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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, MR. BRIAN KUIPER

"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

"A PRAYER TO BE LED"

The verse above was chosen by the incoming 8th grade class of Heritage as their class text. As such, we will also be using it in many other ways at Heritage this year. It will be the theme verse for many rooms. Students will memorize it. It will be the subject of the opening chapel for the school year and of the speech at graduation.

What is the teaching in this verse? The context indicates that the Psalmist knows his human life is weak and frail. He states that he lifts his soul to the Lord (vs 1), and he counts himself with those who wait upon God (vs 3). Thus, we should understand him to be one who knows his need and the fact that he cannot rely upon himself. This knowledge causes him to seek for One who will lead him during his earthly walk. By nature, every human seeks for a leader. The leader he follows will have an impact upon his walk. One leading himself is humanistic. Those who follow after an idol god are futile. There is only One leader that will supply all we need, and He we must follow..

By faith, and through inspiration, the psalmist teaches us that he knows this as well. The leader he seeks is "the God of his salvation". The reason for seeking a leader is that man knows he cannot save himself, cannot find peace in himself, and does not have safety in himself. There is ONE who can do all of this and has in His Son Jesus Christ! He has saved us. He *daily* provides peace and safety for those in need. And He reconciled us to Him so that we can do the same to each other. Weak human beings stumble across a leader who they think will give them all they need. They invest time, money, and energy to chase after that leader. When we have all we need in our Father and His Son, and we know it by the Spirit, we need only faith to look up and follow Him. His grace is free!

The type of leading that we need is a part of the verse as well. "Lead me in Thy truth and teach me". For purposes of the beginning of a new school year, we can take those ideas as one. Our prayer is that He will

teach us the *truth*. That is the purpose of Christian Schools. To teach the truth in the way that the Lord would have the truth taught. *All subjects* coming into conformity with that truth and based on the Word! I am thankful that we can come together as a community for that purpose. This takes dedicated individuals who have been trained to teach and are Godly in Word and deed so that they can make the proper spiritual applications to the truth. These teachers and aides discuss ways to connect those truths across the different subjects. This takes committed parents to guide the instruction and ensure that their children are doing the work necessary to practice these truths in their schoolwork and in their lives. This means that students need a proper understanding of the purpose of schooling - to grow in the knowledge of the truth for the glory of His name!

With conscious effort, let's seek to be led by Him every day. While it is the theme of the school year, it is the reality in the life of a Christian! When we recognize we need a leader, and when we realize we have the One we need, then we must submit our will to follow after Him. Thanks be to God we have the assurance that we can do this. It's possible because He "opens the closed, and softens the hardened heart, and circumcises that which was uncircumcised, infuses new qualities into the will, which though heretofore dead, He quickens; from being evil, disobedient, and refractory, He renders it good, obedient, and pliable; actuates and strengthens it, that like a good tree, it may bring forth the fruits of good actions" (Canons Head 3 / 4, Article 11). By our fruit, may we show that we know our Leader and that we are following our Leader with joy and gladness!

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – MR. BRIAN KOOLE

In Deuteronomy 6 we read the words of Moses speaking comfort to the people. He is reminding them that the LORD has always been with them, even in the land of Egypt. He will not leave them in this new land either. He will never leave or forsake any of His children and will always provide for all their needs.

This past June the Enrollment Committee had the opportunity to meet with 7 new families that will begin sending their children to Heritage Christian School. When we meet with the new families, we cover a variety of topics! We discuss how the children will receive a Christ centered education as long as they are in these walls, and how God's word is the basis of all things. We talk of the high quality of our staff and the great importance of communication. Communication is important between all parents, teachers, students,

board members, and support staff. Communication is key in every good relationship! How is their child getting to school? How to pay their tuition? What safety measures do we take to ensure the safety of their children? Why do we have a locked campus? Also covered are the many, many other ways that they can be involved in their children's education and involved with the school.

