife/mother. We are grateful for our Christian schools and for the opportunity to send our children to Heritage, and we look forward to becoming more acquainted everyone there.

#### Michael Rosario's family

Hello!! We are the Rosario family! Yes! We are for sure coming to Heritage this fall. Michael will be going into 1st grade. He loves to play outside and when inside, he wants to be on the computer. Michael has a little brother. His name is Nathan. He is 1 and a half years old. Michael loves him very much and Nathan is always following Michael around like a little puppy. He still follows me too. Michael's dad is a cook for a restaurant. He really enjoys it. I am a homemaker and am very busy doing almost everything. We are so excited to start Heritage! No more public schools. We look forward to meeting all of you.

#### Emmett VanDyke's family

Emmett is the son of Adam and Catherine Van Dyke. He has 3 younger sisters, Sara, Jacoba, and Josie. Emmett and his family attends Trinity PRC. Emmett is very excited to start kindergarten in the fall.

#### Isabelle VanPutten's family

Isabelle VanPutten, who just turned 5 this past July, is so excited to start Kindergarten this year! She has a younger sister, Kate, who is 3, and wishes she could go to school with her big sister since they do everything together. Jackson is her baby brother who will turn 1 at the end of August. He soaks up getting all the attention being the only and youngest boy in the family. Scott works as an operations program manager at Steelcase, and has been there for 9 years. Jori was an RN in the ER but now stays at home full time with their 3 busy kids. As a family, we love to go biking, golfing, swimming in the pool, and boating/water sports. We also love making homemade pizzas, grilling, or just going to Costco together. We live in Hudsonville, in a neighborhood a mile from Hudsonville PRC, where we have attended church since we got married 7 years ago.

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT ~ MR. TOMM HEYBOER

"Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand." (Psalm 121: 4-5) Let's remember these comforting words as we entrust our children to the care of those whom God uses to teach and protect our children. God keeps our covenant children near to Him as they learn, but also as they go to and from school. As a Transportation Committee, we are thankful for God's protection of our students to and from school in the past school year.

It is also important to give thanks for our bus drivers, transportation supervisor, and substitute drivers. We appreciate their God-given dedication that makes it possible to safely transport our children to and from school. If you have an opportunity, you should take the time to thank them in person for their work. Remember that the drivers not only drive in the morning and afternoon, but they take time to drive for field trips, regularly inspect the buses, and help keep them clean.

Jessica Vander Kolk continues her hard work as the transportation supervisor. In addition to supervising the drivers and routes, Jessica works to prep the buses each day, as well as be sure they are properly

maintained to pass the annual state inspections. We are thankful that God gave a good recovery to Jessica this year after her surgery due to thyroid cancer. A big thank you also to Paula Steenwyk who filled in for Jessica in her absence.

You may have noticed in your bulletin that there is still a great need for a bus driver for a morning as well as an afternoon route. We hope that you will prayerfully consider this need. Drivers are needed for morning, afternoon, or both routes. Heritage would arrange and cover the cost of any licensing requirements.

Please take some time to remind your children regarding the rules of the bus, and to observe Godly behavior toward the drivers and fellow students to promote their safe and timely transportation to and from school. If you do have concerns about behavior please contact your bus 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 AND ROUTES

Those who are planning to ride Heritage buses, please read the following information:

- Please mark your houses and mailboxes clearly so that our drivers can find your houses easily.
- 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.

- The Allendale bus students will be picked up in the bus driveway at approximately 3:05 in the afternoon.
- 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.

