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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, MR. BRIAN KUIPER

*"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid:  
for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song;  
he also is become my salvation."  
Isaiah 12:2*

## "BEHOLD GOD"

Recently a group of teachers formed a student council at Heritage. Students from 6th-8th grades come together with staff to discuss events, activities, and service projects. One other initiative from this group is a schoolwide spiritual theme for the school year. Each year, the theme will be tied to the graduating class verse. At the end of the past school year, the 7th grade class picked Isaiah 12:2 as their text. While this text will be the focus of the graduation speech, it will also become the focus of all students school wide for the year. Thus, it is fitting to reflect on the text as we begin the school year.

The passage starts with the word "behold". This word brings the reader to a place of awe and observation. The rest of the verse expresses Whom we must be in awe of and the reasons for this. Yet, while the grammar in the KJV and context might not seem to support the idea, it is worth considering the words "behold God" together as well. As we begin the new school year, may one of the expressed purposes be that we *behold God* in the classroom, on the playground, and in each other.

What follows is a list of 3 reasons why we should be in awe of Him. He is my salvation. He is my strength. He is my song. The reason why God's people sang the song is because He delivered them from bondage, and He promised them a Savior. This writer does not take the opportunity to expound on Isaiah 11, but the reader would be strengthened and led to singing himself if he were to stop for a minute and read that chapter. As we walk together through another school year, may we know in Whom is our salvation and sing of Him and to Him. The children learn pitch, rhythm, and all other aspects of singing and music. May they learn to know Him of Whom they sing! Such knowledge makes one go forth feeling strong and safe.

Because He is our salvation, strength, and song, we must trust in Him. To behold can be easy. To sing can be done almost with no thought. Trusting takes conscious effort. Daily we must learn to look to Him, to forsake self, and to put our cares in His hands because that is trust. One definition of

trust is “to believe in the strength” of someone. The truest trust is knowing that Someone else has everything taken care of for me. And, He does!

May this be what drives education again this year at Heritage. All subjects taught, all play, all competition, all discussion, all discipline - leading students to

“Behold God”. The Board and the staff covet your prayers. Private and public prayers in school are made for the families and our hope is that prayers in the home lead students to see the wonder of home and school working together for good of the church and the glory of His name.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT ~ MR. BLAKE WIERINGA**

God has once again blessed HCS financially this past year. Throughout much of the '22 – '23 school year we faced inflationary pressure and rising costs necessary to run the school. While this made the budget difficult to manage at times, thanks to strong drive and church collection support, the finance committee is pleased to report that we ended the year with a slight budget surplus!

This past April, the Society unanimously approved a budget for the 2023-24 school year. The budgeted expenses for the upcoming school year are approximately \$3,140,000 with tuition accounting for approximately \$2,434,000 of these expenses. The remaining funds must come from drives, church collections, fundraisers, the HCS Foundation, and other gifts. Please prayerfully consider the needs of HCS as we begin a new school year in just a few short weeks, and please note that the '23-24 budget includes budgeted amounts of \$210,000 for the fall drive and \$210,000 for the spring drive.

The HCS board would like to thank all of its supporters and tuition paying families who graciously give to the drives and to the church collections. We are also grateful to those who give and do not have children at HCS. Finally, we also say thanks to all of those who were a part of Boosters, Fundraisers, the Foundation, and many other committees that help raise funds for the school. These fundraising efforts are enormously helpful in keeping our tuition costs down as much as possible.

The Finance Committee would like to thank Troy Karsemeyer for his hard work on our committee the past year. Troy is taking on a Board officer role (secretary) for the upcoming school year and had some committee re-assignments as a result. Also, thank you Tyler Schimmel for your leadership this past year as chair of our committee. The school was in great hands the past year financially under your leadership. We welcome Jared Dykstra as a new finance committee member this year! Jared has served on the HCS finance committee in a previous board term, and we welcome his wealth of knowledge and experience! The new Finance Committee for the upcoming school year is Tyler Schimmel, Jared Dykstra, Keith Feenstra, and myself.

The '22-'23 school year was the first year we opened our online donation page. The school's website now allows for secure and direct ACH or credit/debit transactions to be made for Fall/Spring Drives, Memorial Gifts, and to the HCS Foundation. We are grateful for the over \$19,000 received through our online donation page.

Finally, remember to come out, bring some friends/family, and support our HCS restaurant and grand stand booth at the Hudsonville Fair during the week of August 21-26! This continues to be a very successful fundraiser for our school, and we appreciate the Fair Committee for all the hard work that goes into this!

## **ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – MR. BRIAN KOOLE**

Lord willing Heritage Christian School will begin the 2023-24 school year two weeks from tomorrow, August 28, 2024. It is a great privilege to be able to join together as parents to instruct our children in the fear of His name. This year there will be 216 families working together to carry out this instruction of 493 students.