We welcome these children (and their families) to HCS:

- Kate Dykstra of Caleb and Dana
- Baker Flikkema of Caleb and Whitney
- Logan Kuiper of Andrew and Renae
- Layla Noorman of Rev. David and Carisa
- Wyatt VanDenTop of Trent and Shelbi
- Owen Verduin of Jared and Amanda
- The Jack Thalen Family (Rachel, Joshua, David, and Ryan)

NEW FAMILY INTRODUCTIONS

• *Caleb and Dana Dykstra*

Hi! We are Caleb and Dana Dykstra. Together we have 3 children, Kate, Weston and Olivia and are excited to start sending them to Heritage Christian. We are members at Faith PRC. Caleb works at Superior Groundcover for most of the year and during the fall/winter he helps process deer. Dana is a full time stay-at-home mom. Kate is 5 and is excited to start kindergarten. She enjoys arts and crafts and swimming as much as possible. Weston is 3 and Olivia will be 1 in October. As a family we enjoy swimming, bonfires, gardening and playing card games together.

• *Caleb and Whitney Flikkema*

We are Caleb and Whitney Flikkema. We are members at Grandville PRC. Caleb went to Eastside and I went to Heritage and we both attended Covenant and started dating shortly after we graduated in 2011. We got

married in September of 2017 and in December of 2019 we were blessed with Baker who will be attending Kindergarten this year! In September of 2022 we had our second child Summer who eagerly waits to attend school in a few years. Caleb is a Radiation Therapist at Metro Health and also does some car interior detailing on the side. I am a stay at home mom and do a little bit of digital Marketing from home. We are blessed and grateful for the opportunity to send our children to a school where education honoring and praising God comes first. We cannot wait to start our journey at Heritage!

• *Andrew and Renae Kuiper*

We have 3 children. Our oldest Logan is 5 and entering into Kindergarten this year, Cameron (or Cam) is almost 3, and Avery will be 1 in September. We enjoy spending time as a family outside going on walks or at the beach.

We attend Georgetown PRC and are currently living in the Jenison area. Andrew works at Intercare Community Health Network located in Holland as a Nurse Practitioner and has been there for 4 years. Renae is a homemaker. Logan is very excited to start school. He enjoys being outside, riding his bike, playing soccer, and basketball. Cam also can be found on his bike outside or doing whatever Logan is doing! Avery loves getting all around and see what she can get into. We are excited to start using our Christian schools and we are thankful to have this community to share with our family.

- *Rev. David and Carisa Noorman*

Hello everyone! Dave currently serves as pastor of Georgetown PRC after just over 6 years at Southwest PRC. Carisa is a stay-at-home mom looking after our three children, Layla (5 — off to kindergarten this year), Quinn (4 - preschool), and Myles (1). Dave and Carisa met while he was on his seminary internship in Redlands, CA, and have been married for 8 years this fall. We look forward to being a part of the HCS community!

- *Trent and Shelbi VanDenTop*

Hello! We are the VanDenTop family. My name is Trent, and I work as a project manager at Legacy Precision Molds—a tool and die shop that builds plastic injection molds for the automotive, medical, and consumer goods industries. We also do custom machining for national

defense and aerospace. My wife, Shelbi, is a Registered Nurse and works part-time in the NICU at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, caring for some of the tiniest and most precious lives. We feel incredibly blessed to serve others through the work God has given us. God has blessed us with three wonderful children: Wyatt (5), Madison (4), and Josie (1). As a family, we love spending time outdoors—working on our small farm, hiking, fishing, or just playing together in the yard. We strive to keep life simple and rooted in faith and family, and we're eager to build meaningful relationships with others who share similar values. We live in Coopersville and attend Grace PRC. We're looking forward to getting to know many of you and growing together in both friendship and faith.

