



The Heritage Legacy



Ready to Change the World! *A Note From the President* *Rodney G. Nelson*

Dear HCA Families,

This has been an exciting year at the Academy. Our school is continuing to experience growth as God blesses it and the message of HCA spreads. Our students are truly being prepared to be world-changers and this is something many parents want for their children - as you already know. Please be in prayer for us as we head into our admissions season. We are hopeful that this will be another strong year for HCA and that God will send another good group of students to our academy. If you know of any families who might be interested in what HCA offers, please encourage them to contact us. We have openings in many grades.

The HCA Foundation continues to do their wonderful work raising funds for HCA to help facilitate our growth and keep HCA's education affordable. It is hard to express how thankful I am for all of the support you show our school. The new land to our south and the annual fund will be a tremendous blessing, both now and in the future. Thank you!

We are also very excited about the curriculum changes underway in grades K through eight. Our faculty is already working very hard to ensure that the curriculum we offer is as good as we can make it. As a school we are committed to two things regarding our education: that it be of the highest quality and that it be fully integrated with a Christian worldview. I am confident that the Core Knowledge sequence will be a wonderful tool for accomplishing both of these things.

I hope that you enjoy the first of many installments of our newsletter.

Sincerely,

Rodney G. Nelson

President

World Cruise 2007

Heritage's Annual Auction was held this year on February 9th at the Earle Brown Conference Center in Brooklyn Center. This very successful fundraiser was planned by HCA parents Todd Hix (Committee Chair), Brian Smith, Elle Bauer and Laura Lind.

Thank you to all volunteers and parents who helped to make this evening wonderful.

After expenses were paid, the auction netted almost \$30,000!

Thank you, wonderful HCA supporters!



HCA parents and staff peruse available auction items at this year's World Cruise 2007 Auction

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Get to know the HCA School Board

Dr. Francis Monseth: Currently the Dean of the Association of Free Lutheran Theological Seminary and former Medicine Lake Lutheran Church Pastor, Father of Middle School Dean and Instructor, Ben Monseth, Dr. Monseth recently began serving his term as school board member. He previously served on the Academy School Board from 1983-1986. The Monseths attend Grace Free Lutheran Church.

Mr. Sam Dyrud: Parent of four HCA Alumni, Jessica, Nick, Phil and Josie. Has served as HCA Board Chairman since 1989. Son of Amos and Ovidie Dyrud, longtime supporters of Medicine Lake Lutheran Academy/Heritage Christian Academy. Mr. Dyrud is employed by Van Bergen and Markson as a Sales Engineer. The Dyruds attend Grace Free Lutheran Church.

Dr. Peter Dyrud: Parent of three HCA Alumni: Sarah, Leah and Paul; current HCA students Hannah and Rebekah. Dr. Dyrud has served on the board since 1995, and is also a son of Amos and Ovidie Dyrud. Dr. Dyrud is a cardiac surgeon at Methodist Hospital. The Dyruds attend Grace Free Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Renee Westman: Parent of one HCA Alumni, Katie; current students Dan and Amy. Mrs. Westman is a homemaker, and recently began serving on the HCA board. The Westmans attend Crystal Free Evangelical Church.

Mr. Todd Westlake: Parents of current students Kyle, Luke and Zachary. Mr. Westlake has served on the HCA School Board since 2001 and is employed by Fairview Orthopedic Labs as an orthotist/prosthetist. The Westlakes attend Grace Free Lutheran Church.

Mr. Bruce Kuehl: Parent of three HCA students: Waverly, Moriah and Crosby. Mr. Kuehl has served on the school board since 2003

and is employed as a financial advisor for LifeStage Wealth Management. The Kuehls attend Wayzata Evangelical Free Church.

Mr. Mitchell Johnson: Parent of one HCA Alumni, Christopher and one current student Nathan. Mr. Johnson has served on the board since 1993 and is employed by Sprint. The Johnsons attend Grace Free Lutherans Church.

Mr. Carter Dreblow: Parent of HCA students Molly and Benjamin, Mr. Dreblow has served on the HCA board since 2001, and is employed as a consultant with Clark Consulting. The Dreblows attend Wayzata Evangelical Free Church.

