

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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*“Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.”
Psalm 25:5*

SONG OF THE WEEK

Psalter # 8B

*Lord, our Lord, Thy glorious Name
All Thy wondrous works proclaim;
In the heav’ns with radiant signs
Evermore Thy glory shines.*

*Infant lips Thou dost ordain
Wrath and vengeance to restrain,
Weakest means fulfill Thy will,
Mighty enemies to still.*

We would like to welcome our new staff members here at Heritage!

New to the building are Special Education aides Mrs. Samantha Lenting and Miss Katelyn VanUffelen.

We welcome all of these new staff members to our building, and ask you to do the same.

HOT LUNCH

****Hot Lunch ordering will open on Tuesday September 2 at 8:00 AM and will stay open through Friday September 5. ****

A friendly reminder that no late orders will be accepted! An YELLOW information sheet with more ordering details will be sent home today! The worker schedule will come home next week Wednesday.

September 12 – Burger King
Workers: Please be at school by 11 AM

SCHOOL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 3 and 4
School Pictures

Week of September 8
Grades 3-8 MAP testing
(please avoid appointments)

SPORTS SCHEDULES

All games begin at 4 PM unless
otherwise noted

8th Grade Volleyball

7th Grade Volleyball

Boy’s Soccer

Welcome back to another school year! Once again as we begin the school year, we put our trust in the Lord Who leads and guides in all things. Thanks for entrusting your children – His children – to the care of the staff of Heritage Chr. School.

There will be no school this Friday, August 29 or next Monday, September 1 for Labor Day Break.

CCHS Shuttle information – The shuttle bus leaves at 7:40 AM. This is 5 minutes earlier than last year.

Correction – If you read the Summer Herald and marked down school year

Wednesday mornings (at least, maybe Thursday as well). The collating will be done in the junior high gym lobby beginning any time after 8 AM. You may bring children along. Please email receptionist@hchr.org if you are willing. Thank you!

Please read the following PICTURE information:

- Pictures will be taken next week Wednesday, 9/3 for KB, grades 1-4, and GRADE 6B. (Please note that 6B is on Wednesday!) Pictures will be taken next week Thursday, 9/4 for KA and grades 5-8 (with the exception of 6B).
- Envelopes will be handed out to grades 1-7 today; they **ALL have to be returned on picture day** to Mrs. VanDyke (the photographer) **whether you are ordering or not.**
- If you order pictures, payment is due on picture day.
- 8th grade students will view their proofs online, so they do NOT get envelopes at this time. Most 8th grade students dress up for the pictures, many boys even wear ties!

The Hot Lunch Committee is looking forward to another year of serving our children! Hot Lunch ordering will open on Tuesday, September 2 at 8:00 AM and will stay open through Friday, September 5! A friendly reminder that no late orders will be accepted! Look for a yellow information sheet coming home today with more details regarding ordering! Hot lunch announcements will be in the “Hot Lunch” section at the beginning of the note from now on out!

Our school's Lego Robotics Team will have an informational meeting tomorrow at noon hour. If your 7th- or 8th-grade student is interested, please email Mr. Jason Holstege at jaholstege@hchr.org, and please remind them to attend the meeting tomorrow! We will send home a note explaining our program and how this year's challenge will work. The team meets every Friday from 2:45-4:45 PM. Also, if you are interested in coaching our robotics team, please contact us at the email listed above.

Student drop off in the AM is going great! Thank you so much for your caution and for following the procedures in place to keep our students safe. If you have questions about afternoon pick-up procedures, especially in the north parking lot, please email or call the office. If you do not normally pick up children, but plan to once in a while, you must park on the junior high end of school (north parking lot). The elementary lot is too full to safely have extra cars. Please note: anyone who picks up in the North parking lot should be parked in one of the 3 rows farthest east – this is for student safety.

Bus routes, shuttle bus information, public bus routes and transfers are still being tweaked. Please have patience with us and with the Hudsonville bus barn!

Reminder: Planned absence forms are required for all students in grades 6-8 taking any days taken off from school. Students may get one from the main office. Please also let the office know if you have children in grades K-5 leaving for a planned absence.

Directory: If you have ANY changes for the directory since you filled out your enrollment form please let Karen know ASAP (receptionist@hchr.org)!

dates, the final date for Christmas vacation was incorrect. We return to school on January 5, 2026. Thank you!

