



THE HERITAGE CONQUEROR



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November/December 2008

PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE: AN INTERACTIVE FORUM

Parents and guardians of current Heritage students are invited to get involved in "Planning for Our Future: An Interactive Forum" on Tuesday, November 11, at 7 p.m. in the HCS auditorium.

We want to hear from you. We value your thoughts and ideas about our present and our future, specifically in the areas of academics, sports and activities, spiritual growth, facilities, recruiting and development.

Board members and faculty will lead talks within their areas of responsibility. Plan to bring your constructive thoughts and ideas, and get involved. Our goal is to develop a five-year plan for the future of YOUR school.

Through Heritage Christian School, the Lord has given us a great opportunity to educate your children – His children – in the best way possible. Join us for this important forum so that we can continue to achieve and excel in this essential responsibility.

Child care will be provided. Please contact the Main Office with the number and ages of children needing child care. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow the meeting.

Please see page 7 about this important gathering. You may submit questions or ideas using the form found there. Save the Date!

Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow...!

The K-12th Grade Christmas Program is set for Fri., Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. We will be "dressed for the season" as it snows on stage. All the voices of the evening will join together for the finale to celebrate the miracle of our Lord Jesus! The elementary students have begun to work on their songs, the bands are practicing, and the junior and senior high vocal ensembles are rehearsing and memorizing lyrics! Be prepared to celebrate!!!

HERITAGE CELEBRATES 40 YEARS



It's a banner year for Heritage Christian School, celebrating 40 years of Christian education! In 1967 a small group of parents joined together with a common mission to develop a school where families could receive a strong Christ-centered education with God's Word as the foundation. Thus, in 1968 Heritage Christian School was born. Today in 2008, our goal and mission remain unchanged:

HERITAGE MISSION STATEMENT:

"To provide a quality program of elementary and secondary education which, while meeting or exceeding state standards, has its integrating center in God, fosters Christian living, and complements the family and the church, so that students may grow in the knowledge of God through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and become worthy citizens of our great nation."

This year our school-wide theme "*transformed by the renewing of your mind,*" comes from Romans 12:1,2: "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Transformation means change. At Heritage, we are in the business of helping students grow and change – transform – by the grace of God, through the Spirit and Word of God as it is examined, valued and applied to individual lives.

It is a privilege to be part of this eternal investment in today's children.

Please take the time to reacquaint yourself with "our Heritage."

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SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



NOVEMBER 2008

- 3 Hike and Bowl Money Due
- 4 Election Day
- 6 Hike and Bowl Awards
- 7 Report cards go home
- 11 Interactive Forum, Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- 11 K-5 Conferences by appointment only
- 13 NO retakes: rescheduled for Nov. 20
- 13 Parent/Teacher Conferences CANCELLED
- 13 & 14 NO SCHOOL for K-12th Grade, ACSI Teachers' Conference
- 18 & 20 Parent/Teacher Conferences, Gr. K-5th, 3:30 pm – 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Fall picture retakes
- 22 School-wide Work Day
- 25 Thanksgiving feast in cafe
- 27 - Dec. 1 Thanksgiving Vacation Begins
NO SCHOOL for Preschool – Gr. 12

DECEMBER 2008

- 2 School resumes
- 5 Progress reports go home
- 5 Preschool Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m.
- 8 - 11 Third Annual Christmas Shop in cafe
- 12 Christmas program, Gr. K-12, 7 p.m.
- 22 - Jan.4 Christmas vacation for Preschool – Gr. 12

JANUARY 2009

- 5 School resumes
- 9 ACSI Speech Meet, Gr. 7 & 8
- 9 Homecoming Game
- 10 Homecoming Banquet
- 14 - 16 Midterm Exams, Gr. 6-12, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- 16 End of 2nd 9 weeks
- 19 NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Preschool – Gr. 12
- 23 Report cards go home

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Whenever it is necessary to close school we will notify the following stations:

WHBC – 1480 AM; 94.1 FM
 WNPQ – 95.9 FM
 WCRF – 103.3 FM
 Channels 3, 5, 8, & 19

Television, radio station, and newspaper websites also may have updated school closing listings. Announcements will specify "Heritage Christian K-12" and/or "Heritage Christian Preschool." Heritage Christian Preschool, if closed, will be listed separately by name. If K-12 is closed, the preschool and Super Room **may** remain open for childcare for those students up through 5th grade who have Super Room paperwork completed. Also, HCS is NOT listed as part of Canton City Schools. If the public schools are closed, and Heritage is open, the public schools WILL NOT bus students into school and parents will have to arrange transportation.

