

# HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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*"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen." II Peter 3:18*

## SONG OF THE WEEK

### Psalter # 232

*Truth springing forth the earth shall crown,  
And righteousness from heav'n look down,  
And God on us His goodness shed;*

*Our land shall then with plenty flow,  
Before Him righteousness shall go,  
And cause us in His steps to tread.*

## HOT LUNCH

**January 22 – Pizza Wednesday**

**Workers: Please be at school by 11 AM – Anne Deemter, Tina DeVries, Cassie DeVries**

**January 24 – Burger King**

**Workers: Please be at school by 11 AM – Lisa DeBoer, Bethany DeBoode, Audrey Decker, Jessica Decker**

Hot lunch ordering for February will open on Monday, January 20 at 8 AM and will close Thursday, January 23 at midnight! Link to order hot lunch: <https://heritagehotlunch.schoollunchchoice.com/index.php>

### UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK

**Grades 3-8 MAP testing  
(please avoid appointments)**

January 17, 2025

**Professional Development Day  
(no school)**

January 20, 2025

**All school Spelling Bee 8 AM**

January 29-30

**Parent Teacher Conferences  
(1/2 days)**

February 7

**Fearfully & Wonderfully  
Made Day**

February 13

**Band and Choir Concert –  
grades 5-8**

February 19

**Band Festival at CCHS  
(during the day)**

February 21

**Mid-Winter Break**

### SPORTS SCHEDULES

All games begin at 4 PM unless otherwise noted

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball**

W 1/15 vs West Side (A)

T 1/21 vs Dutton (H)

Th 1/23 vs Hope (A)

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball**

Th 1/16 vs West Side (H)

T 1/21 vs Dutton2 (A)

Th 1/23 vs Hope (H)

### SCHOOL NEWS

**WELCOME! We have a new Junior High teacher. Elaina (Regnerus) Hulst recently married Nic Hulst. Nic and Elaina attend Unity PRC. Elaina graduated from Purdue NW a few weeks ago. She is joining Mrs. Elizabeth VanPutten's classes in a time of transition before baby VanPutten arrives (DV). Liz will be finished teaching in a couple of weeks. Please extend a warm welcome to Elaina when you see her. Please put the following info in your school directories: Email – [ehulst@hchr.org](mailto:ehulst@hchr.org) and phone – 219-314-3111.**

**No school this Friday! Our teachers have a day packed full of professional development. The agenda for their meeting is on the back of today's memo. Enjoy your day off!**

**We have a striped area in front of the main entrance area. It's still there, it's just covered with snow. Please continue to avoid both driving and/or parking in that area due to**

safety concerns. We appreciate your cooperation.

**Fearfully and Wonderfully Made Day on February 7th!** This special day is dedicated to helping students and participants understand and celebrate the unique ways God has created each of us. Through hands-on activities, we will explore different disabilities and learn how each of us is wonderfully made in God's eyes, regardless of our differences. **Volunteering is a great way to participate in your child's classroom. All the information you need to know will be given to you. It really is a fun and exciting day. We still need help in the 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grades! Please consider helping out with this great day and by the way lunch is included too!** Please sign up using the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4FA5AE2CAAF7-54010751-fearfully>

**A handout with hot lunch workers for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester is coming home next week!** Once we have the dates, we will publish it ASAP!

**SAVE THE DATE! Hudsonville Fair is August 18-23!** While everyone is busy planning summer camping and vacations, don't forget to set aside fair week to volunteer at the Heritage Restaurant! We need everyone's help to make the week a success!

**From the Student Council: Comfy/Cozy Day is scheduled for Friday, January 24, for grades 6-8. Students in other grades are welcome to participate if you want!**

**Advance notice: The School Spelling Bee will be held on January 20 at 8 AM in the Junior High gym. The top four spellers will advance to the Area PR School Spelling bee, held here at Heritage on Thursday, March 6 at 4 PM.**

**Parent Teacher Conferences SIGN UP IS OPEN!!! Conferences will be held on Wednesday, January 29 and Thursday, January**

30. Both days will be half days of school. The window to schedule opens on January 13 (NEXT Monday) at 6am and closes on January 24 at 11pm. The direct link for scheduling is: <https://pickatime.com/heritage%20christian>. If you need instructions you may go to our website, [heritageprs.school.com](http://heritageprs.school.com), to access the link. Click on Parent Teacher conferences under "For Parents". Additional reminders:

- All grades will schedule online.
- Conferences will be held in individual teacher's rooms. Cathy Kamps' conferences will be in the conference room across from her and Nicki Westra's classroom.