We have ten new families joining us this year. The Enrollment Committee interviewed, and the Board approved all of these families as they committed themselves to a Reformed Christian education at

HCS. Please welcome to the Heritage Christian School family: Taylor and Erin Dykstra, Brandon and Macey Kaptein, Ross and Brittany Kooienga, Randy and Kim Kuiper, Josh and Karla Lennon, Daniel and Rachel Miersma, Dan and Melissa Pastoor, Andrew and Cori Peterson, Jared and Jennelle VanOverloop, and Blake and Mackenzie Willett.

The day to day work of instruction will be carried out by our staff of 75 people, which includes teachers, aides, bus drivers, office staff, librarians, janitors, Special Ed

employees, and our Administrators. Please pray for and encourage them in this wonderful calling.

We pray that the Lord will bless our school as the teachers teach our youth with instruction centered on

the Word of God and based on our Three Reformed Confessions. We also pray that teachers, Board members, and parents work together with mutual respect to raise our children in the light of God's Word.

## **NEW FAMILY INTRODUCTIONS**

- *Taylor and Erin Dykstra*

Hi there! We are the Dykstra family: Taylor, Erin, Anya (5), and Eden (4). We currently live in the Allendale area and attend Zion PRC. Our oldest, Anya, is beyond excited to be starting Kindergarten this year, and little sister Eden is right behind her, attending preschool at Genesis this fall! Taylor is a Mechanical Engineer with a background designing custom automated equipment. He currently is a sales rep for a software company, Total ETO. As a family, we love to stay busy doing anything and everything outdoors... hiking, biking, visiting every beach and park in the area, just trying to soak up all the beautiful Michigan summer weather we possibly can! We are so thankful for the gift of Christian education for our girls and look forward to being a part of the school community of Heritage.

- *Ross and Brittany Kooienga*

Hello, we are Ross and Brittany Kooienga. We have three girls: Ilianna (5), Allison (3), and Emberly (2). Ilianna is so excited to begin Kindergarten this year! Ross works as an Internal Medicine Physician Assistant. We've always lived in West Michigan, apart from a couple of years in Indiana when Ross was in PA school. We currently live in Allendale, and Georgetown PRC is our church home. In our free time we enjoy gardening, cooking, and hanging out in the back yard with our German Shepherd puppy. We feel so blessed to be able to join the Heritage family!

- *Randy and Kim Kuiper*

Hello! We are the Kuiper family - Randy, Kim, Kiptyn and Autumn. Kip is so excited to start Kindergarten and finally be able to go to school with Dad! (Dad may not be quite as excited!) Kiptyn is an energetic and outgoing kid who loves to be around people. He enjoys playing with matchbox cars, doing maze books, playing games, and just running around with his cousins and friends. Autumn enjoys hanging out with Mom during the day, especially when it involves going out for lunch or shopping. Obviously, this isn't going to happen everyday, so she will miss having her brother around! Autumn also loves playing with dolls and riding her bike every chance she gets. Randy teaches 2nd grade at Heritage, and Kim left her job teaching math at Covenant to be a stay at home mom. We are thankful that we can send Kip to Heritage where he can learn and grow in his faith.

- *Josh and Karla Lennon*

Hello Heritage friends & family! We are the one (and only) Lennon family. We are a family of four: Josh & Karla, and our two girls- Paige and Brooke. Josh grew up in Wyoming, and went to Jenison public. He was introduced to our churches in 2014 and has been a member since 2015. Josh works at Republic Services and enjoys driving a garbage truck. You may know me (Karla) as Ken and Myrna Boer's daughter, or Kent's twin. I enjoy being able to stay at home with the kiddos who like to help me with chores around the house and gardening. Paige is 5 and will be going into Kindergarten this year and can't wait to start! She may start out shy, but is excited to make new friends and go to the same school as her cousins. She loves all things goofy and loves to "read" and paint. Brooke is 3 and loves to do whatever Paige is doing. She is quite the ham and quickly makes friends with anyone. We moved to Jenison 2 years ago and like being so close to school and church. We joined Faith PRC about a year ago (previously Unity) and are getting to know some of the Heritage family. We are looking forward to getting to know you all and having our children taught in the light of God's Word.

- *Daniel and Rachael Miersma*

Hello, we are the Miersmas: Daniel & Rachael, Felicity (5), Charity (4) and Lincoln (2). Our daughter Felicity is so excited to begin kindergarten at Heritage this year. She has practiced by playing school and "teaching" her younger siblings throughout the summer! As a family, we enjoy outdoor activities, traveling to California to visit Daniel's family and having friends over for campfires. The kids also love books and Felicity especially looks forward to learning how to read on her own! Daniel works as a mechanical engineer at GE Aerospace and Rachael is a nurse but mostly stay-at-home mom these days. We are excited to join the Heritage Christian School family and are so grateful for this source of Godly education for our children!

