CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2016

*Siera Nicole Colter
Daughter of Ms. Vanessa Colter
U.S. Navy

**Abigail Rebecca Fetherolf
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery Looney
Granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Fetherolf
U.S. Navy

**Ashlee Rose Galliher ^+
Daughter of Mr. William Galliher & Ms. Mary Galliher
Kent State University

*Andrew David Hamilton+
Son of Ms. Susan Hamilton
Walsh University

Brandol Scott Herring, Jr.
Son of Mr. & Mrs. Brandol Herring, Sr.
Akron Wayne

**Claire Jaqueline King^+
Daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Stuart King
Kent State University

Jasmine Alexis Lyons
Daughter of Ms. Michelle Curtiss
Kent State University

*Caleb Carroll Moody
Son of Mr. & Mrs. Tim Moody
Calvin College

**Cathryn Carroll McKinney-Thompson
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Danny Thompson
U.S. Navy

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

2016 Valedictorian
Claire King

2016 Salutatorian
Ashlee Galliher
GREETINGS FROM THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Each year as the end of the year approaches, I'm still amazed at how fast a school year can pass by. This year is no exception. It’s been a busy, ever-changing, fast-paced, life altering year for both students and staff. Our theme this year, taken from Titus 2 teaches us to “say ‘no’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives...” Our sub-theme is “I Am Second.” We hope our students grasp the idea of putting God first, and themselves second.

We’ve really worked hard at teaching and showing our students all the ways these two thoughts can be used in their lives. We’ve had more students give their lives to Christ than ever before and Satan has pushed back hard in some cases. We teach the young ones to be kind to one another, to speak when spoken to, to give their best at all times and to love God and love people. We teach the older ones that the enemy is strong and will attack, but God is able to handle all of that if they just chose to hand it over to Him. We believe God is working miracles in the lives of our students.

Educationally exciting things are happening. Heritage Christian School is about to embark upon a new and exciting era. Beginning next year, the first phases of Classical Christian Curriculum will be put into place. HCS will be on the cutting edge of something challenging and thrilling in the urban educational world. Classical education uses methods and content that develops thinking, articulate, well-rounded graduates. It is

1. Age specific, using children’s God-given strengths at each stage of growth to help them learn.
2. A time-tested method and content, developing skills to equip students to be lifelong learners by teaching students that every subject is comprised of certain defining facts with an orderly organization of information.
3. Christ-centered. Classical Christian schools teach all subjects based on the principle that God is the Creator of all that exists, and therefore all knowledge is interrelated and points back to Him.
4. Academically rigorous showing students they are capable of achieving much more than is commonly thought.
5. A nurturing community. It is a community of parents and teachers who share a commitment for teaching children to love learning and growing in godliness. Teachers are currently being trained to make this exciting transition and for our families who are coming in on the lower levels (K-2) you will see this shift begin as early as next year. All other grade levels will begin putting small pieces into place as we grow from the bottom up. Please pray for our staff as this process takes place.

We believe that HCS is a light in the city of Canton. We believe that God is at work here. Parents and staff alike are partnering together to give our students the best Christ-centered education that they can receive. Pray big! Expect God to do great things!

Many Blessings and have a safe summer!

Mrs. Karla Robinson, M.Ed
K-12 Principal

CALENDAR

The Main Office will be open during the summer from 9:00-3:00, Monday through Friday.

