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### FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, MR. BRIAN KUIPER

#### “LESSONS FROM DANIEL”

***“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.”***

***Daniel 1:8***

**A**s we look forward to the beginning of a new school year, all of us are dealing with a range of emotions and thoughts. What will the new year bring? How easily will new friendships be made and old ones restored? How safe will school be? How healthy will school be? MUST I do what I am being told to do? How anxious am I about it all? Where is my trust?

It is my intent this year to use the life of Daniel and his 3 friends as a theme for my chapel, devotions, and opportunities to develop the Word of God. We have much clear and worthwhile instruction from the life of Daniel that guides our lives in all of the questions and worries that we are facing.

Naturally, the story that begins our Daniel journey is the one before us. Daniel and his friends and many other of God’s people were taken captive according to the providence and will of God. We could say it was not their choice. They did not have a desire to be oppressed and held against their will. Yet, we must say it was God’s will. And, we also can see that it was a result or consequence of their wicked walk. Still, definitely not what they would have *chosen* for their lives.

Facing the young men, indeed facing all of the captives, was obedience to God or to man. We read that they would have been defiled by the king’s meat. Thus we can conclude that they were faced with a menu that would not have conformed to the menu God had given them. In these instances, the Word is clear. When we are faced with a command *against* the Word, we must choose to obey God and suffer the consequences of our disobedience against civil authority. Yet, we learn an important lesson from Daniel and his Godly friends.

They *requested*. And, in so doing, they were granted their request. Now, disobedience and submission were no longer the issue for them. Because they went about this matter in the right way, the eunuch gave them permission to go against the decree of the king. And, as we know, God blessed them with health and wellness beyond what anyone would have expected.

Several lessons for our lives come from this history:

**Friendship:** Good christian friends are necessary for each of us in our walk. We will see several times in the book when Daniel only is mentioned, or the friends and not Daniel. Yet, when we speak of this history, we normally think of 4 young men. Seek and desire Godly friends. And, be Christlike in your friendships. "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother (Proverbs 18:24).

**Unity:** There was not a statement regarding a lengthy discussion or debate among the friends. Absent that language, we can understand that there was unity in this decision. We can learn from this about our lives as members of organizations. Disunity is what weakens our churches and schools. Pulling in the same direction in a united way will bring strength. In our talk, and in our actions, may the Lord bless us with unity this school year. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1).

**Respect:** Not blind obedience without discernment. Not disobedience in spite of the king's orders. "He requested that he might not defile himself" (vs 8). While the 4 friends had every right to disobey, they went about it in a way of respect for authority and thus the result was a good one. Disobedience would have led to punishment and likely imprisonment.

Respecting and requesting allowed their life and decisions to be used as a witness for the church that followed as well as for us in our lives today!

Dare to be a Daniel. Show this by loving God and loving your neighbor.

In the next few days, you will be receiving the Heritage Back-to-School plan. Please read it with your family, and have discussions about how following the plan will demonstrate ways to grow in friendship, unity, and respect. As indicated in other communications, this work has been a careful work, an informed work, and a work by MANY. Please understand it is also a work done for the good of the organization. It might not satisfy each individual, but attempts to meet the needs of ALL. Please remember that as you talk to your children and to each other about it.

Several days before school starts, we will be sending home a document entitled "A Day in the Life of a Heritage student". This communication will attempt to very practically show what our new normal day will be like as families and as a school.

Looking forward to August 31, and praying fervently for God's blessing.

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

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 God's Word. They are not only making a commitment to the time and effort it takes to instruct these children, but to the great financial burden which tuition places on each of these families. The financial sacrifice that is made by the families that support HCS is not unnoticed and the Finance Committee along with the rest of the board would like to thank all of these families.

The 2019/20 fiscal year ended with a deficit of \$3,675. While the expenses for the year were under our budgeted amount, there was a shortfall in some of our collection of tuition.

This past spring, the Society approved a budget for the school. The budgeted expense for the upcoming school year is \$2,954,550 with tuition accounting for \$2,367,550 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 \$170,000 and a Spring drive of \$170,000. For the 2019/20 school year, we give thanks to God for receiving 5.5% 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.

## HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOUNDATION ~ MR. WES KOOPS

We thank all those who participated and contributed again to make this year's Golf Outing Fundraiser a success. On July 18, the Meadows Golf Course was filled with 36 teams and support staff. Our diligent golf committee in charge of planning did a fine job of mixing up the competition, trying a few new ideas and making the event another very successful fundraiser for our Heritage Foundation. We again thank everyone for participating in this enjoyable, yet important fundraiser for covenantal education. We anticipate also planning the next Evening of Praise to be held in November after Thanksgiving. Look for further announcements of this enjoyable evening.