- Conferences for K-5<sup>th</sup> are 8 minutes each and 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> are 5 minutes each. Please limit Junior High students to 2 teachers per student. If additional Junior High appointments are needed please call or email your child's teacher.

There is a 2 minute break between conference times. When scheduling, please take into consideration the size of our school building. It might be wise to schedule your family's Jr High students and elementary students with extra time between wings.

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### **FUNDRAISERS NEWS**

**Fundraisers will meet TOMORROW at Hudsonville PRC.** The agenda will be handed out and attached to today's memo email. Meeting starts at 10am and a nursery will be available. We warmly

welcome ALL Heritage moms to come out and be part of an amazing fundraising group that supports our children's Christian education.

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### **AREA PR SCHOOLS**

**Hope School's Family Fun Night is Saturday, January 18** from 4:30-7:30 pm. Dinner will be served from 5-7 pm. Games, face painting, sleigh rides... Join us for fun & fellowship as we raise funds for our school!

**Please join us from 5-7 PM, in Adams' Gym on Thursday, Feb 13** for our annual Soup Supper. If you are unable to make it to the sit down

dinner, check out our online ordering option. Soup and BBQ are available for pre-order by clicking [here](#). Online ordering will be open until February 6. If you have any questions or need help ordering, please call or text Emily Miersma at 616-325-3509. Thank you for supporting our school! ACS Mother's Club Soup Supper Committee

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### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRCA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: are you planning to attend?**

- A variety of spiritual and recreational activities for adults, children, and families are planned for the **PRCA 100-year anniversary celebration** June 2-6, 2025 at Calvin University Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Vacation Bible School will be held every morning, followed by many activities for all ages. A family carnival is planned for the last day that will feature inflated slides, a train, a mini pirate ship, a small Ferris wheel, and various carnival games. Carnival food including cotton candy, Kona shaved ice, and Steenstra's Mini Cookies will also be served. The June 5 evening event, which will be held at the DeVos Performance Hall, is dedicated to an evening of praise to God and will

include many musical talents, audience singing with orchestra, and 4 mass choir songs, also with orchestra.

- We look forward to seeing you as we glorify God and experience spiritual refreshment through speeches and music. Enjoy unique opportunities to fellowship with believers from across the churches and around the world.
- Register to attend at <https://prca100.org/register>

**Hudsonville Little League 2025 Spring Registrations are Open!**

Visit [www.HudsonvilleLittleLeague.com](http://www.HudsonvilleLittleLeague.com) for more information  
All Heritage Christian students are eligible to play in HLL.

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## **Agenda for Professional Development Day**

January 17, 2025

**8:00** - Devotions - Brian Kuiper

**8:15** - Amy Dalman and Cindy Garcia - Prevention and Community Outreach, Children's Advocacy Center

- *"Learn the 5 simple strategies to protect children and respond to sexual abuse: understand the key facts, minimize opportunity, talk about it, recognize the signs, and react responsibly."*
- *Mandated reporter refresher.*

**9:45** - Break. Snacks provided by HCS Board.

**10:00** - Dr. Zach Groshell, Learning and the Brain

- *“Virtual presentation and discussion: Attentional Control, Working Memory, and Self-Management Skills”*

**1:00** - Lunch provided by HCS Board.

**1:45** - Artificial Intelligence Introduction

- *Introductory Video on AI in education*
- *Review of work in progress by HCS Technology Committee*
- *Solicitation of input of what an HCS AI Policy should include*
- *How I've used AI in the upper grades - Josh Moelker*
- *How I've used AI in the lower grades - Becca Gritters*