



The Messenger

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Events & Announcements

Parent Information Presentations

Parents interested in enrolling their students at Heritage Academy are invited to attend a one-hour Parent Information Presentation Thursday, December 10, 4:00 p.m. Please call ahead to Register: 573.449.2252

School Picture Retakes

November 18 (Wed)

If your student missed the first opportunity for school portraits, or if your family would like to have a portrait retaken, the opportunity will be available one day only: Wednesday November 18, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Withdrawal Passing/Withdrawal Failing Period Ends

November 18 (Fri)

Courses dropped after this point in the semester will appear as *F* or *Incomplete* on student transcripts.

Varsity Tournament Opportunity: Interest Deadline

November 20 (Fri)

Families wishing to support their Varsity boys' participation in a Basketball Tournament (January 8-9, in Wichita, Kansas) must communicate commitment to the school before this date. Heritage Academy's registration depends on commitment received from at least seven players.

Thanksgiving Holiday: School in Recess

November 25-27 (Wed - Fri)

Winter Showcase

December 3 (Thurs)

Come join families and faculty this evening at 7:00 p.m. for a short program celebrating the semester's accomplishments of our students. A reception will follow. Families A-K, please bring desserts; families L-Z, please bring other snacks (vegetable tray, pretzels, etc).

Last Day of Fall Primary Classes

December 15 (Tues)

Last Day of Fall Elementary Classes

December 17 (Thurs)

The last day of classes for elementary and primary students is always celebrated by inviting parents to bring a sack lunch to eat with their student and yummy treats to share.

Finals Week

December 21-22 (Mon & Tues)

7th-12th grade students will have two-hour finals in core subject areas (English, History, Math, and Science) these two days. Exams will be scheduled as follows:

Final Exams	Monday December 21	Tuesday December 22
9:30-11:30	English	History
11:30 - 1:00	Lunch Break	
1:00-3:00	Math	Science

Students should come with a book to read or something to focus on quietly in the event they finish their final early. Students will not be released from testing rooms until the end of the testing period.

Christmas Holiday: School in Recess

December 23 - January 8

Notification of School Closings

Heritage Academy follows the response of Columbia's Public Schools to inclement weather. If the Public Schools close because of dangerous weather conditions, so will Heritage Academy. Families who go to www.columbia.k12.mo.us may sign up to receive a 6:00 a.m. text message sent to inform families on mornings when public schools have been closed.

Annual Fund Campaign Report

The Board of Trustees, fulfilling its financial planning and management responsibilities, recently launched the inaugural Annual Fund Campaign. Through this campaign, the Board aims to lead the school in better fulfilling its mission without inordinately raising tuition. Every constituent of the school will be asked to participate.

Current and former Trustees and current parents have already received requests. Alumni and parents of alumni will be called upon in December. Employees, former employees and vendors will be asked to participate early next spring.

The goal of this year's campaign is \$34,000, about 12% of the 2009-2010 budget. Gifts and pledges totaling 17% of the goal have been received. With full participation charitable gifts will cover the difference between tuition payments and the real cost of education.

Heritage Academy Basketball

Directions to away games are posted on Heritage Academy's website: www.heritageacademy.info. Heritage will host home games at Midwest Sports Academy (1425 East Boone Industrial Drive, east off Rangeline Road) unless otherwise noted. Admission to home games is \$1/student, \$2/adult, or \$5/ family. **Season game passes** are also available for individual or family purchase at the admissions table. Individual passes are \$10; family passes are \$25. Games canceled because of inclement weather or games shifted to different dates will be announced on the school's voicemail system under "Important Announcements."

11/20 (Fri)	HOME	V Girls	6:30	Mid-Missouri Home School
		V Boys	7:45	
11/23 (Mon)	HOME	JH Girls	6:00	Lighthouse Prep. Academy
		JV Boys	7:00	
11/30 (Mon)	Away	JH Girls	5:30	Christian Chapel Academy
12/1 (Tues)	HOME	JV Boys	6:00	Applewood Christian High
		V Girls	7:00	
		V Boys	8:15	
12/4 (Fri)	Away	JV Boys	4:30	North County Christian High @ Saint Louis, MO
		V Boys	7:30	
12/8 (Tues)	Away	JH Girls	6:00	Kingdom Christian Academy @ Fulton, MO
12/10 (Thurs)	Away	V Girls	5:30	Mid-Missouri Home School @ Fulton, MO
		JH Girls	6:45	
		V Boys	7:45	
12/14 (Mon)	Away	V Girls	6:00	Christian Fellowship School Admission: \$1.50/student; \$4/adult
		V Boys	7:30	
12/18 (Fri)	HOME	JV Boys	5:30	Kansas City East
		V Girls	6:45	
		V Boys	8:45	

Spring Extra Curricular Activities

Families looking ahead to extra-curricular activities in the spring can look forward to the possibility of boys' baseball, girls' soccer, and co-ed track & field. Baseball will require 12 boys to carry; soccer, twelve girls; co-ed track and field, ten students. All activities will begin in early March and end before the last day of school in May. Students enrolled in at least one credit-generating course within the fall or spring semesters of the 2009-2010 school year are eligible to participate. For cost and more details, contact the school office.

Community Prayer

Parents are invited to remain on campus for community prayer two mornings a week after first-hour student drop-off. Prayer occurs Tuesday mornings from 8:00 - 8:30 in Room 307 (upstairs) and on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 - 9:30 downstairs in the elementary commons area. If you are unable to attend but would like to pray throughout the week for needs related to Heritage Academy's community and operations, a weekly prayer sheet that summarize items in focus are available in a folder labeled "Prayer Warriors", behind family mailboxes.

Leadership Club

by Mrs. Swenson, Dean of Students and Families

Leadership Club met in early September with eight returning members from last year. They decided to review and revise the club's purpose and determined to promote membership for the 2009-2010 school year. Agreeing that the club's goals would include Training in Leadership Qualities and Servant Leadership Opportunities, Drew Gandy was selected the club's spokesperson who would present a general invitation for involvement to the student body. After an introductory meeting, Heritage Academy's Leadership Club is now 21 members strong!

The club meets on Wednesdays during lunch. These meetings include student presentations and discussions in which students explore the meaning and value of various character qualities. Members, staff and guests challenge club members to excel in their Christ-centered call to be capable leaders.

Thus far club members have contacted the Shepherd's Basket food pantry and been able to assist them on several occasions in their food ministry. Another club committee organized a Kindness Project of washing the car windows in the school/church parking lot and placing encouraging scriptures on the windows. Another club committee is currently working to plan, practice, and perform a short character play for Heritage Academy's Elementary school. Several students are planning a service project for Calvary Church. Club members will also provide childcare and table service for faculty and their families during Heritage Academy's Christmas Dinner for Faculty.

Elected club officers for the 2009-2010 school year are:

President: Ben Meiners	(class of 2010)
Vice President: Drew Gandy	(class of 2012)
Secretary: Emma Bentley	(class of 2010)
Treasurer: Joel Meiners	(class of 2013)
Emperor: Silas Acuff	(class of 2013)

