



# THE HERITAGE CONQUEROR



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December 2013

## A WORD FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



Greetings and Blessings to each of you,

It is hard to believe that the first nine weeks of school is over, report cards have been sent home, and parent-teacher conferences are completed! This fall was full of Bible Bowl, volleyball games and basketball practices, testing for academic achievement, spelling bees, fire and safety drills, play rehearsals and much more.

These are the highlights for this year so far;

- The 2012-2013 year-end financial statement reflected a very positive end of year with total net assets of \$483,491.00 versus \$313,859.00 for the 2011-2012 year. This includes \$6633.970.00 in contributions from fundraisers for capital and operating expenses.
- This year (2013-2014) began with a 27% increase in students from the previous year for a total school enrollment of 281 students from Preschool through 12th grade. This led to the hiring of four new teachers. Two in the Elementary and two in the Secondary.
- A foundation gift enabled the teachers to have their classrooms painted and decorated with murals, curtains, and rugs.
- A five year contract was signed with the Martin Center to be the home court for all basketball and volleyball games and practices.
- Fifty-seven community leaders showed interest in Christian Education as they attended one of our Heart of Heritage Tours.
- With a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Gill, Stark County's first and Ohio's second Ben Carson Reading Room was made possible. The grand opening took place on October 11, 2013.

Most important of all is that students at Heritage are growing mentally, physically, and spiritually as they move toward being the person that God is calling them to be.

In His name and service,

*Charles C. Riddle Sr.*

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Interim Administrator/Fund Development Director

## BEN CARSON READING ROOM

On October 11, we had our Grand Opening of the first Ben Carson Reading Room in Stark County, and the second in the state. Canton's Mayor Healy, community leaders, doctors and nurses from surrounding hospitals and supporters of Heritage Christian were in attendance. Bob and Jackie Gill sponsored the Reading Room and were the guests of honor for the ceremony. The Gill's first heard Dr. Ben Carson's story at the 25th anniversary of Habitat for Humanity celebration. They were touched by his passion for education.

Also in attendance was Tammy Blazenyack from the Carson Scholars Fund. She worked closely with Heritage from the construction of the room to the opening ceremony. Heritage will continue working with the Carson Scholars Fund as they are now also participants of the Carson Scholarship Program starting this school year. To find out more about the scholarships through the Carson Scholar Fund, go to [carsonscholars.org](http://carsonscholars.org).

Dr. Ben Carson was unable to attend, but he sent a video congratulating Heritage on being the first Reading Room in Stark County. He also thanked Bob and Jackie Gill for their dedication to their community and support of the program. "THINK BIG is Dr. Ben Carson's philosophy that promotes outstanding academic achievement and dedication to helping others. Children, students, and adults have found that when they THINK BIG, they are on their way to achieving their goals" ([carsonscholars.org](http://carsonscholars.org)). T-Talent, H- Honesty, I-Insight, N-Nice, K-Knowledge, B-Book, I-In-Depth Learning, G-God. This phrase is used throughout the reading room

After the program, the entire student body lined both sides of the hallway holding their favorite book. Guests walked through the hallway and were able to interact with the students as they showed the way to the second floor where the Reading Room is located. Students are excited to start working on their individual goal to read 1,000 minutes by the end of the school year.



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# SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## December

Dec 2 Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL  
Dec 3 School Resumes  
Dec 13 K-12 Christmas Program- 6:30 pm  
Dec 17-19 Secondary Exams  
Dec 19 Winter Sports Picture Day -1:15 pm  
Dec 23-1st Christmas Break

## January

Jan 2 Classes Resume  
Jan 6-10 Secondary Spring Spiritual Emphasis Week  
Jan 7 FAFSA College Financial Aid Meeting -7:00 pm  
Jan 10 End of 2nd Nine Weeks  
Jan 17 Report Cards Sent Home  
Jan 20 Martin Luther King Day NO SCHOOL  
Jan 25 Homecoming Game and Banquet

