

# THE HEADLINER

*Heritage Christian High School*  
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## Beauty

*By Grace De Jong*

“Do you think that I’m attractive? Do you think *he* thinks I’m pretty? Am I fat? Am I too skinny? What about my hair - is it better blond or brunette?” We’ve all heard these questions either from ourselves or from one of our friends. As teenagers, especially Christian girls, we need to understand what God’s Word says about true beauty.

Oftentimes the high school years are spent wondering about who likes whom, or how one can get that ‘someone’ to like her or him. Girls begin to adorn themselves with makeup, jewelry, name-brand clothes, and fancy hairdos, trying to get his attention. But, as Christian young women, is it really necessary?

I Peter 3:3,4 clearly demonstrates what the Word of God reveals about the true beauty of a woman: “Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel, but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.”

Today it is very hard to find girls, and even women, that are meek and quiet. Many seek to advance themselves, trying to be the continual center of attention, but the Word of God calls us to be completely different. It calls us to be quiet, meek women of the Lord, who are always serving Him with a humble and gentle attitude.

As teenagers here at Heritage, we are still trying to find our place in the world. We want to be pretty; we want to be ‘cool’; we want to be popular; we want to find love. None of

these things are wrong in themselves. However if we seek them outside of God’s Word, we are not advancing Christ and His righteous and holy beauty, but putting ourselves in front, trying to get people to take notice of us and our beauty, talents, and gifts. We need to see that to be beautiful in Christ will have such a greater reward than any beauty in this world could offer. True beauty is found internally and is what will last eternally – Proverbs 31:30, “Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **HCHS Clothing**

Current students and incoming freshmen interested in purchasing any of our HCHS clothing line may find order forms in the office. Incoming freshmen were provided this form with their registration materials. There will not be a sale in the fall, so this is your chance to stock up on warm-ups, hooded sweatshirts, team t-shirts, duffel bags, and the required PE shirts and shorts. Orders with payment (checks made out to HCHS) are due by May 14. You will receive your order on the first day of school in the fall.

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

Spring Break	March 29 – April 2
Junior-Senior Banquet	April 30
Senior Class Trip	May 6 - 7

### **Loyal Sword & Shield Supporters**

If you have not yet sent your yearbook advertisement or patron fees to the school office, please do so as soon as possible so that our work on the yearbook can continue on schedule. Thank you.

The Yearbook Committee

## Reformed Education

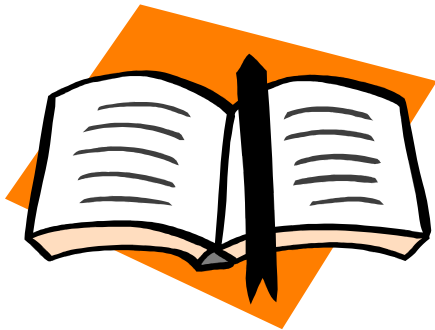
By Melissa De Jong

“Why is it important to have a Reformed education?” Mr. Van Uffelen asked during U.S. history class. The juniors and seniors are studying the progressive reforms in the early 1900s, including the reforms in public education. “What is the difference,” Mr. Van Uffelen continued to ask, “between a public school education and a Reformed school education? What is our goal and aim with our Christian schools?”

Today in public schools the main goal is to create responsible citizens for our democracy. Ungodly teachers are pushing for educated students that can improve the human condition, enter into society to solve racial problems, assist the poor, improve working conditions, and ease international tensions. Public school education serves man.

In contrast with public education, Reformed education is based on glorifying God. “We aim at mature men and women of the covenant. We aim, in this way, at the kingdom of God. Our ultimate goal in Christian education, therefore, is the glory of God,” Professor Engelsma writes in his book *Reformed Education*.

We, as students, must take heed to this goal and glorify God in all our work. We must not do our work just to be done with it, but do it neatly and thoughtfully, that we can show in our work that we are doing it to glorify God. Our goal must be to glorify God, not just to get good grades.



## Stairs of Separation

By Gina Verburg

A few weeks ago in U.S history class the juniors and seniors learned about Ellis Island. Ellis Island was a port in New York where immigrants from Europe would arrive. The building at Ellis Island was a large one, and as the immigrants flooded into that building they were put to many tests. They had to stow their bags in a luggage room, submit to the examination by doctors, and answer questions from the United States government. In this building was a large set of stairs called the “stairs of separation.”

As the immigrants climbed the stairs, doctors determined if the immigrants had any diseases or weaknesses and watched them closely. If an immigrant appeared sickly or had a hard time just climbing the stairs, he or she would be taken away by the doctors to be further examined and could be detained all night. Even after passing all other tests and finally coming to America an immigrant could still be sent back simply because of his or her trouble on the stairs.

Like many of the ill and weak immigrants at Ellis Island, we as Christians cannot climb the stairs of life. We sin daily and those sins set us back on the stairs. However, we have a heavenly Father always watching as we are on those stairs. On those stairs we follow His footsteps and hold His hand for guidance. When we fall back He will give us the strength or courage we need to climb up. When we stumble on those stairs of life, He will be there to pick us up and help us advance to the top of the stairs.

As we all climb the stairs of life may we all constantly look to God for the strength, guidance, and courage we need to always continue upward on those stairs.

# 2004-2005 Dates

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August 31	School Begins (½ Day)
September 6	Labor Day (No School)
October 20	½ Day
October 21, 22	PRTI Convention (No School)
October 26	Picture Day
November 3	Midterms
November 11, 15	P/T Conferences
November 24	½ Day
November 25, 26	Thanksgiving Break (No School)
December 7	Picture Retakes
December 17	½ Day
December 20-31	Christmas Break
January 19-21	Exams
January 21	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester
January 24	Records Day (No School)
February 17	P/T Conferences
February 21	Presidents' Day (No School)
March 23	Midterms
April 4-8	Spring Break (No School)
May 30	Memorial Day (No School)
June 1-3	Exams
June 3	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
June 4	Graduation
June 8	Grade Reports Mailed

## 2004-2005 Calendar

See the backside of the *Headliner* for important 2004-2005 dates.