

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 # 143

*From all pollution make me clean,
Yea, whiter than the snow;
O let my broken heart rejoice
And gladness make me know;*

*Blot out all my iniquities,
And hide my sins from view;
Create in me a spirit right,
O God, my heart renew.*

HOT LUNCH

January 10 – Arrows

Workers: Please be at school by 11 AM – Lyndsey Corson, Michelle, Leanne, and Sarah DeBoer

January 24 – Pizza Hut

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

SCHOOL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of January 13, 2025
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

8th Grade Girls Basketball
W 1/15 vs West Side (A)
7th Grade Girls Basketball
Th 1/16 vs West Side (H)

Thanks to all who generously donated to our recent Christmas collection for the saints in Myanmar. The collection totaled \$2002.87. Thank you also to all of the students and parents who gave gifts and expressed words of appreciation to teachers and other staff during this past Christmas season. Your thoughtfulness and continued prayers are appreciated.

MAP testing for Grades 3-8 takes place next week. Please do your very best to avoid taking your kids out of school for appointments. (You can call and check when your student is testing if you absolutely have to keep appointments.)

Two important reminders for the upcoming girls basketball season:

- From our Junior High Attendance Policy (found in the back of the directory or on the website in the handbook <https://www.heritageprschool.com/student-handbook/>) – “Participation in extracurricular events is restricted to athletes who have been at school for

the whole day. Therefore, students must be at school if they intend to participate. Participation will be allowed to students who leave for a time for necessary appointments or other family emergencies.”

- This is the item that is often forgotten, so please take note! Children are not allowed unattended in the hallways during our sporting events. Please supervise every one of your children when attending games, keeping them in the bleachers with you, and teaching them to respect the facilities they are in, whether at home or away games. Thank you!

Parent Teacher 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, heritageprschool.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-5th are 8 minutes each and 6th -8th 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.

From our Bus Supervisor: Just a reminder to all HCS bus riders, you are to be out 5 minutes before your stop, approximately 10 feet from end of driveway. If the driver does not see you out while approaching the stop, they will continue on without waiting.

School Spelling Bee- Our School Spelling Bee will be held in the Main Gym on Monday, January 20 at 8 AM. Visitors are welcome.

The 1st semester studies will end NEXT week Friday, January 10. Report cards for all students will be available on January 20.

We are excited to announce the upcoming 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. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up using the link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4FA5AE2CAAF7-54010751-fearfully> There are many spots open!

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 next week. 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, 2024. 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.

A ski trip to Caberfae is being planned for Friday January 17, 2025. This is the last week to sign up!

- Tickets are \$30 (includes rental) and are good from 10am-5pm . **Payment:** you can pay Katie Kooienga via check, cash or venmo @Katie-Kooienga. **DEADLINE to sign up AND**

pay is January 10, 2025 at midnight. If you have any questions please contact Katie Kooienga at 616-536-1409 or rkooienga@live.com

- If you would like to come, please fill out this form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/168OqsL0f3aAtn1KB5pl_gVwIosLzSCtVhLOGkIfLafY/edit
- **AND this form (this form needs to have a signature for EACH PERSON who is skiing):** <https://my.Irisk.net/1waiverKiosk2/sign?a=aHR0cHM6Ly9teS4xcmlzay5uZXQvY2FiZXJmYWVhcG8NDMxZTc1MjQ0Zjk4NDNjY2JhZThlNGQzOWY3NGI3YzN8NmMyMzY1MWYtODY3NC00ZWE2LW1wNTEtNTI2YTBlNjY2NmIzfDExLzYvMjAyNCxMjowMDowMCBOTXwxLzE3LzIwMjUgMTE6MDA6MDAgOU18R00>
- If you wish to rent skis/snowboard, please fill out this form **for each person who is in need of rentals:** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CGaJQE6UCnDjqt_19i8Z_81PVY-s8AXtKVX4WSuGhd0/edit

FUNDRAISERS NEWS

Fundraisers will meet next Thursday, January 16 at Hudsonville PRC. 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.

AREA PR SCHOOLS

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

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!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRCA 100th 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, orchestra, audience singing, and choir songs.

- 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 for more information All Heritage Christian students are eligible to play in HLL.