## February

Feb 7 Parent Appreciation and Move Ahead Night  
Feb 13 Kindergarten Open House  
Feb 17 Presidents Day NO SCHOOL  
Feb 21 Interim Check Point  
Feb 24 Secondary Visitation

## \*March\*

March 6 Teachers' In Service NO SCHOOL K-12  
March 7 Parent-Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL K-12  
March 8 School Wide Work Day-9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
March 10-14 OGT Testing- Spring Session  
March 13 Mom & Me Luncheon- Spring Picture Day  
March 14 End of 3rd Nine Weeks  
March 18 Winter Sports Banquet- 6:00 pm  
March 21 Report Cards Sent Home

*\*Please note that changes have been made to the month of March. The original calendars sent home at the beginning of the school year will not reflect these changes.*

## THANK YOU LOVE THE CHILDREN MINISTRIES



Heritage was chosen by Love the Children Ministries in their Annual School Supply Giveaway. Students from Preschool to 5th Grade were provided all of the school supplies needed to start the school year off right. LoveCanton also contributed to this effort and we are incredibly grateful for the gifts you provided our growing school.

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## GET ACQUAINTED NIGHT - AUGUST 19, 2013

This is such a big year for our Basketball and Volleyball team as we have moved to our new home at the Martin Center. We used this opportunity to show our school spirit and get the students and families excited about being a Conqueror. Over 200 guests were served by our Board of Education hot dogs and macaroni. First Merit had a popsicle truck at the event and passed out popsicles to all of our staff and families. This school-wide picnic turned into one huge school pep rally as the HCS cheerleaders led cheers that got everyone dancing and cheering along. Kathy Martin then instructed everyone to split into their classes and make a spirit sign that would be hung in the Martin Center upon completion. Students and their teachers worked together to create a sign that would show their love and support for our school.

## STAFF UPDATES

**Darryl Owens** has been hired on to be the **Student Mentor**. He works primarily with students who have transitioned to Heritage from other schools and is invested in the social/emotional and student problem solving of our youth. Mr. Owens also works at Canton Calvary Mission as the Program and Education Coordinator, where he provides area students with academic enrichment opportunities. He graduated from Walsh University with a Communication Degree in 2006. Mr. Owens has been married to wife Katherine for six years, has 2 children and one on the way. Welcome to the Heritage Family.

**Kathy Martin** is now the **Business Manager**. Mrs. Martin's new role is to manage both the Development Department and the Bookkeeping/Human Resource Department. Mrs. Martin's ability to manage all of the many hats she wears for Heritage has been a true blessing to our school. There are so many areas behind the scenes that Mrs. Martin is instrumental in. We thank her for her total commitment to the mission of Heritage.

**Heather Burrier** is our new **Canton City Nurse**. Nurse Heather comes to us well-qualified after serving several years at the Aultman Hospital in the Pediatric Department. Heather will follow the same weekly schedule that Nurse Nancy had.

# PRESCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## December

Dec 3 School Resumes  
Dec 6 Christmas Program 6:30p  
Dec 13 Chapel 9a  
Dec 20 \*Crazy Christmas Clothes  
Dec 23 1st Christmas Break NO SCHOOL

## January - Sign Language Month

Jan 1 New Year's Day NO SCHOOL  
Jan 2 School Resumes  
Jan 3 Chapel 9a  
Jan 13 Kidmobile  
Jan 17 Chapel 9a  
Jan 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL

## February - Spanish Month

Feb 7 Chapel 9a  
Feb 10 Kidmobile  
Feb 13 Kindergarten Open House  
Feb 14 \*Pink, Purple, & Red Day  
Feb 17 President's Day NO SCHOOL  
Feb 21 Chapel 9a  
Feb 28 \*Fiesta Day

## March - Missions Month

March 7 Chapel 9a  
March 8 School Wide Work Day 9a-2p  
March 10 Kidmobile  
March 13 Mom & Me Luncheon- Spring Picture Day  
March 21 Chapel 9a  
March 27 Fieldtrip to Sarah Care 10a-11:15a

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

## PRESCHOOL NEWS



Preschool also participated in the Heritage Hike on Friday 10/4. We had a few parent hikers participate as well! We had a fundraising goal of \$300.00. Our students raised \$650.00 and will be celebrating the success with a Preschool-wide festival the first week of November. We will be working on a Recess Room make-over with Miss Reiber and the art department with some of our fundraising funds.