- *Dan and Melissa Pastoor*

Here is a little bit of information about our family to those who do not know us. Dan and I have known each other for twelve years and have been married since 2015. We live in Jenison and we attend Zion Protestant Reformed Church. Dan works as a Subcontractor and I have the joy and privilege of

staying home to watch our three kids. Dan loves to hunt and fish so I now no longer need to buy any meat because he supplies us for over a year. I, when I have time, love to make cards and crochet and now I'm trying to learn to sew. Adeline is 5. She is very smart, independent, and funny. She helps me out immensely with the other two. She pours herself into anything she does and wants to get it right. William is 4. He is sweet, shy, and determined. He loves to learn new things, loves trucks and trailers and he has always been our all or nothing boy. Emma is 1. She already has a third child mentality where she needs to be seen and heard but she is incredibly sweet. She loves to do anything with her siblings and loves the outdoors. We all love to do anything outside so we go camping and spend almost every week during the summer at the Pastoor cottage on Barlow Lake. We also love to go to the Ondersma pool. During the winter, the kids and I go to the ladies Pastoor coffee and then another coffee at my mom's. The kids have many neighbor friends, so when we are home they are usually playing with them. We are incredibly blessed to be able to send our kids to a Christian School especially in this time and age.

- *Andrew and Cori Peterson*

Hello! We are the Peterson family – Andrew, Cori, Wesley (5), and Ava (3). Wesley is so excited to go to the “big school” and has been counting down the days until he can start Kindergarten! He loves being outdoors, especially doing anything sports related. He especially enjoys being able to go golfing with Dad. Little sister Ava will be quite lost with big brother at school, but is looking forward to helping Mom with the

new baby this fall. As a family, we enjoy golfing, hiking, and board games. Andrew works from home as a software developer for a software firm on the East Coast. Cori stays home and enjoys sewing and photography in her spare time. We are currently members at Hudsonville PRC. We are so excited to be a part of the Heritage family this year!

- *Jared and Jennelle VanOverloop*

Hello from the VanOverloops! We have 3 boys, Max (6) Leeland (3.5) and Tate (3 months). I love to stay at home with the boys and Jared works at Premer Granite and Stone. We love to be outdoors and play with our new puppy Copper. The boys love all things about trucks and cars and dirt! Max is excited to start kindergarten and meet new friends and grow!

- *Blake and Mackenzie Willett*

Hello! We are the Willett family! Our oldest son Colt is SO excited to start kindergarten this year. He can't wait to see his buddies from preschool and meet some new friends as well. He usually can be found outside riding his dirt bike, digging in the dirt, or fishing. Blake graduated from Cedar Springs High School and now works as an electrician at Shoreline Power Services. Mackenzie (Huber) stays home with Colt (5) and Weston (2.5). We attend Grandville PRC. As a family we enjoy spending the summer camping or at the cottage, and Blake and Colt enjoy spending the cooler months in a tree stand or on a snowmobile. We are very excited to start this new chapter as a family, and look forward to watching our boys grow at Heritage Christian School physically as well as spiritually.

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT ~ Mr. Brandon VanOverloop**

“The LORD shall preserve thy going out and they coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.” Psalm 121:8

As a Transportation Committee, we give thanks to God for his protection of our students this past year whether it was getting them to and from school, programs, class trips and sporting events. We pray that God will continue to preserve our children this upcoming school year.

Keeping our fleet of four buses running smoothly would not be possible without the hard work of our Transportation Director, Jessica VanderKolk. She works tirelessly to organize bus maintenance and repairs, schedule routes, supervise drivers, and countless other things. The Board is thankful for her

efforts and expertise, and willingness to serve the school.

We are also thankful for our returning drivers. Not only do they navigate ever-busier traffic and construction zones, but they also keep the buses clean and fueled and perform daily safety inspections. Please encourage your children to be respectful to the drivers and obey their instructions the same as they do for classroom teachers. Once again, please be reminded that the use of electronic devices, including phones and tablets, is not allowed on our buses.

A special word of thanks is in order to Vern Haveman for his 16 years as a bus driver. We wish Vern the best in his retirement years!

This past year there were no answers to our advertisement for a bus driver. As a result:

- There will be four routes in the morning and three routes in the afternoon. Please check both the AM and PM routes, in order to make the routes work, your child may not be dropped off at the same location they were picked up.
- Hope school has agreed to handle the PM Covenant shuttle route. Parents will be responsible to pick up their children from Heritage.

- We will not be offering busing for Monday catechism.

We ask that you prayerfully consider helping our school as a bus driver. If we do not get any responses again this year, it may result in reducing the number of routes offered in the next school year.

We look forward to another year of Christian education at Heritage. Please keep the school and all its activities in your prayers.

