Greetings and Blessings to each of you!

Heritage Christian School has grown! We have added new wonderful teachers, new classrooms and increased enrollment serving 289 students in K-12th grade and 59 students in Pre-Kindergarten.

As a Christian School delivering Christian Education to your students, we are working on Nine Board of Education Aspirational Goals that will help assure your student grows in their faith as well as academically. We want Heritage to be its best. These goals cover all aspects of our school including enrollment, athletics, spiritual growth and missions, financial development, staff and teacher diversity, retention of students, providing for recognition of both staff and students for excellence in performance, marketing Heritage Christian school to the community at large, and continued renovations to the school building as funds become available.

We are telling the story of HCS through our “Heart of Heritage Tour” Program. This is really a tour of our mission and how we impact the lives of our students. As a parent, we invite you to attend one of these one hour tours. The next tours are scheduled for December 9th at 9:00 a.m. and on December 11th at 11:00 a.m. Additional tours are scheduled for January – April 2015. Please call Xavier Lemon, Associate Director of Fund Development, for details at 330-452-8271.

As School Administrator, I thank YOU for your participation in your child's education by investing your time and interest in the Parent Teacher Conferences recently held and the Parent Discussion Sessions. These sessions help us identify areas of our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats here at Heritage Christian School and we appreciate your input.

Our Jubilee Discount Cards will be available for your student to sell beginning November 19th. The Jubilee cards sell for $5.00 each and have 22 businesses offering discounts on services and products sold. We are also donating a portion of the money raised to Love the Children Ministries for their annual Toy Give Away. In addition, over $800.00 in prizes will be awarded for selling these Jubilee Cards!

As our school grows and your child becomes more involved in school activities, I encourage you to consider becoming a part of our Friends of Heritage Association. Our school is as strong as our students, families, teachers, and staff. Please plan to support us through the Friends Of Heritage Association by calling Vicki DeMarco at 330-452-8271 and volunteering to strengthen HCS.

In His name and Service,
Charles C. Riddle
Administrator/Fund Development Director

THANK YOU NOTES!

Thank you to Love the Children Ministries and Aultman Hospital for your generous donation of school supplies. Love the Children Ministries donated school supplies to 250 preschool and elementary students. Aultman Hospital donated to many area schools and we are so blessed to be included on those donations. Our students had a fantastic head start with the items needed to be successful!

Clothes Closet – The Clothes Closet is doing well. There was a tremendous amount of clothing that was distributed to families prior to school starting. With winter quickly approaching, we have seen an increase in the number of people that are now coming in to the Clothes Closet when it is open. Thank you to all who have donated so far. We have handed out over 1,500 articles of clothing over the summer and fall. We are in need of winter items sizes 3T through Juniors. There is a donation bin located in the main lobby. Please check the calendar on our website for dates and times.

Ex Newsboys is a local nonprofit that stands by their motto, “No school child shall miss school for need of shoes or clothing”. This year, they have helped 28 Heritage families, 55 students total!
FALL PLAY - “THE CURIOUS SAVAGE”

Congratulations to the cast:

Florence........................Maci Jakubiak
Hannibal.........................Walker Collins
Fairy May......................Hannah Kasler
Jeffrey..........................Luke Fisk
Mrs. Paddy........................Paulette Mach
Mrs. Savage.................Ruthanne Brooks
Titus.............................Sawyer Collins
Samuel ......................Ben Kourkounakis
Lily Belle .....................Melody Rexrode
Dr. Emmett ..................James Pilcher
Dr. Johnson ....................Matthew Baker
Miss Willie......................Katie Grimes
Miss Annie.....................Faith West
John.......................Nick Laird
Bill ..............................Ryan McLeod
Brenda .......................Emily Kasler
JT .........................Dylan Nedelka

Mrs. Savage has been left ten million dollars by her husband and wants to make the best use of it, in spite of the efforts of her grown-up stepchildren to get their hands on it. These latter, knowing that the widow’s wealth is now in negotiable securities, and seeing they cannot get hold of it, commit her to a “sanatorium” hoping to “bring her to her senses.” But Mrs. Savage is determined to establish a fund to help others realize their hopes and dreams. In the sanatorium she meets various social misfits, men and women who just cannot adjust themselves to life, people who need the help Mrs. Savage can provide.