June
6 Summer Fun Club Begins

July
4 Independence Day: No Summer Fun Club
12, 13 Heart of Heritage Tours
16 Buildings and Grounds Volunteer Day (8am- Noon)
18 Mandatory Fall Athletic Meeting (7pm)
24 Pro Football Hall of Fame Community Parade

August
12 Last Day of Summer Fun Club
16, 17 Heart of Heritage Tours
22 Get Acquainted Open House (Mandatory)
24 First Day of School

September
2 NO SCHOOL: Staff Professional Training Day
2 Make-Up Open House 7:30-8:30 am
5 NO SCHOOL: Labor Day
13, 14 Heart of Heritage Tours
16 Golf Scramble
23 Grandparent’s Day Celebration
26-30 Hispanic Heritage Week

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

HCS has been working on building stronger relationships in the community. We were selected by Leadership Stark County to have a team of area professionals assigned to our school to improve Customer Service internally and externally. We were also blessed with a Day of Caring, a community effort to bring large efforts from area corporations to improve the community. Over 35 employees from TimkenSteel and Diebold Inc. came to Heritage and spent time painting, laying mulch, and pulling weeds. Volunteers were also invited on a tour of our facility and enjoyed seeing our vision and mission.
A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

As the school year has come to an end, we have much to be thankful for. A big thank you goes out to former Board of Education members, Bob Gill and Jeff Gill. Their support of Heritage Christian School over the past several years has been invaluable in enabling us to move the school forward on several fronts. The IT Department has been totally upgraded with new computers and laptop computers are available on mobile carts for all students to utilize. Many building upgrades and additions to our athletic facilities have been made. Countless hours have been donated to support our athletes and to improve board policies and procedures. All Heritage families owe a debt of gratitude to these gentlemen and their wives for their abundant benevolence.

We are also moving forward with our Capital Campaign to raise $5.2 million dollars for a variety of facility upgrades and improvements. We have already raised $700,000 over the past five years with many improvements already completed. Please pray for the Capital Campaign Committee and for willing donors as we proceed with this vitally important project.

Please join us as we welcome new Board member Cindy Hernandez to Heritage. Cindy is the Director of Rivertree School. She has been happily married to husband Michael for 31 years, has two sons and two grandchildren. Her experience as an educator and leader will be an invaluable addition to our Board of Education.

Finally, breathe a prayer of thankfulness and appreciation for the faculty and staff of HCS. I believe we have the most dedicated, motivated and competent group of leaders and educators teaching and ministering to our students and their families. Thank you for entrusting the educational needs and spiritual growth of your most precious possession – your sons and daughters - to us. We will continue to do our best to meet your expectations as, together, we mold and shape the character, hearts, and minds of our kids, to the glory and honor of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

For His Glory,
Timothy R. Rerrode
Chairman

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Heritage Christian School primarily serves families from inner-city Canton and the surrounding Stark County area. Over the years, we have witnessed the lives of many of our students being positively impacted both academically and spiritually. Close to 80% of our students attend using state scholarships or tuition assistance and approximately 65% participate in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program.

There remains a significant gap between what Heritage receives and our actual cost per student. That gap amounts to approximately $3,500 per student per year. The only way we can continue to make our education affordable for all families is through the generous support of individuals, businesses, and the churches. By partnering with a student, you are closing that gap while helping all of our students receive the quality education they deserve.

Partnership Levels:

FULL PARTNER - Your contribution of $3,500 will sponsor one student for a school year. Twice a year, you will be invited to a Partner Day where you can attend a program, take part in a classroom activity and have lunch with your student. Although you are not required to attend, Partner Days provide an excellent opportunity for both the partners and the students to get to know one another. Also, our students send two letters per year to their partners to share updates on their lives, with teacher comments as well.

HALF PARTNER - Your contribution of $1,750 will sponsor a student for half of the school year. Like the Full Partner level, you will have opportunities to interact with your student. You will be invited to a Partner Day and you will receive a letter from your student, along with teacher comments.

DAY PARTNER - Your contribution of $555 will sponsor a class for a day. As a Day partner, you will receive a thank you letter from the class, as well as an update from the teacher.

LEGACY PARTNER - Your contribution of $10,500 will sponsor three students for the year. Being a Legacy Partner is similar to being a Full Partner, except that your partnership will bless multiple students.

CONQUEROR PARTNER - Your contribution of $24,500 will sponsor seven students for the year. You will receive the benefits of being a Full Partner while blessing even more students.

