

Newsletter

Spring 2024

Heritage Christian School Updates: Preschool through Eighth Grade —

Faith Building: Our students enjoy daily Bible lessons in class and once a week chapel sessions together as a school. The "Armor of God" and "How God Protects Us" are the most recent Chapel series.

Our Middle School is involved in a House System that trains students to be leaders, achieve academically, plan events for the school and serve others.



Students have been involved in:

The Science of Reading classwork that emphasizes phonics and phonemic awareness at the elementary level. Middle School students develop critical thinking and definition through good books and written classics.

Approximately thirty percent of our students are English language learners. Our English Language teacher is helping them rapidly integrate into their regular classrooms.

Teachers in the elementary levels are involved in Orton Gillingham **training in phonics and phonemic awareness**, which is a part of the Science of Reading program the State of Ohio is emphasizing. We have already seen tremendous growth in students taught using this method.

Right to Read Week was a big hit for the students as they were able to dress in character and enjoyed Dr. Seuss.

Accelerated Learners engage with specific teachers reading good books along with presentations and specialized group projects that push them above grade level learning.

Math/science: Students at all levels are involved in STEAM (science/technology/engineering/art/math)

Students have been on field trips to the following as examples:

- · A working horse farm
- •A pumpkin farm and apple orchard
- •Fossils and Science Museum
- •Nature Centers and local history sites
- •Theaters and Museums
- •Polymer Science Center

Testing shows results of training. In the last six months, our test results show 31 percent growth in Math and 28 percent growth in English Language Arts. We are so excited to see how our team is progressing.

Heritage Christian scored above Canton City Public Schools in all 14 of the grade 3-8 Spring 2023 state tests. The average difference is 24% higher.

Heritage Christian also scored above the Ohio Similar District comparison in all 14 tests as well, with the average difference being 21% higher. In 12 of 14 tests, Heritage Christian scored above the average for all other Stark County private schools who take the tests and has an average difference of 16% higher than the average for all other Stark County private schools.





"Hitting Drives + Impacting Lives"

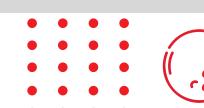
It is time once again to register for the annual Heritage Christian School Golf Scramble Fundraiser, our most popular event.

Men and women of all ages love to participate as they enjoy a great

day outdoors playing a game they love while raising money for a school that they believe in.

Whether you support the outing as a golfer, a sponsor or a prayer warrior, you will be making a difference in the lives of area youth. We will be teeing it up for our children at 8:30 A.M. on Friday, September 6 at the beautiful Raintree Golf Course in Uniontown, Ohio.

For more information, please contact Todd Bentzel at 330-452-8271 Ext. 318.















Every 2024 Parent Survey

From the Parents...

"The children seem much happier on a day-to-day basis than what I've witnessed at local schools"

"My grandson is being academically challenged and they are meeting his social, mental, physical, and emotional needs."

"My son struggles, but is doing so much better this year than last. He is getting the help he needs to help him succeed."

I love how they are always attentive with the things that go on at school! My children have thrived so much since they started last year compared to public school.

"I absolutely DO recommend HCS to other parents."

"I love that my child gets to have Bible class every day of the week. It is helping build a firm foundation that will stand."

"I love how the teachers and staff that I have interacted with really care."

"They reach my child well and I am so thankful."

"The things I like best about Heritage Christian School are the love and support given to my children."

Renovations

During this past year, Heritage Christian School has been blessed to receive funding through SiX separate grants totaling over \$257,000 for several major renovations to our nearly one hundred year old building. Among these projects were:

FENCING

Last summer, we were able to install fencing and gates around our entire building. These upgrades have improved the aesthetics of the building while providing enhanced security as well.

AUDITORIUM CARPET AND RAILS

As part of the second phase of our auditorium project, new carpeting and permanent handrails were installed.

SAFETY AND SECURITY UPGRADES

Various safety and security upgrades have been made. Included among them are outside lighting and bathroom vaping sensors.

STAIR TREADS

New stair treads have been installed on all of our stairways. The new treads represent a step up in safety.

CAFETERIA DOORS

New secure doors have been installed in the kitchen and cafeteria, replacing ones that were nearly one hundred years old.

AIR PURIFIERS (TO BE INSTALLED)

We have been approved for the installation of air purifiers in the lower level of the building.

AND MORE... Boys and Girls restrooms in the lower level received new paint, flooring, lighting, new toilets/sinks, and counters

The indoor Recess Room received new lighting, rubberized flooring, mats for walls and floors, and gross motor resources (climbers, jumbo building blocks, basketball hoops, balancing steps, caterpillar tunnel, and GaGa Ball pit).



The Super Room is a large indoor space utilized by Preschool and K-8 childcare as well as Summer Fun Club. The room received a fresh coat of paint, new flooring, custom cabinetry and counters, new STEM resources, and a doorway between the adjacent classroom to expand the learning environment. The gym received new lighting.

All preschool classrooms received new shelving, STEM resources, smart boards, and learning activities.



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From the Students...

"HCS means a lot to me because there are teachers that care about you and want you to succeed in life."

"HCS means a lot to me because of the nice teachers, the fun electives and specials. I came to this school when I was in 5th grade. I had a choice to come here ... It is fun to be here and I am grateful to have a choice." "Heritage Christian school means a lot to me because we have very dedicated teachers that care about all of their students equally."

"HCS means a lot to me because I love it here. Our teachers are amazing and they are really nice, especially Mrs. Diehl. For the past couple of years I have been here and I learned more than just academics."

Heritage Christian School is my favorite school. I have learned so much stuff ... I have made so many friends and so many memories.

"They have good teachers that will do anything to help a student in the toughest times."



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Teacher Match Program



The dedicated teachers at Heritage Christian School pour into our

students with their time, energies and compassion. If you appreciate the teachers at Heritage Christian School, there is now an excellent way to show your gratitude and support. Recently, the Christ Foundation provided us with a unique and generous way to help our teachers' salaries through a matching grant. All donations received though the Teacher

Match Program will be matched by The Christ Foundation dollar for dollar up to a maximum of \$50,000 per year. Donations and matching funds will be used to supplement and increase Heritage Christian School faculty compensation.

If you are interested in supporting this program, you may scan the QR code or send your tax-deductible contribution payable to "Heritage Christian School" to:

Teacher Match

Heritage Christian School 2107 Sixth Street SW Canton, Ohio 44706

Please write "Teacher Match" on the memo line of your check. If you have any questions, or would like to donate by credit card, please call the school at 330-452-8271 Ext. 300.

Thank you for supporting our awesome teachers!

Summer 2024 brings HCS Mini Camps June 10-July 26

HCS will be offering 6 summer mini-camps. Five are open to current K-5th grade students (Music, Math, Art, Reading and STEAM) and one is open to current 6th-8th grade students and their adult family members (Financial Freedom for Families).

June 10–14 Financial Freedom For Families (5:00–7:30 P.M.) June 17–21 Music (8:30–11:30 A.M.) June 24–28 Math (8:30–11:30 A.M.) July 8–12 Art (8:30–11:30 A.M.) July 15–19 Reading (8:30–11:30 A.M.) July 22–26 STEAM (8:30–11:30 A.M.)