## **BUSING INFORMATION AND ROUTES**

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

- Remember that the morning pick up times may be adjusted in the first couple of weeks of school. The corrected times (if there are any) will be published in the school directory.
- 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. If you are not visible, the driver will not be able to wait.
- Make sure parents are at group stops and visible to drivers in the afternoon unless the driver is otherwise notified. If the driver does not see the parents, the children will not be let off and parents will be notified by the school where they may pick up their children.
- Other riders, we appreciate it if the garage door is left open, so we know that you are home. If you feel comfortable letting your children off the bus without that, please notify your driver.

- There are to be no electronics on the buses. This goes for high school riders as well. Any devices that are seen will be confiscated and may be picked up by a parent in the office.
- Safety matters: Please have your children stand back at least 10 feet from the road for their safety. Do not approach the bus until the doors are open.
- Please text/call your driver if your children are not riding.
- Please communicate with your driver or the supervisor if you are having any issues.
- Families on HCS bus routes will be notified via email and/or text message when the bus will not run, or will be late due to bad weather or a breakdown.

### **CCHS SHUTTLE BUS RIDERS:**

- The CCHS shuttle bus leaves at 7:46 sharp, it will not wait for riders. Please be waiting by the bus drive for the bus.
- There will be a sign-in sheet for non-regular Covenant riders, and the parents will be billed at the end of the month.

## **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. Noise must be kept to a minimum and children must remain seated during the running of the bus.
3. If windows are open, nothing may be thrown out, and no part of the body extended out windows.
4. Anyone destroying bus property will be responsible for repairs.
5. 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 AM Jenison/Grandville/Hudsonville**

**Terry Kooienga (337-4002)**

6:50 Shawn Kamminga (6505 Oakland Dr) 616-318-9207  
 6:58 Darren Vink (4177 Lila St) 616-238-5616  
 7:00 Tom Pastoor (4115 44th St) 616-292-3306  
 7:10 George Kamps (7731 Henry Ave) 616-915-0184  
 7:10 Melissa Pastoor (7731 Henry Ave) 616-808-4058  
 7:16 Chad Richards (2315 Chippewa) 616-589-8374  
 7:24 Mitchell Kamps (Bend Dr/Fillmore) 616-304-0482  
 7:32 Matt Rutgers (3411 Sagecrest Dr.) 616-214-6185  
 7:34 David Overway (Deep Rose Dr/Camrose Dr) 616-430-6118  
 7:35 Matt DeBoer (7028 Rolling Hills Dr) 616-745-2112

**Bus 14 AM Allendale/Hudsonville  
 Rachelle Vander Kolk (634-0711)**

6:50 Daniel Gritters (Lance Ave/Sunshine St) 616-916-4900  
 6:55 Steven Griffioen (10259 52nd Ave) 616-723-5615  
 7:01 Lance DeVries (9797 68th Ave) 616-862-8790  
 7:02 Jordan Vander Kolk (Wood Ln/68th Ave) 616-634-0711  
 7:02 Nate Holstege (Wood Ln/68th Ave) 616-634-6706  
 7:14 Tim Machiele (9551 Polk St) 616-218-9261  
 7:29 Kirk Karsemeyer (7694 Bass Creek Dr) 616-610-3082  
 7:30 Clint Karsemeyer (4272 Bass Creek Dr) 616-889-2451

**Bus 15 AM Zeeland/Byron Center  
 Jessica Vander Kolk (688-5456)**

6:50 Brent Vander Kolk (4238 Adams St) 616-688-5456  
 6:51 Brad Kuiper (4085 Adams St) 616-550-1104  
 6:52 Dan Langerak (40th Ave/Mason) 616-886-0742  
 6:55 Matt Dykstra (3485 146th Ave) 616-284-7805  
 7:01 Ross Zuverink (4473 34th Ave) 616-886-6398  
 7:05 Jared DeVries (4688 32nd St) 616-821-3247  
 7:18 Dan Drnek (St. Sebastian Catholic Church) 616-405-2172  
 7:18 Tim Kamps (St. Sebastian Catholic Church)  
 7:18 Mitchell Zuverink (St. Sebastian Catholic Church)  
 616-886-7132  
 7:25 Brent Kregel (6886 Kenowa Ave) 616-292-7901  
 7:25 Jason Kregel (6886 Kenowa Ave) 616-304-5489  
 7:28 Justin VanDyke (Floyd Ave/Ransom St) 616-206-9455

**Bus 16 AM Zeeland/Hudsonville  
 Paula Steenwyk (292-2115)**

6:51 Brent Boverhof (104th Ave/104th Ave) 616-218-9369  
 7:03 Luke Koops (Gordon St/84th Ave) 616-648-2570  
 7:13 Nathan Schipper (1739 64th Ave) 616-745-5159  
 7:17 Ben Bomers (6607 Riley St) 616-886-6552  
 7:18 Dustin Boven (6956 Riley St) 616-446-6823  
 7:24 Dave Wassink (6672 Ransom St) 616-821-8832

