



THE HERITAGE CONQUEROR



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May 2009

Congratulations to the Heritage Senior Class of 2009

Class Verse: Luke 12:48b KJV

“For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.”

****Reina Christine Allbritain ~ +**
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gary Allbritain
Malone University

Kayla Marie Baker
Daughter of Ms. Kim Baker
College Undecided

***Denise Eileen Evans ~ +**
Daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Wayne Evans
Malone University

****Kalee Lynn Graybeal ~ +**
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David Graybeal
Aultman School of Nursing

***Chelsey Jean Kindy ~ +**
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Barry Kindy
Aultman School of Nursing

***Megan Elizabeth McAbee ~ +**
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gregory McAbee
Malone University

Joshua David Moody +
Son of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Moody
Malone University

****Rachel Lauren Ondrejko ~**
Daughter of
Mrs. Tammy Finley & Mr. Anthony Ondrejko
Slippery Rock University

Brittany Emma Price
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frederic Price
Aultman School of Nursing

***Ariel Elizabeth Randolph ~ +**
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Randolph
University of Toledo

***Andrew Phillip Rohr ~ +**
Son of Mr. Phillip Rohr & the late Mrs. Linda Rohr
Aultman School of Nursing

Cory Joseph Shaffer
Son of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Shaffer
Stark State College

Lance Nathan Wonderley
Son of Reverend & Mrs. Larry Wonderley
College Undecided

~ Honor Diploma
** Highest Honor (3.7 to 4.0)
* With Honor (3.3 to 3.69)
+ Family Plaque Recipient
Plaques are awarded to those who have attended Heritage Christian School for at least 12 years.

2009 Valedictorian: **Reina Allbritain**
Special congratulations to Reina for scoring a 33 out of 36 on her ACT. She has the highest known ACT score in recent Heritage history.

2009 Salutatorian: **Kalee Graybeal**

**Heritage Class of 2009 Commencement
Friday, June 5,
Faith Community Church, 7 p.m.**

SENIORS FINISH STRONG

While many almost-graduates may be planning parties and “checking out” of high school, the Heritage senior class is finishing strong – running the race with perseverance, one might say.

This is a class that has literally “grown up” together. Eight of the 13 students have attended Heritage since kindergarten or first grade. Some of those even attended Heritage Christian Preschool. They have become a family of friends.

And now, as they finish out their “childhood” and enter “adulthood,” they are showing maturity that comes through growth in Christ. They are choosing to do what God asks and expects of each of us, by giving their gifts and time to share the gospel together – to tell the great story of Jesus and his love.

On May 23, Dr. Chuck Wilson, the senior class, and several chaperones traveled to the Outer Banks, North Carolina to work with the pastors of Coastal Family Church. At newsletter press time, the students were still on their trip. The students plan to work at the church, as well as doing projects outside the church in that community. They also will minister to the church youth group, presenting the skit that moved many to tears during the final Senior Chapel.

“We are also going to try to work with Steve (from Coastal Family Church) on Thursday as he ministers to the ships’ captains early in the morning (like 4:30 a.m.) before they go out on their charters. His ministry is called Fishers of Men,” explained Dr. Chuck Wilson, senior class advisor. “Of course, we are scheduling some play time at the beach and even an evening at an all-you-can-eat seafood buffet!”

The Heritage Senior Trip is something rather unique to Heritage. Beginning in junior high, every class begins raising money to help them earn their way to the

prized trip – usually to the beach for fun in the sun as a final celebration of all they’ve achieved. In the past, other Heritage classes also have chosen to evangelize on these trips. This year, the students have made it a primary focus.

What a blessing to see these students choosing Christ before comfort! What a blessing to see a focus on service over sunbathing. And what a great excitement to wonder how the Lord will use these efforts to expand His kingdom. To God be the glory!

To see the senior Chapel skit, visit www.heritagechristianschool.org. It’s worth the wait to download!

