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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, MR. BRIAN KUIPER

*"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord  
and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."  
II Peter 3:18*

## "ARE YOU GROWING?"

Soon a new school year will begin! The passage quoted will be the school text for the year as chosen by the 8th grade class scheduled to graduate in May, 2025. As we prepare, it is good to reflect upon goals, missions, and purposes of Christian education. When we do so, we understand that there are academic goals, social goals, and spiritual goals that teachers and parents have for the students each year. And, there is one uniting theme to all of these goals. Growth. Goals are always made with the intention of having to make progress towards a target. Certain goals - weight loss, behavior modification - are intended to be achieved by means of regression. However, most goals are progressive in nature. All goals require work and effort and dedication to meet the task and goal at hand.

The passage speaks of growing. We know that this word refers to an action that can be measured over time and really reaches no end. When a plant or animal grows, one can measure growth using universally acceptable standards. Measuring academic growth can be done by comparing to recognized standards also. Tests, quizzes, standardized tests, and other means can be used to measure progress in learning. Spiritual growth can be measured based on the depth of answers and scriptural support to prompts that a student is given. Social growth becomes a bit more subjective. Yet, in all cases, growth can be seen and measured over time.

The passage calls us to grow in grace and in knowledge. Those words tie together the idea of spiritual and academic goals. Grace is shown by those who are a good friend. Grace is shown when forgiving and seeking forgiveness. Grace is the kindness shown to all in word and deed. Knowledge has to do with the acquiring of facts and information. Knowledge can be gained through reading, simple conversations, or dedicated and intentional teaching. Once again, growth in grace and knowledge is measurable and can be seen.

The passage calls us to make this growth for one specific purpose. To the glory of Him! While our human nature and school assessment methods are sometimes comparable in nature, they almost always May we be sure to come together this year to glorify our Maker!

Finally, parents, students, teachers, staff, supporters, hear from the Apostle Paul in another text. In I Timothy 4:15, he writes “Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all”. He is writing to Timothy and exhorting

compare students to an objective standard. Occasionally, our pride directs the glory to self. However, the standard here is clear. Use grace, knowledge, and growth to point to Him. him to attend to “reading, to exhortation, to doctrine” (v13). Doing these things will help Timothy grow in grace and knowledge. As we come together for these good goals and purposes, may we do so with energy, passion, and dedication that shows that we are giving ourselves “wholly” to them!

See you soon!

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

The Finance Committee just finished a busy stretch of time and transition. The committee worked diligently the month of June to collect all outstanding tuition, and then to finalize the school's June 30, 2024 fiscal year-end financial statements during the month of July. The committee reported an ~\$140k loss to the school board for this past fiscal year, and the Society will receive a full report on this past fiscal year at its next society meeting in April 2025. The loss is large and depleted some of the school's cash reserves, but God has blessed Heritage Christian School over the years with surpluses, and we remain in a financially strong cash position with no outstanding debt. I will also add that this loss did not come as a recent surprise, and the loss amount was anticipated already over 12 months ago when we unexpectedly lost 11 families and 25 students during the 2023 enrollment period last summer. The families that left amounted to ~\$123k of lost budgeted tuition revenue. In addition to the loss of tuition revenue, the school collected ~\$401k for its combined fall and spring deficit drive amounts which was under its budgeted goal of \$420k. The finance committee is pleased to report that the school came in under budget for expenses the past fiscal year.

While we've recently closed the past school year, we now enter into a new fiscal year. This past April, the Society unanimously approved a budget for the 2024-25 school year. The budgeted expenses for the upcoming school year are approximately \$3,234,000 (or a ~3% increase from the previous year). The expense increase is predominantly driven by increased wages for the school's faculty. The school's budgeted tuition for the upcoming year is approximately \$2,395,000 (or ~74% of the budgeted expenses). The remaining budgeted 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 make special note that the

'24-'25 budget includes society-approved budgeted amounts of \$250,000 for the fall drive and \$250,000 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; I cannot underscore the importance of giving through these causes as it allows the finance committee and board to keep the tuition load lighter on tuition-paying families. 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 also enormously helpful in keeping our tuition costs down as much as possible.

As I mentioned at the opening of my report, we did also have some recent transition within our committee. The Finance Committee would like to thank retiring board members Tyler Schimmel and Keith Feenstra for their hard work on FC the last three years. We also welcomed newly elected board members Jason Butler and John Pipe to our committee. The school's new Finance Committee for the upcoming school year is Jared Dykstra, Jason Butler, John Pipe, and myself.