Mrs. Tricia Burton and I attended the 2013 annual Fall Early Childhood Conference on Saturday, 10/5. We each attended two workshops that were geared to give information on classroom ideas, creating a positive work environment, and understanding developmental roadblocks in our students. We brought back information to pass on to our fellow teaching staff. We will begin practicing for our Christmas program the first week of November. Our program is scheduled for Friday, 12/6. The Preschool will also be participating in the Christmas clothing/toy drive for our parents that need help this Christmas season. I will be sending out an email to our parents and post as well (for those that do not have email) and will find out our need. I will then email the staff, parents, and the Board to give details of what is needed. Please be praying for the needs of our families to be met this upcoming Christmas season.

*~Miss. Holly Grove  
Interim Preschool Director*

## GOODBYE MRS. WADE



September 20, 2013 was Mrs. Wade's last day as a Heritage employee. She previously served as the Bookkeeper and Guidance Coordinator. As Guidance Coordinator to the Secondary students, she was not just the person they went to for ACT deadlines and scheduling, but she served as a mentor to all of the students. At the end of the 2012-2013 school year, she moved to the Main Office to be the full time Bookkeeper. Mrs. Wade wrote,

"This was not an easy decision to make, on my part. The past 11 years have been very rewarding for my family and I. I have enjoyed working for Heritage Christian School and taking part in many areas. It has been my pleasure serving the Lord and witnessing to many students along the way. I will greatly miss the day-to-day relationships with everyone!

I have accepted a position as a staff accountant at a local accounting firm. This opportunity gives me the chance to grow professionally. I am excited about this new path God is leading me down. Through prayer and Godly council, I know this is the right choice for my family.

Larry, Rachel and Andrew will continue here at HCS! I am looking forward to both of my kids finishing out their high school education and graduating from Heritage Christian School!"

Thanks for the laughs Mrs. Wade and we pray God's blessings on your newest adventure. See you around!

## SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK



Heritage is looking forward to participating in National School Choice Week from January 26 to February 1, 2014. You had a choice, THANK YOU for choosing Heritage.

# Sports News

## FROM THE DESK OF THE AD

Exciting new things are happening for Heritage Athletics. We now have our own Athletics Page on the Heritage website! Learn how to be involved in our Booster Club, check out our Under Armour Student Catalog at the Spirit Shop, download Participation Forms, game schedules and more!

We also have a new Twitter account that is connected right onto our Athletic Page. Follow us on Twitter to see real time information! Do you have a Twitter account? We want everyone to tweet at the games and keep us updated anything sports related!

Do you have any suggestions about any additional information you would like to see on the Athletic Page? Please email Tana Watson, Director of Marketing and Communication at [twatson@hcscanton.org](mailto:twatson@hcscanton.org).

HCS Under Armour is now available. Visit the Spirit Shop online or come into the Main or Secondary office to browse our student catalog.

## THE MARTIN CENTER IS OFFICIALLY THE NEW HOME GYM FOR HCS ATHLETICS!

The floor is redone, the new scoreboards have been ordered and mats are ready. There is only one thing left to do, fill the RED SEA and cheer on HCS! The first game at the Martin Center took place on November 23. Our Lady Conquerors High School Basketball team took on East Canton. For complete schedules, go to our web page.

## 2013-2014 BASKETBALL SEASON THEME NIGHTS

December 6- Neon Night and PEP RALLY!!!

December 10- Christmas/ Ugly Sweater Night

January 14- Red Sea= RED OUT! @LAKE CENTER

January 24- Homecoming Game!= WHITE OUT!