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SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

30 Cruise-In Pit Party and Car Show, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

June

1 Field Day for Elementary (Rain Date: June 2)
3 Chuck E. Cheese's, Gr. K-2
4 Sluggers and Putters, Gr. 3-5
4 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
5 Last day for teachers
5 2009 Heritage Commencement Ceremony, 7 p.m.
Faith Community Church, 4301 Cleveland Ave. NW
8 Summer Fun Club Begins
13 Friends of Heritage Rummage Sale
22 Heritage Resale Shop Begins Daily, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
22 Final TRIP orders until August
23, 24 Professional Development Seminar for Staff

August

3 TRIP orders resume
14 Golf Outing Fundraiser at Sable Creek
14 Summer Fun Club Child Care Ends
15 School-Wide Work Day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
18 High School Schedule Pick-up, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
21 Last Day for Heritage Resale Shop
24 Teacher/Staff In-Service Day, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
24 Rooms Open for Parents, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
24 Middle School Orientation, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Auditorium)
High School Orientation, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Auditorium)
26 First Day of School 2009-2010
29 Get Acquainted Event at Heritage

GET ACQUAINTED SATURDAY, AUGUST 29!

Students, families, alumni, faculty – save the date! There will be a fun, casual gathering on Saturday, August 29 at Heritage to celebrate a new school year and get to know each other. We hope lots of alumni will come too, and bring their kids or friends!

SUMMER TRIP ORDERS

You may continue to place TRIP orders on Mondays for pickup on Fridays through June 26. There will be no TRIP orders taken in July. The program resumes on Monday, August 3. Thank you to TRIP volunteer Raechel Sickafoose, who manages this program for us. If you don't use TRIP to help reduce your tuition while you purchase gift cards for everyday needs, call (330) 452-8271 to set up an account!

FRIENDS OF HERITAGE NEWS

BOX TOPS BANNER YEAR

Families, you did a fantastic job of clipping and collecting Box Tops this year. The Friends of Heritage committee (our PTO) is practically jumping for joy! We received TENS OF THOUSANDS of Box Tops, bringing us \$1,735. Each 10-cent Box Top you sent in REALLY makes a difference! This is twice as much as we collected last year. With that money, FOH was able to purchase two new drinking fountains for the second and third floors; new stainless steel hinges and door handles for the auditorium doors; Christmas decorations; and Trading Post items. We already have enough Box Tops collected to receive another \$282 in the fall for Box Tops turned in recently.

Fifteen thousand Campbell's labels were collected, allowing us to earn school supplies! Acme receipts generated \$120, and Giant Eagle Apples for the Students monies allowed us to purchase a digital camera, two portable voice recorders and two mp3/CD players.

Next year, we hope to do EVEN better, as the program grows and the students work toward jeans passes and class parties. Please collect these items all summer long and ask your friends and family to collect them with you—it's an easy way to raise money for Heritage needs!

RUMMAGE SALE JUNE 13

Mark your calendars to come shopping at the Friends of Heritage Rummage Sale Saturday, June 13 at Busy Beaver at Meyer's Lake Plaza on Whipple Ave. near the former Value City store (rain date: June 27). Also, there is still time to drop off your donations of gently used goods on June 6 from 10 a.m. to Noon. The Friends of Heritage will sell your "trash" as their "treasure"... and Heritage's profit! Contact Vicki DeMarco at videmarco01@yahoo.com or call Heritage at (330) 452-8271 with questions.

SUMMER FUN CLUB CHILD CARE

Heritage Christian School's Summer Fun Club is now enrolling kids ages 3 years old through those entering 5th grade in the fall. Great activities are already on the schedule including swimming at the Meyer's Lake YMCA, weekly visits from the ice cream truck, field trips to Sippo Lake, the Akron Zoo, Metzger Park, Rolling Ridge Ranch and Pump It Up!, and much more! The Summer Fun Club runs June 8 to August 14, 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Prices range from \$90 a week for two days to \$135 a week for five days. Some discounts are available for multiple students enrolled in a family. Students need a packed lunch daily. Invite friends to enroll! Contact Lisa Rotondo at (330) 452-3523 or email lrotondo@heritagechristianschool.org.

WORKDAY VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to our March 7 workday volunteers for saving Heritage money by volunteering your skills!

