

THE HERITAGE CONQUEROR



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SEE WHAT HERITAGE CAN OFFER YOUR CHILD!

"FANTASTIC FRIDAYS" OPEN HOUSES

Friday, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

Prospective families and students are invited to see Heritage Christian School in action anytime between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. every Friday in March!

KINDERGARTEN READINESS WORKSHOP

Tuesday, March 6 • 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- taught by an qualified, experienced, compassionate teacher
- helpful tips and guidelines for parents for assessing a child's readiness
- guidelines for preparing young children for most classroom settings
- free of charge
- session is designed for adult instruction (child care available if needed at no charge)

The workshop instructor is Mrs. Darla (Diehl) Richard. Mrs. Richard, Heritage Kindergarten teacher, has been teaching for 32 years, with 28 years dedicated to teaching kindergarteners. She taught preschoolers for three years and first grade for one year. Mrs. Richard received her B.S. in Elementary Education from Malone University. Downloadable flyers are available at www.heritagechristianschool.org for churches or preschool/daycares who have interested families.

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, March 15 • 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Parents and entering kindergarteners are invited to visit Heritage! Visitors are invited to chapel, where our current kindergarten class will lead the service. Guests will visit our classrooms, the library, the gym and more. Visiting students will have a snack and guided activities in the music room while parents meet in the nearby band room to go over forms, enrollment questions and tuition schedule. This is a great opportunity to see the difference an education at Heritage can make in your child's life. Please invite any parents of future kindergarteners to attend!



MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL VISITATION DAY

Monday, March 26 • 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Students interested in learning more about Heritage middle school or high school are invited to spend a morning at HCS. Each visitor will be paired with a student tour guide to help show them around. Student visitors will attend classes and eat lunch with Heritage students in the cafeteria. A parent or guardian must register a student visitor by calling (330) 452-0671, and/or visiting the office that day. Invite a friend to see what Heritage has to offer!

OHIO EDCHOICE APPLICATIONS

Eligible, interested families have an immediate opportunity to pursue scholarships for a high-quality, academically-rigorous Christian education at Heritage Christian School. Students currently attending a public school that has been rated in Academic Emergency or Academic Watch for two of the past three years are eligible to apply. Public school students that will be assigned to such a school in the upcoming school year are also eligible to apply. Students must apply and be accepted for admission to a private school before applying for a state-funded scholarship. The scholarships are not based on income. Transportation is often available. Act fast. Heritage and state applications must be completed and submitted by the last week of March 2012 in order for Heritage to properly process applications by the state deadline of April 13, 2012. Please plan ahead. Visit www.heritagechristianschool.org and click Admissions for more information and to see an article about School Choice that appeared on the front page of The Repository on January 28, 2012.

For complete information and eligibility requirements, visit the Ohio Department of Education Web site at <http://EdChoice.ohio.gov>.

NEED A TUITION DISCOUNT FOR 2012-2013?

Do you know a family who may be interested in Heritage? Invite them to visit, or to send us their information. Current families who help enroll a new family or student will receive a tuition discount through Each One Reach One.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February		23-24	Spring Play, 7 p.m.
17	Church Leaders' Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.	26	Middle School/High School Visitation Day, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
18	Senior Night – J. Babe Stearn Center	28	Move Ahead Day for certain grades
18	Varsity Girls Tournament Game vs. Lake Center at Norwayne HS, 6:30 p.m.	30	ACSI Math Olympics (3rd – 8th Grade) at Heartland Christian
20	Presidents' Day – No School		
24	Progress Reports Go Home	April	
27	Varsity Boys Tournament vs. Mogadore at Struthers, 6 p.m.	2	Chapel (Gr. 6-12 "Path to the Cross")
		5	K-12 Chapel
March		5-13	Easter Break – No School (Preschool – Grade 12)
6	Kindergarten Readiness Workshop, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	16	School Resumes
8	Spring Picture Day/Mom & Me Luncheon	19-20	8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip
10	ACSI Elementary Speech Meet, Kingdom Way in Wadsworth	21	4th Annual Dinner and Auction, 3 p.m., First Christian Church
10	School-Wide Work Day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	21	ACSI Jr. High/Sr. High Music Festival at Cedarville University
12-16	OGT Testing – Spring Session (Sophomores)	23-27	Stanford Achievement Testing
15	Kindergarten Open House, 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.	27	ACSI Elementary Music Festival at Parma Heights Christian Academy
15	Winter Sports Banquet at HCS, 6 p.m.		
16	End of 3rd Nine Weeks	May	
16	Lock-In at HCS, 7 p.m. to midnight for grades 4 to 12.	4	Progress Reports Go Home
16	Candy Sale Ends	4	ACSI Art Festival at Southwest Christian Church
19	Teacher/Staff In Service – No School (K-12)	10-16	Scholastic Book Fair (Library)
20	ACSI High School Speech Meet at Mount Vernon Nazarene Univ.	11	Fine Arts Festival and Honoring of Mrs. Elisabeth Barbee, 7 p.m.
22	ACSI Junior High Speech Meet at Lake Center Christian	11	Pasta Dinner in Café – 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
23	Report Cards Go Home		

FOURTH GRADERS REPORT THAT LEARNING IS FUN!