**Vern Haveman (566-8419) – Bus 10 – Allendale AM**

6:40	Tim Machiele (9551 Polk St)	218-9261
6:46	Dave Ondersma (6970 Bauer Rd)	895-1116
6:52	Lance DeVries (9798 68 <sup>th</sup> Ave)	862-8790
6:54	Jordan Vander Kolk (68 <sup>th</sup> Ave/Wood Lane)	634-0711
6:57	Frank Kuperus (St. Margaret Catholic Church)	667-7518
6:57	Nate Holstege (St. Margaret Catholic Church)	634-6706
7:01	Steve Griffioen (M45/56 <sup>th</sup> Ave, SW corner)	723-5615
7:01	Dan Gritters (M45/56 <sup>th</sup> Ave, SW corner)	916-4900
7:06	Rebecca Barton (5280 Stanton)	805-550-5256
7:09	Kirk Karsemeyer (7694 Bass Creek Dr)	610-3082
7:11	Clint Karsemeyer (4272 Bass Creek Dr)	889-2451
7:15	Kenton Kalsbeek (Tyler St/48 <sup>th</sup> Ave)	797-4074
7:21	Brent Bomers (5981 40 <sup>th</sup> Ave)	970-3565
7:31	Dave Ritsema (3369 Bauer Rd)	318-2650

**Vern Haveman (566-8419), Cindi DeJong (886-2276) – Bus 10 – Allendale PM**

Brent Bomers (5981 40 <sup>th</sup> Ave)	970-3565
Clint Karsemeyer (4272 Bass Creek Dr)	889-2451
Kirk Karsemeyer (7694 Bass Creek Dr)	610-3082
Dave Ritsema (3369 Bauer Rd)	318-2650
Mitch Kamps (Fillmore/Bend Dr)	304-0482
Rebecca Barton (5280 Stanton)	805-550-5256
Steve Griffioen (11551 56 <sup>th</sup> Ave)	723-5615
Nate Holstege (St. Margaret Catholic Church)	634-6706
Frank Kuperus (St. Margaret Catholic Church)	667-7518
Jordan Vander Kolk (68 <sup>th</sup> Ave/Wood Lane)	634-0711
Lance DeVries (9797 68 <sup>th</sup> Ave)	862-8790
Dave Ondersma (6970 Bauer Rd)	895-1116
Tim Machiele (9551 Polk St)	218-9261

**Dan VanDyke (610-3276), Matt Kuiper (379-1220) – Bus 13 – PM**

Chad Nienhuis (1354 Carol Dr)	446-9040
Shawn Kamminga (6505 Oakland Dr)	318-9207
Michael VanTil (980 Rushmore)	550-1543
Andy Kalsbeek (7425 Thomas)	291-7282
Joel Hassevoort (Bayview Ave/Coral St)	734-9507
Andrew Karsemeyer (7499 Brower Lane)	607-4840
George Kamps (7731 Thomas)	915-0184
Nate Pastoor (7327 Eastlane)	667-2598
Todd Groenendyk (7434 Shadbleau Dr)	667-2556
Mike Moelker (2247 Pine Garden Ct)	531-1438
Chad Richards (2315 Chippewa)	589-8374
Steve VanderZwaag (8162 Greenridge Dr)	375-1197
James VanBaren (Broadview/Ronson)	337-5165
Kevin Timmerman (8599 Shadowbrook Dr)	457-3921
Tom Spriensma (Willow Creek Ct/Willow Creek Dr)	970-4864

**Paula Steenwyk (292-2115) – Bus 14 – Zeeland AM**

6:39	Tim Bartelds (39 Lee St)	422-6655
6:39	Brent Boverhof (39 Lee St)	218-9369
6:45	Mike Langland (510 E Central Ave)	748-1239
6:51	Kyle Kooienga (8877 Amethyst Dr)	218-2653
6:55	Luke Koops (1983 84 <sup>th</sup> Ave)	648-2570
6:57	Matt VanOverloop (2174 E Maple Ct)	772-0076
7:06	Dustin Boven (6956 Riley St)	446-6823
7:07	Ben Bomers (6607 Riley St)	886-6552
7:07	Dan Drnek (6607 Riley St)	405-2172
7:12	Chris Dykstra (2383 72 <sup>nd</sup> Ave)	836-2418
7:16	Nate Schipper (1739 64 <sup>th</sup> Ave)	745-5159

