

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 #32A

*Thou pardoned my iniquity
And took my guilt away;
And therefore while Thou may'st be found
Let godly people pray.*

*The gush of torrents will not harm;
Thou art my hiding place.
Thou keepest safe, surrounding me
With songs of my release.*

NEW FAIR INFORMATION

Note from the Fair Restaurant Committee: We are thrilled to share that we are **90% of the way there for fair shifts!** There are only 55 shifts left to fill. Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far! We have a specific need to fill the Friday and Saturday shifts, *please follow the link on the ORANGE note going home today to sign up!*

Fair Restaurant Need: The committee is looking to buy a new chest freezer, in the price range of \$400. *This is an urgent need, as one of our outdoor ice chests is inoperable.* We are looking for a business or private donor to fund this purchase. Please reach out to Natalie VanOverloop @ 616-323-7738. We are also open to donations if someone has an ice chest in excellent condition that they are looking to get rid of.

SCHOOL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 22

K-3 Field Day

May 25

Memorial Day (no school)

May 26

4th 5th Mini Olympics

May 28

**Last Day of School (1/2day)
Graduation (7 PM Fellowship
Reformed)**

SPORTS SCHEDULES

All games begin at 4 PM unless
otherwise noted

Track

Th 5/21 A at Unity HS
Field events at 2:30 PM, 3:20 at 4 PM

End of the year details: No school on Memorial Day. Then the final day of this school year will be ½ day next Thursday, May 28. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM. There will be NO public busing when we dismiss that day.

Public Bus Riders: The public schools take the Friday before Memorial Day off. There will be NO BUSING at all this week Friday, May 22.

This year marks the conclusion of the teaching careers of Mrs. Deb Altena (25 years), Mrs. Sarah Decker (30 years), and Mrs. Rhonda Holstege (18 years).

week. Included in the year end issue is next year's school calendar (which has been on the school website for a long time already), parent notes regarding report card pickup, and next year's supply list.

Our Elementary Music Program is looking for 1-2 piano players next year to help on Monday or Wednesday afternoons. If you are interested or have questions please contact Nicole Hanemaayer (616-856-1106).

Jersey Reminder: Please remember to have your child turn in their washed soccer/softball/baseball jersey to the MAIN OFFICE this week. We need to collect all uniforms by **Thursday, May 21.**

Attention 6-8th Band students and parents: Please return your clean band shirt to the main office by THIS Friday, May 22! Thank you!

The Conference track meet at Unity TOMORROW is the only event our league charges an admission fee at. Please be aware that admission will be charged as follows: \$2 for Students, \$5 for Adults, and \$10 for Families. No Golden Age passes will be accepted. This is a League level decision, not the host school's. Please show grace.

Report cards will be ready for pickup by the main office between 9 AM and 2 PM on June 10 - 12.

TRIP summer dates are (from 9-10:30 AM): June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21, August 4, and August 18. Regular TRIP hours will resume on Tuesday, September 1.

Lost and Found – have your kids take a look, please. There are a lot of items out at the Elementary end for sure – and some at the JH end!! We will have what's left out when you come to pick up report cards, after that all leftover items will be donated.

Graduation will be held at Fellowship Reformed Church on Thursday, May 28 at 7 PM. Prof. Gritters will be speaking on the class text, Psalm 25:5. All of our seventh and eighth graders are required to attend graduation. 7th and 8th grade students will be going to the church on the morning of May 28 to practice.

At their request we will not be holding an open house, but we would encourage you to recognize their faithful service and labor of love with a card or note of appreciation. Boxes will be available in both school offices for your notes of thanks! You may also include cards of thanks and appreciation to Wilma Overway, Dianne VanPutten, and Erin VanRijs if you wish!

Mini Olympics: we are all set for baked goods for Mini Olympics. Please drop off need individually packaged baked goods by 9 AM on May 26. Thank you!!

The final student council dress-up day for this school year will be TOMORROW. We will have "Back in Time Day". Dress up like yesterday, a few years ago, or decades ago!

The Herald will be distributed on Sunday. You are going to want to check it out. You can also find it on the school website later this

Enrollment forms for the 2026-27 school year were sent home with your youngest K-7th grade students on Monday, and are due by June 12 at the latest.

Summer workbooks will be sent home to those who ordered them TOMORROW.