February 8- Duck Dynasty/ Camouflage night



## BOYS BASKETBALL DECEMBER SCHEDULE:

- 6) Home: Central Christian Kidron- JV at 6:00pm, Varsity at 7:30
- 10) Home: Conotton Valley- JV at 6:00, Varsity at 7:30
- 12) Away: Bloomfield- JV at 6:00, Varsity at 7:30
- 20) Away: East Canton- JV at 6:00, Varsity at 7:30
- 21) Away: Temple Christian- JV at 2:00, Varsity at 4:00
- 28) Away: Malvern- JV at 6:00, Varsity at 7:30

## GIRLS BASKETBALL DECEMBER SCHEDULE:

- 2) Home: Sebring McKinley-6:00
- 9) Away: Tuscarawas Central Catholic- 7:00
- 14) Home: Southern- 3:30
- 23) Home: Newcomerstown- 7:30
- 28) Away: Temple Christian-1:00
- 30) Home: Western Reserve-7:30

## HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING DECEMBER SCHEDULE:

- 4) Away: Triway
- 9) Away: Canton South
- 11) Home: Wooster
- 19) Away: Alliance

## FRIENDS OF HERITAGE

Friends of Heritage (HCS Parent Teacher Organization) invite all parents to our monthly meetings. We are meeting on the following dates at CiCi's Pizza in Beldon Village:

- December- Enjoy the Season! No meeting or FOH events
- January 10th- 6:00 pm
- February 7th -6:00 pm
- March 7th- 6:00 pm

Please continue to collect BoxTops 4 Education, Campbell's Labels for Education, Tyson Project A+, and Cartridges for Kids. You can also support HCS through Good Search/Good Shop, Giant Eagle, and TRIP.

## CAFÉ CHATTER

- The Cafe' ladies are enjoying the brand new dishwasher that was installed in September. We are so thankful that we can help cut back on paper products and use the old time school trays.
- Remember coming up Superbowl weekend. The Cafe' ladies will be doing their famous Stromboli sale. These are great for dinner or parties, and freeze well.
- Parents, remember to send money in to cover the student's accounts. Second thru Fifth grade are permitted to purchase a second entree' if they have money on their accounts. Report cards will be held with any outstanding balances.
- We would love to have you come in and enjoy breakfast or lunch with the students. We would really love to have you come in and volunteer a day or two.

**Lunchroom stories:** This little first grader was sitting at breakfast and was burping rather loudly many times. So, Ms. Betty went to him and said "you know when you burp you should shut your lips around your teeth like this" and she showed him. No sooner did she walk away did she heard a loud burp again. Ms. Betty went back over and said..."did you not understand how to do it correctly?" He looked up at her and he said, "Well I did close my lips but then the burp came up and blew my lips open".

## WHY ARE FUNDRAISERS SO IMPORTANT?

Heritage Christian School is a non-profit, non-denominational State of Ohio chartered school. Our state charter means we are held to State Academic Standards and the state of Ohio supplies supplemental services to meet the needs of our students, like busing, a school nurse, and Title 1 teachers. We are NOT a charter school in the sense of being compared to area free charter schools. "Community schools, often called charter schools in other states, are public nonprofit, nonsectarian schools that operate independently of any school district but under a contract with an authorized sponsoring entity that is established by statute or approved by the State Board of Education. Community schools are public schools of choice and are state and federally funded" (According to ODE website, 2013). We are a non-public private school, which means that we do not have to abide by the "separation of church and state" laws. This is where we can exercise our freedoms to learn through Christian education.

We can receive money from the government through our participation in the Ohio EdChoice Scholarship and Income Based Scholarship programs. We are proud of our participation in School Choice. We at Heritage believe that every family should have access to Christian education if they desire it. The money received through both tuition and scholarships only makes up a fraction of what is needed to address the needs of our school.

Non-profit means we spend only what we raise. We do not receive government subsidies nor do we want to. We choose to be self-sufficient so that we can continue in educating our students through a Christian worldview. We literally apply what we raise through fundraising to pay for the heat, staff and faculty, school updates, food delivery, and other necessary items.