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7:20	James DeZwarte (Drenthe CRC)	862-9645
7:25	Everett Langerak (3705 146 <sup>th</sup> Ave)	291-8258
7:25	Matt Dykstra (3705 146 <sup>th</sup> Ave)	284-7805
7:25	Ross Zuverink (3705 146 <sup>th</sup> Ave)	886-6398
7:33	Kevin Gritters (48 <sup>th</sup> Ave/Riley)	644-5926
7:33	Michael Cnossen (48 <sup>th</sup> Ave/Riley)	283-5540

### **Paula Steenwyk (292-2115) – Bus 14 – Zeeland PM**

Michael Cnossen (4330 Riley St)	283-5540
Kevin Gritters (48 <sup>th</sup> Ave/Riley)	644-5926
Brad Kuiper (4085 Adams St)	550-1104
Brent Vander Kolk (4238 Adams St)	688-5456
Ross Zuverink (4473 34 <sup>th</sup> Ave)	886-6398
Alex Bylsma (4473 34 <sup>th</sup> Ave)	218-4491
Matt Dykstra (3485 146 <sup>th</sup> Ave)	284-7805
Everett Langerak (3705 146 <sup>th</sup> Ave)	291-8258
James DeZwarte (Drenthe CRC)	862-9645
Nate Schipper (1739 64 <sup>th</sup> Ave)	745-5159
Ben Bomers (6607 Riley St)	886-6552
Dustin Boven (6956 Riley St)	446-6823
Luke Koops (1983 84 <sup>th</sup> Ave)	648-2570
Kyle Kooienga (8877 Amethyst Dr)	218-2653
Mike Langland (510 E Central Ave)	748-1239
Tim Bartelds (39 Lee St)	422-6655
Ross Wassink (39 Lee St)	399-4098
Brent Boverhof (39 Lee St)	218-9369
Dan Drnek (1615 92 <sup>nd</sup> Ave)	405-2172

### **Jessica Vander Kolk (688-5456) – Bus 15 – AM**

6:37	Brent Vander Kolk (4238 Adams St)	688-5456
6:39	Brad Kuiper (4085 Adams St)	550-1104
6:44	Travis Vander Kolk (Felch/Coltan Dr)	560-9346
6:54	Mitch Zuverink (9091 Homerich Ave)	896-7096
6:56	Corey Terpstra (3738 92 <sup>nd</sup> Ave)	371-1495
7:10	Darren Vink (4177 Lila St)	261-3391
7:12	Tom Pastoor (4115 44 <sup>th</sup> St)	292-3306
7:15	Heath Jurgens (Maier Ct/Maier Ave)	828-7750
7:20	Shawn Kamminga (6505 Oakland Dr)	318-9207
7:24	Andy Kalsbeek (7425 Thomas Ave)	291-7282
7:32	George Kamps (7731 Henry)	915-0184
7:35	Nathan Pastoor (7327 Eastlane)	667-2598

### **Jessica Vander Kolk (688-5456) – Bus 15 – PM**

Geoff Penna (Bluff Ct/Bluff Dr)	669-0386
Eric Bouma (1412 McClelland St)	893-4000
Greg Kalsbeek (1000 McClelland St)	805-5659
Brittany Nead (436 Port Sheldon)	260-3001
Heath Jurgens (Maier Ct/Maier Ave)	828-7750
Jordan Koole (Maier Ct/Maier Ave)	890-2752
Aaron Gunnink (4488 36 <sup>th</sup> St)	531-7394
Darren Vink (4177 Lila St)	261-3391
Tom Pastoor (4115 44 <sup>th</sup> St)	292-3306
Ben Rau (Riviera Dr/Rushfield Dr)	644-2546
Brad Schut (Highland Ct/Jackson)	706-7737
Jared VanBaren (Floyd Ave/Happy Hollow)	260-5929
Brian Koole (6325 Kuiper Dr)	808-6237
Jordan VanBaren (1050 Greenly St)	581-5768
Mitch Zuverink (9091 Homerich)	896-7096
Corey Terpstra (3738 92 <sup>nd</sup> Ave)	371-1495

**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 2019**

On September 21st we plan to hold the 5th annual Peer to Peer walk for the support of our Protestant Reformed Special Education Society. With the blessings of our heavenly Father and the support of our families and business partners we have reached this small milestone.