At Heritage Christian School, we are witnessing the positive transformation of so many students’ lives. Your partnership in our mission will have a significant impact on our students and community as a whole. Together we can make a difference. Please contact Todd Bentzel, Director of Development, at tbentzel@hcs canton.org or call him directly at 330-452-8271 ext. 318.

HCS CELEBRATES DIVERSITY!

The past two years, Heritage has been intentional in recognizing and celebrating diversity. We have set aside time during the nationally recognized months to have Heritage Weeks, where we really concentrate on the many contributions made by minority groups to our nation’s history as well as celebrating the traditions of several students in our student body identify with. The word of God is a book of multicultural interactions and provides the perfect framework of how to work together regardless of our perceived differences! This year, Mrs. Howe provided several Spanish learning materials for Hispanic American Heritage Week. During African American Heritage Week, we were thrilled to have Charity Dukes, ReCarla Samples, Ivana DuBose, and Dawn DuBose create and serve African American cultural inspired dishes! We were pleased to have Dr. Renee Powell as a special guest as students learned more about the importance of Clearview Golf Club, the first golf course designed and owned by an African American. Mrs. Serafino brought in some items from her travels throughout Asia as we recognized Asian-Pacific Island American Heritage Week! We were excited to have One World Taiko visit our school. Students experienced the wonderful Japanese custom of Taiko Drums as well as learned a couple of Japanese words while incorporating the art of the drum. We also had several dynamic speakers during our weekly chapels.
THE HERITAGE DECLARATION!

Several staff members visited Hope Academy in Minneapolis, Minnesota in November of this school year to visit an inner-city, classical school. Students in the elementary school, as part of the heavy memorization in the classical learning style, learned a declaration that is recited often. The purpose of the declaration is to become unified by what God’s Word says about us! This common identity, and common language, separates Heritage students (and staff!) from those in other schools. It becomes our unique culture, and is a template for how we behave, treat one another, and how we feel about ourselves. We are thrilled to bring this to our students at Heritage Christian School and are proud to share our Heritage Declaration.

I go to Heritage Christian School, A school where God is present. I believe the Bible, God’s Holy Word. I make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God. I love God and I love people I see others through my Father’s eyes.

I love God with all of my heart, with all of my soul and with all of my mind. Then, I love my neighbor as much as I love myself. Because of the grace of God, I can say “No” to ungodliness and I am eager to do what is good. I listen and obey the first time, not the second time, but the first time.

I am made in the image of God my Creator, who loves me more than I can fathom. I know that with God, all things are possible! I can serve the Lord by being a doctor, a musician, a missionary, a parent, a coach, a business owner, a soldier, or an author. God’s mighty power can do immeasurably more than I can even ask or imagine.

The joy of the Lord is my strength, and I am more than a conqueror in life because Jesus loves me. He gives me a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. I was once in darkness, but now I am a light that shines into the world for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Heritage Values have also been accepted this year and we will be focusing more on these in the coming school year!

Honor
Excellence
Relationships
Integrity
Thinker
Accountable
Grace
Eternal

ANNUAL CONQUERORS’ GOLF SCRAMBLE

Heritage’s Annual Golf Scramble will be held on Friday September 16th at 9:00 am. Registration is due by September 9. We invite you to come out and be a part of an event that will provide financial assistance to families that desire to provide their children with a Christian education. For more information contact Todd Bentzel, Director of Development, at tbentzel@hcscanton.org or call 330-452-8271 ext. 318.

END OF YEAR FUN
Greetings,

It has been an exciting year at Heritage Christian School, and I am pleased to present the annual summary. Our enrollment continues to increase, as Heritage has experienced 49% growth over the past four years! Seeing lives transformed through our family environment, academics, and Biblical teaching is truly inspiring. Heritage is embarking on several new initiatives. First, we will be transitioning to the Classical Christian Curriculum over the next five years. This advanced curriculum will further enable students to excel academically, while they become life-long learners. Heritage will enhance the curriculum to also include the important contributions of diverse leaders. We believe this combination will allow our broad student body to achieve the highest academic success.