- *Jared and Amanda VerDuin*

Hey! We are Jared and Amanda Verduin (Zwak)! Our family is built through adoption and that beautiful gift has given us two sons: Owen and Paxton. Owen is entering Kindergarten this year and is over-the-moon excited! Paxton is just a "baby" yet at two years old! Jared works for Essex Outdoor Designs, installing beautiful landscapes in the summer and taking care of maintenance on the equipment through the winter months. Amanda is a SAH mom and bi-weekly janitor for an office. We are members at Georgetown PRC, where Jared co-leads GROW (the boys youth group). We are excited to begin this next chapter in our lives!

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT ~ MR. MIKE VANTIL

As we begin another school year, one aspect of the Finance Committee is to review tuition from the past year, and this process is a humble reminder once again of the commitment each HCS family, and the HCS community, makes when we take the vow to see that "all thy children shall be taught of the LORD" (Isaiah 54:13). This is more than a commitment of time and energy required to instruct these children, but the financial responsibility and calling tuition places on each family. This does not go unnoticed and the committee, as well as the entire Board, would like to thank each family for faithfully and diligently working to fulfil this call.

The 2024-2025 school year ended below budget by \$115k. The Society was informed at the annual meeting in April of the struggle HCS was facing with unexpected losses in enrollment and the negative impact this had on meeting the budgeted goals for the year. Additionally, rising costs within expenses have created its own set of challenges in maintaining goals set within the budget, particularly increased costs in employee benefits and busing/transportation contributed to expenses for the year exceeding budgeted expenses. This loss is large and concerning, but God has blessed HCS through the years with surpluses, and HCS's cash position remains favorable, especially considering there

is no outstanding debt. The committee acknowledges that this is a financial trend that is not sustainable and continues to explore ways to maintain sound fiscal responsibility moving forward.

This past April, the Society unanimously approved a budget for the 2025-2026 school year. The budgeted expense for the upcoming school year is \$3,278,000 with tuition accounting for \$2,367,000 of these expenses. The remaining \$911,000 needs to come from some combination of Spring/Fall drives, church collections, fundraisers, the Foundation, and other gifts. The 2025-2026 budget has a Fall drive goal of \$265,000 and a Spring drive goal of \$265,000 - lofty goals to say the least.

We give thanks to God to report that we were able to successfully meet the budgeted goal of \$500,000 for the Spring/Fall drives for the 2024-2025 school year. God be praised! The Finance Committee would like to thank everyone who graciously supports HCS, especially those who do not have children enrolled at HCS, through the drives, fundraisers, church collections, and Foundation. Please know that any gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. Without the success of these other sources, tuition costs for HCS families would be significantly higher. We pray for your continued support for the upcoming school year and

ask that you prayerfully consider in your giving to the cause of Christian education at HCS. We thank God there are many members who make up the body of Christ and that we can "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

The Finance Committee would like to thank our lone retiring committee member and chairman, Blake Wieringa, for his years of service. Blake served on the finance committee for 3 years and chaired the committee for the last 2 years. Thank you, Blake! Three members of the committee are returning with me as the new member and chair of the committee. The Finance Committee for the upcoming school year

consists of Jason Butler, Jared Dykstra, John Pipe, and me.

Final item of note...remember to come out and support HCS at the Hudsonville Fair during the week of August 18-23!!! There is a full-service restaurant along with a food booth near the grandstands. This is an amazing and significant fundraiser for HCS, offering a terrific opportunity for the school and its supporters to represent not only HCS in the community, but also to reflect our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ. Thank you to the fair committee, donors, countless volunteers, and everyone who supports HCS!

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 at Heritage Christian School. She organizes all the routes, schedules all the maintenance for the buses, and keeps them on the road and running smoothly! Jessica also drives bus routes

each day. In addition, we extend a big thank you to Rachelle VanderKolk, Terry Kooienga and Ron Kooienga for continuing to drive for Heritage again this year! Your time and dedication is much appreciated! Not only do our drivers 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.

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.
- **The shuttle will not run the 1st day of CCHS, because we do not have school on August 25. It will run on August 26.**
- Also a reminder that the shuttle will not run anytime we do not have school at Heritage. This includes snow days.