We look at our function as being a part of a three-fold ministry of home, church and school. In order to have the academic excellence through our bible-based philosophy, we all must take responsibility in that. As a school family, our success relies on the commitment to teamwork in the pursuit of excellence of Christian education.

Thank you to our families and those who support Christian education. When you participate in fundraisers, pay sports fees, and donate items, you are supporting the very thing that makes us different than any other public and public-chartered school! You are supporting the very reason you choose private school education and the people that make it possible year after year. What we raise, we reinvest into your child's future.

## 2013 ANNUAL CONQUERORS' GOLF SCRAMBLE

Thank you to the sponsors and golfers who supported this event. The outing raised over \$35,000.00 toward tuition assistance for Heritage families. Ninety-six golfers gathered on a beautiful Friday morning at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, and we thank them for their participation and support. Thank you to the many sponsors whose donations support the work of Heritage Christian School.

Thank you to the Golf Scramble Committee: Bob Harmelink-Chairman, Jeff and Tina Gill, Bob Gill, Greg Frank, Charles Riddle, and Kathy Martin for organizing this event.

## 2013 HERITAGE HIKE

Heritage students from preschool to 12th grade Walked in TRUTH on October 4. Secondary walked to the McKinley monument and spent time in small groups for reflection and prayer. Then they walked, some ran, the steps of the monument and walked the track. Elementary students walked laps around Meyers Park. Each lap they took made earned either a letter or a treat. When they finished all of their laps, they spelled out TRUTH. Thank you to all those who supported our students with pledges. We raised \$17,742.00! Students earned a day of fun at the Conqueror Carnival. Congratulations to our Top Ten:

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|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Adam Nowak       | 5. Ben Kourkounakis  | 9. Natalie Schmitt  |
| 2. Katie Corbit     | 6. Andrew Coblentz   | 10. Micah McConahay |
| 3. Alan Hubbard-Way | 7. Harrison Coblentz | 11. Josh Mongold    |
| 4 Sarah Beach       | 8. Hannah Caldwell   |                     |

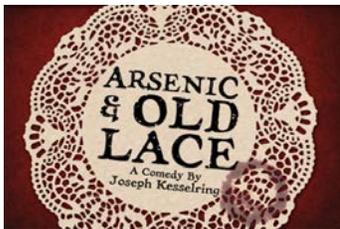
## JUBILEE CARDS



Jubilee Card sale is going on now! Do you need stocking stuffers, gifts for your teacher, bus driver, boss, or mail man? Jubilee Cards are the gift that keeps on giving all year long. Each card is \$10.00. We are excited to announce that in this time of giving, a portion of the money raised will go to Love the Children Annual Toy Drive to help area families in need during this

holiday season. Cards sales are finished December 13.

## HCS PRESENTS: ARSENIC AND OLD LACE



Heritage students have been busy this fall rehearsing for the school play, Arsenic and Old Lace. It is a classic comedy about two sweet elderly women who are known in their community for their extensive work with charities. They selflessly serve by helping with the sick, making meals for the less fortunate, donating toys to

children for Christmas, and many other good deeds. When their nephew Mortimer visits, he is shocked to find a dead body in the windowseat. Just imagine his surprise when he finds out that his sweet, lovable aunts have poisoned a dozen elderly men and buried them in their cellar! According to his aunts, it is nothing to worry about; helping lonely old men to find "peace" is just one of their many charities! The show had 14 cast members and a crew of 11 students. Thank you to everyone who helped make this show a success.