Fourth grader Charles Costello suggested that his class produce a newspaper. He took the idea to Principal Pizor who agreed that writing a newsletter would be a good learning experience. Now, thanks to 23 interesting and comical fourth graders, and the help of several teachers, "What's Up in 4M" became a reality.

The articles cover everything from recess improvements to field trips to class projects to McConahay Moo-la (reward "money").

In an article about SMARTboards, Justyce Jamerson says this: "Smartboards are very cool. They are like giant computers! When we use them, I get excited! Smartboards aren't just fun, they're educational too...We use the Smartboards every day in a lot of subjects like in reading, science, Bible, history, and language. We even have special pens to write on it and it's even a touchscreen...We are thankful for SMARTboards and we thank GOD for them."

In Cameron Parks' article "Ohio Notebooks," he said, "All the students in 4M have made a book, have you? We got to put pictures in our Ohio books... Ohio history is awesome and so was making our own Ohio book."

Natalie Schmitt wrote about her "fun teacher," Mrs. Rebecca McConahay: "When we need to quiet down, instead of yelling, she quacks a duck call. Her favorite food is ice cream...She likes skunk smell...She is the best teacher ever!"

Adam Nowak wrote about the class field trip to Stump Hill. He said, "Stump Hill Farm -- don't get confused by the name. It is not really a farm but an animal shelter where they rescue hurt animals... We fed the camels carrots and the teacher and parents had to feed the camels carrots with their mouths...God provided a good day."

Jenny Davis said this about Mr. Howard Pizor in her article called, "My Principal": "His favorite job to do is watch kids grow in Christ."

HERITAGE MUSIC DIRECTOR RECOGNIZED



Mrs. Andrea Clemens will be acknowledged in Ohio Magazine's 2012 Excellence in Education – Private High Schools recognition program. This recognition is "given to Ohio's top private high school teachers". Mrs. Clemens will be listed for Choir and Band and will be introduced along with a feature story about education. Congratulations to Mrs. Clemens!

TRIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help is needed on Monday and Friday mornings to take and fill orders for the Tuition Reduction Incentive Program, known as TRIP! We are seeking volunteers who will learn 1) how to process and fill orders using the software program and 2) how to distribute gift certificate and gift cards to families who order. Thank you to Mrs. Raechel Sickafoose for her faithfulness volunteering. She can't do it all alone! This is a great way to volunteer and help Heritage!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Fourth grade students Natalie Schmitt, Jza Skinner, Jasper Robison and Evan Caldwell show the Black History Month portfolios they are creating.

The fourth grade is celebrating Black History Month by creating an African-American biography portfolio. They are reading short biographies about historic/famous African-Americans, such as Benjamin Banneker, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, Scott Joplin, Marian Anderson, Louis Armstrong, Thurgood Marshall, Jesse Owens, Rosa Parks, Jackie Robinson, Martin Luther King Jr., Colin Powell, and Wilma Rudolph. They also watched a movie about Harriet Tubman and will have a guest speaker.

PRESCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February – Spanish Month

- 3 Chapel 9 a.m.
- 14 *Pink, Red, & Purple Day
- 20 NO SCHOOL – Presidents’ Day
- 29 * Fiesta Day

March – Mission Month

- 6 Candy Sale Ends/Chapel 9 a.m.
- 6 Kindergarten Readiness Workshop, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Mom & Me Luncheon – Spring Picture Day
- 10 School Wide Work Day 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- 15 Kindergarten Open House, 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- 19 Kidmobile
- 28 Field Trip to SarahCare Center, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

April – Earth Month

- 6 **NO SCHOOL – Good Friday**
- 9-15 **NO SCHOOL – Easter break**
- 16 School Resumes / Kidmobile
- 16-20 Conferences (3-year-olds)

- 21 **Annual Dinner and Auction, First Christian Church**
- 23-27 Conferences (4- and 5-year-olds)
- 27 Field Trip to McKinley Museum, 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

May

- 4 Chapel 9 a.m.
- 10-16 Scholastic Book Fair
- 11 Fine Arts Festival 7 p.m., Pasta Dinner 4:30 p.m.
- 14 Kidmobile
- 14-22 Graduation Practices
- 23 **Preschool Graduation - Noon**
- 28 **NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day**
- 31 **Last Day of School!**

June

- 4 Summer Fun Club Begins

*** Indicates Fun Days. Please dress up or bring in items to match the theme!**

SPRING PLAY



By Andrew Ross (also wrote Northwoods Nonsense)

7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24

Tickets: \$5 adults, \$3 students and alumni. Buy a ticket Friday, and attend FREE on Saturday. (Tickets are nontransferable).

What is there to do in the middle of Nowhere? Just ask a temperamental movie star, the paparazzi, secret agents, the local DJ, a crooked congressman, the sheriff, and two brothers putting on a two-man production of *Romeo and Juliet!* The government has 500 tons of toxic waste they need to store somewhere, so they decide to dump it in Nowhere. But will the government agents successfully talk the citizens into leaving? Will the arrival of a high-strung actress complicate matters? Will anyone in the cast survive the food and water served at the Lonesome Dog Café? Get ready for tons of fun, an outpouring of laughter, and possibly the worst performance of Shakespeare ever staged!