All of us over the past four months have learned how quickly our lives take on a different course that affects our churches, schools, jobs and livelihood. It may even have affected how you view your retirement

planning. Your Heritage Foundation Board again reminds you that our partnership with Barnabas Foundation may be a big help in answering questions related to your will, gifting and retirement planning. To assist you and make certain that your will reflects your family and charitable goals, please reach out to the Barnabas Foundation (888.448.3040 email info@BarnabasFoundation.com) or contact one of our board members: Kevin Gritters, Tom Heyboer, Justin Koole (Treasurer) , Jeff Scholten (Secretary), Jared Van Baren, Titus Kamps (Vice President), or Wesley Koops (President).

The Foundation Board appreciates all the support it has received in the past and, even with all the current uncertainty, looks forward to its continued financial support of Heritage Christian School.

## ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE REPORT ~ MR. MATT VANOVERLOOP

As we stand on the threshold of the 36th year of Heritage Christian School we are reminded of the trust that we, as parents, must have in our Father. Trusting that He will provide the Godly instruction that we committed to give in the vow we took at our child(ren)'s baptism. Trusting that He equips faithful teachers and staff to guide our children in developing their God given abilities. Trusting that He will provide us the financial means necessary to send our children to Heritage Christian School. And trusting that He will keep them safe in health, and safe in affliction, because He carries them safely in His arms.

In that trust, thirteen new families desired to enroll their child(ren) at Heritage Christian School for the 2020/21 school year. The Enrollment Committee interviewed and approved all thirteen families as they committed themselves to a Christ centered education at HCS.

Please welcome Kyle & Lyndsey Corson, Alex & Heather Dykstra, Kyndra Dykstra, Brad & Amanda

Gritters, John & Emily Hopkins, Tim & Annette Kuiper, Daryl & Lucy Lamar, Don & Hillary Lotterman, Tim & Jessica Ondersma, Ryan & Faith Richards, Joel & Tara VanderKolk, Chad & Anna Wassink, and Dave & Alexa Wassink to the HCS family.

This coming September HCS will open its doors (physically or virtually) to 565 students from 245 families. This year our staff of teachers, aides, bus drivers, office staff, janitors, Special Ed and Administrator numbers 75. Hold them up before the throne of our Father as they take up this work. Our prayer is that in this coming year as parents and staff, we continue to help and support each other in the cause of Christian education at HCS. God has been our help in 35 years at HCS and is our hope for this year to come. We trust in Him.

## NEW FAMILY INTRODUCTIONS

- **Kyle and Lyndsey Corson family:**

Hello, we are Kyle and Lyndsey Corson, parents of *Brady Corson*. Brady has a set of twin siblings that will be turning 3 this October.

Kyle is a clinical specialist in medical device sales at Medtronic and Lyndsey works part time at Saint Marys hospital as a CT technologist.

As a family we love to be outdoors any chance we get. We have done a lot of kayaking as family this summer. We also love to take the whole family golfing.

Brady is looking forward to kindergarten very much!

- **Alex and Heather Dykstra family:**

*Ari* is the oldest brother of our family of 3 boys. Ari is 5, James is 3, and Jed is 1. Ari loves to go camping, fishing, building legos, and riding his bike really fast. He enjoys being a big brother and helping take care of his younger brothers. Dad and mom are Alex and Heather Dykstra. Dad works for Mark Dykstra Concrete, and mom stays at home. Ari hopes someday to work with his dad as well....or be a police officer!

- **Kyndra Dykstra family:**

Hi, I'm *Christy Grace Dykstra*. I live with my mom Kyndra who will be staying home with my 3 year old

sister, Lydia while I am at school. I go to Trinity PRC, and we live in the apartments right by Heritage. We enjoy camping with extended family and cousins. I can't wait to start kindergarten!

- **Brad and Amanda Gritters family:**

Hi. My name is *Jackson Gritters*. My dad and mom are Brad and Amanda. My dad owns Gritters Lawn and Landscape. I have 2 brothers, Owen and Brooks. My favorite hobbies include riding my bike, fishing, and playing outside with friends.

- **John and Emily Hopkins family**

John and Emily Hopkins and their 4 children--*Elly (5th grade), Thomas (4th), Henry (2nd), and Ruth (K in 2021)* moved from Redlands, CA to Hudsonville this summer. John lived in Redlands since 1999, having moved there with his parents and siblings from Katy, TX after Trinity PRC disbanded. In 2006, John met a wonderful farmer's daughter from Jamestown, MI at a Young Adult's Retreat (Emily Hoekstra). They were married in 2008.

