

# HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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*"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)*

## SONG OF THE WEEK

### **Psalter # 403**

*Our Lord is great, He calls by name  
And counts the stars of night;  
His wisdom is unsearchable,  
And wondrous is His might.*

*The Lord upholds the poor and meek,  
He brings the wicked low;  
Sing praise to Him and give Him thanks  
And all His goodness show.*

## HOT LUNCH

### **January 19 – Burger King**

**Workers: Please be at school by 11 AM** – Lanae, Nikki, and Courtney Holstege, Amy Horvat

### **January 24 – Pizza Wednesday**

**Workers: Please be at school by 11 AM** – Emily Joostens, Jodie Jurgens, Cristy Kalsbeek

### **January 26 – Taco Bell**

**Workers: Please be at school by 11 AM** – Lisa and Olivia Kalsbeek, Lynnae Kamminga, Cathy, Chelsea, and Sarah Kamps

Hot lunch ordering for February will open on Monday, January 20 at 8 AM and will close Thursday, January 25 at midnight! Link to order hot lunch: <https://heritagehotlunch.schoolchoice.com/index.php>

## SCHOOL NEWS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

January 22-26

**MAP testing**

January 31 and February 1  
**PT Conferences – ½ days**

February 9

**Fearfully & Wonderfully  
Made day**

February 16

**Mid-Winter Break – no school**

### SPORTS SCHEDULES

All games begin at 4 PM unless  
otherwise noted

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball

Th 1/18 v Dutton 1 (H)

T 1/23 v Legacy (H)

Th 1/25 v Byron Center Chr. (A)

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball

Th 1/18 v Legacy (A at 5:15 PM)

T 1/23 v Dutton2 (H at 5:15)

Th 1/25 v Byron Center Chr. (H)

Tomorrow marks the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 6 weeks and the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks for our students (the year is already ½ way complete!). Report cards will be sent home on Friday, January 26.

**MAP testing for grades 3-8 will be held next week.** Please try to avoid appointments for students in those grades on Monday through Thursday.

**A handout with hot lunch workers for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester is coming home today!**

**Public busing families – the public schools have early release NEXT week Friday, January 26.** There will be no public busing in the afternoon that day.

**Congratulations to Gavin Heyboer and Elena Westra** who took 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in our school Spelling Bee. They will advance to the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee. Isaac Heyboer

and Aliya VanOverloop were runners up and will join Gavin and Elena in a competition with Adams, Eastside, Hope, and Redeemer on 3/7.

**Fearfully and Wonderfully Made Day is planned for next week February 9, 2024!** We are woefully short volunteers for this wonderful day, and so we are urgently looking for volunteers to help out the leaders in the classrooms. Attached to today's memo is a letter

describing the F&W Made day. Please consider and sign up using this link for the classroom sign up genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4FA5AE2CAAFA7-46986043-fearfully>

Our F&W Made volunteer meeting is scheduled for NEXT WEEK WEDNESDAY, January 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm to hand out and review materials. Thank you for helping out on this great day!

**Sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences is open now.** Conferences will be held on Wednesday, January 31 and Thursday, February 1. Both days will be half days of school. **The window to schedule is open now and closes on January 26 at 11pm.** The direct link for scheduling is: <https://pickatime.com/heritage%20christian>. If you need instructions you may go to our website, [heritageprschoollunch.com](https://heritageprschoollunch.com), to access the link. Click on Parent Teacher conferences under "For Parents". Additional reminders:

- All grades will schedule online.
- Conferences will be held in individual teacher's rooms. Lisa Potjer's conferences will be in the Junior High meeting room (across from the main office).
- Conferences for K-5<sup>th</sup> are 8 minutes each and 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> are 5 minutes each. Please limit Junior High students to 2 teachers per student.
- If additional Junior High appointments are needed please call or email your child's teacher.

There is a 2 minute break between conference times. When scheduling, please take into consideration the size of our school building. It might be wise to schedule your family's Jr High students and elementary students with extra time between wings.