Susan Abramson & Brennan
Jaime Allbritain & Kate
Diane Argueta & Victor, Regal
Josh Bartsch
Austin Caldwell
Victor Carpenter & Ryan
Karen Cassler & Andy
Mike Davis & Matthew, Nathan
Vicki DeMarco
Ted Fellows
Jeff Fostyk & Jenna
Bob Harmelink
Debby Heaton & Trevor
Mark Hurd
Jim Kinney & Summer
Marty & Kathy Martin and sons
Pam Moody & Josh, Brianna, Jake
Howard Pizor
Tippra Seese & Brianna, Evan, Joey
Ken Shaffer & Cory
Shane & Raechel Sickafoose & Michaela
Steve Slatzer and Sami
Deana Stafford & Ellie, Josh
Edward Yarber

ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

On May 10, 2007, Brumbaugh-Herrick, Inc. conducted the required re-inspection of Heritage Christian School for hazardous Asbestos Containing Building Materials (ACBM) for the purpose of reassessment according to the Public Law 99-519, AHER Act of 1986. The report is in the Main Office.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

HERITAGE EXCELS AT MATH OLYMPICS

Thirty out of 36 Heritage 3rd through 8th graders placed in the Math Olympics held at Heartland Christian School. Thank you to Mrs. Rebecca McConahay and Mrs. Victoria Petelin for making arrangements for Heritage to attend.

3rd grade Computation

2nd place: Maci Jakubiak
3rd place: Luke Nowak
5th place: Brandon Brooks

3rd grade Reasoning

2nd place: Caitlin McPherson
3rd place: David Bartsch

4th grade Computation

1st place: Shayla Davidson
2nd place: Logan Gardner
4th place: Andrew Wade

4th grade Reasoning

2nd place: Julian Darden
3rd place: Kiersten Hogan
4th place: Rachel Bartsch

5th grade Computation

3rd place: Luke Petelin
4th place: Krista Mattern

5th grade Reasoning

2nd place: Amanda Houdeschell
5th place: Ashlee Galliher

6th grade Computation

1st place: Andrew DeMarco
4th place: Hannah Kasler
5th place: Mikaila Miller

6th grade Reasoning

1st place: Jacob Nowak
2nd place: Josh Bartsch
4th place: Alaigeh Moses

7th grade Computation

3rd place: Brian Cassler

7th grade Reasoning

2nd place: Luke Schmidt
4th place: Riley Graybeal
5th place: Zach Dickens

8th grade Computation

2nd place: Ace Johns
3rd place: Jacob Moody
4th place: Jenna Fostyk

8th grade Reasoning

1st place: Rachel King
3rd place: Abbey Earich

BETA CLUB INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

The following students were inducted as new members into our Heritage chapter of the National Beta Club, an honor club promoting achievement, character, and leadership by serving:

High School Beta Inductees:

Daniel Corbit
Anthony DeMarco
Lexi Jakubiak
Brittany Price

Junior High Beta Inductees

Josh Bartsch
Andrew Boak
Marcus Brittain
Andrew DeMarco
Zach Dickens
Alyssa Frey
Ace Johns
Hannah Kasler
Mikaila Miller
Melody Rexrode
Rachel Wade

ACSI ELEMENTARY SPEECH MEET RESULTS

The ACSI Regional Speech Meet for elementary students was held at Warren Christian School on March 20. There were 7 schools and 192 students who attended. Thirty HCS students in grades 1-5 were chosen to attend. Our students did a fabulous job! Eighteen received blue ribbons (superior) and twelve received red ribbons (excellent). One was sick that morning, and we could not contact an alternate. The host school provided activities while students waited to say their speeches. They could play games, watch a movie, or have snacks in the cafeteria. Staff members and parents accompanied students and helped judge. Please congratulate the following students!

1st Grade Bible: **Corey Clemens**, blue; **Justyce Jamerson**, blue; **Adam Nowak**, blue; **Stephen Venditti**, red.

1st Grade Poetry: **Charles Costello**, red; **Shekinah Sanchez**, blue; **Christian Parker**, red.

2nd Grade Bible: **Colin Smith**, red; **Alex Grimm**, red.

2nd Grade Poetry: **Aniecea Darden**, red; **Matthew McNutt**, blue.

2nd Grade Fables: **Brennan Abramson**, red; **Noah Kandel**, blue.

3rd Grade Bible: **Christian Chang**, blue; **David Bartsch**, blue.

3rd Grade Poetry: **Alexis Morgan**, red; **Kelcey Norris**, blue.

3rd Grade Fables: **Aliyah Brown**, blue; **Brandon Brooks**, red.

4th Grade Bible: **JaRon Lee**, blue; **Jordan Harris**, red.

4th Grade Poetry: **Rachel Bartsch**, blue; **Molly Maxin**, blue.

4th Grade Fables: **Corrina Brown**, blue; **Caleb Mongold**, blue.

5th Grade Bible: **Naomi Preacher**, red.

5th Grade Poetry: **Morgan Kandel**, blue; **Madison Criddle**, red.