*Mrs. Nedelka*

High School English/Speech/ Bible

## THE CAST

Abby Brewster .....	Ruthanne Brooks	Officer O'Hara .....	Rachel Schukert
Martha Brewster .....	Hannah Kasler	Officer Brophy.....	Walker Collins
Mortimer Brewster.....	Nathan Davis	Officer Klein.....	James Pilcher
Jonathan Brewster .....	Ben Kourkounakis	Mr. Gibbs.....	Keyton Brown
Dr. Einstein.....	Julian Darden	Lt. Rooney .....	Austin Jakubiak
Teddy Brewster.....	Andrew DeMarco	Mr. Witherspoon .....	Josh Kasler
Elaine Harper.....	Katie Grimes	Mrs. Harper .....	Melody Rexrode

## PRODUCTION AND STAFF

Director.....	Mrs. Nedelka		
Stage Manager .....	Ryan Neighbor	Prop Master .....	Rachel Fisk
Light and Sound Crew .....	Ashlee Galliher and Claire King	Make-up Crew .....	Iza skinner and Justyce Jamerson
Spotlighting .....	Breanna Curtis-Pryor	Usher.....	Anna King

## SHEDDING LIGHT ON THE NEED FOR CHANGE.

(pic of Jordan Harris)

Mr. Granger, Middle School Social Studies Teacher and Middle School Boys Basketball Coach, challenged his students in his Civics class to learn how to become a good citizen. "One of our responsibilities is to make our opinions known. I decided the best way to learn how to do that was to put this to action. The students had to decide on an issue and then figure out who would be the best person to contact. Jordan was one of the first ones done and had really good results."

Jordan Harris, a 9th grade student, wrote a letter to his city councilman, Mr. David Dougherty. Mr. Dougherty is the council member for ward 6. He graduated from the United States Army Military Academy and is the Director of Security/ Parking at Aultman Hospital. Jordan appealed to Mr. Dougherty's interest in public safety and expressed his concern about the lack of street lights in his neighborhood. He felt that the absence of street lights led to more crime. Shortly after Jordan's letter, he had a great report to share. "Not only did he (Mr. Dougherty) add a street light, he also paved our road where the bumps were. How about that? We as young people can be responsible for the change we want to see in our neighborhoods/communities".

This is a four part project that will take place throughout the school year where students have to write a letter and address first, a local official, second, a state official, third a national official and lastly the President of the United States. The letters are written by the student, reviewed and approved by Mr. Granger, and then mailed to the intended receiver.

Mr. Granger adds, "Several have heard back from the person they wrote. One student was even invited to contact the mayor of Massillon so they could meet. I am still encouraging her to do it. They have state and federal official they will contact through the rest of the year. So hopefully we will have more interesting stories to share".

## THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING

*In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

May we always focus on the good  
And count our blessings as we should.  
May all our complaints depart  
And thank God with a grateful heart.

Our troubles may be the same,  
But we can still praise His good name!  
Our load may be hard to bear,  
But thank God, the Load bearer is there.

We will forget to complain  
And not mention life's pain,  
If our days are filled with praise,  
And we thank God in all our ways.

Don't think that things are so bad,  
And don't live with a heart so sad.  
Countless blessings are ours each day.  
Let us thank God when we kneel and pray.

- Gene Griffin

## 1ST QUARTER HONOR ROLLS

### HIGH HONOR ROLL - 4.0 - 3.7 GPA

**12th grade** - Nathan Martin, Andrew Boak, Joey Corbit, Ryan Neighbor, Brian Cassler

**11th grade** - Katie Grimes, Ruthanne Brooks, Melody Rexrode, Diva Colter

**10th grade** - Ashlee Galliher, Andrew Hamilton, Claire King, Siera Colter, Abby Arelt

**9th grade** - James Pilcher, Andrew Wade, Katie Corbit, Austin Jakubiak

**8th grade** - Christian Chang, Rachel Schukert, Maci Jakubiak

**7th grade** - Madison Ott, Ruth Pilcher

**6th grade** - Aaron Rexrode, Keyton Brown, Evan Caldwell, Jenny Davis, Kenneth Martin, Adam Nowak, Natalie Schmitt, Anne Lang

### HONOR ROLL - 3.6 - 3.3

**12th grade** - Logan Webster

**11th grade** - Chance Blankenship, Hannah Kasler, Mikal Meadows, Rachel Wade

**10th grade** - CC Thompson

**9th grade** - Sarah Laird, Julian Darden, Jordan Harris

**8th grade** - Rachel Fisk, Macy Banner, Dominic Fier

**7th grade** - Noah Kandel, Carter Collins



This year, the topics studied were from the Book of Acts. Elementary students studied Chapters 3-5 and Secondary studied Chapters 1-5.