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 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. 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.

2025-2026 HCS Scripture theme:

**"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

Heritage Christian School Fundraisers Treasurer's Report July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025			
Balance on Hand July 1, 2024	\$34,180.48		
PROJECT PROFITS		PROJECTS FUNDED	
3 on 3 Basketball Tournament	\$12,088.46	Athletics	\$300.00
Fair Food Fundraiser	\$157,931.46	Board Request	\$105,000.00
RBO	\$355.00	HCS - Color Copier	\$10,350.00
TRIP	\$8,801.92	Library Fund	\$2,500.00
Walk-a-thon Fundraiser	\$61,603.75	Staff T-shirts	\$140.00
		Field Day/Mini Olympics	\$1,374.64
Total Deposits	\$240,780.59	Grandparents Day	\$471.65
		Kindergarten Program	\$128.14
		Kindergarten Roundup	\$160.81
		Kitchen Supplies	\$162.95
		Bank Checks	\$23.96
		Bank Service Charge	\$70.20
		Nursery Attendant Gift	\$75.00
		Secretary & Janitor Gifts	\$113.11
		Sports Uniforms	\$384.40
		Teacher Allowances	\$9,900.00
		Teacher Appreciation	\$769.76
		Teacher Birthday Gifts	\$1,500.00
		Teacher's Classroom	\$2,160.00
		Teacher/Staff Lunch	\$501.87
		Walk-a-thon	\$622.75
		HCS - New Boilers	\$61,543.75
HCS Year-End Overage ('23-'24 and '24-'25 school years)			\$56,708.08
		Total Withdrawals	\$254,961.07
Balance on hand 6/30/2025	\$20,000.00		

Beginning of the year information:

- School starts on **TUESDAY, August 26** at 7:52 AM. On **MONDAY, August 25** 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 Monday morning. We will see you then, D.V.
- There WILL be public school busing on the first day! The bus barn is still working on route info. It will be emailed as soon as they have it ready.

- Beginning this school year, HCS will use the Psalter (2024) as the primary book to teach students Psalm singing. We will be providing a copy of the Psalter to the 2nd graders and to the 1st graders. Other students should bring a copy as a part of their school supplies.
- Recently, the HCS Board approved 9 week marking periods for ALL grades. Previously, grades 3-8 were on a 6 week marking period. One of the factors is a desire to have more grades per report card term. Additionally, Gradelink allows parents to see in real time how their children are doing academically. Please remember to check in with Gradelink regularly, and communicate with teachers if there are questions regarding your child's progress.
- Again this year HCS staff will not dispense non-prescription medications to students. 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 pages 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!

Kindergarten Parents, please take note!

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

- Tuesday, August 26: Kindergarten Roundup (8:30 -10:30 AM) for KA class and one of their parents.
- Wednesday, August 27: Kindergarten Roundup (8:30 -10:30 AM) for KB class and one of their parents.
- Thursday, August 28: KA class (half day – 7:52 – 11:30 AM)
- Friday, August 29 - Monday, September 1: Labor Day break (no school)
- Tuesday, September 2: KA class (full day)
- Wednesday, September 3: KB class (full day)
- Thursday, September 4: KA class (full day)
- Friday, September 5: KA and KB classes (full day)