KID COMEDY

Kindergarten student to Mrs. Richard: "Here's a dollar for you, Mrs. Richard, because you work so hard."

"A student came into the Main Office because she wasn't feeling well after gym class. She complained that her heart was 'beeping' too fast."

– submitted by Mrs. Alina Wagner

The 3-year-olds in the Preschool were talking in class about Mary having Jesus in her tummy. A little girl said, "My mom is too skinny -- she can't have any more babies in there, but my daddy could probably have like four!"

– submitted by Mrs. Kara Metzger, Preschool teacher

Mrs. Graybeal's second grade class was practicing for the Christmas concert, and Mrs. Martin was overseeing them. One student was sitting out of practice because he had a previous family commitment and wouldn't be able to sing at the concert. He didn't like having to sit and watch the rehearsal. He said, "I just want to sing for the Lord!"

– submitted by Mrs. Kathy Martin, computer teacher and outreach coordinator

READING LAB SUPPORTS LEARNING

Students who come to the learning lab are able to receive more individualized instruction in math and reading, and reinforce the skills they are learning in their classrooms. Our reading lab teacher Allison Paige is currently working with students on the following skills:

- Kindergarten: letter/number recognition, beginning sounds, counting to 100.
- 1st grade: reading short stories with short and long vowel sounds and blends; writing complete sentences; adding/subtracting 4 digit numbers, telling time, and combining coins.
- 2nd grade: reading fluency/comprehension, writing complete sentences, borrowing with 3 digit numbers, and basic multiplication facts.
- 3rd grade: reading comprehension, short essay writing, long division, simple equations, and converting measurements.
- 4th grade: comparing/contrasting articles, reading comprehension, long division, fractions, and story problems.
- 5th grade: study skills, reading fluency/comprehension, long division, fractions, and story problems.

Missions At HCS...

Heritage Christian School teachers and volunteers serve Jesus Christ – not only during the school day, but also outside of Heritage, in many different ways. Here are just a few examples of how Heritage people participate in outreach!

FROM NORTH CAROLINA TO AFRICA



Mrs. Rebecca McConahay (pictured above with husband Eric).

"In the beginning of December, I went with a team of nine others from my church, Canal Fulton Christian Fellowship, to Samaritan's Purse headquarters in Boon, North Carolina. We volunteered in a processing center for one of their largest outreach ministries, Operation Christmas Child. Some of our jobs included unpacking, inspecting, repacking, taping, categorizing, and finalizing shoe boxes to be shipped to children in other countries. On our last day we helped set a new record for the Boon facility by processing over 60,000 shoe boxes in a single day! All of the boxes we worked on were being shipped to South Sudan and the Republic of Congo.

Last year more than 8 million shoe boxes were collected, processed, and passed out to children in over 100 struggling countries. The most exciting part is each shoe box that is given to a child comes with a copy of the Scripture written in the child's native language. For many children this isn't just the only gift they will ever receive, but it is also the only way they will ever hear about Jesus Christ and the amazing sacrifice he made for them at Calvary."

....AROUND THE CORNER IN CANTON

Mrs. Raechel Sickafoose

"I have been a volunteer with the Pregnancy Support Center of Stark County since Michaela was born. I am the liaison between the PSC and my church, keeping families aware of their options and ways they can help the center. On January 22 we celebrated Sanctity of Human Life Sunday which reminds us that ALL life is precious in His sight. The next big event is the annual Treasures In Heaven Auction and dinner. I enjoy participating in the Walk For Life, which is usually in the fall. Michaela and I have participated since she was a baby."

...IN CENTRAL AMERICA



Mrs. Karla Robinson, Middle School/High School Lead Teacher with Christian school students in Honduras.

"JARDÍN de GRACIA (*Garden of Grace* in Spanish) is a Christian school mission located in El Socorro, Honduras in Central America. The mission was formed to serve the very poorest of the poor in that area. The heart of their ministry is to teach children about Jesus Christ through education programs.

My brother first got involved with this ministry through Perry Christian Church back in 2004. His enthusiasm quickly rubbed off on me. I had to see what this was all about. I never thought being a missionary was for me. I was quickly changed. Never had I seen such poverty and yet such simple happiness. The children are full of love and anxious to be taught. I have taken four trips to Honduras since my first trip about six years ago. We spend the week doing a lot of physical work for the school. I've poured and moved cement all by hand, I've built desks and chairs, painted many of the classrooms, and fixed many things that quickly become run down being in the middle of the jungle. But we also spend much of our time preparing a daily Vacation Bible School for the whole town. The first day we are there we send the message out and simply by word of mouth over 200 children will come to hear about Jesus. Many of them walk several miles to come and hear.

We spend most of our evenings in the village getting to know the families. Poverty is a way of life. But they open their homes and their hearts to us and welcome us in. We raise our own money and resources to go on each trip. I have been blessed beyond measure to be part of this ministry. I haven't been able to get back there for the past two year due to the date of the trip being during our school year. But I hope to make it back soon. I would encourage everyone to take at least one short term mission trip in your lifetime. It will definitely change your thinking. God does amazing things through those who are willing."