In addition, Heritage is embarking on a Capital Campaign to renovate our facility over the next two years, finishing with our 50 year anniversary! Also, the Partnership Program has begun, which partners local leaders with students to help fill the funding gap. These initiatives allow us to continue to fulfill our mission in Canton's inner-city. Though there are many changes, our focus on academic excellence, Bible-based instruction and a commitment to our community has not wavered. Nor has the dedication of our staff and teachers who work diligently to help each child succeed. To them and our generous donors, thank you for your continued support to our school. Your help is radically transforming lives!

In Christ,
Sharla Elton, MBA, CMA

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School Year Theme: I AM SECOND

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say ‘NO’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glory appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good”

Titus 2:11-14

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

HONOR GRADUATES

Out of the 9 graduating seniors, two qualified as Honor Graduates for meeting seven out of eight criteria, including overall GPA of 3.5 and/or a composite ACT score of 27 or above.

ACSI REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

ACSI REGIONAL MATH OLYMPICS

HCS students in grades 3-8 attended the ASCI Math Olympics. One student placed fifth, three students placed fourth, one student placed third, one student placed second, and two students received first place standings: Natalie Schmitt (8th grade) placed first in computation & Andrew Coblentz placed first in Reasoning.

ACSI REGIONAL SPEECH MEET

Twenty-five high school students traveled to the ACSI Senior Speech Meet at Mt. Vernon Nazarene University on March 8th. The students earned several excellent and superior ribbons, and two students brought home trophies. Daniel Durbin won best in category for Bible Memorization, and Jordan Harris won best in category for Devotional Homiletics. Way to go, HCS!

ACSI CREATIVE WRITING FESTIVAL

Congratulations to Natalie Schmitt for her fiction piece at the ACSI Creative Writing Festival this spring. She received an Excellent rating.

ACSI ART FESTIVAL

We are so proud of the seven students who attended the ACSI Art Festival this spring. Out of a possible 40 points, TaShyra Lawson (8th grade) earned our highest score at 37 and received a Blue Ribbon. Fourth grade student, Alethia Brooks, was nominated for Best of Show Competition!
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
2016 CARSON SCHOLARS!

These students have been awarded $1,000.00 Scholarships for their academic work and their community service. They will be recognized at a ceremony in Pittsburg with other area Carson Scholars and Recognized Scholars.

Micah McConahay 4th Grade
Mary Pilcher 6th Grade
Katie Corbit 11th Grade

2016 Recognized Carson Scholars: The following students were previously awarded scholarships and are being recognized again for their continued commitment to their education and their community.

Macy Banner, Emily Brittain, Evan Caldwell, Hannah Caldwell, Andrew Coblentz, Ashlee Galliher, Macin Jakubiak, Kenneth Martin, Ruth Pilcher, Aaron Rexrode, Natalie Schmitt, Matthew Stevens, and Faith West.

COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

Our neighbors were displaced by a house fire and our students responded with a fundraiser day! Students and staff raised $1,340.00 for the family.

Juniors and Seniors went to the Pregnancy Support Center to help clean and organize.

Preschool raised $255 to bless the people at Sarah Care with useful items and share Christ’s love.

Junior and Senior High Beta club members rang bells for Salvation Army, decorated for Christmas at a nursing home, and provided child care for FOHA and Family Night.

Secondary students worked at the Café Disco event for people with developmental disabilities.

Our school was able to raise $497.48 for Hammer and Nails! The money will be used to purchase materials and tools necessary for home repairs and maintenance in our Stark County community.

We had school-wide Jeans Days every Friday to raise money for the Junior Senior class mission trip. Each student was permitted to wear jeans if they brought in $1.00. Along with Jeans Days, Juniors and Seniors also sold pies and between the two efforts, raised $2,500.00. Students left for a two day trip to serve at Revive Baptist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio.