### TEAMS

The 12th grade: Logan, Nathan Martin, Ryan, Andrew and Nathan Davis

11th grade: Ruthanne, Luke, Melody, Katie and Ben

10th grade: Claire, Ashlee, Jasmine, Siera and Andrew

9th grade: Jordan, Andrew Wade, James, Megan and Sarah

8th grade: Rachel Schukert, Rachel Fisk, Bryan, Brandon and Dominic

7th grade: Ruth, Aniecea, Paulette and Carter

6th grade: Evan, Natalie, Kenneth, Jenny and Shekinah

5th grade: Andrew, Sienna, Emily, Britney, Emma

4th grade: Hannah, Emily, Katherine, Devon and Carrie

3rd grade: Kaida, Emma, Caris, Matthew and Samuel

2nd grade: Emma, Harrison, Alexis, Cody, Anya

### Congratulations to our winners:

Elementary: First place- 2nd Grade, Second place- 4th Grade  
Secondary: First place- 11th Grade, Second place- 8th Grade.

## THIRD FLOOR HAPPENINGS

September and October got off to a whirlwind start in the Secondary.

Progress Book was once again rolled out during the third week of school. This is the online tool that enables parents to stay on top of their student's day to day progress. All new access and passwords were sent home. Students can also have their own account to keep track of their work. If you still need help navigating and using Progress Book, please make an appointment to stop in and see Mrs. Seese.

Teacher/Student Prayer groups were put into place this year. The students were divided amongst the staff so that each group has 7-10 students. Then we periodically spend time praying, talking and studying God's word within those groups. It gives the students a more personal and intimate time to discuss things that are on their minds and then find out what God has to say about them. Teachers are also leaving encouraging and prayerful notes and letters for the students.

The Sophomore class took the Plan Test. This test measures a student's academic success midway through high school as well as to help these students continue their preparation for college and career choices. The Junior class and a large group of Home School students took the PSAT/NMSQT test. This test is a standardized test that provides practice for the real SAT test, allows students the chance to enter national Merit Scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools. Any Juniors or Senior who still needs to take the ACT test or would like to improve your score, the next test date is Dec. 14th with a registration deadline of November 8th or late registration by November 22nd.

All Juniors and Seniors attended a college fair at Kent State where over 150 colleges were represented. The High School Student body also had the opportunity to attend a free seminar hosted by the Stark County Mental Health Board about teenage depression and suicide. Christians in Action (CIA) is in full swing as well as several other service opportunities. Each week our student body sends a team, led by a staff member over to the Total Living Center, about 84% of our student body participates with CIA. They do service work for this community outreach. We also had 25 students participate in the 4th annual Café Disco in Stark County. This is a prom for adults with Developmental Disabilities. Our students gave up 6 hours on a Saturday to share the Love of Christ with some very special people.

Watch daily email announcements for available scholarship information which comes in steadily. Many of these opportunities are available on line and we will continue to post new scholarships as they come through the high school office.

*~Mrs. Karla Robinson  
Secondary Principal*



## STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS 2013-2014

**President- Brian Cassler**  
**Vice President- Joey Corbit**  
**Secretary- Davina Blanche**  
**Treasurer- Andrew Boak**  
**Chaplain- Nathan Martin**

### 9th Grade Class Council

President- Andrew Wade  
Vice President- Andrew Martin  
Secretary- Bre Pryor  
Treasurer- Julian Darden  
Chaplain- Jordan Harris  
Boy Representative- Nick Laird  
Girl Representative- Trustyn Kerekes

### 10th Grade Class Council

President- Claire King  
Vice President- Ashlee Galliher  
Secretary- CC Thompson  
Treasurer- Morgan Mayle  
Chaplain- CC Thompson  
Boy Representative- Andrew Hamilton  
Girl Representative- Morgan Mayle