DAUGHTER OF HCS ALUM MAKES IT TO HOLLYWOOD



Jeff Finefrock (HCS Class of 1988) is a Product Development Manager at Timken. His wife of 20 years, Andrea (Young) Finefrock is a freelance writer and communications specialist. The Finefrock family (L-R): Elliot (16), Jovie (2), Andrea, Jeff, Aliza (10), Amelia (17).

Meet Amelia Finefrock (pictured above at right), a Stark County resident who made it to Hollywood as an American Idol contestant. She also happens to be daughter of HCS Class of 1988 alum Jeff Finefrock and his wife Andrea (Young) Finefrock.

A senior at Lake High School, Amelia auditioned for AI in Pittsburgh. Front-page stories about her appeared in *The Repository* and *The Akron Beacon Journal*, and Amelia appeared in local radio interviews and online news stories.

Dan Kane of *The Repository* interviewed Amelia and her parents. Following are excerpts of that article which appeared February 6.

"I was so nervous," Finefrock, 17, recalled. "I was praying the whole time, 'God give me strength.'"

Finefrock first sang "Syrup and Honey," a bluesy number from British vocalist Duffy, then at the panel's urging she launched into a second song, "I Want You Back" by the Jackson 5.

"They gave me a lot of constructive criticism," she said. "They said, 'Work on your song choices.' Their biggest fear was me not being able to sing more than one type of genre."

Then J-Lo uttered four words that changed everything: "You're going to Hollywood!" Finefrock was moving forward to Hollywood Week, the second round of "American Idol." ...

Jeff Finefrock is not surprised his daughter aced her "American Idol" audition.

"When she was a toddler, on long car trips she'd be in the back in her car seat and sing these extemporaneous songs for an hour. We'd turn off the radio and listen. She hasn't stopped since.

"She's grown up watching 'American Idol' since the first season," he said. "I always told her she'd be on the show one day."

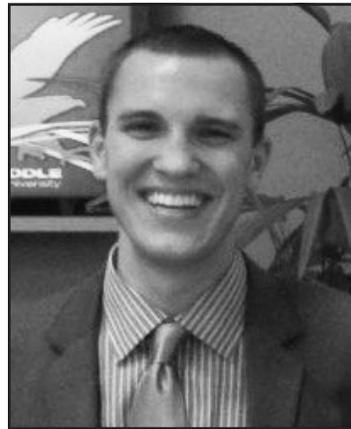
Though Amelia Finefrock was eliminated during Hollywood week, she has much more singing to do.

In her interview with Rich Heldenfels of *The Akron Beacon Journal*, Amelia said this regarding her future plans: *"I'm not a hundred percent sure," she said. "I would love to go into musical theater, but I'm open to whatever God has planned for me. Just getting this far is such a blessing."*

That legacy of faith had some of its roots developed at Heritage Christian School when Jeff was a student.

"Heritage provided me a strong foundation of faith and friendships before embarking on my life as an adult," said Jeff. "Teachers like Mr. Cannon, Mr. Pizor, Mrs. McNatt and Mrs. Schrock were influential in my learning and in my life. I paid for my own tuition for my two years at Heritage by working for Jim Campbell (Jeff, Shawn and Brian Campbell's dad) in his metal plating company. I only mention this because it taught me the value of a Christian education. I took that into adulthood. My wife Andrea and I sent Amelia and her brother Elliot to Wooster Christian School through their elementary years to give them a strong foundation upon which to build their lives. I served on the board there and tried to reflect on the values Heritage provided me into the culture of the school... So many of the Heritage family have embraced and encouraged the efforts of my daughter and her American Idol experience. I am not surprised because that's how families work."

2008 ALUM MICAH FRITZ LANDS JOB WITH BOEING



Less than four years after graduating from HCS, Micah Fritz is headed to a "dream job" with Boeing. Fritz took a position in the Business Career Foundation Program – Defense, Space and Security Division. He chose this because it is an accelerated two-year leadership and development program that allows employees to rotate through six different jobs related to Finance. Fritz says this will enable him to gain experience in several areas and find out what he enjoys doing most. At the same time, he can develop skills and leadership abilities through non-traditional experiences. "For

example, today I was able to attend the quarterly webcast for Boeing Defense," Fritz said, "and I was able to meet the CEO of the Defense division. Amazing opportunities like this one are what this program is about."

The job search process was harrowing. Fritz applied for at least 100 jobs and interviewed for some, including with United Airlines in Chicago, L-3 Communications in Texas, Raytheon in Boston, CIT Group in New York City, and Boeing in Southern California. He received five job offers, three of which were from Boeing, where he had interned in Boeing Commercial Airplanes during his final year of college at Embry-Riddle.

Fritz began his studies at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in August 2008. He initially studied Aerospace Engineering, but switched to Business Administration after one semester, he said. While at Embry-Riddle, he took extra classes each semester and summer classes at Stark State. In the fall of 2010, Fritz obtained the Boeing internship. He graduated in December of 2011 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Air Transportation, minoring in International Relations and Homeland Security. He finished his college career with a 3.997 GPA, earning just one B.

He says the education at Heritage helped prepare him well.