Our Special Education programs in our schools continue to grow and so does the reach of support. Over the last five years we've found Peer to Peer is an event that many look forward to in the fall.

We also want to say a warm thank-you to a few retiring team members: Bryant and Dee Van



Overloop and Andy and Donna Peterson. Thank you for all that you have done to make the Peer to Peer Walk a success. At the same time, we welcome Jordan Pettit and Andrew Koerner, 2 of our Special Education teachers, to the committee.

When this idea started we promised ourselves we would continue to hold this event for as long as we could find support for it. We thought maybe we

would do two years, but each year donations have been so generous and participation so high we know we have to plan another year! Thank you for your support and encouragement. Hope to see you on September 21st.

## Heritage Christian School Fundraisers Annual Treasurer's Report

**July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

Beginning Cash Balance July 2018 \$20,000.00

### PROJECTS PROFITS

Box Tops	\$1,012.70
Clothing Sales	\$3,864.88
Cookbooks	\$180.00
Direct Your Dollars (Spartan)	\$2,000.00
Fall Family Supper	\$3,288.96
Hudsonville Fair Restaurant	\$69,000.00
Interest	\$87.34
RBO Precious Jewels	\$427.50
The Farbers	\$301.00
Three on Three Basketball	\$12,300.52
TRIP	\$8,851.41
Walkathon	\$36,644.66
Window Sticker Sales	10.00

**Net Profit** \$137,968.97

### PROJECTS FUNDED

Band/Art Teacher Allowance	\$150.00
Cross Country Jerseys/Meet	\$250.00
Discovery Center Allowance	\$500.00
Gift for Hudsonville PRC	
Janitor	\$54.95
Gift for Nursery Attendant	\$54.95
Gift for Secretary's Day	\$50.00
Gifts for Teacher's Birthdays	\$1,250.00
Grandparent's Day	\$197.58
Heritage Board Request	\$88,000.00
Heritage Library Fund	\$2,500.00
Hot Lunch- Disposables	\$294.21
Kindergarten Roundup	\$194.14
Precious Jewels Supplies	\$70.35
Teacher Allowances 2018-19	\$9,650.00
Teacher Appreciation Week	\$407.18
Teacher/Staff Year End Lunch	\$573.20
Year End Overage	33,772.41

*(Proposal passed 3/2018 that any funds over \$20,000 at the end of the school year will be given to the HCS Board in July.)*