7:28 Adam VanDyke (5781 Barry St) 616-566-8418

**Bus 14 PM Rachelle Vander Kolk (634-0711)**

Dan Boverhof (7453 20th Ave) 616-283-2099  
 Chad Richards (2315 Chippewa) 616-589-8374  
 George Kamps (7731 Henry Ave) 616-915-0184  
 Melissa Pastoor (7731 Henry Ave) 616-808-4058  
 Kevin Timmerman (8599 Shadowbrook Dr) 616-457-3921  
 Tom Spriensma (8693 Cedar Lake Dr) 616-970-4864  
 Mitch Kamps (Bend Dr/Fillmore) 616-304-0482  
 Steven Griffioen (10259 52nd Ave) 616-723-5615  
 Daniel Gritters (Lance Ave/Sunshine St) 616-916-4900  
 Tim Machiele (North Blendon Reformed) 616-218-9261  
 Jordan Vander Kolk (Wood Lane/68th Ave) 616-634-0711  
 Nate Holstege (Wood Lane/68th Ave) 616-634-6706

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

Shawn Kamminga (Oakland Dr/Port Sheldon) 616-318-9207  
 Eddie Nienhuis (Oakland Dr/Port Sheldon) 616-570-1753  
 Timothy Key (Oakland Dr/Port Sheldon) 616-970-5611  
 Michael VanTil (Oakland Dr/Port Sheldon) 616-550-1543  
 Jordan Koole (Bliss Dr/Port Sheldon) 616-890-2752  
 Aaron Gunnink (4488 36th St) 616-329-8662  
 Darren Vink (4267 Canal, CPA group) 616-238-5616  
 Tom Pastoor (4267 Canal, CPA group) 616-292-3306  
 Ben Rau (Rushfield Dr/Rivera Dr) 616-644-2546  
 Brad Schut (Hanley Christian Reformed) 616-706-7737  
 Brian Koole (Hanley Christian Reformed) 616-808-6237  
 Russ Lotterman (8300 Kenowa) 616-283-1822  
 Mitchell Zuverink (9091 Homerich) 616-886-7132  
 Dan Drnek (St. Mary Visitation School on 146th) 616-405-2172  
 Jeff Westra (2570 146th Ave) 616-644-5109  
 Ross Zuverink (4473 34th Ave) 616-886-6398  
 Dan Langerak (Mason/40th Ave) 616-886-0742  
 Brad Kuiper (4085 Adams St) 616-550-1104  
 Brent Vander Kolk (4238 Adams St) 616-688-5456

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

Clint Karsemeyer (Georgetown CRC) 616-889-2451  
 Kirk Karsemeyer (Georgetown CRC) 616-610-3082  
 Adam VanDyke (5781 Barry St.) 616-566-8418  
 Eric Mowery (6707 Ransom St) 616-644-5039  
 Dave Wassink (6672 Ransom St) 616-821-8832  
 Brent Boverhof (6672 Ransom St) 616-218-9369  
 Joe Lubbers (3994 64th Ave) 616-460-8440  
 Luke Koops (84th Ave/Gordon St) 616-648-2570  
 Dustin Boven (6956 Riley St) 616-446-6823  
 Ben Bomers (6607 Riley St) 616-886-6552  
 Nathan Schipper (1739 64th Ave) 616-754-5159  
 Mark Koole (4738 38th St) 616-298-9131

**Attention students planning to ride the shuttle bus to Covenant Christian High School: WE NEED YOUR FORMS ASAP.** Please be ready to board the bus in the circle drive of Heritage **BY 7:46 AM.** At the conclusion of the school day, the bus will arrive back at Heritage at approximately 3:05 PM. If you have not signed up for the shuttle bus, but are interested, please call Cori Hop at Heritage (616-669-1773) or email her (businessoffice@hchr.org).  
 The cost for the year is \$600; the lack of worry on snowy mornings is priceless!

# Heritage Christian School Fundraiser Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Cathie Koole

**July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023**

**Balance on Hand July 1, 2022**      **\$7,640.82**

## **PROJECT PROFITS**

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament	\$9,853.90
Box Tops	\$174.90
Cookbooks	\$150.00
Fair	\$116,000
Fall Clothing Sale	\$1,700.00
Fall Family Supper	\$1,942.25
Miscellaneous	\$140.00
RBO	\$245.00
Spartan Nash	\$1,000.00
Spring Clothing Sale	\$1,700.00
TRIP	\$8,832.85

**Total Deposits**      **\$141,738.90**

## **PROJECTS FUNDED**

Band Equipment	\$4,666.00
Board Request	\$95,000.00
Computer Cart	\$5,000.00
Fearfully & Wonderfully Made	
Day	\$168.56
Field Day/Mini Olympics	\$1,508.39
Grandparent's Day	\$231.92
Janitor Gift	\$50.00
Kindergarten Round-Up	\$300.33
Kitchen Committee	\$36.96
Library Fund	\$2,500.00
New Teacher Allowance	\$1,300.00
Nursery Attendant Gift	\$50.00
Secretary's Day	\$57.00
Sound System	\$1,500.00
Sports Fund	\$300.00
Teacher Allowance	\$8,350.00
Teacher Appreciation Week	\$750.00
Teacher Birthday Gifts	\$1,250.00
Teacher Book Allowance	\$2,080.00
Teacher/Staff Lunch	\$348.00

**Total Withdrawals**      **\$125,447.16**

**Balance on Hand June 30, 2023**      **\$23,932.56**

## **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. Ensure that all pants are modest and rips are not above the knees. 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.