Students in Kindergarten will receive a Google permission form next week. Please sign it and return it to school by next week Friday.

Thanks so much to the mothers who have signed up to be room moms this school year!! If you were intending to sign up but didn't yet, you're not too late! There are still many openings available! We have openings in every class except for KB (Pastoor), 3A (Gritters), 4A (VanBaren), 5B (R. Gritters), 7B (VanDyke), and ALL three 8th grades. Please email Wilma at receptionistwest@hchr.org if you would like to sign up.

Notes home will once again be sent with the youngest student from each family. We will also email the memo home on Wednesdays. Please, please read the entire memo each week. It is our main source of communication and has important information. Most extra handouts will also come home on Wednesdays. If you ever have any school related questions, please call or email us in the office for the most accurate answers, please.

The memo and a lot of other information can also be seen on the school website. Please look it over periodically! (heritageprschool.com)

Also, thank you so much to the parents and grandparents who signed up to volunteer! Your time and commitment helps things run so much more smoothly here at school. We appreciate you! Wilma will be contacting you in the next 3 weeks to try and match up your offers of help to our needs. If you haven't let her know that you would like to volunteer each week or every other week, please email her ASAP at receptionistwest@hchr.org. More detailed requests will be posted in upcoming memos if we have more needs. Thanks!

Speaking of volunteering: As in previous years, we are looking for moms to collate some worksheets for lower elementary students. (They are already ALL TORN OUT!!! Yay) We have a good number of books this year! We are looking at next week Tuesday and

All 3rd through 8th grade teachers use Gradelink as our grading system. Log in information will be sent to 3rd grade families sometime today. All 3rd through 8th grade families can keep up to date on your child’s progress by logging in to www.gradelink.com. Please contact the office if you used Gradelink in previous years but are unable to log on this year. We can help! We will also be sending home an information sheet regarding Gradelink to all 3-8 grade families next week.

The office staff is required to have an accurate count of students at all times for safety reasons. We ask that you call or email us in the office (even if you have notified the teacher) if your child has appointments or is ill. In addition, the Health Dep’t requires us to report certain symptoms to them; please let us know when you call us what your child’s specific symptoms are (including how high a fever is).

School closings and delays will be communicated to all HCS families through an email. Normally decisions are made before 6:30 AM. There will not be any phone calls made; this includes bus riders. During tornado watches, the office will closely monitor local conditions. **In case of a tornado warning**, students will not be released until an “all clear” is issued for the area. Please don’t call school or attempt to pick up students during a tornado warning

Attention: 6th- 8th graders who plan on playing a sport at Heritage during the 2025-2026 school year - You must have a sports physical form on file with the main office dated **AFTER APRIL 15, 2025. If you plan to play a fall sport (cross country, volleyball, soccer) please turn your form in ASAP.**

FUNDRAISERS NEWS

If there are any Standing Committee Chairwomen that would like to be replaced, please contact Pam Bylsma at 616-218-4491.

Fundraisers will meet on Thursday, September 25 at Hudsonville PRC. Meeting starts at 10am and a nursery will be available. We warmly welcome ALL Heritage moms to come out, meet other moms

and be part of an amazing fundraising group that supports our children’s Christian education.

Stay tuned for a survey that will be asking for your input on the time preference for the remaining meetings of the year, which are planned for Oct. 23, Jan. 22, March 19 and April 23.

TRIP NEWS

It's a new school year and that means there are new families at HCS again!! Any new family that would be interested in our online Trip program is asked to contact Charlynn Kamps (charlynnkamps@yahoo.com) or Leesa VanOverloop (kevinleesa@gmail.com). It's a fun, easy, and convenient way to save some tuition dollars as well as contributing to our school fundraisers.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Hope Heralds will present a concert on Friday, September 12 at Trinity PRC at 7 PM and on Sunday, September 14 at Fellowship Reformed Church in Hudsonville at 7:30 PM.

Fall is just around the corner and Zion Young Peoples are selling mums! We have 2 sizes available: 8 inch pot for \$8 and a 12 inch decorative pot for \$15. They are available in purple, red, orange, white,

pink/lavender, and yellow. To place an order please contact Heidi Van Uffelen 403-0731. All orders must be placed by Sept 7 and all mums can be picked up Monday September 15, from 3-7 at Zion PRC. Thank You!