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 19-24! This has become the school's largest fundraiser, and if you can't volunteer with time you certainly can help support by taking your family for a dinner (or two) out at the fair, schedule your business and lunch meetings, or consider being a business sponsor (please contact Amy Horvat for sponsor opportunities for next year's fair fundraiser at 616-260-3502). We appreciate the Fair Committee for all the hard work that goes into this!

## ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – MR. BRIAN KOOLE

Ephesians 4:1-6 reminds us of the calling that we have to raise our children in the light of God's word. We are to do it humbly, patiently, and "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

This past June we met with 11 new families that will be sending their eldest children to HCS to begin their Christ Centered instruction. When we meet with the families we cover a variety of topics. The high quality of our teachers, the importance of communication, between parents and children, between children to teacher, and parents to teacher. How is their child getting to school? How and when does tuition get paid? The incredible number of ways to become involved with the school. The fact that the school is a locked campus. The many other measures that are taken to make sure our kids are safe and taken care of. Thank you to all who are involved in the day to day running of the school to make all these little details come to fruition to make our school run smoothly.

The new families are as follows:

- Brett and Kaitlin Bylsma, Theo
- Chad and Courtney Jessup, Ezekiel
- Bryce and Abbie Kooienga, Quinton
- Ben and Laura Lubbers, Hailey
- Nathan and Susan Lubbers, Levi
- Michael and Kelsey Terpstra, Anniston
- Derek and Meghan VanOverloop, Elijah
- Brad and Tina DeVries, Easton
- Ryan and Hannah Gritters, Rowan
- Branden and Brianna Moelker, Lettie
- Trenton and Chelsea Wieringa, Bowen

Last year we graduated 12 students that were the youngest in their families. We express our thanks to those families for their years of support to HCS.

### NEW FAMILY INTRODUCTIONS

- *Brett and Kaitlin Bylsma*

We are the Bylsmas, and we're excited and thankful to begin our journey through Christian education. We attend Trinity PRC and have three children. Theo is 5 and he's thrilled to be starting Kindergarten this year. Cecelia is 3 1/2 and Booker is almost 2, and they will both miss Theo very much on his days at school! Brett is a sales manager at Talsma Furniture in Hudsonville, and Kaitlin taught first grade at Heritage for 5 years before Theo was born, and now stays home with the kids full time. As a family we are big into reading, but we also enjoy hiking and watching football in the fall.

- *Brad and Tina DeVries*

Easton will be entering Kindergarten this fall and is extremely excited to start. He enjoys baseball, bmx trail riding, and playing with all the neighborhood kids. We are members at Byron Center PRC. Brad is a civil engineer with Wightman and Tina spent many years working in a number of hospitals as a registrar and nursing assistant and now stays at home to care for our other little man - Landon, who is 3. As a family, this summer, we have enjoyed spending time camping, swimming, and playing ball.

- *Ryan and Hannah Gritters*

Our son Rowan will be starting kindergarten this fall. He is very excited to continue his schooling here. His younger sister, Miraeya (4), will be going to preschool at the ECC in Jenison this fall as well. We are

members at Unity PRC. Ryan is an inside salesman at Standale Lumber, and Hannah is a mom at home while also being a hair stylist that works in her in home salon. We have enjoyed camping this summer, swimming with the cousins, and also taking care of our 4 dogs, their puppies, and our cat. Rowan loves spending time with outdoor activities, while also using his imagination with crafts inside.

- *Chad and Courtney Jessup*

Our oldest child, Ezekiel, will be entering Kindergarten this fall. Zeke is very excited to start school. At home we have three other children: Charlotte is 3, Delilah is 1 1/2, and Zadok was born in the spring. We are members at Hudsonville PRC. Chad works as an engineer at Koops. Courtney taught at Heritage for 6 years, and she now stays at home taking care of the children. This summer we have been spending a lot of time swimming at grandparents' pools, going to parks, and playing with cousins. Zeke also enjoys golfing and fishing with his dad.

- *Bryce and Abbie Kooienga*

We're Bryce and Abbie Kooienga, and our oldest son, Quinton will be in kindergarten this year. Quinton is a big brother to Micah, who is 1.5. We attend Hudsonville PRC. As a family, we love to do just about anything outdoors. We especially enjoy bike rides, short hikes or a day at the pool or the beach. We're looking forward to becoming part of Heritage and seeing Quinton learn and grow in a Christian school!