"I think the best way that Heritage helped me be successful at Embry-Riddle and now at Boeing was teaching me the lesson of hard work," Fritz said. "In order to get through classes at Heritage like Mrs. Croston's Calculus class and Ms. Thomas' (Mortenson's) English class, I had to apply myself and work hard. In fact, my favorite quote is that you can do anything you want when you work hard to attain it and that is one of my strongest characteristics that Heritage helped develop in me. Through my hard working mentality, determined attitude, and dedication to learn and excel, I have been able to achieve what I have today and Heritage helped instill all of those strengths in me. Each teacher is different and unique, but each class gave a different perspective and taught me something different to build me into who I am today."

Fritz went on to share specific memories of his days at Heritage (Pi Day, singing songs in Spanish class, helping with the Fine Arts Festival, Honors English, sports) and how those experiences helped instill fun, hard work, teamwork and the value of good relationships.

"I think there is definite correlation because the teachers at Heritage care about the students and find new ways to teach the class. That is what Heritage did for me—it taught me valuable life lessons that I have taken with me to college and now to a full-time job. It taught me to enjoy life and thank God for all He has blessed you with, but it also showed me how to work hard, dedicate myself to the task, work with others, maintain a positive attitude, and so much more. These are the characteristics that have brought me to where I am today and I am so thankful to God for giving me this amazing job with Boeing. It really is my dream job!"

High School Honor Roll

First Nine Weeks

*Denotes High Honor

12th Grade

Matthew Davis
Anthony DeMarco*
Mitch Fritz*
Shaun Gentry
Lexi Jakubiak*
Bryce Kindy
Josh Render*
Angelia Thompson*
Kalene Wagner

11th Grade

Austin Caldwell
Abbey Earich*
Shannon Grimes*
Rachel King*

10th Grade

Andrew Boak
Brian Cassler
Joey Corbit*
Nathan Martin*
Ryan Neighbor
Luke Schmidt*

9th Grade

Josh Bartsch*
Chance Blankenship
Julia Brooks*
Ruthanne Brooks*
Diva Colter*
Andrew DeMarco
Hannah Kasler
Melody Rexrode

Honor Roll

8th Grade

Siera Colter
Ashlee Galliher*
Claire King*

7th Grade

Rachel Bartsch
Walker Collins
Katie Corbit*
Trustyn Holland-Kerekes
Austin Jakubiak
Molly Maxin
Andrew Wade*

6th Grade

David Bartsch*
Christian Chang*
Maci Jakubiak
Caitlin McPherson
Kelcey Norris
Luke Nowak*
Rachel Schukert

(Correction to Dec. 2011 newsletter: Rachel Schukert also made the 1st quarter honor roll. Her name was mistakenly omitted due to a SPARCC computer error.)

Middle School and High School News

COUNSELOR ADDRESSES TOPICS OF BULLYING AND RESPECT

Valerie Grisak, Licensed Independent Social Work and counselor with New Beginnings Counseling Center has been working with middle school classrooms to discuss important topics. Mrs. Grisak talked with middle school students about bullying and about respect for everyone. She gave students "tools" to use to stop bullying. These tools were written on actual tool shapes and put into a tool belt. Some of the tools included the following: Say "stop" and ask "why" questions, walk away, say a word in a neutral tone, distract the bully by calmly talking about other things, use humor in a harmless way, and turn the negative into a positive. Mrs. Grisak used a book called "Confessions of a Former Bully". Mrs. Amber Kasler's classes talked together later about praying for the bully as Jesus has called us to pray for our enemies. Mrs. Grisak also spoke in Ms. Lori Brittain's science classrooms on the topic of respect -- what it means to respect yourself and to respect others. This included a lesson on self-talk to help increase students' positive feelings about themselves. "I think she is very creative with her presentations, and the students are responding well to her," said Mrs. Kasler.

SENIORS REGISTER TO VOTE

High School Government and History teacher Mr. Donavon "Marty" Martin took seven HCS seniors who reside in Stark County to register to vote. They completed their registration forms ahead of time, so they could quickly become "official". "Our teenagers can many times frustrate us with their apathetic attitudes," said Mr. Martin, "but I am pleased to report to the Heritage family that our senior class seems to have an interest in current events and was excited to have the opportunity to become registered voters during this Presidential election year."

PEER TUTORING

Peer Tutoring is available 3rd, 4th, 6th and 10th periods for students needing additional academic assistance. Peer tutors were chosen and approved by the teachers to help others who might need assistance in specific areas. The following students have graciously given up their study halls to help others: Shannon Grimes, Angelia Thompson, Anthony DeMarco, Abbey Earich, Rachel King and Kalene Wagner. If your student is struggling with any subject and has a study hall during one of these times, encourage him or her to use this service to work on something that is difficult, study for a test, review for a project or just to get some extra review help.

EXPANDED GUIDANCE SERVICES AVAILABLE NOW

HCS is pleased to expand the guidance services available to families by providing access to on-site Christian-based counseling services.

- Counseling services are offered to HCS students and their families on a fee-for-service basis through a third-party provider, New Beginnings Counseling Center, and not by Heritage Christian School
- Heritage families requesting counseling services must schedule appointments and make payment arrangements directly with New Beginnings at [330-966-1620](tel:330-966-1620)
- All counseling is strictly confidential. Information will not be released to HCS without your authorization.

