



# THE HEADLINER

*Heritage Christian High School*  
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## U.S. History

By: Hayley Swan

“Well, let’s see,” contemplated Lee Wiltjer, senior, as he leaned back in his chair and stroked his chin. “Our U.S. History class is both interesting and difficult. At times, it can be boring, such as when we have to take a lot of notes, but Mr. Noorman keeps it interesting with his guitar songs and stories during class. Overall, we are having fun and learning a lot.”

As I interviewed Lee, I learned many interesting things about U.S. History and found that I have a lot to look forward to as I continue my high school career.

U.S. History is a course that juniors and seniors take simultaneously. As Lee says, combined classes lead to more frequent and interesting classroom discussion, but on the down side, they also lead to more distractions.

Mr. Noorman likes to liven things up a bit in class by using debates, videos, real life connections, and Internet handouts about current events. Because Mr. Noorman does these things, class is a lot more interesting, says Lee.

Right now, the students are studying Reconstruction after the Civil War. They are especially looking at racism between blacks and whites, both back then and still today. This can be seen through groups like the Ku Klux Klan.

Sometimes this class has been difficult because of assignments and notes. In spite of the difficulties, students are thoroughly enjoying the class, discovering how today’s leaders learn from the mistakes made in previous events.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Waffle Breakfast**

Please plan to attend a waffle breakfast sponsored by the junior class on Saturday, Feb. 11. Breakfast will be served from 6-10 at Illiana Christian High School.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Parent-teacher conferences will be held Thurs. Feb. 9. Students who picked up this issue of *The Headliner* will find a conference form stapled to it. They should give that form to their parents.

### **Important Dates**

April 28 Choir Program  
May 5 Junior-Senior Farewell Dinner

### **Accounting Books**

Accounting students must purchase a workbook for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester by Friday, Feb. 3. The price is \$16 and can be paid at the office.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Calendar**

February 9 P/T Conferences  
February 20 President’s Day  
February 24 Board-Faculty Dinner  
March 15 Midterm Reports  
March 27-31 Spring Break

## Silence

By Lori Vermeer

Silence, according to *Webster's Dictionary*, is the absence of or forbearance from speech or noise. This is nearly impossible to attain. This week in business writing and college writing, Mrs. DeKok instructed the seniors to listen to silence, and take notes on what we learned.

Listening to silence, or rather, the lack of it, was interesting. Although we were 'quiet,' a lot of background noises were exacerbated because of the absence of or forbearance from speech. We all failed the assignment, then, because not one of us heard the complete absence of sound. Chairs creaking, pens clicking, paper crinkling, pencils squeaking and pens clattering kept our auditory receptacles busy. While trying to complete the task, we heard no actual silence. We always found some noise, whether it was clothes rustling, heavy breathing, or fingers popping, to disturb our silence.

I learned that silence, or what we perceive as silence, is not silence at all. The daily background noises in our lives tell our story – just sit back and listen to what your day has to say to you.

## 2005-2006 Basketball Schedule

\* All Games Away

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
Feb. 1	CHESS	Boys @ 6
Feb. 3	Luther East	Girls @ 4:30 Boys @ 6
Feb. 9	Ridgewood Baptist	Girls @ 5
Feb. 10	Covenant DeMotte	Girls @ 5:30 Boys @ 7

## Heritage Christian

### Honor Roll

First Semester 2005-2006

### High Honors

#### **Seniors**

Martin De Jong  
Brandon Huisenga  
Paige Swan  
Lori Vermeer

#### **Juniors**

Nicole Van Drunen  
David Warner  
Lauren Warner

#### **Sophomores**

Amy Poortinga

#### **Freshmen**

Jacob Andringa  
Joanna De Jong  
Brittany Kooiker  
Lauren Lenting

### Honors

#### **Juniors**

Jori Dotson  
Erica Kamps  
Susan Stouwie  
Amanda Terpstra  
Kara Vander Meulen

#### **Sophomores**

Robert Birkett  
Jessica Kamps  
Benjamin Van Drunen

#### **Freshmen**

Adam Fennema  
Kelsey Moore  
Hayley Swan