- *Ben & Laura Lubbers*

Hailey, our oldest daughter will be starting Kindergarten this fall at Heritage. She has attended the Jenison ECC as well as the Hudsonville ECC since she was 2 years old for speech. She graduated from Speech at 4 years old but loved school so continued to go and finish out the year. She is very excited to now go 3 full days a week. She is a big sister to 3 siblings - Madison who will be in Preschool at Genesis, Aubrey who is 17 months and Parker who just recently joined our family the end of July. She loves to help with her siblings as well as help around the house. She also enjoys playing dolls, dress up and doing lots of coloring and crafts. Ben is an Engineer at Active Tooling and Astro Wood Stake located in Zeeland where he has been for the past 7 years. This summer we have stayed very busy with camping, boating, and pool days, and now that we recently welcomed a new baby boy into our family we are settling in and getting ready for the start of school. We are so thankful to God for the gift of these Christian Schools, and as parents we are very excited to join the school community.

- *Brandon and Bri Moelker*

Hello from the Moelker family! Lettie is so excited to finally start kindergarten this year! We are a family of 5: Branden, Bri, Lettie(5), Dahlia (2) , Scottlyn (8 months) and our dog Monte. We are members of Georgetown PRC. Bri is a stay at home mom, spending her days with the girls. Branden works in the offices at Speedwrench as the service advisor and is a volunteer fire fighter for the City of Hudsonville. This summer we have spent a lot of time at either the pool or lake, swimming and making sand pies. Lettie loves to make friends, ride her bike and visit the fire station. She can't wait to ride the bus to school and meet loads of new friends!

- *Mike and Kelsey Terpstra*

Hi, We're the Terpstra family! We live in Jenison and attend Zion PRC. Mike is a painter and Kelsey is a

stay at home mom to our two girls. Anniston is five and so excited to start Kindergarten this year! Little sister Peyton is two. As a family we love camping, being outdoors and hanging with friends and family! We're excited to begin this new chapter as we send our children to Heritage!

- *Derek and Meg VanOverloop*

We are the Derek and Meg VanOverloop family. Our son Elijah joins Heritage Christian in first grade. He is very excited to spend his days with new friends and with Nana [Mary VanOverloop]; he loves school, however, we aren't sure if it's the social side of school or academic. Elijah has William's Syndrome and he will be part of the Special Education program as well. As a family we enjoy the outdoors and spent a great deal of time camping and exploring a number of parks in the area this summer. We love music and sitting at the piano, as well as listening and singing together. We are excited to join the HCS family, and look forward to Elijah's sisters, Vanessa and Whitney, following him there in coming years!

- *Trent and Chelsea Wieringa*

Trent and Chelsea Wieringa are enrolling their oldest son, Bowen, in kindergarten this upcoming school year. Bowen is the oldest of their three boys, (Bowen (5) Tripp (3) and Ledger (1). He is your classic first child, and he enjoys meeting new people and making new friends; you will frequently find him fishing, playing sports or spending time with family at his grandparent's lake. Chelsea (Kuyers) is from West Olive/Borculo and is a graduate of Unity Christian & GVSU; she keeps the family and home in order, and is a makeup artist in her very limited "free-time". Trent graduated from Covenant Christian & GVSU and is a Partner at Advantage Commercial Real Estate. Our family is blessed to be members of Georgetown PRC and we are thankful to be involved with Heritage Christian in this new capacity

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT ~ MR. BRIAN KOOLE

"The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy 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, or sporting events. We pray that God will continue to preserve our children this upcoming school year.

We want to thank Jessica VanderKolk for her hard work as head of transportation. She organizes the routes and schedules and all the maintenance for the

buses, and keeps them on the road! Also a big thank you to Rachelle Vander Kolk and Terry Kooienga for continuing to drive for Heritage this year. We are thankful to report that Ron Kooienga has passed his tests and requirements to become fully licensed and will be driving as well this year. We would like to point out that 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.

We want to say thank you to Paula Steenwyk for her 10 years of service. Her family life has taken her in another direction and we wanted to notice her many years of service to the school. Thank You, Paula!

## BUSING INFORMATION

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.
- Students may not ride a different bus without previous approval from the driver. Driver numbers are found below, and will also be posted in the directory.
- Due to safety reasons, students may not take instruments larger than what can fit on their lap onto the bus.
- 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 7:40 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.