The 4 Hopkins children had a sad farewell leaving Hope Christian School in Redlands. The student body in Redlands is not quite as numerous as Heritage. When a family leaves, it is felt. A lot of friendships nourished over the years changed. They've been assured, however, that Heritage Christian School can be a fun place to go to school. "We'll see". Elly is a reader, a musician (she's already signed up to play the clarinet in band), and has a fantastic imagination; Thomas is the clumsy athlete, typical 9-year-old boy, and curious; Henry collects coins, likes his friends, but also likes to spend time doing his own thing; Ruth is...intense, interesting, and stubborn.

The Hopkins are excited to meet and get to know their new classmates. We are thankful to God for the safe move and, so far, seamless transition to West Michigan.

- **Tim and Annette Kuiper family:**

Hello! We are Tim and Annette Kuiper and are members at Faith PRC. We have one daughter, *Evelin*, who will be in kindergarten this year. Tim works at Nederveld and has been there for 25 years. Annette does manicures and pedicures from home a couple hours per week. Evie has two pet guinea pigs that she has named Marshmallow and Carmel. She is excited to be going to school where some of her older cousins are. We feel blessed and thankful to be able to send Evie to Heritage!

- **Daryl and Lucy Lamar family:**

Hi, my name is *Aspen Lamar*, and I am so excited to go to kindergarten. I live in Hudsonville and attend Faith PRC. My dad, Daryl, and mom, Lucy, started Aspens Auto last summer and my dad buys and sells cars there. In his free time he enjoys golfing and watching sports. My mom stays home with me,

my 3 year old brother Israel, and my 1 year old sister Vienna. We keep her pretty busy with all our shenanigans, but when she gets some free time she enjoys doing crafts, gardening and pretty much anything outside. I love riding my bike, cooking and baking with my mom, and playing trains with my brother. I am also looking forward to playing soccer in the fall. As a family we enjoy playing and watching sports and being outside.

- **Don and Hillary Lotterman family:**

Hello! My name is *Quenton Lotterman*. My dad and mom are Don and Hillary. We attend Zion PRC. My dad works at Speed Wrench as a service dispatcher for the Speed Tech division. Mom mainly stays home with me but sometimes she cleans houses.

I love playing with my cousins and friends, or my dad and mom. We love to go camping in the summer or be by water (wherever that is). We also like to watch sports together, mainly football and basketball. I love playing all sports though and just being outside, but also enjoy playing cards or boards games with my mom. I am so excited to be starting Kindergarten.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and get to know us just a little bit.

- **Tim and Jess Ondersma family:**

Hello, we are the Ondersma family. Our daughter *Riley* is very excited to start kindergarten this year! Her younger sister, Avery, looks forward to preschool! Aurora is the youngest sister and is almost one year old. Tim works for Onder Construction building boardwalks, playgrounds, and other various projects. Jess works in the home but occasionally also works a few hours as a RN at Waterford Place. As a family, we love to play outside especially at the lake and pool during the summer. We also enjoy camping with family and playing with our family dog, Bud.

- **Faith and Ryan Richards family:**

Hello, my name is *Beckham Richards*. My parents are Faith and Ryan Richards. My mom works as a nurse practitioner at Spectrum Health, and my dad is owner of Budget Plumbing. My little brother's name is Ezra, and he is 3. I love to go fishing, play with my cousins, ride my bike, and swim. I am also very excited to start school this year!

- **Joel and Tara VanderKolk family:**

Hi! We're Joel and Tara Vander Kolk, parents of *Jude Vander Kolk*. Joel was born and raised here in Hudsonville, MI, while Tara was born and raised in Loveland, CO. We have three wonderful kids. Jude is five, and the oldest child in our family. He has a younger sister Amelia, who is four, and a brother Weston who is one and a half. Joel runs an excavating business called Vander Kolk Exc. Tara stays at home with the kids, but used to work at St. Mary's Hospital downtown. She loves being at home

running the household, but also looks forward to working as a nurse again someday. As a family we enjoy bike rides together, beach outings, hikes, camping, and occasional trips to CO to see Tara's family. We're raising our family right here in Hudsonville, and are looking forward to school starting this fall. :)

- **Chad and Anna Wassink family:**

Hello! We are Chad & Anna Wassink. We have 2 boys, *Thomas* (5) and *Jay* (3). We attend First PRC of Holland and live about as close to Lake Michigan as you can get without living on the lake! Thomas will be starting kindergarten this fall -- we are all excited! Together we started Wassink Plumbing and have been in business for just over a year and a half. Anna has a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree and used to work as a nurse practitioner but

now she stays home with the boys and helps Chad with the business. Thomas loves swimming, playing outside with dad and Jay, and building all sorts of things with LEGO. We are thankful to be part of the Heritage Christian School community and look forward to the coming year.