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

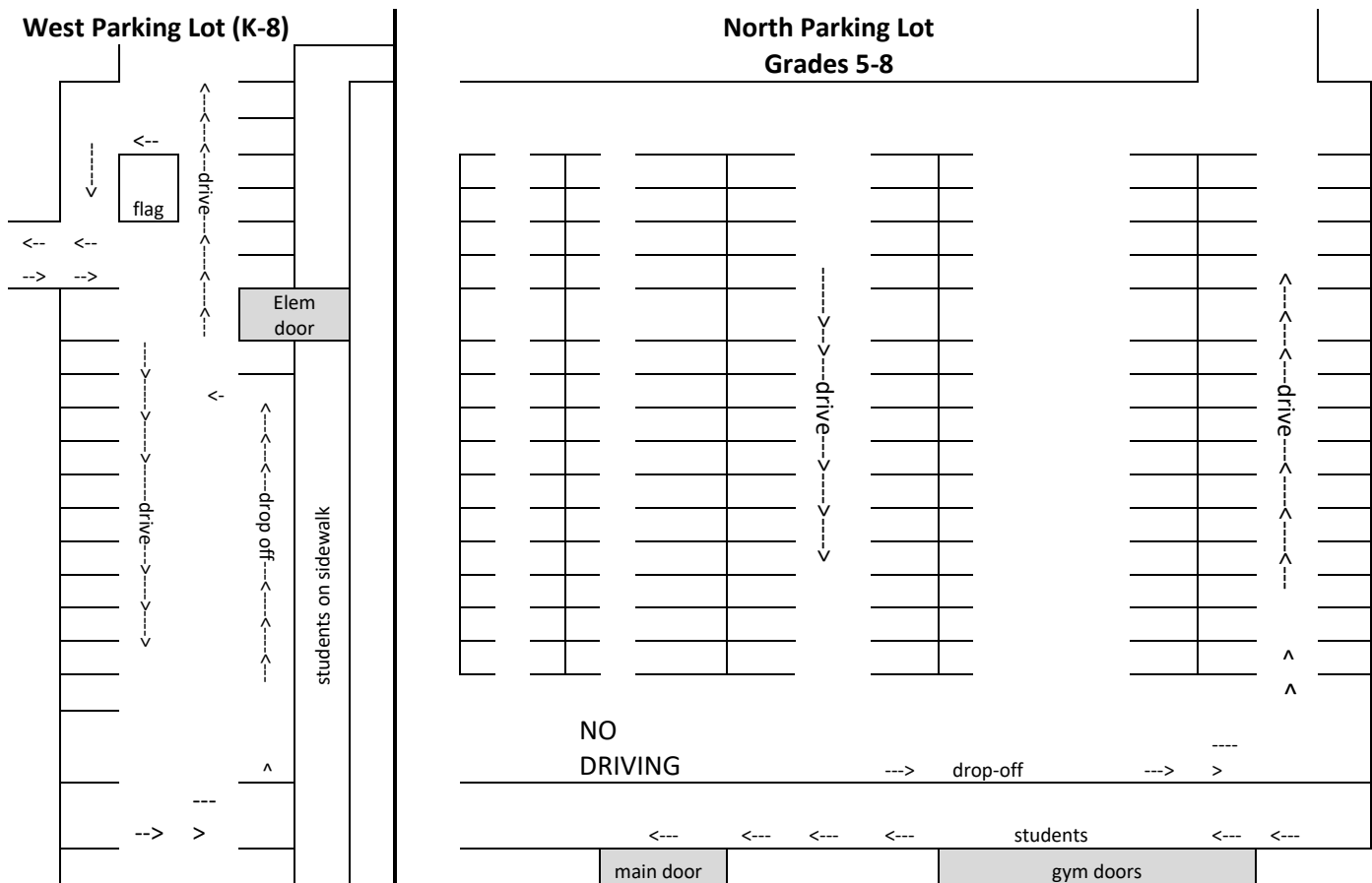
- School starts on **MONDAY, August 28** at **7:52 AM**. We will see you then, D.V.
- ***There WILL be public school busing on the first day!***
- Volunteer Program: If you are interested in volunteering to help with our precious covenant children, we would love to hear from you! There are opportunities to help with various things. You can volunteer to help once a week, every other week, or once a month. Email Wilma at [receptionistwest@hchr.org](mailto:receptionistwest@hchr.org) if interested.
- 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 without permission during school hours in the building or on the buses.
- Immunization Records are required for all students entering 7th 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 28. 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!
- Parents who drop off and pick up children – for the safety of our 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.