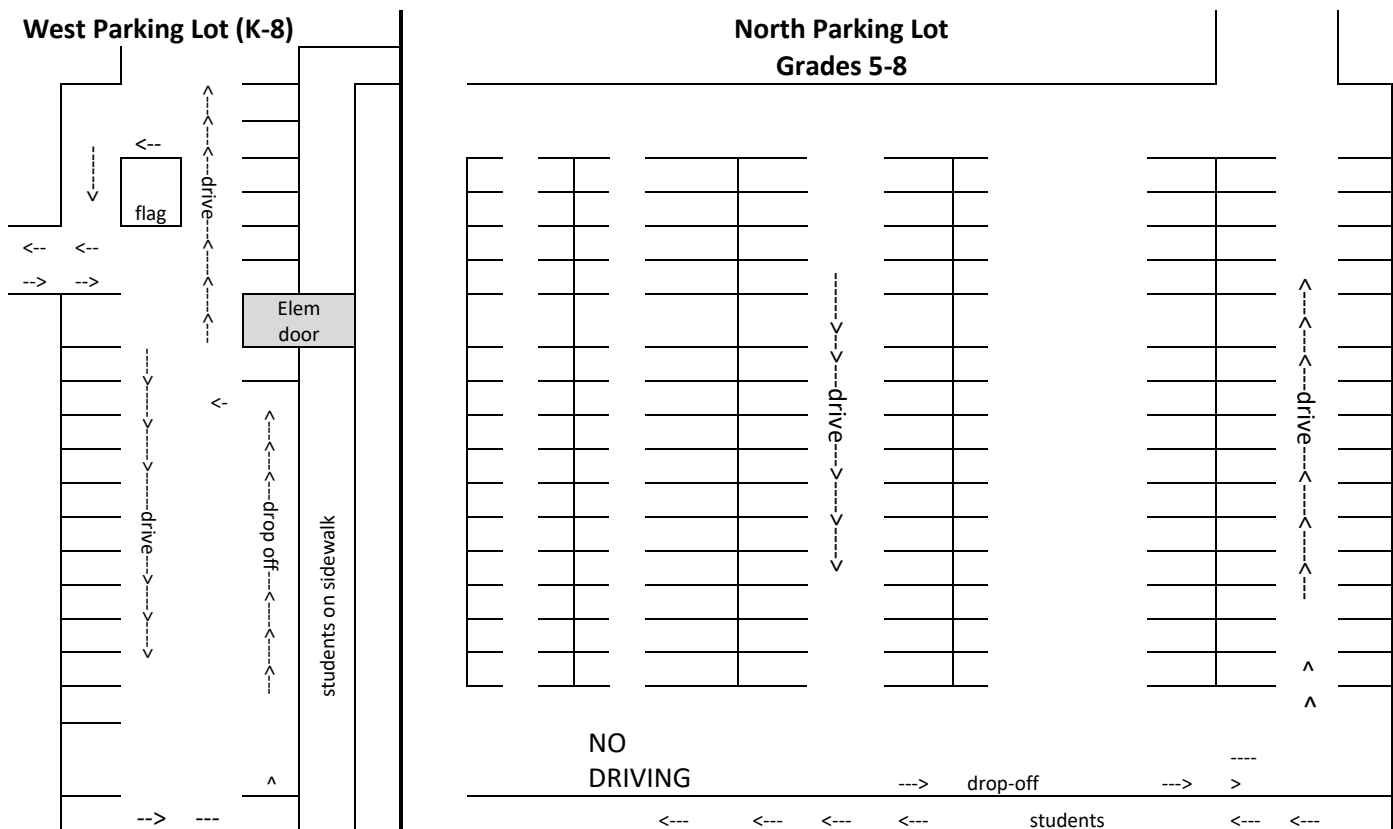
Normal schedule begins on Monday, September 8.

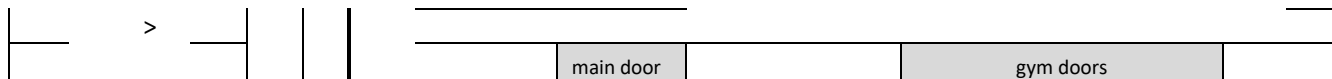
Class lists will be emailed out to HCS families on Monday, August 11. If you don't see an email by lunchtime, please email or call school at (receptionist@hchr.org, businessoffice@hchr.org, or 669-1773).

