



Home-School ANNOUNCER

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WELCOME

The staff welcomes the students as they return to begin another school year. We extend a special welcome to the families who have new students in school. They are: Calvin and Alisha Bruinsma -Landen (K), Leah Buitter - Dallas (K), Kurt and Valen De Jong - Bennett (K), Lucas and Stacy Maatman - Christian (K), David and Madri Mahtani - Myra (7) Selah (6) Zephaniah (4) and Asher (K), Zach and Dallas Zylstra - Makenna (K).The staff would also like to welcome Mr. David Mahtani Administrator, and Miss Faith Hoksbergen - HCHS Math and Science. The entire staff is looking forward to a profitable year of Christian education. We seek God's blessing as we begin this school year.

HOME-SCHOOL ANNOUNCER

The Home School Announcer will again be emailed to all of our constituents this year.

GENERAL SCHOOL RULES

Students will be allowed to come into school when the front doors are unlocked at 8:00 a.m. Students will not be allowed to use the refrigerator or kitchen area. Please prepare their lunches accordingly. Students will not be allowed to have gum in school or any food on the bus.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

If your emergency contact number(s) has changed from your registration form, please call the school office with the new information so we can update our files.

HEALTH FORMS

All health forms for Kindergarten, 6th and 9th grade students were due today. If you have not returned yours, please do so ASAP.

SAFETY PROCEDURES / POLICY

For the safety of our school and students, parents must notify the office if their child(ren) will be absent or late. The secretary will call parents within one hour of the school start time if a student is absent without notice from the parents. **Also, the parents must notify the office if their child(ren) is getting home other than his/her usual manner.** Also, if you drop off or pick up your child during school hours, please check in and out at the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

DROP OFF/PICK-UP PROCEDURE

Student Drop Off

All cars (including high school student drivers) entering the school main drive with the intent of dropping student passengers off should drive straight to the front entry under the canopy. Do not turn left until you reach the drive under the canopy. **If other cars needing to drop off students can be seen behind you, please drive slowly under the canopy and advance south into the high school parking lot up to where the sidewalk curves west. Advance far enough to allow students in other cars behind you to exit their cars at the same time.** Students should exit their cars and walk directly westward to the sidewalk. Students should remain on the sidewalk at all times while in route to their school entry door. Once you are under the canopy or if you have advanced south into the high school parking lot, please keep your car as far to the right as possible. DO NOT DOUBLE PARK while dropping students off. If at all possible, students should exit the right side of the vehicle.

After all student passengers have exited your vehicle, student drivers should proceed forward slowly to the high school lot. All other vehicles may turn left to exit immediately or make a U-turn around the far island in the high school parking lot. Carefully advance north to the main exit or west to the exit past the bus barn.

Please follow our **pick up procedure** which is posted as one of our policies on our school website under the About Us tab (under school policies). Cars entering into the parking lot to pick up children should drive around the perimeter of the grade school parking lot. Orange cones will designate a driving lane for you to stay in, two lanes on the east side and one lane on the west side. Students may enter your vehicle only on the west side of the parking lot. Teachers will be present to facilitate this procedure. Once all students are in your vehicle, you may slowly pull left into the middle of the parking lot and proceed to the exit. Please exercise care so all our students can get picked up safely.

FOLDERS

Students in grades 3 & 4 must purchase their 6 pocket folders from school. Please send \$1.50 to the school office to cover the cost of the folders.

ASSIGNMENT BOOKS

Students in grades 5 & 6 must purchase their assignment book from school. Other students may purchase them also. Please send \$2.00 to the school office to cover the cost of the book.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY/HANDBOOK

You are able to print the directory/handbook from FACTS. There are also a few printed copies available in the office if you are unable to print one from home.

CHAPEL THEME SONG

We assign several chapel theme songs throughout the year. The chapel theme song is a song each class of the grade school focuses on and learns. Singing the song at home helps the children memorize it. Our first chapel theme song is: Psalter #277 vs. 1-4.

HERITAGE BOOKS

Students should have purchased a few required books today. If they have not done so, please send appropriate payment along to school tomorrow.

HERITAGE PHYSICAL FORMS

The athletic physical forms were due back before the first sports game. If you have not returned yours, please do so ASAP. Your child will **NOT** be allowed to play in games until it is returned.

HCHS ATHLETICS

Season passes will again be available this year. Pay at the gate or in the office.

-\$275 full year family (Family includes: college students as well, but not post high non-students).

-\$100 full year adult

-\$60 full year student

-\$150 one season family (Family includes: college students as well, but not post high non-students).

-\$75 one season adult

Please go to the school's website for the most updated schedule (look on the Athletic calendar).

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Parents are asked to please speak to your children about proper behavior on the bus. Students should also be mindful of proper use/care of the bus seats. Additionally, eating is not allowed on the bus. Using the bus is a privilege. However, destroying property will result in losing your bus privilege. Thanks for your help in keeping our buses in good condition.

THE TASTE

The Achieve Committee met and decided to change the date of the Taste this year from October 6 to February 9. Going forward the Taste will be held on the second Friday of each February. Achieve provides instruction for students with special learning difficulties. This event will be held at the school gym.

LADIES AUXILIARY

-Hot Lunch: Payments for August and September's hot lunch orders were due today, August 21. If you haven't paid yet, please send that to the office ASAP. Orders and payment for October are due on September 15.

-Scrip: Please remember to support our school by using our Scrip program! We carry a wide variety of gift cards in different denominations which earn money for our school. Gift cards can be ordered by, contacting, Audra Andringa (708) 280-6712, Leah Lenting (708) 212-5092 or Brenda Zandstra at (708)915-0085. Your gift cards can also be ordered online at Raiserright.com. If you prefer a phone app, try the RaiseRight Fundraising app, which can be found in your App Store. We will be continuing our Stop and Shop on **every Friday** from 8-8:30 am in the Board/Faculty room. Stop in to shop our gift card stock or if you would like help with the online store or phone app, we will gladly walk you through it. Thanks in advance for your support.

-Family Dinner

Save the date - September 8. Ladies Auxiliary is hosting our annual Family Dinner on September 8. There will also be sport events from both Grade school and High school. Come support our school and our athletes. More information will come soon.

-Marathon

Please reserve Monday, September 25 (rain date Tuesday, September 26) for our annual school marathon! Watch for more detail soon!

YEARBOOK

The 2022-2023 yearbooks have been distributed. Thank you so much for your support last year! The company sent us overrun copies so we have a few available for sale. Contact Shanda Houck at 708-539-5138 or shanda.houck@heritagechs.org if you would like to purchase a yearbook before they are sent back to the company.

ADVANCED DATES:

September 1 & 4 - Labor Day weekend (no school)

September 8 - L.A. Family Dinner

September 20 - Picture Day

October 4 - Pre-ACT for all Sophomores

October 11 - PSAT / NMSQT (optional for Juniors)