**Just a reminder that our Fair Restaurant/Grandstand Fundraiser is August 19-24.** Please keep this in mind as you plan your summer trips!

**Over the last ten years that Heritage has run this fundraiser, the Committee would ask new members to join for a 3-year term.** Also over the last ten years, they would fill these positions relatively easily.

This year is an exception in that we've asked many and are still struggling to fill two positions needed. One of the positions is in charge of donations, the sponsorship program and tip-matching. One of the former committee members who held this position said this about her time on the Fair Committee: *"When I was asked to be on the fair committee, I felt incredibly insufficient for the job. But after thinking it over and praying about it, I didn't see a way to say no, but rather that I could serve our school this way. The first year, I relied heavily on the committee person I was replacing and I believe that is common practice. I know I made mistakes and it was time consuming but what I remember most looking back on it is the fellowship, the pulling together toward a common goal, the laughter and friendship and fellowship. I would encourage whoever is considering this to not focus on what you think you cannot do but rather on what is possible for a group to do together for the good of God's children!"* We'll have additional information about this position and the open Co-Chair position at the Fundraisers Meeting this Thursday. We encourage you to attend to learn more about our biggest fundraiser!

**Fundraisers is meeting as we are printing this memo.** The agenda included several proposals including 2 that exceed \$2500. A copy of the agenda is included with the memo for the HCS moms who were not able to attend the meeting today.

**Save the date: The Board is sponsoring a Protect Young Eyes talk** on "How to Create a Tech-Ready Home" on Thursday, March 7 at 7:00pm. Join us that evening to learn how to use hardware and software to keep your children safe, and discover ways to ensure your family is prepared, balanced and protected online.

**School closing email issues are being dealt with.** One of the first things we do after all enrollment has been received in the summertime is to make sure that all our families are added to email lists. The school closing emails we sent recently were not delivered to everyone, so we communicated with Gradelink on the problem. This is the answer we received this morning, "I have been informed the issue with emails not being delivered to some families should be resolved. It can take up to 24-48 hours to take effect." So, if school has to be closed again this year and you do not see the email, please let us know by emailing receptionist@hchr.org so that we can follow up with them. Thank you!

**A ski trip to Caberfae** is being planned for Friday Feb 16, 2024. Tickets are \$40 for over 8yrs, \$31 for 8 and under (complimentary rental if needed) and are good from 10am-5pm. If you would like to come, please fill out this form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/168OqsL0f3aAtn1KB5pl\\_gVwlosLtSCtvhLQGkflLafY/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/168OqsL0f3aAtn1KB5pl_gVwlosLtSCtvhLQGkflLafY/edit)

AND this form <https://my.lrisk.net/1waiverKioskV2/sign?a=aHR0cHM6Ly9teS4xcmlzay5uZXQvY2FiZXJmYWVhcGl8NDMxZTc1MjQ0Zjk4NDNjY2JhZThlNGQzOWY3NGI3YzN8MDY0MTk3YWYtY2E4OC00YzY5LTk>

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You can pay Katie Kooienga via check, cash or venmo @Katie-Kooienga. DEADLINE to sign up AND pay is Feb 9, 2024 at midnight.

If you have any questions please contact Katie Kooienga at 616-536-1409 or [rkkooienga@live.com](mailto:rkkooienga@live.com)

### Two important reminders for the upcoming girls basketball season:

- From our Junior High Attendance Policy (found in the back of the directory or on the website in the handbook <https://www.heritageprschool.com/student-handbook/>) – "Participation in extracurricular events is restricted to athletes who have been at school for the whole day. Therefore, students must be at school if they intend to participate. Participation will be allowed to students who leave for a time for necessary appointments or other family emergencies."
- Children are not be allowed unattended in the hallways during our sporting events. Damage to both the building and to belongings in the building has occurred in the past; we would like to prevent that from happening this year. Please supervise every one of your children when attending games, keeping them in the bleachers with you, and teaching them to respect the facilities they are in, whether at home or away games. Thank you!