Services: Diagnostic Assessment, Development of Individual Service Plan, Ongoing Counseling Services and Consultation with Heritage faculty as needed.

Insurance: Your insurance will be billed for services provided. Counseling may be covered by most insurance plans and through Medicaid. A self-pay sliding fee option also is available.

Availability: Counseling will be available on Thursdays at Heritage during the school day.

Questions: Contact New Beginnings Counseling Center at [330-966-1620](tel:330-966-1620).

BETA VISITS ELDERLY

By Claire King, 8th grade

The Middle School Beta Club went to the Inn at Belden Village this year. We played Xbox Kinect with the residents, and we also played bingo and talked with them. One lady told some of us to sing for her. After we sang, she sang a few songs for us. We also made Valentine's Day crafts, and I think they enjoyed the company. It was really fun!

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK CHALLENGES STUDENTS

Theme: Guarding Your Gates
Scripture: Proverbs 4:23 - "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." (NIV)

Thank you to speakers Eric Coblentz, senior at Malone University, and to Mike Brown, executive director of the Eric Snow YMCA in Canton, and former basketball coach for Heritage Christian and Malone University.

Over the course of three chapel services, Coblentz and Brown discussed the five gates to a persons' heart: the eargate (Matthew 15:18-19) the eyegate (Philippians 4:8) the mouthgate (Matthew 15:18-19), the nosegate and the feelgate. The teaching touched on subjects such as music and lyrics, TV viewing, Internet use, language use, drugs, and intimacy. Each day, a time of repentance was offered. Students took the opportunity to come forward for confession and prayer and encouragement. Students also broke off into small groups for prayer, led by HCS juniors and seniors. Our student Praise Band and Mrs. Andrea Clemens led the worshipful music, which filled the whole building. Some students even talked to teachers about how much they learned that week.

SOUPER BOWL STOCKS LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

The Senior High Beta Club once again spearheaded Heritage's involvement in the national "Souper Bowl of Caring". The Sr. High Beta Club is an academic honor club and service group that helps people in need through volunteerism. The Souper Bowl of Caring is a nationwide food donation drive that runs in tandem with the buildup to the NFL Super Bowl and is completely student-led. "We set a goal of 1,000 items and came very close with 764 items collected!" said Mrs. Karen Croston, advisor. "Though we didn't meet the goal, that is still a tremendous amount of food collected. Great job, and thank you to all who participated!" On Thursday, February 16 the Sr. High Beta partnered with the Heritage kindergarteners to deliver all food donations to the Total Living Center, a ministry at which our 6th-12th grade students volunteer on a weekly basis as part of our Christians in Action program.

STUDENTS IN CIA SERVE CANTON

The 6th-12th grade Christians in Action (CIA) program allows teams of Heritage students to serve at local food pantries and shelters as part of our mission of "Community Commitment". This year students are serving at Total Living Center. We are so pleased that HCS kids and staff were able to help accomplish the following:

- In December alone, the TLC provided more than 500 children with toys for Christmas.
- On December 8, the TLC gave away 31,477 pounds of groceries. That is 15-1/2 tons!
- Just before Christmas, they expected to give away another 30,000 pounds of free groceries.

All of that and so much more is done on a daily basis as well as preaching the gospel to the poor.

OUR LOVING CONDOLENCES...

To Noah Kandel (5th grade) and Morgan, Mark and family at the death of Melissa Kandel-Nichols

To Jeff and Tina Gill and Mrs. Christine Limpus and families at the death of Lauren Marissa Marne Gill (HCS Class of 2006)

To Larry and Carolyn Gehrett and family at the death of Michael Gehrett (Class of 2007)

To the many Heritage staff, family and friends, who are grieving the recent death of loved ones.

To the Brooks family in the passing of baby Louis Peter Brooks II.

From the Brooks family:

Dear HCS family and Board,

Thank you to each and every one of you for being the hands and feet of Christ at the time of our grief and loss at the death of our precious baby Louis Peter Brooks II. We have truly felt the prayers and support of our Heritage family and take great comfort in knowing the Lord has used you to care for our family at the time of our greatest need. Thanks for the meals, planter, cards, e-mails, kind words, hugs and prayers. You will never know this side of heaven how much your love has ministered to us. "Weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning." Psalm 30:5b. With love, The Brooks Family.

Sports News

The Winter Sports Banquet is Thursday, March 15 at 6 p.m. Fall Sports award winners are as follows:

Jr. High Volleyball

Conqueror Award: Ashlee Galliher
Most Improved: Kelcey Norris
Best Attitude: Rachel Bartsch

Varsity Volleyball

Conqueror Award: Hannah Kasler

Varsity Golf

Conqueror Award: Bryce Kindy
Most Consistent: Symeon Crosier
Most Improved: Nathan Martin
Most Outstanding: Joshua Yarber

Flag Football

Conqueror Award: Matthew Davis

HOMECOMING COURT 2011-2012



L to R: Sophomore Ambassadors: Nathan Martin and Logan Webster, Senior Ambassadors: Evan Seese and Lexi Jakubiak, Queen Kalene Wagner and King Anthony DeMarco, Junior Ambassadors: Austin Caldwell and Shannon Grimes, Freshman Ambassadors: Josh Bartsch and Hannah Kasler.