- **David & Alexa Wassink family:**

Hello, my name is *Kinsley Wassink*. My dad, Dave, owns DCW Concrete & Construction. My mom, Alexa, is a homemaker. I am the oldest child in my family. I have 3 younger siblings, Liam, Jensyn, & Jace. We all love riding bikes, swimming, and being outside.

### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT ~ MR. TOMM HEYBOER

"But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee" Psalm 5:11. As we anticipate the school year in 2020, there seems to be little we can know for certain. We look around us, and there seems to be no sure answer. Let's remember one thing that is certain. God is our defender and our protector! What a great comfort it is to be assured that God holds our children near to Him while they are at school, and as they go to and from school. Let's give thanks to God for His protection of our covenant children as He protects them in their way.

More than ever, we are trusting in the Lord as we anticipate the 2020 – 2021 school year. There will be many changes to schooling, and riding the bus is no exception. There are many measures that will be taken for the safety and health of our kids. These include disinfecting of surfaces, hand sanitizer dispensers mounted on the busses, changes to seating arrangements, among others. It's our prayer as a committee that God will work through your example of patience, kindness, and respect to lead our students in following the changes that are put in place to keep them healthy and safe.

We must again acknowledge the work of our school bus drivers. It is through their efforts that our children arrive safely at school. If you have opportunity, you should take the time to thank them for their work and dedication. Another way we as parents can thank the drivers is to teach our children to respect the rules on the bus, to be obedient to the drivers, and display Godly behavior to them and their fellow students. This practice will promote their safe and timely transportation to and from school. If you do have concerns about behavior please

contact your bus driver, transportation coordinator Jessica Vander Kolk, or a member of the Transportation Committee.

We are glad to report that a new bus driver joined Heritage for the 2020 – 2021 school year. Terry Kooienga comes to us with some past driving experience, and we are thankful that he will be driving a morning route for us. There is still an opening for an afternoon bus driver. We hope that you will prayerfully consider this need. Heritage would arrange and cover the cost of any licensing requirements.

Jessica Vander Kolk continues to work as the transportation supervisor. In addition to supervising the drivers, her work includes planning and setting the bus routes and facilitating the bus maintenance so they will pass the annual state inspections. Preparing for the rigorous state inspections is no small task! This involves days of self-inspection and arranging repairs large and small, as even the smallest violation can cause a bus to fail inspection. Thanks to Jessica for her hard work!

We are thankful also for the means that we have for our children to safely get to school. Our modest "fleet" consists of five school buses. Some time ago, the practice was put in place to purchase a new bus every three years. This practice enables Heritage to replace aging buses as they become older and their maintenance and repair costs rise. 2020 is the year for this purchase. Lord willing, by the time school starts, the purchase will be completed from Holland Bus Company, and bus 16 will be in use.

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.
- All busing families have been emailed a letter from the Transportation Committee of our School Board. In the letter are the measures taken to insure the safety of our

children. If you did not see the letter, please email us at [receptionist@hchr.org](mailto:receptionist@hchr.org) and we will resend it.

- There will be NO catechism busing this year. This decision was made by the Transportation Committee, in the interest of limiting the potential of spreading sickness. Please keep this in mind as you plan for catechism days this fall.

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.

### **Bus 13 – Jenison AM – Terry Kooienga (337-4002)**

6:43 Shawn Kamminga (6505 Oakland Dr) 318-9207  
6:53 Darren Vink (4177 Lila St) 261-3391  
6:57 Tom Pastoor (4115 44th St) 292-3306  
7:07 Andy Kalsbeek (7425 Thomas Ave) 291-7282  
7:13 George Kamps (7731 Henry Ave) 915-0184  
7:17 Nathan Pastoor (7327 Eastlane Ave) 667-2598  
7:22 James VanBaren (Broadview/Ronson) 337-5165  
7:25 Steve VanderZwaag (8162 Greenridge Dr) 375-1197  
7:30 Chad Richards (2315 Chippewa) 589-8374  
7:35 Dave Ritsema (3369 Bauer Rd) 318-2650

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

Chad Nienhuis (1354 Carol Dr) 446-9040  
Shawn Kamminga (6505 Oakland Dr) 318-9207  
Michael VanTil (980 Rushmore) 550-1543  
Brittany Nead (436 Port Sheldon Rd) 260-3001  
Jordan Koole (Maier Ct/Maier Ave) 890-2752  
Heath Jurgens (Maier Ct/Maier Ave) 828-7750  
Aaron Gunnink (4488 36th St) 329-8662  
Andy Kalsbeek (7425 Thomas Ave) 291-7282

Joel Hassevoort (Bayview Ave/Coral St) 734-9507  
Andrew Karsemeyer (7499 Brower Lane) 607-4840  
George Kamps (7731 Henry Ave) 915-0184  
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/Willow Creek Dr) 970-4864  
Dave Ritsema (3369 Bauer Rd) 318-2650