From the Nurse's Office

Childhood vision disorders are prevalent. Early identification, diagnosis and correction of children's vision disorders are essential parts of all child health programs. The purpose of vision screening is to aid in detecting school-age children who have or are at-risk for developing vision disorders. All children in preschool, kindergarten, first, third, fifth, seventh and ninth grades are screened. Observe your children for red, swollen eyelids, drooping eyelids, crusty eyelashes, red and watery eyes, squinting, frequent rubbing of eyes, a constant head tilt, complaints of pain, blurred or double vision, frequent headaches, or persistent complaints of difficulty. If you note these signs consistently, contact the school nurse, teacher, or family doctor. Early detection of vision disorders are referred to an optometrist or an ophthalmologist for an examination and diagnosis. Schools and parents working together can protect and improve the health of Ohio's children.

PRESCHOOL PONDERINGS

We welcome Lisa Rotondo as director of Heritage Christian Preschool. Miss Lisa has a B.A. in Business Administration from Malone College (now Malone University). She is married and has two children named Noah and Emma Grace.

Please note these changes to the school calendar:

The preschool will be in session on Nov. 13 and 14, even though Grades K-12 do not have school those days. Please make sure that your preschooler packs a lunch both days. Our cafeteria will be closed.

The Preschool Christmas Program is now on Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Preschool Events:

- Nov. 5 Blue day (wear blue)
- Nov. 12 Purple day (wear purple)
- Nov. 18 Kidmobile visits
- Nov. 19 Yellow day (wear yellow)
- Nov. 20 Picture retakes if needed
- Nov. 26 Backwards day (be creative!)
- Nov. 27 – Dec. 1 NO PRESCHOOL! Happy Thanksgiving!
- Dec. 3 Black day (wear black)
- Dec. 3 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Christmas program rehearsal #1
- Dec. 4 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Christmas program rehearsal #2
- Dec. 5 6:30 p.m. Preschool Christmas Program, Auditorium
- Dec. 10 Orange day (wear orange)
- Dec. 16 Kidmobile visits
- Dec. 17 Green day (wear green)

WORK DAY

Work days provide HCS many hours of donated labor for important projects. Join us Nov. 22 as we decorate for Christmas! Thank you to these people for helping on the August workday:

Susan & Brennan Abramson
Walter, Diane, Victor, Regal Argueta
Jim, Karen, Brian, Andy Cassler
Jim Filhour
Mike, Michele, Shaun Gentry
Amber & Hannah Kasler
Ray Lucas
Terrance Mack & Terrance II
Marty, Kathy, Donavon, Nathan, Andrew, Kenneth Martin
Eric & Rebecca McConahay
Carrie, Elizabeth, Matthew, Derek McNutt
Josh Moody
Lisa & Kelcey Norris
Dan Pizor
Howard Pizor & Alex
Ken, Colleen, Cory Shaffer
Dorothy Singleton & Michayla Jackson
Steve Slatzer & Sami
Keith Spiva
Janet & Angelia Thompson
Scott, Alina, Jared Wagner
Edward & Sharrie Yarber

Labels Pile Up!