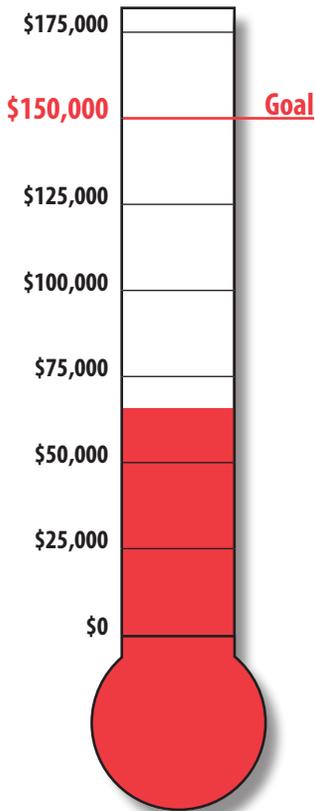
The Homecoming Court was announced during halftime of the basketball games on Saturday, January 21, followed by "Dancing through the Decades." This great night of fun, dancing, games, finger food and photography included a presentation of "vintage" homecoming photos from staff and board members – and there was 80s hair like you've never seen (you know who you are!) Many thanks go to our Student Council and Mrs. Kathy Martin and Mr. Brian Brooks for their work, as well as the many other staff and volunteers who made the evening fun. Thank you to HCS alum, Anna Earich, Class of 2008, who provided photography services.

FAMILIES DONATE 5,190 BOOKS FOR AFRICAN STUDENTS

The HCS sophomore class and Better World Books received more than 5,000 donated books to help improve the education in Uganda. Any usable books that were donated were sold to fund the building of schools in Uganda, or help to supply books in the built schools. The fifth grade class won the ice cream party for collecting 1,444 books. Thank you for helping HCS minister to students across the globe!

Development and Fundraising

PROGRESS TOWARD FINAL GOAL: \$150,000



Heritage Christian School's annual budget is based on fundraising for nearly 10% of its operating money. This is accomplished through sales, the hike, events and donations. We ask that each family support this effort to help balance the budget and meet or exceed our goal by the end of the school year.

Get involved and help make these activities a success:

- Golf Outing
Goal \$15,000 | \$6,000
- Heritage Hike
Goal \$20,000 | \$15,000
- Jubilee Card Sale
Goal \$10,000 | \$12,500
- Spring Auction
Goal \$25,000
- Candy Sale
Goal \$8,000
- Annual Fund Donations
Goal \$72,000 | \$35,500

• **Total \$150,000 | Raised \$69,000**

Please Help Us Reach Our Goal By June 30, 2012.

JUBILEE 2011 TOP SELLERS

Thank you for raising \$12,520 profit for HCS by selling the Jubilee Savings Card! Top sellers, grade, and prizes are below! Great job, families!

Kalene Wagner (12th grade) laptop, Derek McNutt (9th grade) television, Macy Banner (6th grade) movie night, Sean Boyle (7th grade) iPod, Natalie Schmitt (4th grade) Nintendo DS, Sawyer Collins (9th grade) Nintendo DS, Austin Caldwell (11th grade) giant panda, Trustyn Holland-Kerekes (7th grade) Nerf gun. Approximately 50 elementary students earned the "Panda-monium" ice cream party. Approximately 65 middle school and high school students earned the day off.

HCS RAISES \$1500+ FOR 93 CENTS FOR FLIGHT 93

Heritage students raised and donated more than \$1,500 for 93 Cents for Flight 93, an organization that is raising money to fund the completion of the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, PA. The Heritage Christian School banner that was created to honor the heroes of Flight 93 has been signed by students and donors and is now ready to travel to its final destination -- the national memorial site. Thank you, families, for encouraging your students to make a small sacrifice of time or money in order to honor the 40 heroes of Flight 93.

HERITAGE WELCOMES DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Heritage has contracted with Mr. Charles Riddle who will serve as Director of Development. Most recently, Mr. Riddle directed the Fund Development Department for the Buckeye Council of the Boy Scouts of America where he raised more than \$5 million since 2008, including a \$1,000,000 capital campaign in 2011. Prior to that, he directed Memory Walks for the Alzheimer's Association in Winston-Salem, NC for two years, raising \$530,000. He spent many years working for the Boy Scouts of America, for the United Way as president and CEO, and in hospital development raising \$14,000,000 in capital campaigns in two years. He and his wife Carolyn permanently reside in North Carolina, with Mr. Riddle commuting from Canton every couple of weeks. He received an AB in Education, History and Political Science with a minor in Education and completed business and leadership coursework at Rollins College and Harvard Management Institute.



"AVENUES OF GIVING" TO HCS

By Mr. Charles C. Riddle Sr.

Focusing on our Mission of the ABC's – Academic Excellence, Bible Based, and Community Commitment – Heritage Christian School has "Avenues of Giving" for you to help us move our Mission forward.

The Federal Tax Code enables individuals, companies, corporations, foundations and trusts, to make financial gifts to Heritage Christian School. These can be very beneficial to the giver and the recipient. For descriptions and brief explanations of these gifts, go to www.heritagechristianschool.org and click Support HCS, Avenues of Giving.