Attention students planning to ride the AM 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 7:40 AM. 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 \$350; the lack of worry on snowy mornings is priceless! For afternoon shuttle information, contact Hope PRC School.

# Heritage Christian School Fundraiser Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Kelly Looyenga

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Balance on Hand July 1, 2023 \$23,282.56

## PROJECT PROFITS

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament	\$14,160.97
Fair	\$136,793.00
Fall Clothing Sale	\$3,125.85
Fall Family Supper	\$1,939.00
RBO	\$179.00
TRIP	\$8,186.44

**Total Deposits** **\$164,384.26**

## PROJECTS FUNDED

Athletics	\$300.00
Board Request	\$100,000.00
Building Committee-Sidewalk	\$20,000.00
Bank Checks	\$29.95
Fearfully & Wonderfully Made Day	\$223.20
Field Day/Mini Olympics	\$1,175.44
Grandparents Day	\$485.56
Kindergarten Program	\$71.26
Kindergarten Roundup	\$253.40
Kitchen Supplies	\$77.00
Library Fund	\$2,500.00
Nursery Attendant Gift	\$50.00
PRTI Host	\$61.65
Secretary & Janitor Gifts	\$95.00
Snow shoes	\$737.32
Sports Uniforms	\$11,939.19
Teacher Allowance	\$10,650.00
Teacher Appreciation	\$740.35
Teacher Birthday Gift	\$1,400.00
Teacher's classroom libraries	\$2,240.00
Teacher/staff Lunch	\$477.02

**Total** **\$153,506.34**

Balance of Hand June 30, 2024 \$34,160.48

## 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.

An addition to the Dress Code Policy includes the following: *"Leggings and yoga pants are not considered pants and must be covered with a top that is at least*

*mid-thigh or fingertip length all the way around.*" This will be included in the school directory's policy section as well.

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. Leggings and yoga pants are not considered pants and must be covered with a top that is at least mid-thigh or fingertip length all the way around. 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.

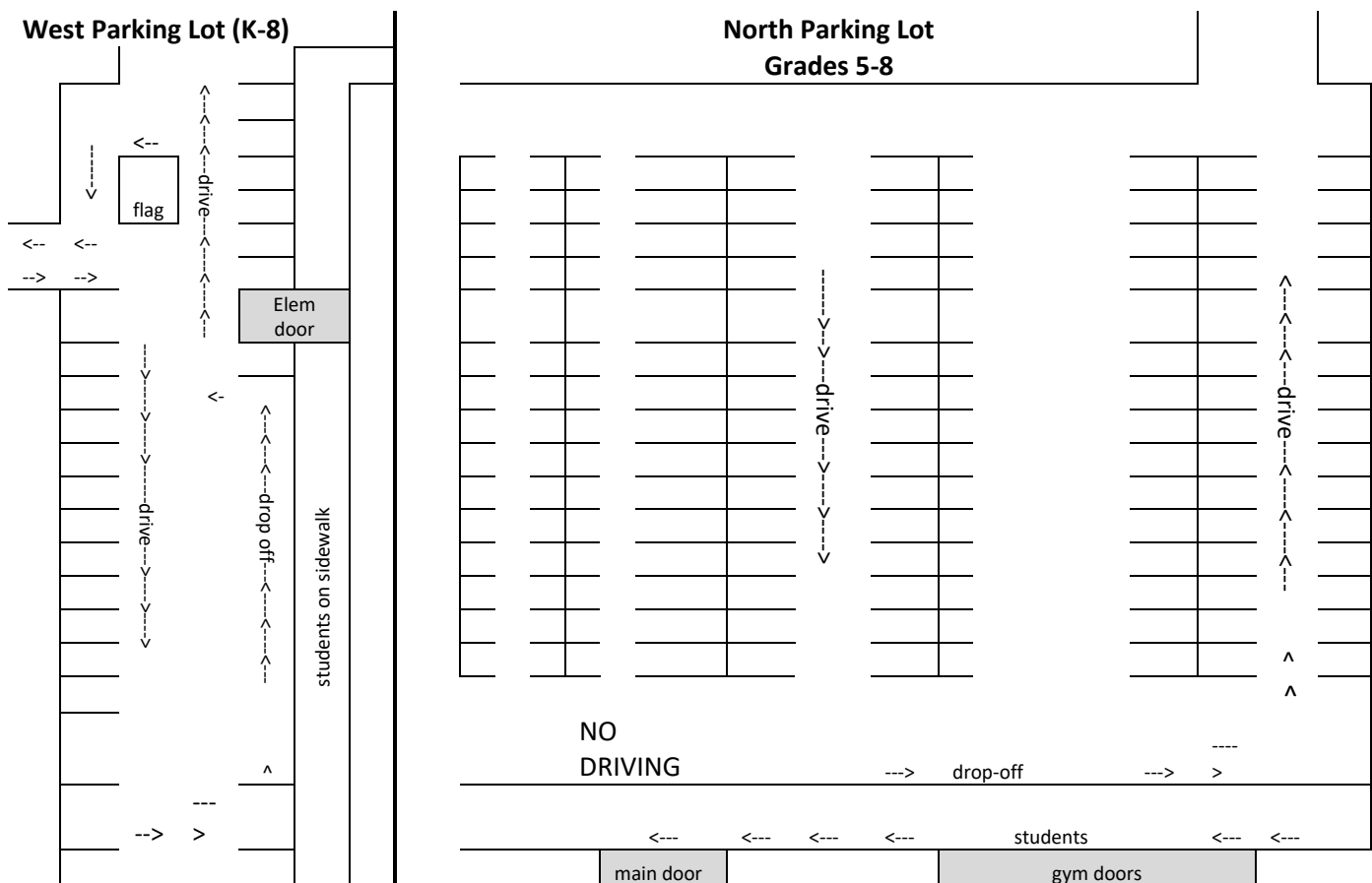
## ***Beginning of the year information:***