We are off to the best start ever! So far we have collected 4,413 Box Tops and 3,030 Campbell's labels. The September kick-off contest winner was Mrs. McConahay's 4th grade with 1, 323 labels. Thank you to all classes, and enjoy those jeans passes! We hope to purchase new equipment with our Campbell's labels soon. Remember that Heritage is part of the "Community Cash Back Program." Just send in your Acme cash register receipts dated between Sept. 28 through Feb. 1, and we receive 5% of the total we turn in. Receipts will say "Community Cashback." Also, remember to register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card number with code #0443 by calling 1-800-474-4777 or registering online at <http://www.gianteagle.com/Article.aspx?cntid=182506>.

JUBILEE CARD SALES AT WAL-MART

Friends of Heritage has organized opportunities for you to sell Jubilee cards each weekend in November at the Wal-Marts on West Tusc., and at The Strip in North Canton. Families who help will get credit for sales that will count toward Jubilee fundraiser prizes. To reserve your slot, please contact Vicki at videmarco01@yahoo.com or call (330) 452-8271. Last year HCS volunteers sold more than \$500 worth of cards during a few days at a single location.

"JUBILEE CARD"

- Available for purchase Nov. 1 for \$10
- Year-long savings at local merchants
- Great Christmas gifts
- Cards go home with students Oct. 31
- Goal: every family sells 12 or more cards

40TH ANNIVERSARY GOLF SCRAMBLE RAISES \$20,000

Eighty golfers turned out on Aug. 8 for golfing and fellowship at Sable Creek Golf Course. We raised \$20,000 with proceeds going to the Financial Assistance Fund to help worthy students. Thank you to Joe Marino from Whipple Auction & Realty for helping make the auction a success. A special thanks to the many corporate sponsors for their generous donations:

Major Sponsors:	LAHD Energy	Electra-cord	Malone University	11-Good Energy
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Hole Sponsors:	Stark Truss Royal Lubricants Vasco Asphalt Moments To Remember Coblentz Plumbing DeVore Goldsmith Graphic Enterprises ComDoc Huntington Bank	DiStefano Insurance LilyBlooms Leonard Insurance Waggoner Chocolates Facts Tuition Mgmt. Academy Uniforms Windows & More Form & Fashion Office	Hartville Kitchen Carolyn Valentine, CPA Dave Lundquist, CPA O.D. Miller Electric Pipes Insurance Gasser & Son Jewelers Berndt & Associates Christian Financial Planning	Sirak-Moore Insurance Steven Parker, DDS Doug Jones, Attorney Johnson Motors Windows of Heaven Held Janitorial Co. C.R. Kurtz Heating/Cool Bellstores/Marathon
Cart Sponsors:	Sandy Guiley Gonzoil	Printz Florist Tony Simeone	Beaver Excavating	Roetzel & Andress, LPA

Thank you golfers, sponsors, and all who donated items for prizes and for the auction. Your support of this worthy cause will help us reach more children with a quality, Christ-centered education. Thank you to our golf committee: Butch Burton, Dan Byler, Dan Pizor and Bob Harmelink. If you wish to help with next year's golf outing, contact Bob Harmelink at bohar@neo.rr.com.

BETA CLUB NEWS

Sr. High Beta

President:	Reina Allbritain
Vice President:	Andrew Rohr
Secretary:	Ariel Randolph
Treasurer:	Nathan Schmitt
Historian:	Denise Evans

Members: Kate Allbritain, Kalee Graybeal, Chelsey Kindy, Megan McAbee, Brianna Moody, Rachel Ondrejko, Michael Smith, Jon Skillern. Beta Club members are called on to help with many activities because service is a large part of what Beta Club is about. Senior Beta members have served during the Grandparents' Day luncheon and the cafeteria's French Toast Breakfast. Some volunteered to help with the "Tailgatin' in the Pit" activity and the elementary Hike. During the next quarter, we plan to ring bells for the Salvation Army and participate in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" project again. Thanks to all Senior Beta members for their hard work and willing spirits. Mrs. Kris Rowan, Advisor

Middle School Beta

President	Rachel King
Vice President	Jenna Fostyk
Secretary	Hannah Petelin
Treasurer	Austin Caldwell
Historian	Abbey Earich