STAFF UPDATES:

Mrs. Danielle Carlton joined the preschool team as Administrative Assistant. She enjoys selling Premier Jewelry and is a gymnastics coach at the Massillon YMCA. She has 2 young boys, Caiden (3) and Josiah (11 months). Caiden is a Little Conqueror in Miss Amanda’s class. Mrs. Carlton is sister-in-law to Tana Watson, Director of Marketing and Communications.

Amanda Davidson joined the preschool team as one of our 3 Years Teachers. She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood Education from Malone University. She did substitute teaching for the schools of Tuscarawas County and she also has experience at Fair Play Family Center for 5 years working with children. Ms. Amanda did her student teaching here at Heritage, with Mrs. Richard in kindergarten and also with the preschool 3 Years Teachers.

Staci Miller joined the preschool team as a full-time Aide in August. She has an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Technology from Kent State. She has experience teaching at Cornerstone Montessori in Dover, OH and has raised 6 kids. She has family history with Heritage. Her aunt and uncle attended high school here when it was known as Lincoln High.

Stacy Rich joined the preschool team as a part-time Aide in September. She was a teacher aide at St. Joesph School for 2 years and also spent some time at Kozmic Korner and Aultman Childcare, giving her over 10 years of experience working with children. She is currently attending classes to finish her Child Development Associate Credential. Her son Steven is in Miss Fassos’ 2nd grade class and her daughter Lexie is in Mrs. Norris’ 3rd grade class.

Jack Rexrode is on our afternoon Maintenance team. Ask him how he is doing and he quickly replies, “So good I can hardly stand it”! He is brother to the Chairman of the Board, Tim Rexrode Sr. and is a Marine veteran.

Brenda Browning has been added to the cafeteria team as a Café Monitor. She also helps students get on the correct busses at the end of the school day. Ms. Browning enjoys Friday night cook outs with her 5 children. Her youngest two attend HCS: Lydia is in Mrs. McNutt’s First grade class and Gracie is in Mrs. Trish’s Pre-Kindergarten class.

ReCarla Samples is one of our new Cafeteria Monitors and also assists in afternoon Parent Pick-Up. Mrs. Samples has been married for 21 years to her husband Keith. They have 2 daughters that attend HCS: Makaylah is in Mrs. Graybeal’s class and Gina is in Mrs. Christy’s class. Mrs. Samples enjoys singing on the praise and worship team at her church and big family gatherings.

Ivana DuBose is one of our new Cafeteria Monitors and also assists in afternoon Parent Pick-Up. Miss Dubose is no stranger to working with children as she comes with much experience working in the children’s ministry and young adult ministry in her church. She enjoys travelling and going on missions trips. Miss Dubose attended Heritage with her 3 brothers for a short time. She is the daughter of Mrs. Dawn DuBose, our A.M. Security Personnel.
Wow, what a start to a grand school year! We have 59 preschool students and currently have a waiting list for both the Three year old and Pre-Kindergarten classrooms. God’s blessings have showered over our program and we are privileged to do his work daily. So far, students have become accustomed to classroom procedure, attended chapels, went on a field trip to the pumpkin patch, and celebrated Story Book Month. During Story Book Month, the entire preschool was challenged to read 500 books. We more than reached that goal reading close to 600 books!

Rehearsals are winding down, costumes are fitted, and lines are memorized for the Preschool Christmas Program, on December 5th at 6:30pm in the Heritage Auditorium. Students have prepared a special program entitled, “Jesus is my Best-est Friend”. As we look toward the holiday season, we are gearing up for our annual Toy Drive. We will be collecting items to donate to Heritage Preschool families in need. You can adopt a family, send an unwrapped item, give a gift card, or give a monetary donation. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Holly Grove, Preschool Director, at hgrove@hcscanton.org.

Visit us at www.heritagechristianpreschool.org and like us on FB/ Heritage Christian Preschool

**PRESCHOOL CALENDAR**

**December**
- 2nd School Resumes
- 5th Preschool Christmas Program 6:30 p.m.
- 9th Kindergarten Sneak Peak Session 5:30 p.m.
- 12th Chapel 9:00 a.m.
- 19th Crazy Christmas Clothes/ Class Parties
- 22-Jan 2nd Christmas Break NO SCHOOL

**January**
- 1st/2nd New Year’s Day NO SCHOOL
- 5th School Resumes
- 9th Chapel 9:00a.m.
- 12th Kidmobile
- 19th Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL
- 23rd Chapel 9:00 a.m.