DEVELOPMENT

Fundraisers:
Jubilee Cards - $9,151.00
Golf Scramble - $31,578.29
Heart of Heritage Breakfast (2015) $313,804.14

Foundation Support:
Flowers Foundation - $5,000.00
Helen Brach Foundation - $10,000.00
Herbert C. Ziegler Foundation - $1,000.00
The Hoover Foundation – $5,000.00

ENROLLMENT

MEDIA

Heritage received coverage in the Canton Repository this year.

• “Heritage Christian School to Close Friday to Beat the Heat” - September 3, 2015
• “Heritage Christian Names McKenzie New Boys Basketball Coach” - April 30, 2016

Heritage also received mass media coverage on several television news outlets on September 3, 2015.

• “Heat closes school with no AC” - Cleveland 19 News
• “School in Canton to cancel classes due to heat” - WKYC
• “Canton school cancels class for Friday over heat” - Fox 8 Cleveland
ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

We have had a very successful year in the Athletic Department. We began the year with the addition of two female golfers on our Golf Team. We also continued to work on the growth and development physically and spiritually of our Boys Basketball Teams. Our Middle School Basketball Team won the Kingsway Tournament! We added elementary camps in Cheerleading and Volleyball as we hope to develop students earlier for future opportunities. Our Track Team was small but mighty this season! Junior Leah Grimes came in 7th place in the 400 and the ladies relay team also finished 7th at the District Finals. Our Baseball Team also found great success this year and Junior Andrew Wade had the top batting average and slugging percentage in the county!

PRESCHOOL PROGRESS

Forty-six students are enrolled in the preschool at Heritage. We are very pleased with the growth and retention of the preschool students. Our teaching staff has done a remarkable job this year and we are tremendously blessed to have each of them here at HCS. We have 30 students that will be graduating Pre-K this school year!

2015-2016 Highlights:

• Four families were provided a Christmas through the generous donation of our staff and Board.
• Students read over 600 books for Storybook Month!
• Began the accreditation process for Step Up To Quality through the State of Ohio.

TECHNOLOGY

The Technology Department expanded with the addition of three computer carts housing Google Chromebooks. Students this year have had even more access to computer time in their own classrooms with this addition. The wireless internet system was upgraded to accommodate the use of several devices at a time. Elementary students have also experienced an increase in computer lab time as well.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Mr. Martin, Vice Principal and School Chaplain, has provided numerous opportunities through our chapels and special programs for students to develop and strengthen their faith. Under his leadership, he has focused heavily on nurturing cultural diversity and community relationships. Student have participated in the following:

• Separated Upper and Lower Elementary chapels to make the lessons more targeted for certain age groups.
• Pastor Kirk Kirkland from Cincinnati Revive Ministry returned as our speaker for Spiritual Emphasis Week in January.
• We were honored to have a few servicemen speak to our student body. Vietnam Veteran David Pickens was just one of our speakers who delivered a message of hope in God’s perfect plan.

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ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

On May 6, 2016, Braumbaugh-Herrick, Inc. conducted the required 3-year inspection of Heritage Christian School for hazardous Asbestos Containing Building Materials (ACBM) for the purpose of reassessment according to the Public Law 99-519, ASMER Act of 1986. The report is in the Main Office.

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Mike Schulze, Pam Stimmel, Vice Chairwoman
Snoopy Lameli, VCEO, CHairman

SUMMER FUN CLUB

Lots of summer fun coming your way! Student ages 3 (and potty trained) through entering 5th grade are eligible to attend this child care program. Students will enjoy several activities including swimming, field trips, pottery, summer reading in the Bookmobile, and educational activities. For more information, please call Holly Grove, Preschool Director, at 330-452-8271 ext. 304 or email hgrove@hcscanton.org.