**Bus 14 – Allendale AM – Vern Haveman (566-8419)**

6:40 Tim Machiele (9551 Polk St) 218-9261  
6:46 Dave Ondersma (6970 Bauer Rd) 848-5414  
6:52 Lance DeVries (9797 68th Ave) 862-8790  
6:54 Jordan Vander Kolk (68th Ave/Wood Lane) 634-0711  
6:58 Nate Holstege (St. Margaret Catholic Church) 634-6706  
7:05 Steven Griffioen (11551 56th Ave) 723-5615  
7:10 Rebecca Barton (5280 Stanton) 805-550-5256  
7:14 Kirk Karsemeyer (7694 Bass Creek Dr.) 610-3082  
7:15 Clint Karsemeyer (4272 Bass Creek Dr.) 889-2451  
7:17 Kenton Kalsbeek (7185 48th Ave) 797-4074  
7:25 Adam VanDyke (56th/Barry) 566-8418  
7:34 Brent Bomers (5981 40th Ave) 970-3565

**Bus 14 – Allendale PM – Vern Haveman (566-8419)**

Brent Bomers (5981 40th Ave) 970-3565  
Adam VanDyke (56th/Barry) 566-8418  
Derek Cnossen (72nd/Barry) 644-4103  
Kenton Kalsbeek (Tyler/48th Ave) 797-4074  
Clint Karsemeyer (4272 Bass Creek Dr) 889-2451  
Kirk Karsemeyer (7694 Bass Creek Dr) 610-3082  
Mitchell Kamps (Fillmore/Bend Dr) 304-0482  
Rebecca Barton (5280 Stanton) 805-550-5256  
Steve Griffioen (11551 56th Ave) 723-5615  
Nate Holstege (St. Margaret Catholic Church) 634-6706  
Jordan Vander Kolk (68th Ave/Wood Lane) 634-0711  
Lance DeVries (9797 68th Ave) 862-8790  
Tim Machiele (9551 Polk St) 218-9261

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

6:47 Chris Dykstra (2433 72nd Ave) 836-2418  
6:52 Nathan Schipper (1739 64th Ave) 745-5159  
7:00 Everett Langerak (3705 147th Ave) 291-8258  
7:05 Ross Zuverink (4473 34th Ave) 886-6398  
7:05 Alex Bylsma (4473 34th Ave) 218-4491  
7:05 Jared DeVries (4473 34th Ave) 821-3247  
7:07 Matt Dykstra (3485 146th Ave) 284-7805  
7:12 Brent Vander Kolk (4238 Adams St) 688-5456  
7:13 Brad Kuiper (4085 Adams St) 550-1104  
7:25 Mitch Zuverink (9091 Homerich Ave) 896-7096

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

Greg Kalsbeek (1000 McClelland St) 805-5659  
Brad Schut (4706 Highland Ct) 706-7737  
Ben Rau (Rivera Dr/Rushfield Dr) 644-2546  
Darren Vink (4177 Lila Ave) 261-3391  
Tom Pastoor (4115 44th St) 292-3306

Brian Koole (6325 Kuiper Dr) 808-6327  
Jared VanBaren (Floyd Ave/Happy Hollow) 260-5929  
Brent Looyenga (4434 Happy Hollow) 206-3983  
Keith Feenstra (1212 Quincy St) 662-8001  
Jordan VanBaren (1050 Greenly St) 581-5768  
Mitch Zuverink (9091 Homerich Ave) 896-7096

**Bus 16 AM – Paula Steenwyk (292-2115)**

6:47 Tim Bartelds (39 Lee St) 422-6655  
6:54 Chad Wassink (First PRC Holland) 481-5593  
7:02 Mike Langeland (510 E Central Ave) 566-0076  
7:08 Kyle Kooienga (8877 Amethyst Dr) 218-2653  
7:12 Luke Koops (1983 84th Ave) 648-2570  
7:15 Matt VanOverloop (2174 E Maple Ct) 915-6417  
7:24 Dustin Boven (6956 Riley St) 446-6823  
7:25 Ben Bomers (6607 Riley St) 886-6552  
7:33 Mike Cnossen (4330 Riley St) 283-5540  
7:33 Kevin Gritters (4330 Riley St) 644-5926  
7:33 Drew Duthler (4330 Riley St) 304-6076

**Bus 16 – Zeeland PM – Paula Steenwyk (292-2115)**

Kevin Gritters (48th Ave/Riley) 644-5926  
Mike Cnossen (4330 Riley St) 283-5540  
Andrew Duthler (4330 Riley St) 304-6076  
Brad Kuiper (4085 Adams St) 550-1104  
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Chad Wassink (510 E Central Ave) 481-5593  
Luke Koops (1983 84th Ave) 648-2570  
Kyle Kooienga (8877 Amethyst Dr.) 218-2653