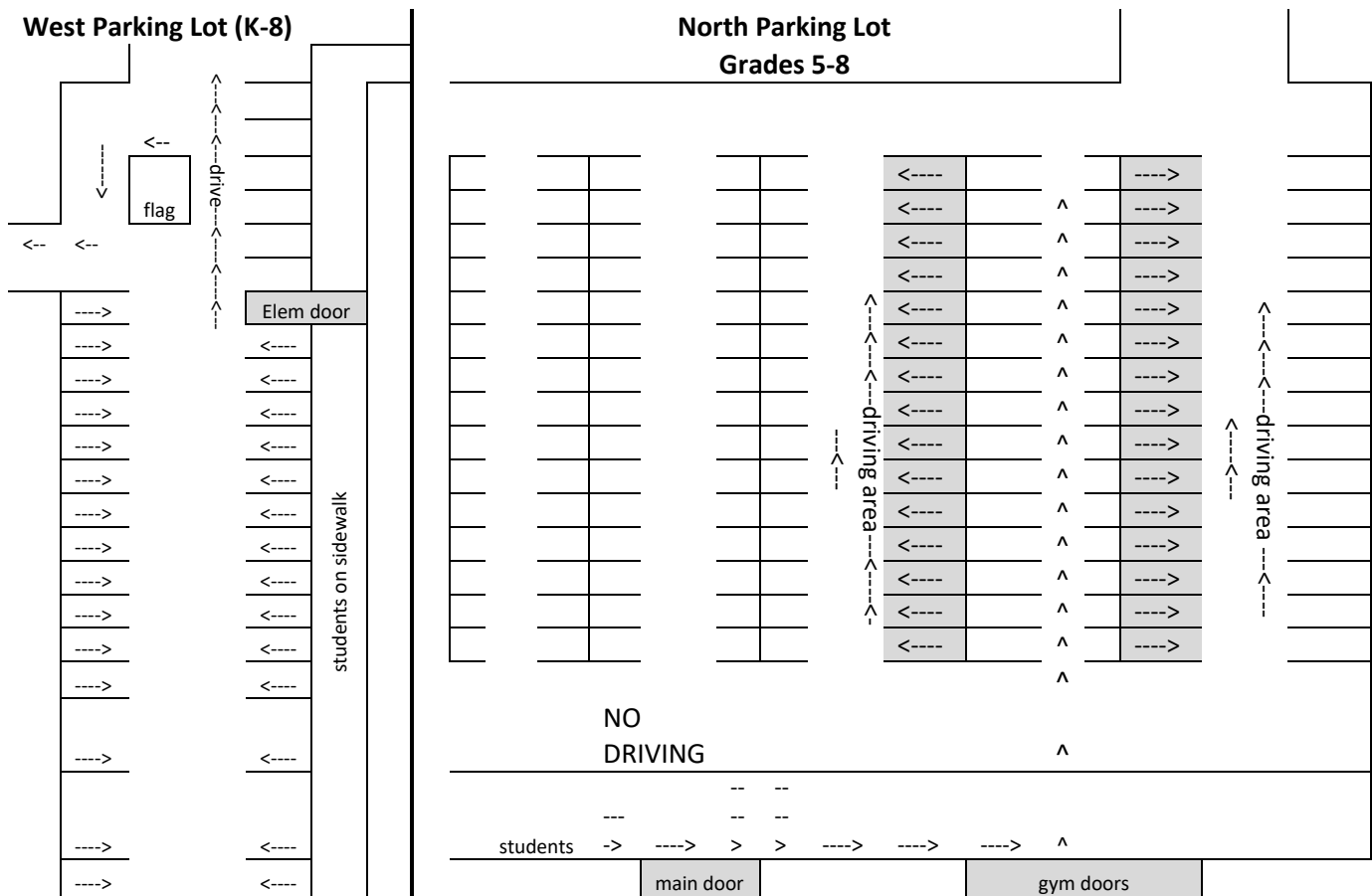
## Morning Procedure diagram:



## 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:



## Kindergarten Parents, please take note!

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

- Monday, August 28: Kindergarten Roundup (8:30 -10:30 AM) for KA and KC classes and one of their parents.
- Tuesday, August 29: Kindergarten Roundup (8:30 -10:30 AM) for KB class and one of their parents.
- Wednesday, August 30: KA and KC classes (half day – 7:52 – 11:30 AM)
- Thursday, August 31: KB class (half day – 7:52 – 11:30 AM)
- Friday, September 1: Labor Day break (no school)
- Monday, September 4: Labor Day break (no school)
- Tuesday, September 5: KB class (full day)
- Wednesday, September 6: KA and KC classes (full day)
- Thursday, September 7: KB class (full day)
- Friday, September 8: 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 11

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

*"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)*

Class lists will be emailed out to HCS families on Monday, August 14. 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).