**February**
- 6th Chapel 9:00 a.m.
- 9th Kidmobile
- 13th Pink, Purple, & Red Day/Class Parties
- 16th President’s Day NO SCHOOL
- 20th Black History Chapel 9:00 a.m.

**March**
- 9th Kidmobile
- 10th Kindergarten Open House 4:00 p.m.- 5:30p.m.
- 12th Mom & Me Luncheon- Spring Picture Day
- 20th Chapel 9:00 a.m.
- 27th Pre-K Fieldtrip to Sarah Care 10a-11:15a
LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE! This has been sited many times throughout the beginning of the year as we discuss what it is to be made in God’s image. Mr. Owens, our Student Mentor, spoke in chapel about how God wants us to treat each other. He talked about how we are representing Christ in our words and actions. Love God, Love People! We had a chance to show our grandparents how much we love them at the Grandparents Chapel on October 23rd. Students showcased their talent from drama to reciting poems to singing. It was a wonderful time to come together and show our love and appreciation for the special people in our lives.

Fourth grade students work on their mirror project at Get Acquainted Night with our librarian, Mrs. Woodring, to go with our school year theme; Made in God’s Image.

Mrs. Kindler’s 5th grade class performed their crowd pleasing, “Case of the Missing Grandfather” at the Grandparents Chapel.

Mrs. McConahay’s 4th grade class enjoyed a luau after reading the book Frindel.

Mrs. Kasler’s 1st grade class enjoying a beautiful day at Nickajack Farms.

Annie Tipton, author of Diary of a Real Payne series, spoke in Chapel and talked about her third book in the series, ‘Oh, Baby’.

CALENDAR

December
2nd School Resumes
5th Interim Check Point
9th Heart of Heritage Tour 9:00 a.m.
11th Heart of Heritage Tour 11:00 p.m.
12th Elementary Christmas Program 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Secondary Christmas Program 8:00-9:00 p.m.
13th HS Winter Sports Picture Day 10:30 a.m.
15th Elementary & MS Winter Sports Picture Day 2:00 p.m.
16-18th Secondary Exams
22-Jan 3rd NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break

January
1-2nd NO SCHOOL
5th Classes Resume
6th Heart of Heritage Tour 9:00 am
8th Heart of Heritage Tour 11:00 pm
12-16th Secondary Spiritual Emphasis Week
16th End of the 2nd Nine Weeks
19th NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
23rd Report Cards Sent Home
23rd Homecoming Game
30th Parent Appreciation/Move Ahead Night 5:30-7:30 pm

February
6th Friends of Heritage Association Meeting 7:30pm
10th Heart of Heritage Tour 9:00 am
12th Heart of Heritage Tour 11:00 am
16th NO SCHOOL Presidents Day
20th Interim Check Point
23rd Secondary Visitation

March
5th NO SCHOOL (K-12) Teacher In Service
6th NO SCHOOL (K-12) Conferences (K-12) 9:00-3:00 pm
7th Elementary & MS Basketball Awards 9:00am
10th Kindergarten Open House 4:00-5:30pm
12th Spring Picture Day & “Mom and Me” Luncheon
14th HS Sports Awards 9:00 am
16th OGT Testing- Spring Session
17th Heart of Heritage Tour 9:00 am
19th Heart of Heritage Tour 11:00am
20th End of the 3rd Nine Weeks
23rd Spring Sports Picture Day (7-12th grade) 3:30 pm
27th Report Cards Sent Home
We have had a very smooth and positive transition into the 2014-2015 school year. We are excited to announce a new After School Program for Middle School and High School students. This program is funded by a grant and free to our students. They are receiving tutoring, homework help, a healthy snack, and a safe place to hang out until 5:30 p.m. We are looking for well qualified people to help staff this program. If anyone is interested in working the After School Program, please contact Karla Robinson, Secondary Principal, at krobinson@hcs-canton.org.

We were honored to have 9/11 first responder Staff Sergeant David Karnes (USMC) speak to our students on September 11th. His words were moving as he recounted his immediate reaction and his instant recognition of God’s calling.

“During his talk, he stressed the role prayer played in directing his actions and getting him the supplies and people he needed to complete the rescue. He said he often heard people ask where God was during the tragedy. ‘Well, God was there.’ Karnes said. ‘He was right there in the middle of it’”, (Canton Repository, 2014).