Members: Jacob Moody, Lauren Randolph, Joey Corbit, Nathan Martin, Cody Spitale, Riley Graybeal. Congratulations to these students who are being held accountable for attitude, behavior, and grades because they have promised to do their best to "lead by serving others." Beta club will go to Turnaround Community Outreach to serve in the soup kitchen and sort clothing on Nov. 4. Mrs. Brittain and Mrs. Kasler, Advisors

STUDENT COUNCIL

President:	Rachel Ondrejko
Vice President:	Megan McAbee
Secretary:	Brianna Moody
Treasurer:	Cory Shaffer
Chaplain:	Lance Wonderley

Homecoming plans are underway. The council is deciding a theme and searching for a new location because Shady Hollow is under renovation. The 2nd Annual Conquerors' Carnival will be Feb. 20. (The dunk tank will be a bit chilly!!!) Mrs. Schmidt, Advisor

Home Ec Class Learns Recipes for Life

The Home Ec is room is cleared out, cleaned up and cookin'! Home Ec, like all classes, is taught from a biblical perspective. "I call it 'The 7th Grade Girls' Titus 2 Class,'" said Mrs. Kathy Martin. Their theme verses are Titus 2:3-5: "The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." Their coursework has included: presenting a preschool Chapel; touring our school café to see how a professional kitchen works differently from a home kitchen; preparing and serving breakfast to the café staff to practice hospitality; baking M&M cookies while discussing modesty, discretion and chastity. "An unopened bag of M&M's is less tempting than holding a M&M in your hand," explained Mrs. Martin.



Ali DiMarzio tries cake decorating under instruction of cake decorator Patty Babe.

GUIDANCE OFFICE

By Mrs. Wade

IMPORTANT DATES:

College Financial Aid Night Jan. 12, 2009, 7 p.m.
Laura Klco from Malone University will go through the FAFSA step-by-step.

Interested in Post Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)?
Students can make an appointment with Mr. Sommers and Mrs. Wade.

SAT TEST DATES FOR 2008-2009

Test Dates Registration (Late Registration)

Dec. 6	Nov. 5	(Nov. 18)
Jan. 24	Dec. 26	(Jan. 6)
March 14	Feb. 10	(Feb. 24)
May 2	Mar. 31	(Apr. 9)
June 6	May 5	(May 15)

www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/about.html

ACT TEST DATES FOR 2008-2009

Test Dates Registration (Late Registration)

Dec. 13	Nov. 7	(Nov. 20)
Feb. 7	Jan. 6	(Jan. 16)
April 4	Feb. 27	(Mar. 13)
June 13	May 8	(May 22)

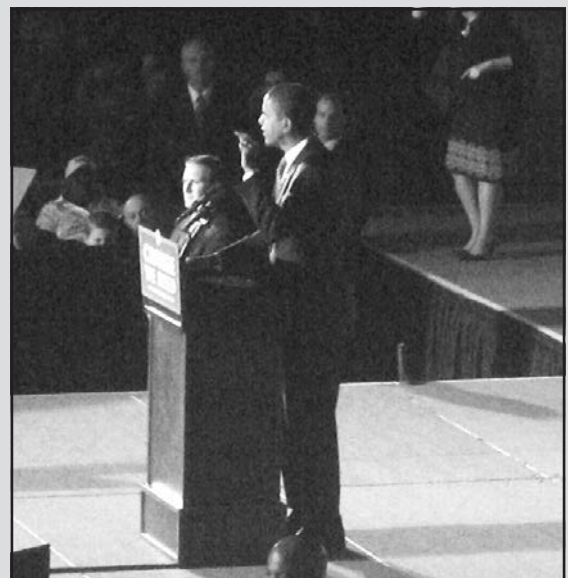
www.actstudent.org/regist/currentdates.html

HERITAGE OPENS CURTAINS ON 40TH ANNIVERSARY



Thanks to donations from the community during the GLAD concert, as well as an excellent price from local company Janson Industries, Heritage was able to remove the worn and torn gold curtains (circa 1972) and replace them with durable, beautiful stageworthy curtains, as well as new black backdrop.