### **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.

We don't always need all the moms who volunteer. As a result, you will also be notified if you are not needed. Thank you for considering this.

## **2023-2024 School Year Calendar**

August 28, 2023 – First day of school

September 1-4, 2023 – Labor Day Break

September 6-7, 2023 – School pictures (see the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday memo for the schedule)

September 11-15, 2023 – Fall MAP testing

September 21, 2023 – Fall Family Supper

September 30, 2023 – Fall Children's Clothing and Toy Sale

October 18-20, 2023 – Teacher's Convention

October 27, 2023 – Grandparent's Day (visiting in the AM only)

November 1-2, 2023 – Parent Teacher Conferences

November 16, 2023 – All School Program

November 23-24, 2023 – Thanksgiving Break

December 25, 2023 - January 2, 2024 – Christmas Break

January 22-26, 2024 – Winter MAP testing

January 31 - February 1, 2024 – Parent Teacher Conferences

February 16, 2024 – Mid-winter Break

February 29, 2024 – Band & Choir Concert (grades 5-8)

March 29 – April 5, 2024 – Spring Break

April 26, 2024 – Kindergarten Program

May 8, 2024 – Elementary Music Program at 1 PM (Grades 1-3)

May 13-17, 2024 – Spring MAP testing

May 16, 2024 – Band & Choir Concert (grades 5-8)

May 20, 2024 - All Schools Band Concert

May 27, 2024 – Memorial Day break

May 30, 2024 – Last day of school, ½ day, HCS graduation

## **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

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
**RESTAURANT**  
*AT THE HUDSONVILLE FAIR*

*Thank-you to our many volunteers!*

**Here's what you need to know before your shift:**

***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.

***Dress Code and Suggestions from the committee***

- Expect your clothing to get dirty, particularly if you are working in the kitchen.
- Neat, modest, clothing is always appropriate. Wear comfortable tennis shoes.
- Shorts are permitted by the Health Department and suggested by the committee, since it is usually hot in the building.
- Please do not bring large purses or bags with you for your shift as there is limited shelving.

***Other Important Things to note***

- Children may not accompany parents to their shift at the restaurant or the food prep day. We could be shut down by the Health Department if this rule is not followed.
- If you are working in the kitchen, expect to wear gloves for most of your shift. We will provide latex-free gloves in two sizes.
- You will have a short break on your shift and may order from our kitchen at half price.
- Per the Hudsonville Fair Board, our volunteers are required to pay the regular gate admission fee of \$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(s).

**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 look forward to a fun and successful week at the fair!

**The Fair Restaurant & Grandstand Fundraiser Committee**

*Sara Byker, Lori Duthler, Megan Dykstra, Danae Karsemeyer, Tara Koole, Kelly Looyenga, Hillary Lotterman, Sherry Pipe, Lisa VanTil*



# Heritage Fundraisers

is excited to host and welcome you back to  
**the Heritage Annual Fall Family Supper**

on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023

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

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!**

## 2023-2024 School Supplies

### Kindergarten Supplies - all labeled

Backpack  
Lg size Pencil Box (> 4" high)  
2 Large Erasers  
2 Large Solid Glue Sticks  
Classic Color broad 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 sharpened 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  
Scissors  
1 wide ruled spiral notebook  
Paint Shirt  
Gym Shoes  
2 Strong, Durable Pocket Folders

### 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  
1 Hard Covered Composition Notebook  
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  
4 dry-erase markers

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

2 Glue Sticks. 1 Glue Bottle  
Art Shirt  
Small Pencil Box  
12" Ruler w/Inches & Centimeters  
2 Blue or Black Erasable Pens  
1 yellow highlighter  
Small Notebook for assignments  
2 Black 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  
Thin washable markers  
24 pack of colored pencils  
20 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  
2 pkg. 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 (not for Woudenberg)

### 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  
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  
2 Extra Fine Point black Sharpies for Art  
Highlighter  
White plastic eraser  
Ruler with Inches & Centimeters  
Compass  
Scissors  
White-out  
Case or container for pencils etc.  
Rubber cement  
4 3-Ring Binders (1" rings)  
4 pkgs of 5 piece index tab dividers (1 pkg. per binder)  
Three Spiral Notebooks  
5 Folders w/Pockets  
Folder for Art  
Loose Leaf Notebook Paper (400 pages)  
25¢ for a Protractor (school will supply)  
8th grade Math and 7<sup>th</sup> Acc.Math - TI-83 or 84 Scientific Calculator  
7<sup>th</sup> Regular Math – TI83 or above is recommended, but not required  
DC Math - TI-30XIIS or above calculator