Staff Sergeant Karnes was the Marine that helped save two of the only five survivors of the 9/11 tragedy. Mr. Martin, High School Bible and History Teacher, arranged the memorial service. It was fantastic and moving. Mr. Martin also organized our Veterans Day Chapel with guest speaker, Luke Carpenter, West Point Graduate and Iraqi War Veteran. Mr. Martin also prepared a Skype session with United States Army Staff Sergeant Travis Mills, which was held after students watched a documentary about his life as a quadruple-amputee called Travis: A Soldier’s Story.

Twenty-five students & staff volunteered at Café Disco, an adult prom/carnival night for developmentally disabled adults around Stark County.
WHAT’S NEW IN FINE ARTS?

The TRUE Reason for the Season! The theme for this year’s Christmas Concert is “Christmas is the Season, Christ is the Reason!” Often in our world today, many people forget that without Christ we would not have Christmas. We will present the story of Christmas as well as discuss how music is a gift from God. We need to remember that Christmas may be the season, but Christ is the reason!

December 12th:
Elementary Program - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Secondary Program - 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Art is popping up everywhere! It is hard to walk the halls without noticing fresh, new artwork displayed throughout the school. Miss Crooks, our K-12 Art Teacher, explained “Our students are so talented it seems like a waste to hide all their hard work until the end of the year.” We couldn’t agree more!

GOLF OUTING RAISED OVER $20,000 FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE

Friday, September 26th, golfers gathered at Tam O’Shanter Golf Course for a great cause. Our Annual Conquerors’ Golf Scramble provides funding for tuition assistance for Heritage families. A total of 95 golfers showed their support. Thank you to our Scramble Committee: Bob Harmelink- Chairman, Charles Riddle, and the HCS Development Department for organizing this event.

CONGRATULATIONS MR. AND MRS. GONOT

Mrs. Gonot and I got married on August 9th, 2014 in Rochester, New York. Married life has been wonderful! We feel so blessed to be able to work together, especially at a place like Heritage. Being able to drive together and eat lunch together is something we will never take for granted. It is amazing what God can do through His design of marriage and we look forward to the years to come!

GIVE THANKS to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

PSALM 118:1

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
FALL SPORTS WRAP-UP

Fall sports have all completed their seasons. It was a successful year in many ways.

**Varsity Golf:** We had a great season. Participation in the sport more than doubled in size from last year. They are not only developing their golf game but they are growing spiritually as well. In the sectional tournament they increased their score from last year by more than 50 strokes, beating one team. Every returning player set a personal best this year with 3 players scoring a 40 for nine holes at least once.

**Volleyball:** The Varsity Volleyball team worked better as a team and is working on strength training to help them develop into better athletes. Middle School and 5th & 6th grade teams had a great year of development. The program is going in the right direction.

**Cross Country:** We were very proud to have senior Katie Grimes represent Heritage in Cross Country this year. This was her first attempt at running Cross Country and she excelled beautifully! She had a great season and finished strong at regionals in Boardman with a time of 22:15.

Winter sports schedules are available on the school website.

Follow HCS Athletics on Twitter @hcscanton
Greetings from the Heritage Christian School Board of Education.

As the holiday season rapidly approaches, we indeed have much to be thankful for. The 16 members of your board of education have been busy, behind the scenes, insuring that your children are receiving the very best in Christian education, as well as being nurtured spiritually, physically, and emotionally. Our teachers and staff care deeply about the welfare and needs of our kids and are doing an outstanding job teaching and ministering to them on a day to day basis. Please take the time to let them know how much you appreciate their efforts. A few simple words of encouragement, such as “thank you for caring” can go a long way towards brightening their day.

Our student population has been steadily growing over the past two years and this growth has created some challenges, but has also brought many rewards, as we are able to reach more boys and girls with the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are teaching God’s Word on a daily basis and I’m sure you can see the results in your children’s lives as they mature and are drawn closer to the Savior. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to educate and minister to your kids. The results will have eternal value.

The security procedures we implemented at the onset of this school year are nearing completion. The sign in/out procedures for entry into the school are now flowing smoothly and enable us to know who is in the school building at all times, during school hours. Thank you for patiently supporting this important change that will continue to keep our students, faculty and staff housed in a safer environment. All HCS teachers and key staff now carry two way radios at all times during school hours, giving them the ability to instantly communicate with each other.

May you and your family have a blessed holiday season and remember to keep the reason for the season first and foremost in your hearts and minds: “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10

Your servant in Christ,
Tim Rexrode, Sr.
HCS Board Chairman