**Attention students planning to ride the bus to Covenant Christian High School: WE NEED YOUR FORMS ASAP – no later than August 19!!!!** 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 School Fundraisers Treasurer's Report

**July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020**

**Balance on Hand July 1, 2019** **\$53,851.86**

**PROJECT PROFITS**

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament	\$10,184.83
Auction	\$22,521.77
Box Tops	\$965.00
Clothing Sales	\$2,200.00
Cookbooks	\$264.00
Direct Your Dollars (Spartan)	\$1,000.00
Fair Restaurant	\$85,000.00
Fall Family Supper	\$2,560.05
Interest	\$67.23
Kitchen Committee	\$128.00
The Farbers	\$155.00
TRIP	\$9,721.95
Window Sticker Sales	\$10.00

**Total Receipts** **\$134,777.83**

**PROJECTS FUNDED**

Fall Family Supper	\$852.99
Gift for Hudsonville PRC Janitor	\$50.00
Gift for Nursery Attendant	\$50.00
Grandparents Day	\$175.90
HCS Board Request	\$90,000.00
HCS Library Fund	\$2,500.00
HCS Sports Fund ('18-'19 and '19-'20 school years)	\$600.00
HCS Staff Shirts	\$160.00
HCS Year-End Overage ('18-'19 school year)	\$33,772.41
Kitchen Committee	\$477.51
Precious Jewels Supplies	\$57.83
School's Entrance Pots	\$59.98
Secretary's Day	\$50.00
Supplies (new checks)	\$29.95
Teacher Birthday Gifts	\$1,150.00
Teacher Yearly Allowance	\$10,300.00
Teacher/Staff Year End Lunch ('18-'19 school year)	\$29.45

**Total Expenses** **\$140,316.02**

**Balance on Hand June 30, 2019** **\$48,313.67**

Lori Duthler, Fundraisers Treasurer

## 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.

\* 2020/21 – A gator style or ear loop mask that conforms to all these standards will be required for students during parts or all of the day.

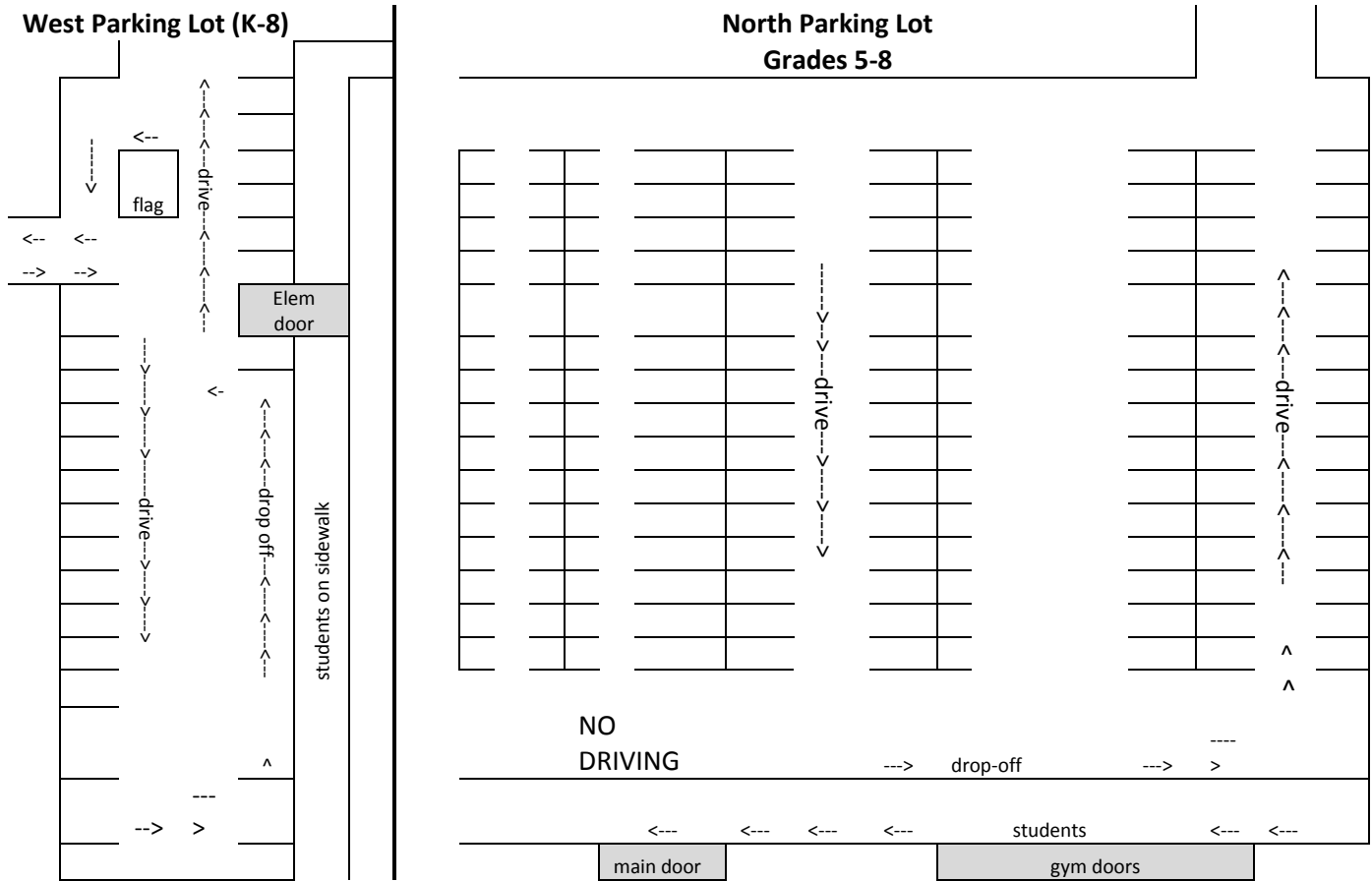
## ***Beginning of the year information:***