Seven seniors and high school government teacher Dr. Chuck Wilson, along with some other Heritage families, attended the McCain-Palin rally held in Green, Ohio on Oct. 22. Dr. Wilson was unable to get tickets for the Obama event held Oct. 27 at the Canton Memorial Civic Center, but some Heritage families were able to attend. Please pray for this election and our future leaders!



SPORTS NEWS

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Our team worked hard to earn \$756.44 to pay for brand new uniforms! We organized a Serve-a-thon and two carwashes. A special thanks to my line judges, statisticians, scorebook keepers and those sharing knowledge. These people went above and beyond during this challenging but inspiring volleyball season. Though our record was 4-14, some issues presented themselves in a way that only made us work harder. I am proud of the effort shown on the court, and I heard from fans how much we had improved. Now that I'm through my first year coaching, and I know the dynamics of the team, I am really looking forward to next year. I had a great time with these ladies and I miss them already. "AAWW... HCS!" **Coach Brittain**

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

The Middle School Volleyball teams had a great season this year! Our older team, Team A, ended their season with an 8-4 record overall and the younger team, Team B, had a 3-5 record overall. On Oct. 11, we traveled to Wooster Christian for an all-day tournament to compete against seven teams from the surrounding area. We placed 3rd overall and both teams played with a lot of heart and endurance. Thank you to all the parents who drove, line judged and helped out this season in SO many ways! **Coach Petelin and Coach Fostyk**

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER

Heritage was able to organize a junior high soccer team coached by Chris vanNatta and assisted by Dave Graybeal and Dan Moody. Coach Chris, a coworker of Heritage parent Debby Heaton, accepted the challenge to help rebuild our team. The team included all skill levels, with some who had never played organized soccer. During the season, both guys and girls practiced hard, played hard, and displayed great attitudes. The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the double comeback win over Massillon Christian where the kids hung together to overcome a one-goal deficit and then a two-goal deficit to win by a score of 4-3. Though the season ended with a 1 - 6 - 1 record, the team grew in ability, teamwork and character as they went up against schools with established programs and older kids who had been playing soccer longer. Performing as well as Heritage's team did against such a tough slate of opponents made 2008 a winning season for the junior high soccer team! **Coach vanNatta**

GOLF SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

The Heritage golf team finished 6th at the Timken Invitational this year. "The team's outstanding accomplishment was improving our team average by 40 strokes," said Coach Cody Shaffer, HCS Class of 2006, who is now in his junior year at The Ohio State University.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?!!



Sixteen high school boys just completed Heritage's first season of flag football! The Conquerors competed in nine regular season games against other area Christian schools and churches. The season was a learning process through eight straight losses until their first victory in their last regular season game. The team traveled to Columbus on Oct. 25 for the season-ending tournament where they won two out of three games that day. They finished 5th among the eight teams that competed. Thank you to the parents for their support and for providing transportation for the players to the games, to Heritage teachers Mr. Marty Martin and Mr. Kevin D'Etorre for donating their time to serve as coaches, and to Mr. Ronnie Parker, a Heritage parent, for his advice and guidance to the team and coaches.

Watch for sports awards in the next issue!

CHEERLEADING NEWS!

A cheer clinic is available for 1st - 8th grade girls on Nov. 17 - 21, 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. in the HCS gym. Cost is \$35 per student. Cheer clinic participants will be invited to kick off the middle school basketball season with a half-time performance at the first home game on Dec. 6 against Lake Center Christian. All participants receive a free t-shirt to wear to the game, a pizza party on the last day and, of course, fun! Sign up by calling (330) 452-8271 or email Coach Sharrie Yarber at syarber@heritagechristianschool.org.

BASKETBALL TEAM FUNDRAISER

Four players and one adult supervisor will come and rake and bag your leaves for a suggested donation of \$50 per hour. Proceeds will purchase new equipment, new shoes and travel gear. Dates for this fundraiser: October 31-November 2; and November 7-9. For more information or to schedule a team, contact Mike Brown @ 330-454-8979 or via email at brown4christ@sbcglobal.net.