### 11th Grade

President- Chance Blankenship  
Vice President- Sawyer Collins  
Secretary- Melody Rexrode  
Treasurer- Katie Grimes  
Chaplain- Ruthanne Brooks  
Boy Representative- Luke Fisk  
Girl Representative- Hannah Kasler

### 12th Grade

President- Andrew Boak  
Vice President- Joey Corbit  
Secretary- Logan Webster  
Treasurer- Summer Kinney  
Chaplain- Nathan Martin  
Boy Representative- Ryan Neighbor  
Girl Representative- Davina Blanche

## CARSON SCHOLARS FUND

Heritage is pleased and excited to announce that through a generous donation we are able to award ten Carson Scholarships for the 2013-14 school year. One eligible girl and boy in each class from the 4th through the 8th grades will receive a \$1,000 scholarship upon graduation from high school.

The Carson Scholars Fund was founded in 1994 by world-renowned pediatric neurosurgeon, Dr. Benjamin S. Carson and his wife, Candy. The Carson Fund is a non-profit organization that aims to recognize and reward students who earn and maintain a high level of academic achievement and who also exhibit strong Christ-like, humanitarian traits. Since 1994 over 5,700 scholarships have been awarded in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Scholarship winners are designated as "Carson Scholars" and receive a \$1,000 scholarship that is held in a special trust fund until the student graduates and is accepted to a four-year university or college. Winners are honored at an awards ceremony where they will receive an Olympic-sized medal and a certificate of accomplishment.

In December, qualifying students will be nominated and their names submitted to a panel of judges at the Carson Scholars Organization. Students will then receive an application from the panel with a special essay question to answer and submit. After the essays are returned and reviewed, student winners will be announced in the Spring of 2014.

The Carson Scholars Fund executes and manages the entire scholarship process. Students receiving this prestigious scholarship award are not eligible to receive additional scholarship funds but are recognized for their continued high achievement and are eligible to apply for continued recognition year after year until high school graduation through the Carson Scholars Organization.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Holiday greetings from the HCS Board of Education.

There is an air of excitement at Heritage as the kids anticipate the fun, food and presents to be shared with family, schoolmates and friends as the Christmas season fast approaches. However, the real reason for the season revolves around the Heritage theme for this school year; "Truth". Our theme Bible verse says, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" 3 John 1:4. One of the great Bible truths that our students are learning this year can be found in the book of Romans, Chapter 10, verse 9: "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved". Verse 13 says, "For whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved". These verses of truth apply not only to kids, but to all of us as adults, as well. Have you asked Jesus to come into your heart to save you? If not, please talk to myself, or any of our board members, teachers and staff and we will be thrilled to introduce you to the author of Truth, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The fourteen members of the Board of Education have been busy this year with various projects to help reach the "Vision 2015-16 Goals" that have been adopted by the board. One of the main endeavors we have instituted to help us reach these goals is the "Heart of Heritage" program. This program features a series of one hour tours of our school, three or four times per

month at various times of the day, (schedule attached). These tours highlight the three main areas that our students focus their minds, hearts and activities on here at Heritage Christian School. We call them the ABC's, A - Academic Excellence, B - Bible Based, C- Community Commitment. We would like to invite you to attend one of these exciting and informative tours and see for yourself how we are meeting the needs of the kids you have entrusted to us. Don't worry, we will not ask for money or donations for the school at these tours, so bring a friend or relative along and allow them to learn how they can share in the 'Heritage Experience'. You're probably thinking, "I bring my kids to school every day,

so I already know about the "Heritage Experience". Take the challenge and attend one of the tours and you will be pleasantly surprised to find that there are many positive aspects of the mission of Heritage Christian School that you may not be currently familiar with.

May the Lord bless you and your family during this Thanksgiving and Christmas season and remember to give honor and glory to our great God and Creator, the Lord Jesus Christ as you and your family celebrate.

In Christ,

*Tim Rexrode*

Chairman of the Board of Education

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