- School starts on **TUESDAY, August 27** at 7:52 AM. On **MONDAY, August 26** we will be having an Open House from 9 until Noon. Feel free to bring those big bags of school supplies for the desks and lockers on this morning. We will see you then, D.V.
- ***There WILL be public school busing on the first day!***
- HCS staff will not dispense non-prescription medications to students. This is because we are not the best judge of your child's health concerns. Additionally, over-medicating could occur in instances where a child had medication at home or from their backpack and did not tell us. Parents who know their child has chronic pain issues (headache, joint ache, ...) should provide a single dose of medication in their child's backpack and monitor usage by being in regular communication with their child.
- 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 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:

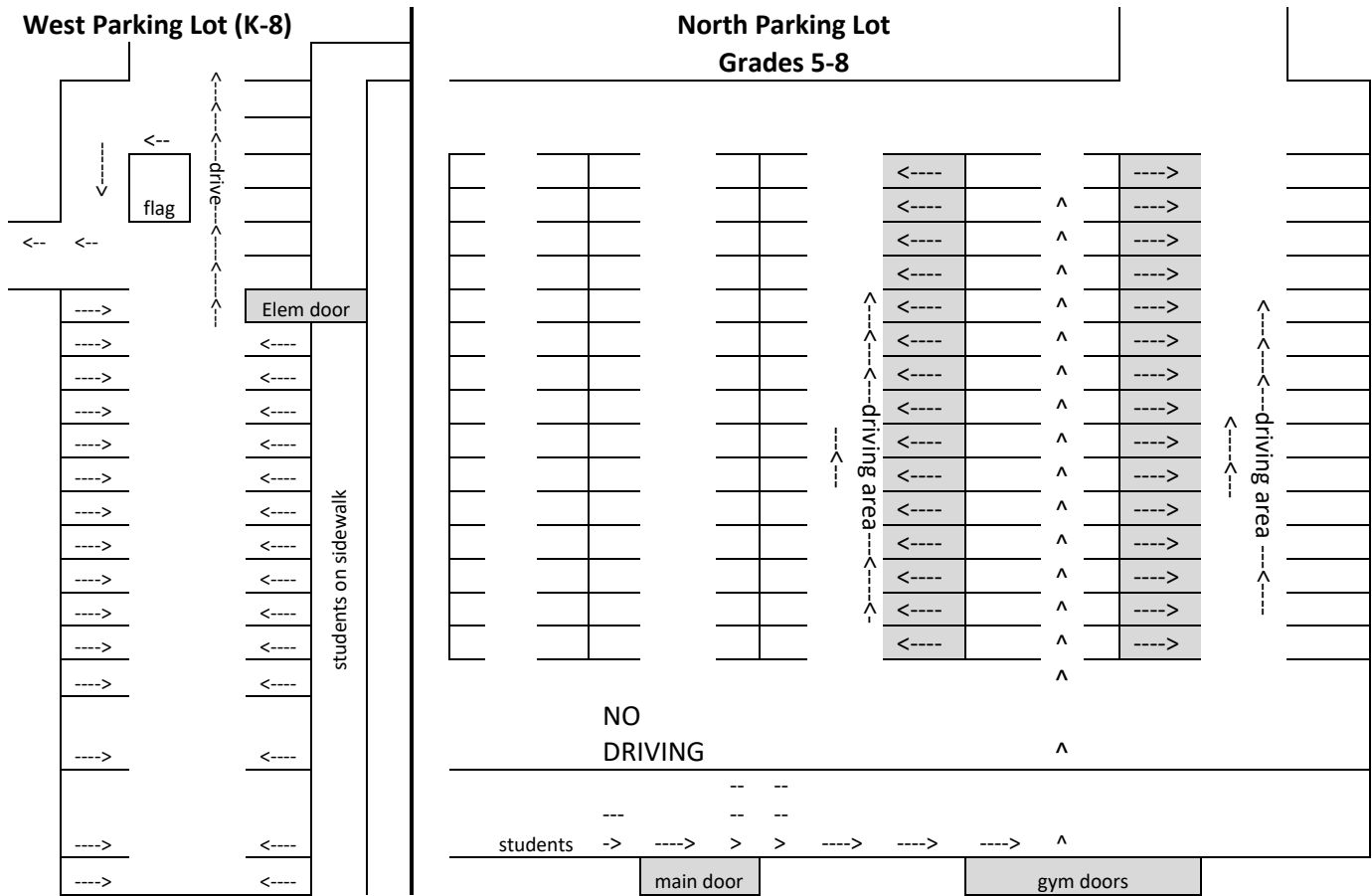




## Afternoon Procedure

- **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:

- Tuesday, August 27: Kindergarten Roundup (8:30 -10:30 AM) for KB class and one of their parents.
- Wednesday, August 28: Kindergarten Roundup (8:30 -10:30 AM) for KA and KC classes and one of their parents.
- Thursday, August 29: KB class (half day – 7:52 – 11:30 AM)
- Friday, August 30 - Monday, September 3: Labor Day break (no school)
- Tuesday, September 3: KB class (full day)
- Wednesday, September 4: KA and KC classes (full day)
- Thursday, September 5: KB class (full day)
- Friday, September 6: KA and KC classes (full day) \*\*Note only two classes, to keep days somewhat even for the first two weeks of school.

Normal schedule begins on Monday, September 9.

Please remember to continue to be courteous to all the neighbors around our campus! This includes refraining from using neighboring business parking lots as shortcuts to leave or arrive more quickly.

*"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 12. 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).