Morning Drop Off 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 3rd (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:

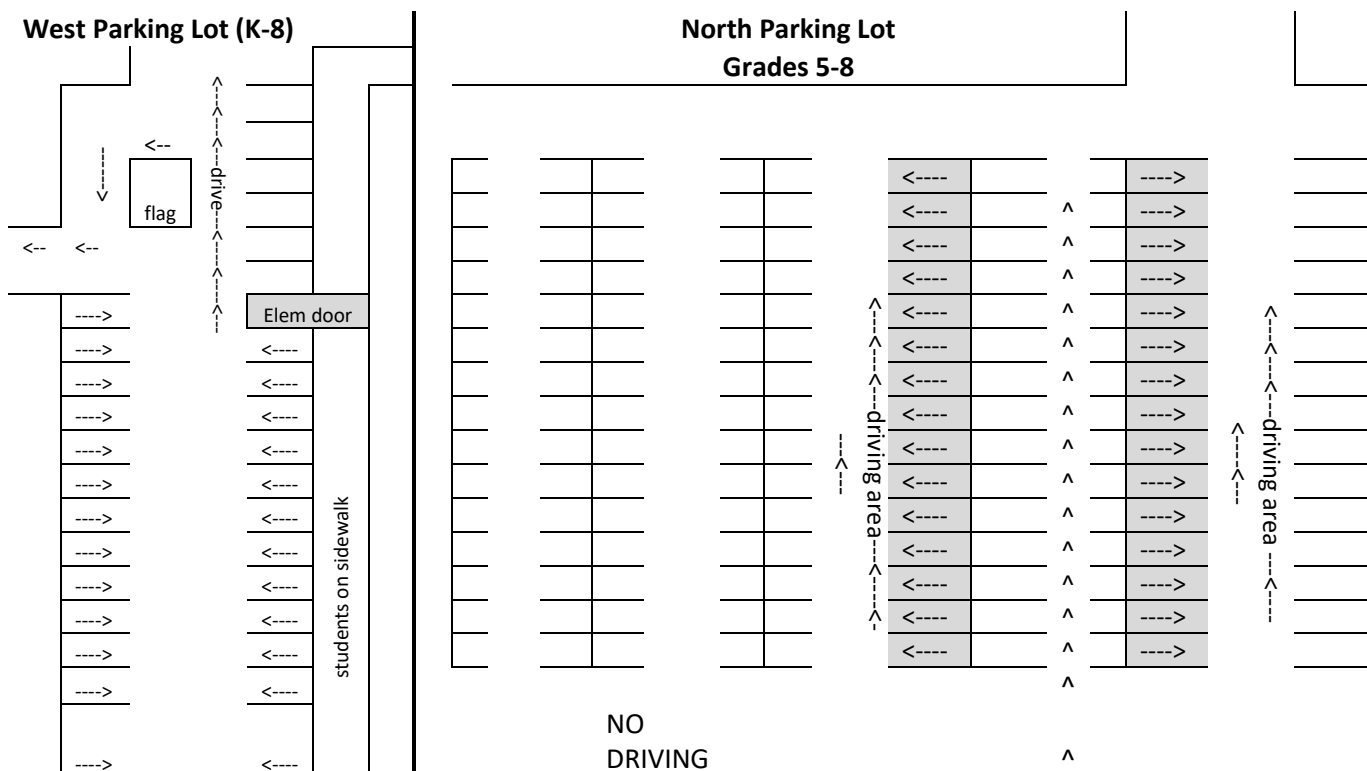


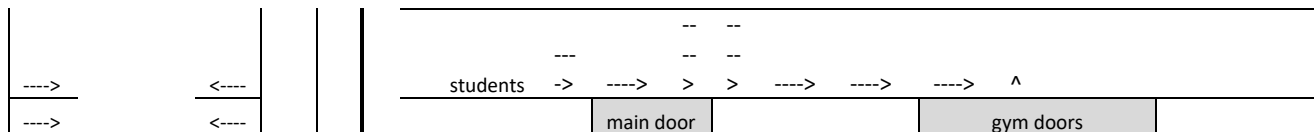


Afternoon Pick Up Procedure

- **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:





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 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.

