

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 #28B

*Blest be the LORD, for He has heard
The plea for mercy which I made,
The LORD God is my strength and shield;
I trust in Him Who sends me aid.
O save Thy people, Thine own flock;*

*And bless Thy heritage, dear Lord.
Attend them with a shepherd's care
And carry them for evermore.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 24
Kindergarten Program
(Georgetown PRC 6:30 PM)
- May 4-8
3rd – 8th MAP Testing (please avoid appointments)
- May 6
Elementary Music Program
(1 PM in the Main Gym)
- May 7
5th – 8th Band & Choir Concert (7 PM – Main Gym)
- May 18
All Schools Band Concert
- May 22
K-3 Field Day
- May 25
Memorial Day (no school)
- May 28
Last Day of School (1/2day)
Graduation (7 PM Fellowship Reformed)

SPORTS SCHEDULES

All games begin at 4 PM unless otherwise noted

Girl's Soccer

- W 4/22 H vs Huds. Chr. (8)
F 4/24 H vs. Huds. Chr. (7)
T 4/28 A vs Byron Center Chr
W 4/29 H vs Dutton
Th 4/30 H vs Hope

Girl's Softball

- Th 4/23 H vs. Huds. Chr.
M 4/27 A vs Adams
W 4/29 H vs Moline
F 5/1 A vs Jenison Chr

8th Baseball

- Th 4/23 H vs Jenison
M 4/27 A vs Huds. Chr
W 4/29 H vs Calvin Cbr
Th 4/30 H vs Allendale Chr

7th Baseball

- Th 4/23 A vs West Side
M 4/27 H vs Huds. Chr
W 4/29 A vs Allendale Cbr
F 5/1 A vs Hope

HOT LUNCH

April 24 – Burger King

Workers: Please be at school by 11 AM – Heather, Dana, Dena, and Katie Dykstra

April 29 – Pizza Wednesday

Workers: Please be at school by 11 AM – Megan, Stephanie, and Melanie Dykstra

May 1 – Arrow's

Workers: Please be at school by 11 AM – Erin Dykstra, Leanne Engelsma, Holly and Bethany Feenstra

Hot Lunch ordering is open through TOMORROW at midnight!

Please note these class trip dates: May 15 – Kindergarten gone. May 20 – 1st, 3rd, and 6th grades gone.

May 22 – K-3 Field Day (no lunch needed) and 7th and 8th grades will be gone.

SCHOOL NEWS

The last Fundraisers meeting of the school year is **TOMORROW, April 23rd!** We are voting for the Vice-officers at this meeting, and we hope to see you there.....only in-person voting is counted 😊 Nominations:

- Vice President- Leanne Engelsma, Kim Kuiper (Faber), Amy Van Putten
- Vice Secretary- Anna Beelen, Brenda Rau, Alyssa Van Baren
- Vice Treasurer- Shauna Spriensma, Rachel Van Baren, Jori Van Putten

We are also looking for 4 more volunteers to serve on the 3 Mile Project committee. See Pam Bylsma for more information. Come and join us at 10AM at Hudsonville PRC. Nursery provided, as always!

HCS is hiring for next year. We are currently receiving applications for a part time Kindergarten aide (MWF) as well as a receptionist in the office (3-4 days per week). To inquire or apply, please contact Brian Kuiper (bkuiper@hchr.org, 616-350-

1830) **by THIS FRIDAY, April 24.**

K-3 Field Day is planned for Friday, May 22. Volunteers are needed to help make the day a successful one. To sign up, and for more information see the **yellow** sheet coming home today. Sign up requests are **due by Friday, May 1.**

This year's Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast will be held in the elementary gym next week Tuesday, April 28, between 7:15 and 8:30 a.m.! If you have volunteered this year at school we would love to feed you!

Heritage's 1st through 3rd grade Elementary Music Program will be held in the Junior High Gym on Wednesday, May 6 at 1 PM.

IMPORTANT FAIR NEWS (Please see the CHERRY COLORED handout going home today as well!)

- HERITAGE RESTAURANT 2026: Below is the Sign-Up Genius link for working fair shifts. Please make sure that you are **signed in** to your account when you are filling shifts. Make sure you tab through the pages, as there are multiple days to fill. Breakfast and lunch shifts are always more difficult to fill, so if you have a flexible schedule we greatly appreciate it if you can fill those shifts! We are asking that each Heritage family sign up for 3 shifts. Please reach out with any questions you might have. The committee is happy to help you find a spot! Natalie VanOverloop 616-323-7738

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0945AEA829A3F94-62938287-2026>

- HERITAGE RESTAURANT PIE LADIES: As many of you know, our homemade pies are a huge draw for our customers at the fair! Who doesn't love a homemade slice of pie? We are excited to be putting out **more** pies this year, and with that we need a few extra helpers. These ladies meet a few mornings during the week of fair at Zion and Hudsonville PRC and make the pies fresh. Please reach out to Annie Langerak @ 616-886-0742 if you would like more information!

Keep submitting your Box Tops! We just received a check for \$100.70. Thank you!

Annual Society Meeting - Our Annual Society Meeting will be held on Monday, April 27, at 7:30 PM in the Junior High gymnasium, D.V.

Yearbooks were handed out to those who pre-ordered, those who were page sponsors, and those who were patrons. We have some extra available for purchase if you would still like one. Cost is \$25, checks payable to school.

Green Summer Bridge Activities Workbook order forms for students attending K-8th grade next year were handed out last week. Orders are due next **Wednesday, April 29**. Please send them in with payment to either office. If you don't have an order form, just send in \$9.99 per book, along with the grade level desired (NEXT year's grade) and the name of the student who it will be sent home with!