**This year's HCS Scripture theme:**

**"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."**

**II Peter 3:18**

### **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.

## **2024-2025 School Year Calendar**

**August 26, 2024** – Staff in school day – AM open house (9 AM - Noon)

**August 27, 2024** – School begins

**August 30 – September 2, 2024** – Labor Day Break

**September 4-5** – School Pictures

**October 17-18, 2024** – Teacher's Convention

**October 25, 2024** – Grandparents Day (in the AM)

**October 30 and 31, 2024** – Parent/Teacher Conferences

**November 21, 2024** – All School Program

**November 28 and 29, 2024** - Thanksgiving Break

**December 21, 2024 - January 5, 2025** - Christmas Break

**January 29 and 30, 2025** – Parent/Teacher Conferences

**February 13, 2025** – Band & Choir Concert (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)

**February 21, 2025** – Mid Winter Break

**April 4-11, 2025** – Spring Break

**April 25, 2025** – Kindergarten Program

**May 7, 2025** – Elementary Music Program (in the afternoon with 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades)

**May 13, 2025** – Band & Choir Concert (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)

**May 19, 2025** – All Schools Band Concert (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade band)

**May 26, 2025** – Memorial Day (no school)

**May 28, 2025** – Last day of school (1/2 day)

**May 28, 2025** - 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 \_\_\_\_\_



# Peer to Peer

*A friend loveth at all times*  
**Prov. 17:17**

## *Special Education Awareness Walk*

We are excited to be hosting the Peer to Peer Walk once again this year! The walk will take place at Covenant Christian High School in Grand Rapids, MI on September 28, 2024. The objective of this event is to raise awareness in our Protestant Reformed Community of the work of The Protestant Reformed Special Education Society and the valuable contribution it makes in the education of our Special Needs students in the Body of Christ. It is planned to be a fun event for the whole family with games and crafts in addition to the walk. We hope to provide T-shirts to those who are in attendance at a nominal price as well as provide complimentary coffee and donuts.