2025-2026 School Year Calendar

August 25, 2025 – Staff in school day – AM open house (9 AM - Noon)
August 26 – School begins
August 29 – September 1 – Labor Day Break
September 3 – School Pictures (1st-4th grades, KB, and Benji K's 6B class)
September 4 – School Pictures (KA and 5th-8th grades, except for 6B)
September 8-12 – MAP Testing (grades 3-8)
October 16-17 – Teacher's Convention
October 24 – Grandparents Day (in the AM)
November 5-6 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 20 – All School Program
November 27-28 - Thanksgiving Break
December 24 - January 3, 2026 - Christmas Break
January 19-23 – MAP Testing (grades 3-8)
January 28-29 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 12 – Band & Choir Concert (5th-8th grades)
February 20 – Mid Winter Break
April 3-10 – Spring Break
April 24 – Kindergarten Program
May 4-8 – MAP Testing (grades 3-8)
May 6 – Elementary Music Program (in the afternoon with 1st – 3rd grades)
May 7 – Band & Choir Concert (5th-8th grades)
May 25 – Memorial Day (no school)
May 28 – Last day of school (1/2 day)
May 28 - 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 _____

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

- The Health Department requires no tank tops, open-toed shoes or sandals.
- Long hair must be worn tied back; kitchen help must wear a hat or a provided hairnet.
- Food from home may NOT be stored in the kitchen. If you wish to bring food you must store it in your vehicle.

DRESS CODE

- Neat, modest clothing is always appropriate. Wear comfortable tennis shoes.
- Clothing bearing objectionable messages are not permitted. Our dress and attitude should reflect what we believe and confess.
- Shorts are permitted and recommended, it is usually hot in the building.
- Please do not bring large purses or bags with you, space is limited.

OTHER NOTES

- Children may NOT accompany parents to their shifts during fair week or food prep days. This is a Health Department rule.
- If you are working in the kitchen expect to wear gloves for most of your shift. We will provide latex free gloves.
- You have a short break on your shift and may order food from the 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.

- 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!

2025 Fair Committee -Lisa VanTil, Hillary Lotterman, Natalie VanOverloop, Sheila Griffioen, Amy Horvat, Alyssa Pastoor, Lindsay Schimmel, Tara Koole, Beth VanSingel

2025-2026 School Supplies

Kindergarten Supplies - all labeled

Backpack
Lg size Pencil Box (less than 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

1st Grade Supplies – all labeled

10 sharpened Pencils
1 yellow highlighter
1 Large Eraser ("Pink Pearl")
4 Large Glue Sticks
24 Crayola Crayons
Colored Pencils
12 Thick Markers
8 Dry erase markers
Scissors
Paint Shirt
Gym Shoes
1 Strong, Durable Pocket Folders

2nd Grade Supplies - all labeled

KJV Bible
Psalter (2024 edition)
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

3rd Grade Supplies

KJV Bible
Psalter (2024 edition)
20 – sharpened #2 Pencils
Earbuds in a small bag/pouch
Pointed Scissors

3rd Grade Supplies, continued

1 Red Pen
1 large eraser
2 Glue Sticks.
Art Shirt
Pencil Box
12" Ruler w/Inches & Centimeters
4 dry-erase markers
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
Gym Shoes

4th Grade Supplies

KJV Bible
Psalter (2024 edition)
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 inches
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)

5th Grade Supplies

KJV Bible and a Psalter (2024 edition)
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

5th Grade Supplies, continued

Calculator
Gym Shoes
1 Large Glue Stick
2 fine tipped Black Sharpies

6th Grade Supplies

KJV Bible and a Psalter (2024 edition)
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
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 (2024 edition)
8th graders: *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkein
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
5 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 7th Acc.Math - TI-83 or 84 Scientific Calculator
7th Regular Math – TI83 or above is recommended, but not required
DC Math - TI-30XIIS or above
Calculator