- School starts on **MONDAY, August 31 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!

### **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.

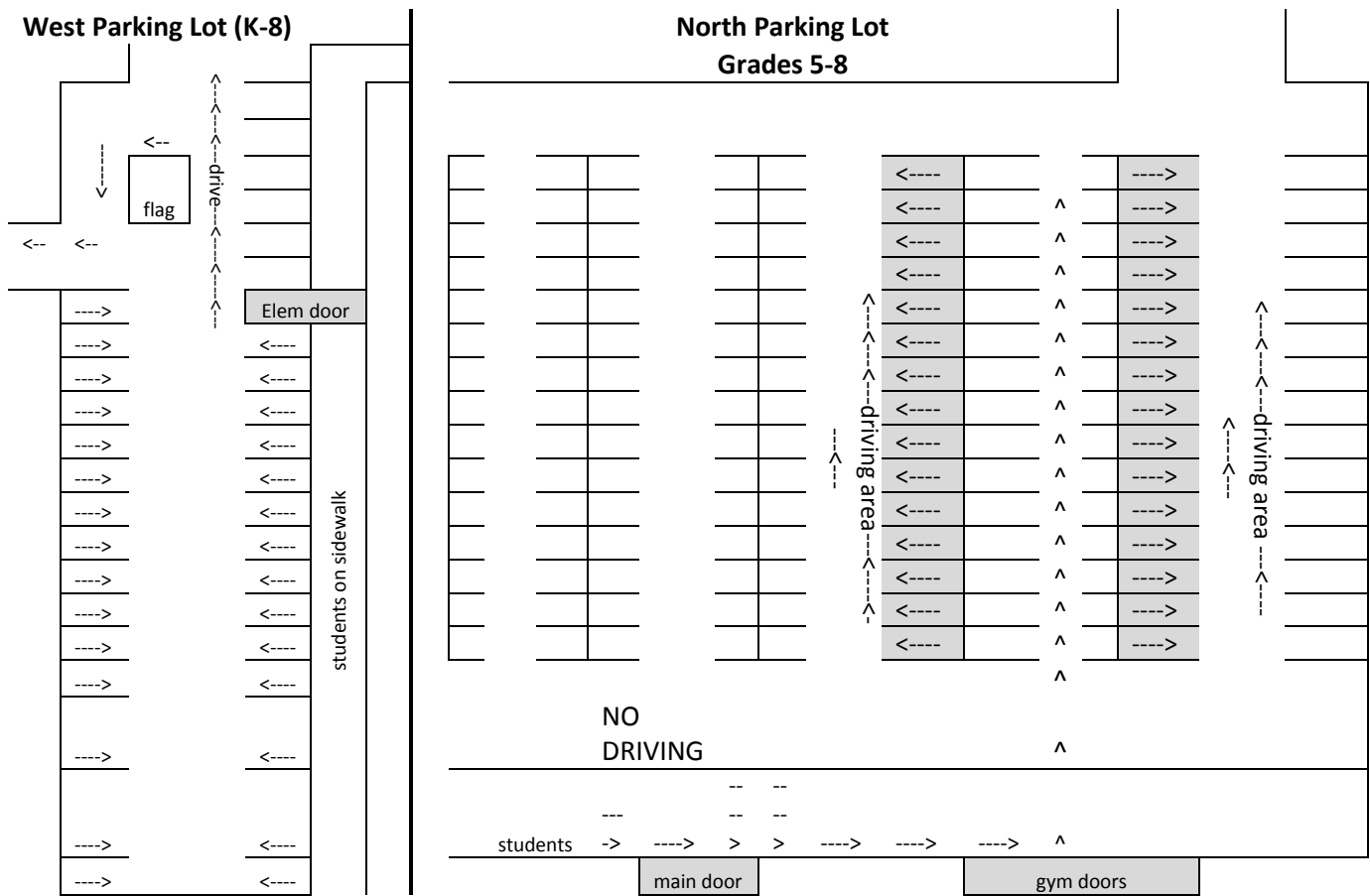
## Morning Procedure diagram:



## 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.

## Afternoon Procedure diagram:



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

- Upon arrival of buses or cars, students will immediately enter school and go to their classrooms.
- All busing families have been emailed a letter from the Transportation Committee of our School Board. In the letter are the measures taken to insure the safety of our children. If you did not see the letter, please email us at [receptionist@hchr.org](mailto:receptionist@hchr.org), and we will resend it.
- There will be NO Catechism busing this year. This decision was made by the Transportation Committee, in the interest of limiting the potential of spreading sickness. Please keep this in mind as you plan for catechism days this fall.
- **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 various things. 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. This year, volunteers will be PARENTS ONLY and no small children will be allowed.
- **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 31. If you sent them in already, thank you! If not, you may drop them off, mail them, or email 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:

- Monday, August 31: Kindergarten Roundup (8-10 am) for Elephant and Zebra classes and one of their parents. This will include the beginning of the year parent meeting.(more info will be emailed to parents)
- Tuesday, Sept. 1: Kindergarten Roundup ( 8-10 am) for Lion class and one of their parents. This will include the beginning of the year parent meeting.(more info will be emailed to parents)
- Wednesday, Sept. 2: Elephant and Zebra classes (half day)
- Thursday, Sept. 3: Lion class (half day)
- Friday, Sept. 4: Labor Day break (no school)
- Monday, Sept. 7: Labor Day bread (no school)
- Tuesday, Sept. 8: Lion class
- Wednesday, Sept. 9: Elephant and Zebra classes
- Thursday, Sept. 10: Lion class
- Friday, Sept. 11: Elephant and Zebra classes

Normal schedule begins on Monday, September 14

### **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.

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).

# **2020-2021 School Year Calendar**

- August 31, 2020 – First day of school  
September 4-7, 2020 – Labor Day Break  
September 9-10, 2020 – School pictures (see the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday memo for the schedule)  
September 14-18, 2020 – Fall MAP testing  
\*\* September 17, 2020 – Fall Family Supper  
\*\* October 3, 2020 – Fall Children’s Clothing and Toy Sale  
~~\*\* October 22-23, 2020 – Teacher’s Convention~~ – **The Teacher’s Convention is cancelled due to COVID restrictions. WE WILL BE HAVING SCHOOL THESE 2 DAYS**  
\*\* November 12, 2020 – All School Program  
\*\* November 18-19, 2020 – Parent Teacher Conferences  
November 26-27, 2020 – Thanksgiving Break  
December 24-January 1, 2021 – Christmas Break  
January 18-22, 2021 – Winter MAP testing  
\*\* February 3-4, 2021 – Parent Teacher Conferences  
February 19, 2021 – Mid-winter Break  
\*\* February 25, 2021 – Band & Choir Concert  
April 2-9, 2021 – Spring Break  
\*\* April 27, 2021 – HCS Science Curriculum Night  
May 17-21, 2021 – Spring MAP testing  
\*\* May 20, 2021 – Band & Choir Concert  
May 31, 2021 – Memorial Day break  
June 3, 2021 – Last day of school, ½ day, HCS graduation  
**\*\* Extra-curricular events on the calendar are subject to change in accordance with the parameters for group gatherings at any particular time**

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

## 2020-2021 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

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

Earbuds in a small bag/pouch  
Fiskar Scissors  
2 Red Pens  
4 dry-erase markers  
2 Glue Sticks. 1 Glue Bottle  
Art Shirt  
Small Pencil Box  
12" Ruler w/Inches & Centimeters  
2 Blue or Black Erasable Pens  
1 yellow highlighter  
Small Notebook for assignments  
2 Black 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

### 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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  
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) with dividers  
Three Spiral Notebooks  
5 Folders w/Pockets  
Folder for Art  
Loose Leaf Notebook Paper (400 pages)  
Ruler with Inches & Centimeters  
Compass  
Protractor  
TI-83 or 84 Scientific Calculator (optional for DC Math students)  
Highlighter (optional)