5th Grade Patriotic Oration: **Amanda Houdeschell**, blue.

5th Grade Dramatic Bible Prose: **Krista Mattern**, blue.

Thank you to Mrs. Karen Morrish for making arrangements for Heritage to attend.

HERITAGE SPELLING BEE

Heritage holds an in-house Spelling Bee each year for kids in first through fifth grades. Congratulations to third grader **Luke Nowak**, 1st place; fifth grader **Brittany Thompson**, 2nd place; and first grader **Jenny Davis**, 3rd place. And congratulations to all students who made it to the Spelling Bee! T-H-A-N-K-Y-O-U to Mrs. Heidi Graybeal for organizing this competition.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS (CONT.)

ACSI HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH MEET RESULTS

High school speech meet was a great success again this year, showcasing some of the excellent talent our students possess in the area of public speaking. Seniors **Reina Allbritain**, **Kalee Graybeal** and freshman **Jailynn Paige** all took home ribbons for "excellence" in their rendition of children's literature. Sophomores **Kate Allbritain** and **Brianna Moody** were also awarded ribbons for excellence for their hilarious duet acting performance of the classic comedy "Who's on First?" Senior **Cory Shaffer** was awarded a ribbon for excellence for his prepared devotion on "The Importance of Consistency" in Christian character, as was junior **Sadie Fellows** for her dramatic interpretation of Patrick Henry's speech "Give Me Liberty, or Give Me Death." **Nathan Schmitt** also participated, receiving a ribbon for a good performance in the Dramatic Interpretation category. Thank you to Mrs. Ashley Mortenson for helping students prepare and attend.

ACSI SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS

Heritage had one 8th grader compete at the ACSI Science Fair at Lake Center Christian School: **Rachel King** won a blue ribbon for superiority on her grip strength experiment. Thank you to Mrs. Lori Brittain for helping students prepare.

ACSI ART FESTIVAL RESULTS

Heritage entered 36 projects created by Heritage 3rd through 11th graders. Three students were awarded Best of Show. Students received 26 blue (superior) ribbons, nine red (excellent) ribbons, and one white (good) ribbon. Thank you to Mrs. Cindy Voigt for working all year long to help students complete these projects. Awards were as follows:

High School Art Competition

Kate Allbritain: 2 blue and winner of High School Best of Show. **Josh Davidson**: 1 blue. **Regal Argueta**: 2 blue. **Nathan Schmitt**: 2 blue. **Brianna Burns**: 2 blue. **Harley Lytsell**, 1 red. **Daniel Corbit**: 1 blue. **Abby Kourkounakis**: 2 blue. **Jacob Smith**: 1 blue. **Lexi Jakubiak**: 1 blue.

Junior High Art Competition

Rachel King: 1 blue and winner of Junior High Best of Show. **Milly Childress**: 1 red. **Lauren Randolph**: 1 red. **Alyssa Frey**: 2 blue. **Ace Johns**: 1 red. **Hannah Petelin**: 1 blue. **Alley Harper**: 1 red. **Jacob Wise**: 1 red. **Luke Schmidt**: 1 red. **Skylar Busche**: 1 blue; **Marcus Brittain**: 1 white.

Elementary Art Competition

Kiersten Hogan: 1 blue and winner of Elementary Best of Show. **Morgan Kandel**: 1 red. **Claire King**: 1 blue. **Naomi Preacher**: 1 red. **Olivia Bishop**: 1 blue. **Molly Maxin**: 1 blue. **Rachel Bartsch**: 1 blue. **Maci Jakubiak**: 1 blue. **Shawn Dinger**: 1 blue.

ACSI MUSIC FESTIVALS

Sadie Fellows (11th grade) was awarded a superior rating on her piano solo at the ACSI Junior and Senior High Music Festival.

At the ACSI Elementary Music Festival, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Choir received a rating of excellent. **Sean Boyle** and **Amanda Houdeschell** each received a rating of superior on their vocal solos. **Claire King**, **Amanda Houdeschell**, and **Morgan Kandel** received a superior rating on their vocal trio. **Krista Mattern** and **Ashlee Galliher** received a superior rating on their piano duet. Amanda was chosen to perform her vocal solo, "The Water is Wide", in the closing program.

Thank you to Mrs. Andrea Clemens for making arrangements to travel to and perform at these festivals.