**Total Funded** \$137,968.97

**Ending cash Balance July 2019** \$20,000.00

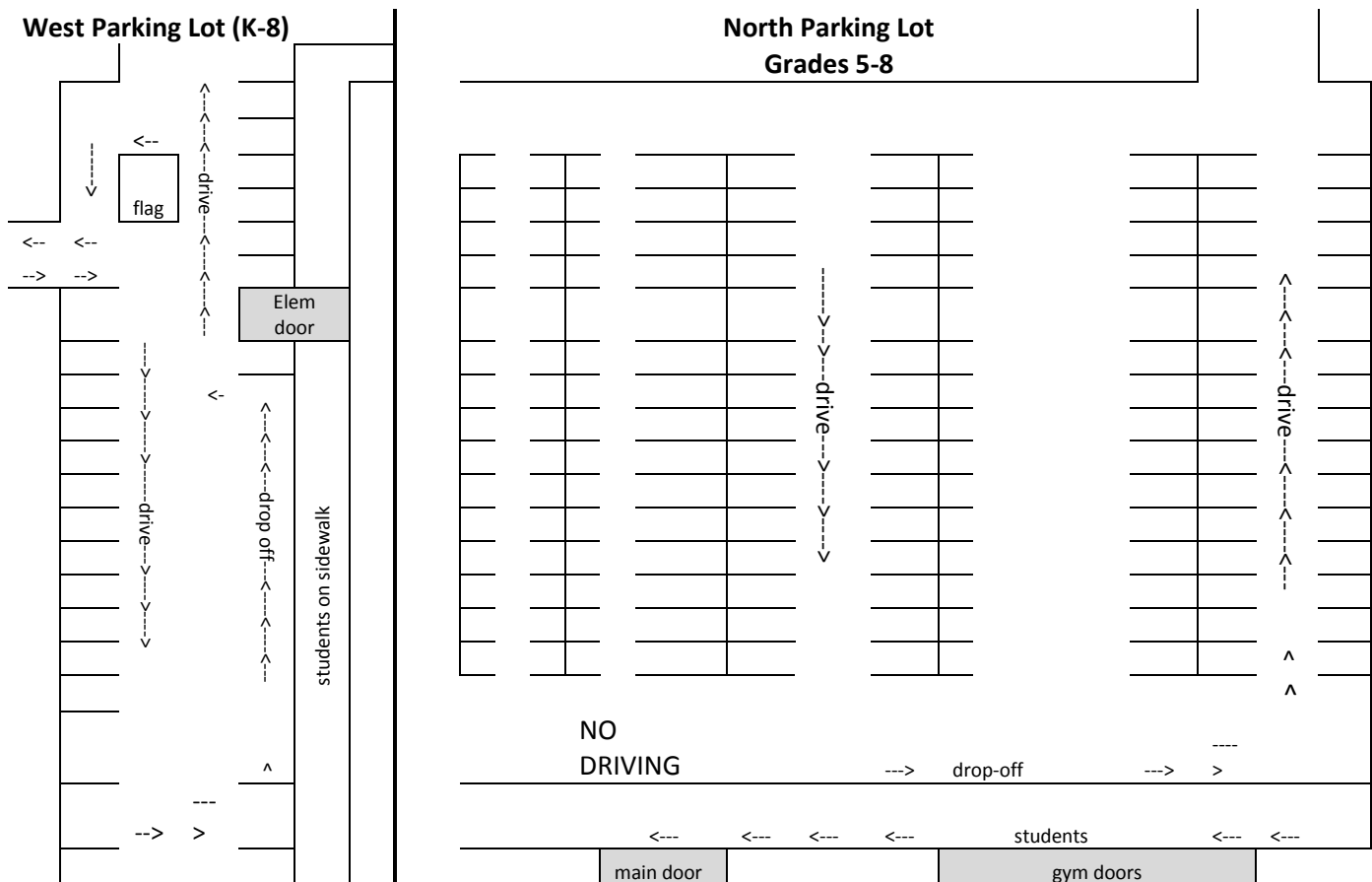
Audrey Decker, Treasurer

## Beginning of the year information:

- School starts on **MONDAY, August 26** at **7:52 AM**. We will see you then, D.V.
- There WILL be public school busing on the first day!**
- Parents who drop off and pick up children – **please follow procedures for morning and afternoon!**  
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. It appears to be confusing, so if you have questions please ask someone at school! THANKS!