Some of these Avenues of Giving include:

1. Gifts of Cash
2. Cash Pledged Over a Period of Years
3. Appreciated Stock
4. Bonds and Mutual Funds
5. CD's, Savings Accounts, Brokerage Accounts, Checking Accounts with P.O.D. Provisions.
6. Gift Annuity
7. Deferred Gift Annuity
- 8 & 9. Charitable Remainder Trust (Irrevocable Annuity and Unitrust)
10. Charitable Lead Trust
11. Bequest Through Will
12. Gift of Life Insurance
13. Personal Property

Please consider one of these Avenues of Giving to Heritage Christian School and on behalf of the students we serve, "Thank You!" for your interest and support.

Development and Fundraising

FOURTH ANNUAL DINNER & BENEFIT AUCTION

**“Keeping Our Heritage Legacy Alive”
Saturday, April 21, 2012**

**First Christian Church “Heritage” Hall
6900 Market Ave. N. in Canton
Doors open at 3 p.m. for Registration
& Silent Auction**

**Silent Auction closes at 5:00
Dinner begins at approximately 5:00 p.m.**

**Tickets Purchased & Paid For Before April 1, 2012
are \$25.00 per person
Tickets purchased April 2, 2012 or after
are \$29.00 per person**

Your Auction Committee is busily searching for those ‘hard to get’ items which will help bring HCS a profit, as well as provide excitement for you that evening. We are excited this year to announce two auctioneers who have graciously offered their services to us. Pete Stauffer & Jack Schlabach of Kaufman Realty will be handling our live auction. As for our wish list, there are still many items you can help us find and obtain. For information, go to www.heritagechristianschool.org, and click Support HCS for auction information. The auction is Heritage’s largest fundraiser. We appreciate participation from all our Heritage friends and families!

What can you do to help? Buy a ticket, bring a friend, bid, bid, bid, donate a service/item/tickets, and more! Think of things you’d be interested in – these are certainly things others are interested in as well.

Posted on our website is a listing of items secured, plus many more. The site is getting updated on a weekly basis. Check out a few of the great items we are offering: a two-day/one night’s stay at the beautiful Coven Haven or Paradise Stream or Pocono Palace Resort, an overnight stay at Fort Rapids -- Central Ohio’s Largest Indoor Waterpark Resort with waterpark passes for 4 people, Weekend rental of a high end vehicle from Jeff’s Motors, Football autographed by Peyton Hillis, Private Basketball coaching by Dave Hoover, Ride-along with North Canton Police Chief Wilder, Job-shadowing Time with Canton’s Mayor William Healy, Job-shadowing Time with North Canton’s Mayor David Held, a Lunch Cruise for two on the Nautica Queen Cruise Dining Ship, Handmade beautiful baby crocheted outfits with hats, Private Party hosted by Lynda Tuttle’s Art Gallery in downtown Canton for 8 of your friends/children/couples, Handmade Quilts, Handcrafted Dollhouse built and decorated by Martin Pertican.



The Kindle Fire, one of the hot items available at our auction!

ASSOCIATION MEETING ADDRESSES NEED

At the January meeting of the Association, the board and administration presented the current state of Heritage’s finances and enrollment, along with ways that families and friends can help.

What is currently being done?

- Internal cost savings
- Ongoing collections efforts on past due accounts
- New consolidated financial statement for all families
- Appeal to 85 former leaders/key people of HCS
- Formal requests to the HCS Endowment Fund
- Targeted grant requests to area foundations
- Liquidation of unused school assets
- Retention of a professional development consultant
- New student recruitment

How you can help

- Pray, pray, pray
- Resolve to be part of the solution
- Be a proactive and positive representative of HCS to your church and community
- Re-enroll your students early. This allows HCS to plan finances and academics more efficiently for next year
- Help recruit new students to HCS (and earn a tuition discount for your family)
- Prayerfully consider joining HCS leadership through the Board or one of our several working committees
- Ask how you can get involved

Board Chairman Edward Yarber shared 1 Corinthians 3:5 – 10 to encourage all Board, Administration and Association members to work together to build up the body of Christ, and to sow that we may reap a good and eternal harvest: “So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.”

LOCK-IN AT HCS – BRING A FRIEND!

Friday, March 16

Grades 4 to 12

\$10 per student or
\$20 family max.

7 p.m. to midnight

Movies, Volleyball, basketball,
more video games

NEW: Board Games, & 2nd Floor
Hall Games

More Food and More Fun!



FINE ARTS FESTIVAL TO HONOR MRS. BARBEE

Honoring Mrs. Elisabeth Barbee

The Annual Fine Arts Festival "Songs from Stage and Screen" will celebrate and honor long-time Heritage Music and Band Director Mrs. Elisabeth Barbee. Alumni and friends are cordially invited to Heritage to enjoy the best of this school year's art, music, drama and creativity! There will be a special presentation, as well as a time to gather in Mrs. Barbee's honor to share special memories. Save the date!

Friday, May 11, 2012

Pasta Dinner, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Art Festival, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Music Festival Honoring Mrs. Barbee, 7 p.m.



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