WINTER SPORTS AWARDS 2009

Memories of the LONG, FREEZING Ohio winter may have melted away, but we cannot forget our fantastic winter athletes. Following are the awards that students received at the winter sports banquet.

HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

Conqueror Award: Lance Wonderley
Most Improved: Michael Smith
MVP: Regal Argueta
Coach: Jeff DiMarzio

HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS

Conqueror Award: Denise Evans
Most Spirited: Patrice Gillems
Coach: Sharrie Yarber

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jr. Conqueror: Jenna Fostyk
Most Improved: Skylar Busche
Hustle Award: Hannah Petelin
Coaches : Mr. And Mrs. Fostyk assisted by Mr. Larry Wade

Instead of awarding Most Valuable Player, Coaches Debbie and Jeff Fostyk presented a special award this year called the MVT Award, which means "Most Valuable Team." The plaque included a picture of the team and their names, and is now displayed in the trophy case. Each player received a special team shirt. These gifts were given in an emotional and heartfelt presentation by Mr. & Mrs. Fostyk who for the second season had coached the girls, but now will be stepping down next season as their daughter Jenna moves into high school.

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL

A- Team

Jr. Conqueror: Jacob Moody
Hustle Award: Nathan Martin
Most Improved: Steve Kromi
Most Improved Honorable Mention: Joey Burns

B- Team

Jr. Conqueror: Marcus Brittain
Hustle Award: Andrew Boak
Most Improved: Sawyer Collins
Coaches: Mr. Kevin D'Ettore and Mr. Dan Moody

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Conqueror Award: Andrew Rohr
MVP: Ken Hill
Coaches: Mr. Mike Brown and Mr. Lenny Gillems
Coach of Junior Varsity: Mr. Dan Kamwesa

Senior Josh Moody was invited to play in the Chick-fil-A All-Star game and Coach Mike Brown was asked to serve as one of the coaches in the game. Junior Ken Hill was named to the District IV First Team.

Juniors Ken Hill and Josh Davidson were chosen from a select group of Ohio players to compete at an international tournament held in Illinois this summer. Congratulations, Conquerors!

The highlight of the basketball season was the victory over Lake Center Christian School on Friday, Feb. 13. It was a home game for the Conquerors and was played at Malone. A large crowd in special "Tamin' the Tiger" game t-shirts gathered to watch the intense competition. The Conquerors won 43 to 41! The varsity players each signed the game ball and presented it to Coach Brown at the awards breakfast at the end of the season.

SPRING SPORTS AWARDS 2009

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Conqueror: Chelsey Kindy

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

MVP Boys: Joey Burns

MVP Girls: Jenna Fostyk

Conqueror Award: Jenna Fostyk

Coaches: Ashley Mortenson and Kiersten Heckert

BASEBALL



Rookie of the Year: Matthew Davis

Most Improved: Shalamar Risby

Co-Conqueror: Josh Moody

Co-Conqueror: Jon Skillern

MVP: Josh Davidson

Coaches: Kevin D'Ettorre and Tim Smith

The team competed for the first time in many years (some have said it may be the first time for HCS baseball) in the OHSAA Baseball Tournament losing in the first round sectional game to Mogadore High School. Heritage baseball players won the Massillon Christian Invitational Tournament marching up from the losers' bracket after a heartbreaking loss, then finally defeating the undefeated (19-0) Holmes County Warriors in the championship game on Saturday afternoon! Photos are at www.heritagechristianschool.org. This season **Josh Davidson** had three homeruns and led the county in batting average, **Jacob Smith** had over 20 stolen bases, and **Andrew Rohr** had almost 50 strikeouts. The team also played at Thurman Munson Stadium where they honored senior athletes in spring sports: **Chelsey Kindy, Josh Moody, Andrew Rohr, and Cory Shaffer.**

BOOSTER CLUB

The Heritage Booster Club grew again this year to include 67 paid members. The club sponsored three senior nights, three awards banquets, a baseball autograph session, two pit parties, and the Benefit Car Show and Pit Party Family Fun Day on May 30, 2009.

DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDRAISING

RESULTS OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING FORUM

On May 9, more than 30 staff, faculty, parents, board members and alumni gathered to discuss the future of Heritage. Strategist and development consultant Connie Clark facilitated the productive meeting. The large group participated in recording and categorizing dreams and ideas, which were then organized and prioritized by small groups. A strategic planning task force will meet three times to merge the recorded ideas and thoughts into a manageable plan that will be presented to the board for approval. Watch for results of these meetings. If you'd still like to participate in the discussion, please contact a board member, or call the office (330) 452-8271.