**Recently the Board finished writing a "Volunteer Handbook" to** give clear expectations to all volunteers who help at HCS. That handbook has been passed out to all current year volunteers along with a form to fill out for background checks. If you are a volunteer who did not get one, please ask the next time you are in the office. Also, that handbook is now posted on the Heritage website.

**Volunteering opportunity: If you are interested in helping out with** our Backpack Books program, we would love to have your help! Backpack Books is a second grade program that meets every Tuesday morning from 10:45-11:30 through March. Here's an overview: volunteers meet in the hallway, a student will bring out a book, tell you what it was about, and read a section aloud. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please let Wilma know at receptionistwest@hchr.org.

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## AREA PR SCHOOLS

**Join us for Family Fun Night at Hope School THIS WEEK** Saturday, January 20 from 4:30-7:30PM. A delicious dinner of pulled pork, hashbrown casserole, jello fluff, corn, rolls, and more will be served from 5-7PM.

**Redeemer Christian School welcomes you to a Trivia Night, Friday** February 23 at 7pm, hosted in the gym. Invite a few friends and/or

family members to form your team table, & bring your favorite baked good or snack to enjoy as you answer trivia questions together on geography, history & more! Admission will be \$120 per table. Please text/call Susan Talsma (616-406-5468) to sign up or for more information.

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## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Unity YP Fundraiser: Need some spring yard cleanup done?** Pet sitting for a week? Come and see what our Young People are offering up for a service at Unity's Dinner and Auction night. There will be a silent and live auction along with dinner provided. Everyone is invited to Zion Christian School on February 17 at 6 p.m.

**The Trinity Young People's is having their annual pig-in-a-blanket** fundraiser to help defray the cost of this years convention. These pig-

in-blankets are made by our young people and Sheldon Meats. Cost is \$15 per dozen. Arrangements can be made to deliver orders to IN/IL area. To order: email [trinityyoungpeople702@gmail.com](mailto:trinityyoungpeople702@gmail.com) or call/text Angie DeVries at 616-293-4338. Thank you!

**Night of music talent needed: Grace PRC Young People** are planning our Night of Music for February 17, 2024. We are looking for musicians or singing groups to perform at this Night of Music

fundraiser at Grace Church. Please call/text Jodi Koole at 616-724-8778 if you would be willing to perform with us that night.

**Join us for the first annual Hudsonville Christian 3 on 3** tournament on March 9! Registration is now open! Please complete the form in the attached link register. Please send any questions to [3on3@4hcs.org](mailto:3on3@4hcs.org).

[Registration](https://www.cognitoforms.com/HudsonvilleChrSchool/2024HCS3On3BasketballTournament) [Link:](https://www.cognitoforms.com/HudsonvilleChrSchool/2024HCS3On3BasketballTournament)  
[https://www.cognitoforms.com/HudsonvilleChrSchool/ 2024HCS3On3BasketballTournament](https://www.cognitoforms.com/HudsonvilleChrSchool/2024HCS3On3BasketballTournament)

**Allendale Christian School will be holding its annual 3-on-3** basketball tournament on Saturday, March 16, at Allendale High School! There will be divisions for boys and girls for each grade level

in 3rd through 8th grade. Please visit [www.facebook.com/ACS3on3/](https://www.facebook.com/ACS3on3/) for more details and to access the online registration form. Early registrations (\$120/team) runs through February 4. The registration deadline is March 6. We hope to see you there!

**Hudsonville Little League 2024 Spring Registration is open.** Deadline is January 14 for most divisions (available space only following). Eligibility is based on home address, school address, or having played in the league prior. All Students attending Heritage Christian are eligible. Visit [www.HudsonvilleLittleLeague.com](http://www.HudsonvilleLittleLeague.com) Questions? Email [registrations@HudsonvilleLittleLeague.com](mailto:registrations@HudsonvilleLittleLeague.com)