CHANGES TO VARSITY GIRLS COACHING

If you like a good mystery, then you'll enjoy this year's Varsity girls basketball season. There are many questions that can't be answered until the season unfolds: "Who will be on the team?" and "Does the new head coach have a clue?" and "How will we get by without those strong senior players who graduated last year?"

The intrigue began this summer, when Brian Campbell, after seven years as the girls' head coach, decided not to coach again this season. We'll miss his gentle spirit, good example, and caring leadership as head coach. Our thanks go to Brian for the love and support he showed to the school and to his players for all those seasons. The new coach has been fortunate to learn from Brian and some other excellent Heritage coaches over recent years, such as Mike Brown, Ken Shaffer and Larry Wade. Thanks, gentlemen, for your past, present, and future dedication to our God, to Heritage, and to this great sport. We are blessed to have alum and former player Lindsey Brant ('05) as varsity assistant coach this season. Welcome back to "the team," Lindsey! It's too soon to tell who all the players will be this year. We expect strong leadership and solid play from the seniors, including Reina Allbritain and Denise Evans. Some sophomores have several years' experience, including Kate Allbritain, Tricia Aufrance, Ashley Beach and Brianna Moody. But, another mystery is, how will they do at the varsity level? And what about those promising freshmen, which include Candyce Gillems and Angelia Thompson? Will they be ready to contribute too? I believe that if this team puts their minds to it each day, beginning with the first practice, they'll improve tremendously, and surprise many opponents. We may not be tall as a team, and we may not be many, but I sense closeness, intelligence, and toughness in these players. I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish by working together as a team toward a common goal. Stay tuned for a challenging, fun and rewarding season of girls' basketball!

For Christ,
Coach Dan Moody

Note: Coach Campbell will be honored in an upcoming newsletter.

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Sounds of musical instruments – woodwinds, percussion, brass – fill the hallways every week now that our Heritage Christian School Concert Bands have formed. Thank you to Mrs. Andrea Clemens for bringing back the bands just in time for Christmas music!

Mrs. Clemens explains: *"Our 5th through 12th graders were offered the opportunity to start a concert band at the beginning of the year and MANY have taken on that challenge! Each 5th grader is studying flute, clarinet, saxophone, percussion, trumpet, or recorder to make up the 5th Grade Band. Our Concert Band (6th-12th grade currently) meets during homeroom three days a week and is moving SWIFTLY through the Standard of Excellence Lesson Book so that we can be prepared to play for the Christmas Program on Fri., Dec. 12! Both bands will be doing in-class performances for the other classes during the holidays as well! I'm so proud of the students who are disciplining themselves to practice every night! It shows!! Parents, thank you for encouraging your children to participate in band this year and for sacrificing your quiet time at home for this cause!"*

"PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE: AN INTERACTIVE FORUM"

Use this form to submit constructive ideas for discussion during the forum. These ideas should relate directly to the development of a five-year plan for HCS.

Name _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Questions/Ideas: _____

Yes! I would like to get more involved! I'm interested in this area: _____

Please drop this form in the Main Office, or email information to offices@heritagechristianschool.org.

GOODSEARCH.COM RAISES MONEY FOR HCS

Have you switched your home page to www.GoodSearch.com yet?

Heritage can earn a donation every time you search the Internet and shop online! A few moments setting this up could result in hundreds of dollars for us. Just start using Yahoo! powered GoodSearch.com as your search engine and they'll donate a penny to Heritage every time you do a search! In less than three months, these penny searches have earned us more than \$25! Please spread the word!

To get started, visit <http://www.goodsearch.com>. **Type "heritage christian school" into the box entitled "Who do you goodsearch for?" Hit enter and scroll down to select Heritage Christian School in Canton, Ohio.** There are several Heritage Christian schools across the country. After you do this, any time you go to the GoodSearch page, it will remember the correct school automatically. On this page, you can choose links to make GoodSearch your homepage, or add it to your toolbar.

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