WAGGONER CHOCOLATE SALE UPDATE

During the Waggoner's Candy Sale, families sold more than 13,000 bars (over 200 boxes), and more than \$3000 in catalog orders. The candy sale profited \$6,100.

Top sellers received cash awards, a shopping spree during the school day, and a complimentary lunch at CiCi's Pizza for the winner and a friend. Congratulations and THANK YOU to everyone!

\$150 Winner: Natalie Schmitt (1M) and Nathan (10th)

\$100 Winner: Kris Adkins (6th)

\$100 Winner: Joshua Dickens, (1Y) and Zach (7th)

\$ 75 Winner: Macy Banner (3N) and Nicholas (5K)

\$ 75 Winner: Emma Gniewecki (KR)

Students who sold more than three boxes were entered into a drawing to be King or Queen for a Day. Seventh Grader **Brian Cassler** was King for a Day, and as such, chose to allow the Middle School and High School to wear sportswear during his reign. Many student sellers were rewarded with trips to the chocolate fountain party as well as gourmet chocolate crosses.

BOOK FAIR FUNDS LIBRARY

The library sold more than \$1900 in books at the recent book fair and received \$957 in books for the library! The library also received a new set of World Book Encyclopedias, thanks to state auxiliary funding.

AFFINITY MEDICAL CENTER DONATIONS UPGRADE HCS TECHNOLOGY

Thank you is not enough to the administration of Affinity Medical Center and their generosity in donating another 22 computers and monitors to Heritage. We received significantly upgraded hardware and software. Dr. Chris Chow, husband of HCS science teacher Mrs. Lisa Chow, works tirelessly to prepare the computers for school use. Both Dr. and Mrs. Chow loaded and unloaded multiple computers to deliver them to the school. Heritage depends on this type of generosity and volunteerism. It makes a world of difference!

STAFF AND FACULTY RECEIVE SUMMER IN-SERVICE

Presenter and teacher Mr. Curtis Tinlin will educate Heritage staffers about "Creative Approaches to Individualizing Instruction." This professional development seminar will be held at the Amish Door Inn Village June 23 and 24. Funding for this event is made possible through Canton City monies for Improving Teacher Quality. Our Heritage staffers also have the blessing of a family-style dinner and pool and facility use that is open to their families one evening.

CLASSROOM NEWS



The Annual Eighth Grade Trip to Washington, D.C. May 6-8 provided excellent interactive learning opportunities once again. The students were reportedly wonderful and a great Christian example on the trip. Even with a bus break-down, the students made the best of it. Watch for more photos on the web.



Two "Thomas Edisons" express joy over the invention of the incandescent bulb. Pictured are fourth grade students Shawn Boyle and Barrien Massey who were dressed for a class report about a historical figure of interest.

FIFTH GRADERS HIT THE BEULAH BEACH AT OUTDOOR ED



Every year, Heritage fifth graders spend a few days discovering new truths about God's creation as they play, compete, laugh and eat great camp food together during Outdoor Education at Beulah Beach. Beulah Beach is a year-round Christian camp and retreat center on the shores of Lake Erie between Cleveland and Toledo. The students and chaperones took classes called orienteering; fire building; weather, wind and kites; nature hike; and group challenge. They also had opportunities to canoe and paddleboat, climb the rock wall, play putt-putt golf, perform archery, use the game room to play ping pong, pool, carpet ball, etc, and much more! Many enjoyed just standing and watching the carp jump out of the small lake on the property known as "the lagoon."

This year, God answered prayers about the weather. Despite rain and drizzle, students were able to complete almost every outdoor activity without precipitation and do EVERYTHING that was originally planned!

During evening programs, Miss Kindler focused her teaching on 1 Corinthians 12:27, which says, "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (NIV) She also taught from 1 Samuel 16: 7, which says, "But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.'" (NIV). This year-end tradition for Miss Kindler's fifth grade "graduates" has become a fun, memorable, and spiritually encouraging finale to celebrate the "end of elementary" at Heritage.



L-R front: Fourth graders Kiersten Hogan, Olivia Bishop and Jordan Harris play recorders as part of the Fine Arts Festival. Check out the school website Photo Gallery at www.heritagechristianschool.org to see photos from Fine Arts, the National Day of Prayer gathering, baseball and more.



