

# 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 # 13A

*O LORD my God, behold me, and hear my earnest cries;  
Lest sleep of death enfold me, enlighten Thou my eyes;  
Lest now my foe insulting should boast of his success,  
And enemies exulting rejoice in my distress.*

*But I with expectation have on Thy grace relied;  
My heart in Thy salvation shall still with joy confide.  
And I with voice of singing will praise the LORD above,  
Who, richest bounties bringing, hast dealt with me in love.*

## ~ ~ CHRISTMAS COLLECTION ~ ~

### **This year the collection will go to Skyler Karsemeyer's transplant fund.**

Skyler is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader here at Heritage. She was born with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome, a rare heart condition. Skyler has endured five open heart surgeries already in her short life, and is now staying at Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor while she awaits a heart transplant. The money you generously contribute will all be given to aid Skyler and her family with the substantial transportation, lodging, and medical costs that they have and will continue to accrue.

If you are interested in following Skyler's journey, you may visit or follow her CaringBridge page where you will be able to leave her and her family encouraging messages - a wonderful blessing! [https://www.caringbridge.org/site/86510c39-e00e-30cb-b878-e79abe2f6f04?utm\\_source=website\\_share&utm\\_medium=share\\_button&utm\\_term=&utm\\_content=link](https://www.caringbridge.org/site/86510c39-e00e-30cb-b878-e79abe2f6f04?utm_source=website_share&utm_medium=share_button&utm_term=&utm_content=link)

Join us in the weeks and months ahead as our school community prays not only for Skyler especially, but also for her dad and mom (Clint and Katie Karsemeyer), her sister, Dylan (8<sup>th</sup> grade), her extended family, and the doctors and nurses who are working so diligently to help Skyler. May God give them all peace, courage, and wisdom.

*"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.*

*Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."* (John 14:27)

Christmas collection money can be turned in to either office or to individual classroom teachers any time before Dec. 23.

## **HOT LUNCH**

**December 12 – Burger King**

**Workers: Please be at school by 11 AM – Jennelle, Evelyn, and Kelli VanOverloop, and Amy VanPutten**

**December 17 – Pizza Wednesday**

**Workers: Please be at school by 11 AM – Jori VanPutten, Beth VanSingel, Abigail VanTil**

**December 19 – Arby's**

**Workers: Please be at school by 11 AM – Michelle Veldman, Amanda Verduin, Katelyn Vermeer, Stephanie Vink**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Christmas Break**

December 24-January 3

#### **End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

January 16

#### **Professional Development Day**

(no school)

January 16

#### **MAP Testing (grades 3-8)**

January 19-23

#### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

January 28-29

### **SPORTS SCHEDULES**

All games begin at 4 PM unless otherwise noted

#### **8th Grade Boys Basketball**

Th 12/11 vs Adams (H)

#### **7th Grade Boys Basketball**

Th 12/11 Tm1 vs Adams (A)

Th 12/11 Tm2 vs Hope (A)

### **Hot Lunch ordering opens on December 15 (next week Monday) at 8:00**

**AM and will stay open through Thursday, December 18 at midnight! It can be easy to forget, so please set a reminder on your phone!! Here is the link to order: <https://heritagehotlunch.schoollunchchoice.com/index.php>**

**The Hot Lunch committee thanks everyone for their support and we wish everyone Happy Holidays!**

## **MOMS IN PRAYER**

Join us on Monday, Dec. 15 from 8-8:30 AM for a time of prayer! We'd love to have you join us in prayers of thanksgiving this time. This coming week's attribute will be, "God is Sovereign."

Please bring your Bible. Thanks!

*"Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD,*

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

If you didn't see it, please note the Christmas collection cause for this school year. Information can be found in the text box at the top of today's memo.

**Brian and Karen Kuiper and their children wish to thank** the Heritage family for their acts of love and kindness following the death of Karen's mother. Your prayers, words, and cards all helped us richly experience the communion of the saints. Truly, we can say, "*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want*" (Psalm 23:1).

**Moms in Prayer will not be meeting on December 22 or** on January 5. We will resume meetings on January 12.

**Public busing families: There will be NO public** busing in the afternoon this Friday, December 12. There will be busing in the morning. Public schools early release that day.

**Yearbook: ONE more week (more opportunity will be given in** February) to send in orders/advertisements for the yearbook's December deadline. **We are especially short on page sponsors compared to last year's numbers!** Please consider supporting our 2025/26 Yearbook, especially by being a page sponsor. The form is on the back of the memo. Thank you!

**Have you viewed our YouTube channel yet? In the last 28 days the** channel has had 2,862 views. During that time our children singing and playing praises to God have blessed people from Mexico, Canada, Czechia, the Philippines, and of course many in the USA. What follows is the link to view our latest program: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLthssQEBDWhNj8F1VtNtNAiLhwxpGaeFv>

**A request from our Lego Robotics teams for you: our robotics** program *depends 100% on donors* (often businesses, but also individuals) for the monetary support of the program. Every year we have recurring costs of around \$700 to participate in this opportunity because we have to purchase 2 new robot playing fields. We have also been trying to replace our aging "fleet" of robots with new kits (at \$425 apiece), and we are about halfway there. Finally, we were hoping another set of T-shirts would be nice to replace the fading 14-year-old ones we have now (and we would be willing to put any sponsor's name on the back of them). If you or a business you know is willing to contribute to this cause, please contact us at jaholstege@hchr.org !

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### **TRIP NEWS**

**Do you want TRIP before the holidays? A sheet is coming home** today. Use it to order through next Tuesday's TRIP in order to be guaranteed your order before Christmas.

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### **AREA PR SCHOOLS**

**CCHS GIFT CARD DRIVE: The Student Council of Covenant** Christian HS is again sponsoring its **Gift Card Drive** (December 1-23) to help those who have need in our area Protestant Reformed churches. To participate, you can send money or gift cards to grocery stores, gas stations, etc. to Covenant, c/o Student Council. Thank you!

**Save The Date!!! Adams' Annual Soup Supper will be held on** February 12, in the gym. Many delicious soups, bbq, hot dogs and homemade desserts! Hope to see you there, and thanks for your support!

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### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Voices of Victory will present a concert on December 31 at 7** PM. The Choral Ambassadors will also be joining us. The concert will be held at Zion Reformed Church in Grandville, MI – 4457 36th St

SW, Grandville, MI 49418. You are invited to come and go as you please any time throughout the night. A free will offering will be taken for Harmony Communities. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

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### **Yearbook Pre-order, Patron, and Page Sponsor Form**

Name/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Send the book home with \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ # of books pre-ordered at \$25 each

\_\_\_\_ Patron \$60 (*I would like the free yearbook: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_*)

\_\_\_\_ Page Sponsor \$110 (*I would like the free yearbook: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_*)

**(If you are a page sponsor, please include a current business card.)**

*Please enclose payment, making checks payable to **Heritage Christian School**, and return to either office.*