

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

The First Noel

*The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.*

~ ~ CHRISTMAS COLLECTION ~ ~

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

Christmas collection money can be turned in any time before next Tuesday afternoon to either office or to individual classroom teachers.

Skyler is a 4th 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

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 (8th 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)*

HOT LUNCH

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

January 9 – Arrow's

Workers: Please be at school by 11 AM – Nicole Visser, Alexa Wassink, Rebecca Wesorick, LeAnne Westra

Hot Lunch ordering is open and will stay open through TOMORROW at midnight!

Link to order: <https://heritagehotlunch.schoollunchchoice.com/index.php>

MOMS IN PRAYER

We will resume meeting on January 12, 2026. Have a blessed Christmas Break!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Break
December 24-January 3

End of 1st 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

Public busing families: There will be NO public busing next week at all. The public schools begin break on Monday.

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.

Christmas Break begins after the school day next week Tuesday. It is our prayer that all the staff, students, and families of Heritage Christian School have a wonderful and restful Christmas Break, and that we all return refreshed and ready to continue the school year in January. We will see you back here at school on Monday, January 5, 2026, Lord willing.

HELP PLEASE - Note from the Fair Committee: We have had very little interest in the position of co-chair. We have our first meeting in FOUR weeks! Please prayerfully consider if this is a way you can serve Heritage. We need to fill this role! This is a position that greatly benefits from being co-chair for a year, before taking on the responsibilities of being chair, on your own, for year two. You'd be responsible for organizing and running the Fair Committee meetings (there are only a few!), communicating with the Fair Board and Heritage community, and helping committee members as needed. This often seems like a daunting position, but truly you have the support of the whole committee and everything is a joint effort! The committee tasks are well laid out, and easy to follow. If you have any questions about the position reach out to Natalie VanOverloop 616-323-7738

The student council is hosting a pop sale THIS WEEK FRIDAY at first break This sale is for the 5th -8th graders and pop is \$1 per can. All proceeds will go to the Christmas Collection for the Karsemeyer Family.

Next week Tuesday, December 23 we will have a dress-up day – wear red or green, or holiday clothing. We do have chapel that morning as well, so please be aware of that. Dress code does apply!

Yearbook: ONE more day (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!

Fearfully Wonderfully Made Day will be held on February 13. We are starting to plan for this special day! There will be more information coming soon.

Thank you to everyone who purchased from the apparel sale! We were able to raise \$1,008 for our school. We were so thankful to see your support of the school in this way! "United in one Faith, One Hope, One Heritage."

Reminder to all 7th & 8th grade girls who plan to play basketball and all students who plan to play spring sports. The basketball season begins the 2nd week of January. MHSAA requires each student-athlete to have a valid sports physical on file with the school before they may participate in Middle School athletics. Please remember that the sports physical must be dated after APRIL 15, 2025. If your child had a regular physical in the past year you may bring a sports physical form to your doctor's office and they will fill it out for you. We have copies of the sports physical form in the school office or you can print one from mhsaa.com. Please turn this in to the office BEFORE the season starts if you haven't already.

Please note the upcoming MAP testing dates–January 19-23. We ask that you avoid appointments during school hours those days if at all possible.

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 !

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!

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.

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.)