Mrs. Carol Moosey enjoyed a surprise retirement party to celebrate her 32 years at Heritage. It was organized by Mrs. Karen Morrish and Mrs. Marcia Deem. She received several special gifts including a framed and signed photo of all the current Heritage students that she had as kindergarten students, a signed photo from staff, and a special album including notes and memories from staff and former teachers

and alumni. Mrs. Moosey will no longer be on full-time staff, but plans to be a substitute teacher and continue to help the preschool. Congratulations to John and Carol Moosey, who recently celebrated 50 years of marriage! Thank you for your example to and blessing on so many lives through all these years! We love you both!

DVDS OF 40TH ANNIVERSARY AUCTION AVAILABLE FOR \$5

DVDs of the auction celebration are available for \$5 each. They show the Heritage video shown during the meal, all alumni yearbook page photos, and some pictures taken at the anniversary dinner. It was produced by sophomore Nathan Schmitt. See Kathy Martin for your copy of "Celebrate Heritage," which also includes footage of the high school choir performing at the auction.

ALUMNI NEWS

20-YEAR REUNION

The Class of '90 will be having their 20-year reunion sometime during the summer of 2010. Please send your updated mailing address and other contact information to Annie (Shapren) Hambach. You can email her at ashapren@yahoo.com, or update information at www.heritagechristianschool.org.

ALUMNUS PASSES CROWN

Tammy Kay Bixler-Zalesinsky, Class of 1991, was crowned Mrs. Ohio United States 2008. On May 24, 2009, she crowned the next Mrs. Ohio United States at the Historic Ritz Theater in Tiffin, Ohio. During her reign, she worked to raise awareness for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship. This scholarship supports children of veterans killed in action on or after September 11, 2001. Tammy (Kay) was a student at Heritage, and also served on the faculty as a high school math teacher. She is now Science

Department Chair at Malvern High School and will be finishing her EdS in Educational Leadership from Liberty University in August. For more information, visit <http://www.vanbros.com/unitedstates/ohio.html>.



HCS GRADUATES EXCEL IN COLLEGE SPEECH COMPETITION

Chris Lovette ('07) and Andy Rowan ('06) competed at the National Christian College Forensics Invitational. Malone University's Forensics Team won Third Place in Division 2, the mid-sized entry division, at the invitational. Individual student awards also were given. Andrew Rowan won 1st place in Novice Program Oral Interpretation with a literature program on the very topical theme of "Money." This was Andy's first time competing with this program and his first time in national competition. Andy also placed 6th with his Prose selection, "Cleveland Cops: the Real Stories They Tell Each Other." Chris Lovette and his debate partner posted a 3-3 record in Novice Parliamentary Debate. Jake Thomas, ('03) also served during the invitational as a judge.

SPECIAL VISIT FROM SPECIAL TEACHER



(L-R) Andy and Nancy (Shahan) Rowan ('06) stand with Mrs. Elsie Wiley and Ryan Croston ('06). The alumni paid a special visit to HCS to see Mrs. Elsie Wiley during her visit to Heritage. Elsie was able to see six of our current seniors, who were in her last class at Heritage before she and her husband moved out of the area.

Mrs. Elsie Wiley visited Heritage in February to renew acquaintances from her twelve years of teaching second grade. The Wiley family served at Minerva Grace Church for more than 25 years, and all three of their children attended Heritage from preschool through graduation. Galen now pastors Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Grace Church, the church they were married in 41 years ago! Mrs. Wiley updated us with wonderful news of her family.

Letitia (Wiley) Yoder ('90) serves with her husband Mike with Grace Brethren International Missions. After 10 years in Berlin, Germany, they are now living in the Chicago, Illinois, area for Mike's further schooling and for his new role of coordinating International Leadership Development for their mission. They are also enjoying life with their four children, all born in Berlin, and continuing the family's Christian school tradition with their two oldest attending Christian Heritage Academy in Northbrook.

Jonathan Wiley ('92) is pastor of young adults for the Grace Brethren Church in Worthington, Ohio. He and his wife Kim lead a ministry called Frontporch Young Adults and are expecting their first child in July. They recently returned from an exciting tour of Israel where they got to "walk where Jesus walked." But more importantly they are learning to walk 24/7 where Jesus is walking today.