To that end we are seeking at this time to raise funds to offset the costs of hosting such an event. We are asking for the following:

- General gifts of any amount are absolutely appreciated.
- A gift of \$100 will be recognized at the event with signage listing your name with the other \$100 sponsors and our appreciation for your gift.
- A gift of \$250 will allow you to be a sign sponsor. We plan to place individual sponsor signs around the walk path along with signs that give insight into the work and challenges of Special Education.

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Make checks payable to Protestant Reformed Special Education and write "Peer to Peer" in the memo. Mail to: Ellen Pastoor, 7327 Eastlane Ave, Jenison, MI 49428

Name (as you would like it shown): \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Address for sending our thanks to: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Note: Any funds raised in excess of our costs will be donated to the PRSE society. All gifts and donations are tax deductible.

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

**Thank you to our many volunteers!**

**What you need to know**

**HEALTH DEPT REQUIREMENTS**

- No tank-tops, open-toed shoes or sandals.
- Long hair must be tied back; kitchen help must wear a hat or a provided hairnet.
- Food from home may not be stored in the restaurant kitchen. If you wish to bring food for your break, please keep it in your vehicle until break time.

**DRESS CODE**

- Expect your clothing to get dirty, particularly if you are working in the kitchens.
- Neat, modest clothing is always appropriate. Wear comfortable tennis shoes.
- Clothing bearing objectionable messages is not permitted.
- 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 as space is limited.

**OTHER NOTES**

- Children may not accompany parents to their shifts either during fair week or on food prep days. 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.
- 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.
- Our dress and attitude should reflect what we believe and confess. Have fun! Be cheerful! Remember we will be representing Heritage Christian School to many people this week.

**YOU SHOULD RECEIVE AN EMAILED REMINDER FROM SIGN-UP GENIUS CONFIRMING THE DATE AND TIME OF YOUR SHIFT.**

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

**Thanks for volunteering your time! We're looking forward to a fun week at the fair!**

## 2024-2025 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  
Water bottle

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

10 sharpened Pencils  
1 yellow highlighter  
1 Large Eraser ("Pink Pearl")  
3 Large Glue Sticks  
24 Crayola Crayons  
Colored Pencils  
12 Thick Markers  
4 Dry erase markers  
Scissors  
Paint Shirt  
Gym Shoes  
2 Strong, Durable Pocket Folders  
Headphones (not earbuds)  
Spill-proof water bottle (snap lid/straw)

### 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  
3 Dry Erase Markers – black or blue  
1 standard sized pink eraser  
Large Plastic Pencil Box (w/ Snap Lid)  
Fiskers **Sharp-Point** Scissors  
3 Large Glue Sticks  
1 Hard Covered Composition Notebook  
2 Strong, durable Folders  
Earbuds OR headphones  
Art Shirt  
Gym Shoes & Extra Pair of Socks

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

KJV Bible  
20 – sharpened #2 Pencils  
Earbuds in a small bag/pouch  
Pointed Scissors  
1 Red Pen  
4 dry-erase markers  
1 large eraser

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

2 Glue Sticks.  
Art Shirt  
Pencil Box  
12" Ruler w/Inches & Centimeters  
2 Blue or Black Pens  
1 yellow highlighter  
Small Notebook for assignments  
Crayons  
Markers  
Colored Pencils  
3 Wide Ruled Spiral Notebooks  
3 Single Pocket Folders – incl blue  
Loose Leaf Paper –Wide Ruled  
Psalter  
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  
5 individual 3 ring binders (*suggested please*), but a 3-Ring Trapper is OK  
5 Folders w/Pockets  
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)  
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 individual 3 ring binders (*suggested please*), but 3-Ring Trapper is OK  
5 Folders w/Pockets  
5 spiral notebooks (70-100 pgs)  
200 pg. loose-leaf paper  
Calculator  
Gym Shoes  
Ruler with inches AND centimeters  
Glue Stick  
Scissors  
Earbuds or Headphones

### 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  
Graphite drawing pencil kit 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