2026-27 Class Lists: The only class placement requests that will be considered for next year are those that are sent to Mr. Kuiper using a form which can be obtained from the main office of our school. The purpose of this form is for parents to inform us of significant learning or social challenges that their child faces that are unknown to the staff. To be clear, these forms are NOT intended to be used to request a certain teacher, so we ask that you refrain from pressuring teachers into making decisions that are not officially approved. Parents have until May 1 to return this form. Requests turned in after then will not be considered.

A reminder about MAP testing – please avoid appointments during school hours on May 4-8 for 3rd through 8th grade students. We will be doing the final MAP testing for the school year in that time period.

AREA PR SCHOOLS

PR Special Education Annual Society Meeting: Agenda packets were emailed recently. Plan to attend our annual meeting on **Tuesday, May 5**, at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary gym at Heritage Christian School. If you did not receive an email, or if you are not currently a member and wish to attend, please contact Andrew Peterson, Board Secretary, at a.peterson14@gmail.com or 616-240-3036.

RCS Garage Sale: Our 5th Annual Garage Sale will be held on Friday, April 24 from 3:30 PM until 7:30 PM and Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. We will be selling Clothes, Toys, Furniture, Plants, Baked Goods, and so much more! If you are interested in being a seller, a baker, or if you have any questions, please email us a garagesale@redeemerchrschool.com. Please find our flyer and seller information attached.

Youth Volleyball Camp: Join us for a fun week of volleyball skills and games! When: July 27-30 at Covenant Christian! Camp is open to girls grades 4-8. Please register by June 1! Contact Coach Taylor Sellers with any questions (616-438-8265). Registration details are found in this link or on the CCHS VOLLEYBALL fb page: <https://forms.gle/aSygfPWuhfyAs3XC7>

CCHS GIRLS Youth Basketball Camp: Camp registration is now open for 3rd through 12th grade girls! Due to construction at CCHS, camp dates are July 6-9, 2026. Deadline to sign up is June 6, 2026. For questions, contact Doug Kaptein (616-306-8337, doug.kaptein32@gmail.com). The registration link is: <https://forms.gle/uPz8PyqNjgazocqRA>

CCHS Boys Basketball Camp: June 22-25 (Grades 3-8) : This camp is open to boys going into 3rd-8th grades (Fall 2026). Due to the construction at Covenant, we had to move the dates of this camp back a few weeks. To sign up, please click on this [Sign Up](#) link or you can go to: covenantchristianathletics.bigteams.com/main/campsclinics and click on the 2026 boys basketball camp link. The deadline to sign up is May 15.

The 28th Annual Hope Classic race registration is now open! The races will take place on Saturday, May 23. Go to www.hopeprcschool.org/classic to view details and register to run or walk in the 5K or 1 mile races. The deadline to register and receive a free shirt is Saturday, May 9.

PRSO SUMMER CAMP PRSO camp is June 22-26. Elementary and Middle School camp (those entering K-8th grades in Fall of 2026) is 9 AM - 12 PM (Mon-Fri). High School and Post High camp is from 7 PM - 9:15 PM (Mon-Thurs). A concert for all participants will be held Friday evening (June 26) at 7 PM. There is no cost to attend PRSO camp. To sign up and more information: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBF-AKIZ2EW48qu1YJuXis-UianWM_yg7fHAS1trwbCr0LIw/viewform

Any 8th graders interested in learning about Robotics at CCHS are invited to the robotics house on Saturday, April 25 from 6-8 PM. There will be pizza and an introductory presentation about the program. There will also be time to start brainstorming solutions to the new game that is being released that week. Parents are encouraged to stay for the presentation and then can pick up their students around 8 PM. Please email cchsrobochargers@gmail.com to let us know you are interested or if you have any questions. The robotics house is located on the corner at the entrance to Covenant (4545 Fenwood St).

K-12th Boys/Girls Charger Soccer Camp July 13-16, 2026 at Covenant Christian High School. Register for the camp at this google form link - [Soccer Camp Registration](#) Payment and Registration is due May 31. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Marissa Holstege (marissajo29@gmail.com / 616-264-1128) or Shon Griess (sgriess@charter.net / 616-437-7871)

7th & 8th grade Girl's Basketball small group lessons. Location: Hope School Gym and CCHS Gym. 4 week 1.5 hour sessions starting this week Saturday. Dates: April 18, 25, May 2 & 9. To request more information or sign up please contact: Stephanie McKinney 616-335-1442 or Michelle Bodbyl 616-862-6961

Boys Youth Golf League: Boys Golf League, grades 6-9, at Hidden Currents Golf Course. It will be a 6 week event from June 8-July 13. More information in the sign up - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094CADAC23AAFB6-63238481-youth> Questions- contact Phil Kalsbeek (616)450-0170, phil@meulenbergpainting.com

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The young people from Southwest PRC and Unity PRC invite you to their fundraiser at Kay-Dee's Gardens (450 Chicago Drive). Stop in anytime the week of May 18-23rd to purchase your hanging baskets, annual flats, garden vegetables and perennials. **In order for a percentage of your sale to be donated towards convention expenses you must present our flyer.** You can find the flyers in your church

newsletter AND they will be sent home with the youngest child from each of our Christian schools on Monday, May 18th.

CULVER'S FUNDRAISER NIGHT: Take a night off from cooking and support Zion Young People! Join us on Monday, May 18 from 5-8 PM for a delicious evening at Culver's in Jenison! This is a busy time of year—school events, activities, and everything in between. Let us make your evening a little easier! Skip the cooking, enjoy a great meal, and support Zion Young People at the same time. Dine in or carry out— every order helps! Thank you for your support!