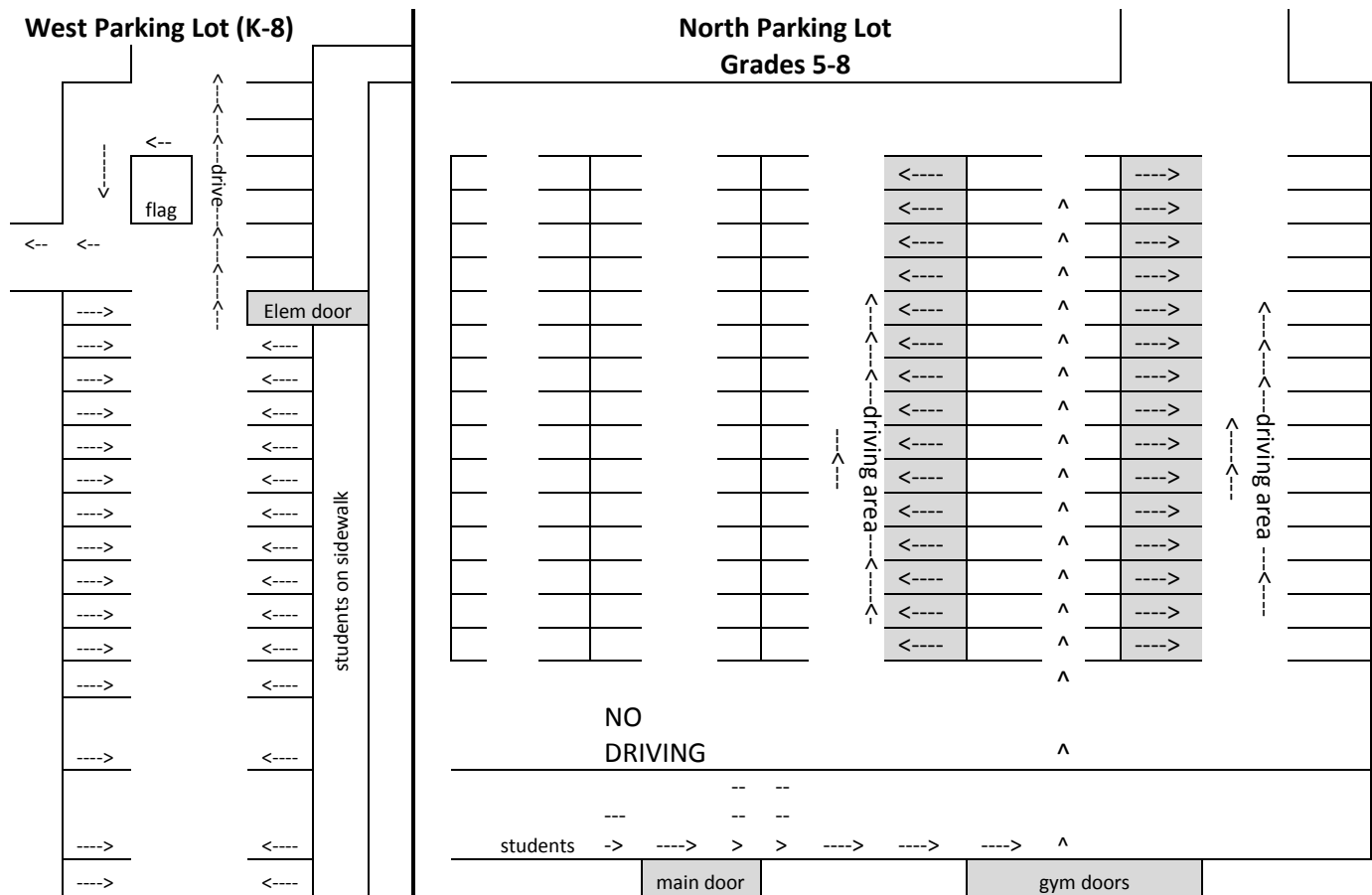
### **THIS IS the Morning Procedure:**

- If you have students in K-8, use the WEST** parking lot –Drive south, make a U-turn at the far end of the lot, & then pull ahead towards the entrance doors 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. We are not allowed to exit through the apartment lot to the north of school.
- 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 end, 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.
- If you do not have a handicapped plate, you are not allowed to use the handicapped parking spaces.