Katrina (Wiley) Walker ('94) lives in Raleigh, North Carolina, with her husband Cort. She has been serving the Lord alongside her husband for several years in a pastoral position, three years in law school at Regent University, and now the first year as a law clerk for a Christian State Supreme Court justice in North Carolina. She also loves being mother to three precious children that the Lord has miraculously given to them (after the Lord graciously healed her of endometrial cancer).

Of their long years at Heritage Elsie said this: "What a blessing. Heritage Christian staff, teachers, students, families, and friends had a huge impact on our family, and by God's grace at this point in their lives the kids and their spouses are all loving and serving our precious Lord."



We were thrilled to have alumni from the Class of '08 visit the Fine Arts Festival this year! Pictured left to right are Derek Fostyk, Jon King, Samson Toe, Michelle Scalley and Jenny Brant.

A WORD FROM OUR SENIORS...

Seniors were asked to finish these sentences, or share thoughts about how Heritage has affected them. Here are their responses:

GOD HAS USED HERITAGE IN MY LIFE TO HELP ME...

- "...feel comfortable about myself and what I believe." - Kayla Baker
- "...learn the rules and guidelines of a Christian life even if I didn't understand at first; but it has also helped me understand these things and how to apply them to my everyday life." - Andrew Rohr
- "Heritage has been a big part of life and has taught me so many life lessons. I will always feel like this is home." Kalee Graybeal

HERITAGE IS SPECIAL TO ME BECAUSE...

- "...I met all of my close friends here. Their relationships with God have encouraged me immensely!" Reina Allbritain
- "...it is one of the building blocks in my faith. Without Heritage, I would not be who I am today - for that I am extremely thankful. I would not change anything if given a second chance." Chelsey Kindy
- "...I have been here since kindergarten and I have been able to grow up with the same people. The relationships I have formed are truly a gift from God. - Megan McAbee
- "...it's a place where I have been challenged both spiritually and academically." - Cory Shaffer
- "...it is where I have grown up. I have been going here for 13 years. The teachers and staff have seen me grow up. My classmates are like family as well. Eight of the 13 seniors have gone here all throughout school." - Josh Moody

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS I'VE LEARNED AT HERITAGE IS...

- "...that whatever happens in life, God is always there." - Megan McAbee
- "...I must always strive for perfection in the classroom and be disciplined in every area of my life." - Cory Shaffer

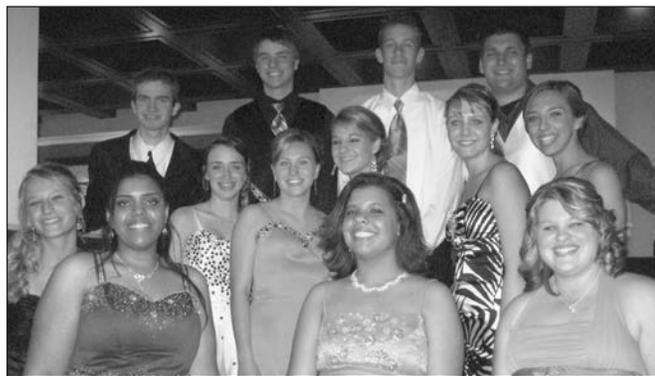
I ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE...

- "...Mrs. Archer because she has taught me both important academic lessons as well as vital life ones. She is always willing to listen to me and even console me when I need it. I love and will miss her very much! - Rachel Ondrejko
- "...Mrs. Abe because she is very encouraging when you feel worked too hard and stressed out about school." - Cory Shaffer
- "...Mrs. Clemens because she has put so much work into the Music Department." - Brittany Price
- "...all the teachers because they actually show that they care about us. They are all caring, kind and very compassionate with what they do." - Denise Evans
- "...Heritage staff and faculty because they take the time to get to now you on an individual basis, as well as giving personal attention needed to exceed academically." - Ariel Randolph
- "...(My parents) for putting me in Heritage Christian School even when it was a sacrifice. I have made some great friends...I am really thankful for being in a Christian school." - Lance Wonderley



The Heritage Class of 2009

*Back: Ariel Randolph, Andrew Rohr, Brittany Price, Rachel Ondrejko, Denise Evans, Megan McAbee, Kalee Graybeal, Cory Shaffer.
Front: Reina Allbritain, Josh Moody, Chelsey Kindy, Lance Wonderley, Kayla Baker.*



Junior-Senior Banquet, May 9, 2009...The Senior Class at their final Heritage Prom

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