

Heritage Christian Academy

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Greetings to our HCA Families,

I'm sure that your family is preparing for an incredible school year. You are to be commended for taking the responsibility for your child's education. Your sacrifices of time and finances can be great, but those sacrifices will greatly influence your child's future. We would like to thank you for considering Heritage Christian Academy as your church-related school. Our desire is to see your family be successful at achieving your educational goals.

Heritage Christian Academy is a church-related school (CRS). We also offer our umbrella students a tutorial for grades 7-12 and a co-op for grades K-6 which are only available to our CRS students who qualify and register prior to the beginning of school. Tutorial and Co-op enrollment begins in **March**. In addition to academic enrichment, these students enjoy many exciting social activities throughout the year. If you are interested in being part of one of these programs, be sure to contact us the first week of **March** to set up a time to enroll for the following year. The Tutorial is one of a college preparatory level. There are additional fees for the Tutorial and Co-op. These programs meet on Fridays and they do fill up quickly. There is a registration fee for the Tutorial per family of \$165 and each class that meets one hour per week for 30 weeks is \$210. We have wonderful, qualified instructors, and we offer around 50 classes each year. We also have a competitive trap shooting team and a bowling league. The registration fee for the Co-op is \$95 for the year. Parents also volunteer to teach classes.

We now sell the Alpha Omega curriculum. We keep a limited quantity in stock. If you are enrolled with HCA and you request a discount when you place your order, you will receive 10% off your order. With HCA, you will always have the option of using any approved curriculum that works best for your family.

If you are not enrolled in a co-op or tutorial, you may want to find a support group. To find a homeschool support group in your area, you may contact the Middle Tennessee Home Education Association by going to ja@mthea.org. You may also check area churches to see if other church-related students meet in their church. The YMCA, zoo, museum, library and community centers may offer daytime activities for students.

Enrollment fees for your children are listed on the CRS Fee Schedule. We offer a summer discount until the end of August; the CRS fee is \$65 for your first child and \$46 for each additional child (up to 4 children, additional children are free). Beginning September 1, enrollment fees go back to \$96 per child. If you are new to HCA, there is a one time fee of \$50 per family if you have a student in grades 9-12. If you are a senior enrolling with HCA for the first time, there is an additional fee of \$100. Seniors enrolling for the first time will not be able to participate in our graduation ceremony.

To enroll you will need to complete and send in the following forms:

- **CRS Application**
- **CRS Fee Schedule**
- **Request for Records** (if this is your first time to enroll with HCA)

You may request a teacher card by emailing your request to busytrina@comcast.net. You will automatically be put on a yahoo group that will notify you of educational events that you may be

interested in. You will also be added to SwapShope (classified ads) which you will receive weekly. Feel free to post anything that you may want to sell.

There is a handbook at our website with more information. Keep in mind that you can always download any forms that you may need at our website: www.heritage-christian-academy.com. Be sure to type in the address.; do not google it or you may be routed to our old website. Also, check our website periodically to see if there are any announcements that you may be interested in.

What do we expect of you as a CRS parent?

We require that you send in your grade reports (called the Attendance and Progress Report) two times a year; be sure to mail them January 15 and July 15. You can find these forms on our website. We expect that you use appropriate curriculum for your students. We expect you to teach, train, encourage and do all in your power to help your student be academically successful. Keep in mind that you can't expect what you don't inspect.

If your child is ready to take his driving test for his license, please **email your request** with your student's name and address **at least a week before you need it**. It is only good for **30 days** from the date on the letter. They will not accept a faxed or emailed copy.

We ask that you email any questions you may have to busytrina@comcast.net. Please note that we have a high volume of emails, so it may take a little while to get back to you, but please be patient as we will get back to you.

Please limit your calls between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Thank you!

When you receive emails of something you think you may be interested in, please print them off and save them in a folder. Please do not request that we send out an email again that has already been sent out.

There is a \$25 charge for any check returned with insufficient funds.

Transcripts will be prepared during a student's junior and senior years. If you request a transcript prepared for your own use prior to that, there is a fee of \$10 to prepare and send that out.

If your child's last name is different from yours, please be sure to always include his/her full name in any email you write to us. Also, for high school students, please include their graduation year in requesting transcripts (Class of 2012, 2013, 2014, etc.). After you graduate, please always refer to the year they graduated. We have their transcripts filed in the year of their graduation.

If you have any pictures of your child doing school activities that you would like to email to us as a jpeg attachment, we can put them on the HCA website.

We offer various activities and events that umbrella students are invited to participate in. Please remember that all HCA students attending any HCA event are expected to adhere to our dress code which is available at our website.

Juniors and Seniors who will be taking college tests this year (ACT or SAT) will need to use our school code when they register online to take the test. Our code is 431-601. This test is required to graduate. To register to take the ACT, go to www.actstudent.org.

Below are some opportunities that are available to our Umbrella students:

*The dates, times and events listed above are subject to change. Always check the website or email the office for any last minute changes.

August 12-20	Wilson County Fair Week
September 5	White Water Rafting Trip (registration deadline August 1, ages 12 and up)
September 7	Bowling League begins (Hermitage Lanes) deadline August 1, grades 7-12
September 9	Fall pictures for yearbook from 10-2 at New Hope Baptist Church (everyone photographed will have their picture in yearbook)
October 7	Senior Meeting for Parents and Seniors 4:00 (at New Hope Church) All seniors and at least one parent should attend. Seniors participating in the graduation ceremony should be prepared to pay first graduation payment of \$150
October 14	Picture make-up day 11-2 p.m.
November 4	2 nd graduation payment due
November 11	Spelling Bee for 7 th and 8 th grades at New Hope. Winner goes to county bee. Bee will begin at 11:00 a.m. sharp. Be there a little early.
December 2	Last graduation payment due
January 15	Progress and Attendance Reports due
January 20	Formal Senior pictures will be taken today (drape and tux will be provided)
January 24	Science Fair (all grades invited to participate) 6-8 p.m.
March 2	Seniors in ceremony must have all their pics/senior $\frac{1}{2}$ page turned in today
March 5	International Fair 6-8 p.m. (all grades invited to participate)
March 9	Registration open to your students for the Co-op & Tutorial for next year
March 11	Daylight Savings Time begins
April 1	Deadline for turning in pictures to be put in the yearbook (by email only)
April 30-May 2	Achievement Tests (Monday-Wednesday)
May 17	Graduation Rehearsal (Thursday)
May 18	High School Graduation (Friday)
May 8	Grades due for graduating seniors 2 weeks before you want diploma
May 12	Mother-Daughter Tea (at local tea house)
June 8-10	HCA Family Camp-Out at Defeated Creek
June 15	HCA Used Book Sale @ New Hope 9:00-1:00
July 15	2 nd Progress and Attendance Report due

ACT Test Dates:	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>	<u>Test Date</u>
	August 12	September 10
	September 16	October 22
	November 4	December 10
	January 13	February 11
	March 9	April 14

Ed and I pray that your family will become closer this year as you focus on God's will for your life. Remember it's not about getting into the best college, having the best job, making the most money or even making the best grades, although those can be wonderful things. If your children are raised to fear the Lord, to have a desire to follow and please Him, to know His love and mercy...then you know you have truly been successful at raising your children. We would like to encourage you to find a church to plug into with your children. Get them involved in your church's children and youth groups. Read your Bible and encourage your children to read their Bible. Pray before meals, when you wake up and when you go to sleep; pray with your children. Your guidance and encouragement can make an eternal difference.

May your blessings and memories be abundant and may He receive all the glory!
Ed and Katrina Hagerty