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

- **Volunteer Program:** If you are interested in volunteering to help with our precious covenant children, we would love to hear from you! There are opportunities to help with reading, piano playing, band, and sometimes even recess duty. You can volunteer to help once a week, every other week, or once a month. Email [receptionistwest@hchr.org](mailto:receptionistwest@hchr.org) if interested. We love to see our grandparents at school!
- **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 26. You may drop them off, mail or fax (616-669-4257) them to the office. Any questions, please call the office (669-1773). Thanks!
- **Thank you:** 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 school 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. 26 KA and KC classes: half day 7:52-11:30 parent meeting in the classroom at 11:30
- Tues., Aug. 27 KB class: half day 7:52-11:30 meeting in classroom at 11:30
- Wed., Aug. 28 KA and KC classes: half day 7:52-11:30
- Thurs., Aug. 29 KB class: half day 7:52-11:30
- Fri., Aug. 30 - Mon. Sept. 2 Labor Day break: no school
- Tues. Sept. 3 KB class: full day
- Wed. Sept. 4 KA and KC classes: full day
- Thurs. Sept. 5 KB class: full day
- Fri. Sept. 6 KA and KC classes: full day \*\*Note only two classes, to keep days even for the first two weeks of school.

Normal schedule begins on Monday, September 9

### **Room Mother announcement:**

Please consider being a room mother for your child's classroom this 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 contacted 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.

## **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).

## **2019-2020 School Year Calendar**

August 26, 2019 – First day of school  
August 30 – September 2, 2019 – Labor Day Break  
September 4 and 5, 2019 – School pictures  
September 12, 2019 – Fall Family Supper  
September 16-27, 2019 – Fall MAP testing  
September 28, 2019 – Fall Children's Clothing and Toy Sale  
October 16-18, 2019 – Teacher's Convention (out of state)  
October 25, 2019 – Grandparent's Day  
November 6 – 7, 2019 – Parent Teacher Conferences  
November 14, 2019 – All School Program  
November 28 – 29, 2019 – Thanksgiving Break  
December 23 – January 1, 2020 – Christmas Break  
January 20-31, 2020 – Winter MAP testing  
January 29 - 30, 2020 – Parent Teacher Conferences  
February 14, 2020 – Mid-winter Break  
March 7, 2020 – HCS Auction  
April 3-10, 2020 – Spring Break  
April 28, 2020 – HCS Science Curriculum Night  
May 4-15, 2020 – Spring MAP testing  
May 7, 2020 – Elementary Music Program  
May 25, 2020 – Memorial Day break  
May 28, 2020 – Last day of school, ½ day, HCS graduation

## **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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## 2019-2020 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  
4 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  
2 Hard Covered Composition Notebooks  
2 Strong, durable Folders  
Earbuds in a labeled bag/pouch  
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

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

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 Flair pens (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 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  
2 dry erase markers

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

KJV Bible and a 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

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

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Supplies

KJV Bible and a Psalter  
Pencils and Eraser  
Pens: Blue/Black for Work  
Pens: Red for Correcting  
Black Thin Tip Marker  
Colored Pencils  
Markers  
Highlighting Markers  
5 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 a Psalter  
Multiple Pencils and Pens (mechanical pencils preferred, but not necessary)  
Colored Pencils  
1 good eraser  
Rubber cement  
White-out  
Scissors  
5 3-Ring Binders (1" rings)  
Three Spiral Notebooks  
5 Folders w/Pockets  
Folder for Art  
Loose Leaf Notebook Paper (400 pages)  
Ruler with Inches & Centimeters  
Compass  
Protractor  
Scientific Calculator (TI-83 or 84)  
Highlighter (optional)



# *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 hat, 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.
- Children may not accompany parents to their shift at the restaurant or any food prep areas.

## *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, close-toed 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, as we have limited shelving.

## *Other important things to note:*

- If you are working in the kitchen, expect to wear latex-free gloves for most of your shift.
- 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 \$5. 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 a committee member of the change.**

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

For more Fair information and give-aways,  
please see our Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/HCSFair/>  
(even non-FaceBook users can view this page)

The Fair Food Fundraiser Committee:

Cara Dykstra, Jen Eriks, Lanae Holstege, Susan King, Tara Koole, Ronda VanBemmel, Lori VanOverloop





# Heritage Fundraisers

Welcomes you back to Heritage

& invites you to

**the Annual Fall Family Supper**

**on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019**

**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!**