Reminder for parents of 6th graders, next year's kindergarteners, and all NEW entrants to HCS: Heritage Christian School is required by the State of Michigan to have an up to date immunization record on file

of each student entering 7th grade, kindergarten and all new entrants by the first day of school. These official records can be obtained from your child's doctor's office. In compliance with state laws, all immunizations must be complete and official immunization records turned in to the office when school begins on Sept. 1, 2026. If you have any questions, you may call the office or email the office (616-669-1773 or receptionist@hchr.org Thanks!

AREA PR SCHOOLS

NEW ANNOUNCEMENT: CHARGER FLAG FOOTBALL: We are excited to start our 3rd season of Charger Flag Football! Sign Ups are now live and will run through the end of June. This will be for boys who are entering 1st-6th grade (Fall 2026). More details can be found within the registration link: [2026 Flag Registration](#). Please sign up right away, as we do anticipate the league filling up fast. If you have any questions, feel free to email: chargerflagfootball@gmail.com

Redeemer Christian School Russ' Fundraiser: Please join us the week of May 25-30 at Russ' in Grandville or Holland! Bring a flyer (attached to today's memo email) and visit Russ' for friendly fellowship and good food! Thank you for your support!

Please join us in supporting the special work of the PRSE in our schools by attending our awareness walk at CCHS on Saturday, September 19, 2026. Look in your church newsletters for more information. Look for t-shirt sign-ups to come out soon!

Art camp: Enrollment is now open for art camp, which will take place at Eastside Christian School on June 22-24 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Cost is just \$35 per kid! Camp is open to students going into preschool through 8th grade. Space is limited, so don't wait to sign your kids up at: <https://forms.gle/ap5KVZeLDudMtNJE9>.

CCHS Softball Camp - Softball camp for girls entering 3rd-12th grade in the Fall of 2026. We will focus on the softball basics: throwing, infield, outfield, and batting. The camp will be held on Monday and Tuesday, June 22-23, **starting at 9:00am** at Covenant Christian Sports Complex (4550 Hall St. SW). There is a \$40 fee to attend (\$100 family max). For more information and to sign up visit this link: <https://forms.gle/89uqR5dYzDxThXw68>. **Sign up by Monday, June 1!**

Orchestra Summer Camp will be held June 22-26 from 9 AM - 12 PM. Camp is for students who play a stringed instrument (at any level). Students will learn music for a Friday evening concert, play folk music with the Southwest Strings, and learn music theory and concepts through classroom instruction and group games. *Any students who would like to try a stringed instrument can come Tuesday, June 23 at 12 PM.* Email theprso@gmail.com to RSVP to try an instrument. If you already play a stringed instrument, use this link to sign up: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBF-AKIZ2EW48qu1YJuXis-UianWM_yg7fHAS1trwbCr0LIw/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=100525596637508577307

CCHS K-9th grade Running Night Camp is scheduled for Thursday, August 6 at Covenant Christian HS. This is for all boys & girls entering K-9th grade in fall of 2026. Please sign up for this FREE event at <https://www.covenantchristianxc.com/middleschool>. If you have any questions, please contact middle school XC coach Jared Kraker at xcountry@hchr.org, high school XC coach Brian Kalsbeek at brijenkalsbeek@gmail.com, or high school T&F coach Brantley Van Overloop at bvanoverloop@covenantchristianhs.org.

Chargers Middle School XC Team Signups are now open for 6th-8th graders for Fall 2026. We compete in 7 races throughout the fall. You may just discover your new favorite sport or a new friend from a different school! Please sign up at <https://www.covenantchristianxc.com/middleschool>. If you have any questions, please contact middle school XC coach Jared Kraker at xcountry@hchr.org.

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/uPz8PvqNjgazocqRA>

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)

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 this week to purchase your hanging baskets, annual flats, garden vegetables and perennials. **In order for a percentage of your sale to be donated towards donation expenses you must present our flyer.** Flyers are being attached to the memo email today!

Vacation Bible School: An Irish Countryside Adventure Georgetown PRC is hosting Vacation Bible School from Tuesday, July 21, through Friday, July 24, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Children ages

5-11 will discover the joy of knowing the Lord as their Shepherd through games, crafts, music, and the study of Psalm 23. This year, we are also planning to include a session for teenagers ages 12-15. Interested families can register at: <https://www.georgetownprc.org/events>