The School Board meets privately, on a monthly basis, and the majority of its members, as stated in the Bylaws, are GFLC members. Board positions are voted upon each year at the Board's Annual Meeting. The Board is concerned with the spiritual and educational well being of the Academy, overseeing its finances, the Foundation Board and making final decisions on building and land acquisitions. As a ministry of Grace Free Lutheran Church, the HCA School Board is accountable to the church. The Board adheres to the following standards:

- Hold God's Word as absolute Truth
- Be prayer warriors for HCA staff, students, families and fellow churches
- -Commitment to providing excellence in education grounded in a Biblical worldview
- -Be good stewards of what the Lord has given

Typically, parental concerns are addressed by instructors, then, if necessary, by appropriate principal, then President, then Board.

HCA Homecoming 2007

The Homecoming Royal Court were crowned Wednesday, January 24 at an all-school pep fest. The Court reigned over the Homecoming festivities, including the Pep Fest, the Homecoming Basketball games, and the High School's Semi-Formal event.



Queen: Sr. Kirsten Weld; **King:** Sr. Dan Westman;
Princess: Sr. Abby McLellan; **Prince:** Sr. Jake Radke;
Duchess: Jr. Autumn Beasley; **Duke:** Jr. Jake Traen

2001-2002 Alumni Honored HCA's first two graduating classes were honored at the Homecoming Games with the presentation of a plaque. Mr. Laird and Mrs. McLellan named the forerunners of our current athletic program, thanking them for their various athletic contributions. Of the combined 21 graduates, all were involved in MLLA's sports program in some capacity, and 15 were present at the Homecoming Game. The Commemorative Plaque will be permanently displayed in the gym.



Pictured, l to r, standing: Brandon Haug '02, Stacy Strom Berry '01, Elizabeth Lindeen Smith '01, Leah Dyrud Parsley '01, Whitney Herman VerSteeg '02, Sarah Nash '01, Ryan Berry '01, Sam Nash '01, Gabe Montante '02, Leah Floan '01, Emily Osborne '02, Joel Rasmussen '01. Kneeling: Gretchen Schlenk Hussey '02, Steffany Ward '02, Kari Haugen Mackey '02.

HCA Foundation Banquet a smashing success



The first banquet hosted by the newly-formed HCA Foundation was held at the Wayzata Country Club on Saturday, November 4th. Almost 300 Academy parents and supporters enjoyed a lovely meal and entertainment by ComedySportz. A beautifully produced video, a fine portrayal of HCA and its students, was viewed as well.

President Rodney Nelson spent several minutes sharing his vision for the future of Heritage Christian Academy, including strong academics under girded and strengthened by an unwavering commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bill English, academy parent and Foundation founder and President, introduced the board, its visions and accomplishments to the present HCA family. The Annual Fund, one of the four funds for which the Foundation raises monies, was formally introduced to the larger body. To date, the Foundation has raised \$___! The annual fund is an ongoing fund that offsets some expenses not covered by tuition dollars

Roy Wetterstrom, Academy parent and Foundation Board Secretary, announced that the 2.4 acres of land, adjacent to the school's lower parking lot, has been purchased. Roy relayed the story that leaves no question of God's continued provision for our students.

Julie Tripp, Academy parent and Foundation Treasurer, concluded the evening with a personal plea to those gathered to continue to support the mission of our school by giving of their resources.

Foundation board members:

Carter Dreblow, academy parent
 Beverly Enderlein, HCA President Emeritus
 Bill English, Chairman and academy parent
 Bruce Kuehl, academy parent
 Rodney Nelson, HCA President and academy parent
 Matt Quirk, academy parent
 Kristen Thompson, academy parent
 Julie Tripp, Treasurer and academy parent
 Roy Wetterstrom, HCA Secretary and academy parent

The nominations committee prayerfully selects potential board members, encouraging candidates to seek the Lord before agreeing

to the nomination. The Lord's guidance is sought and evident throughout the nomination and election process. Board members serve a maximum of two 3-year terms. The Foundation Board meets monthly. The members of the Foundation may be reached via email at foundation@readytochangetheworld.org.

Calendar

March:

7th: In-school Program for 5th grade students: Transition to Middle School
9th, 12th-16th: SAT testing
15th: Transition to MS for Parents of 5th graders
20th: 7:00 p.m. PTEF Event
21st: KD conferences (school in session)
22nd, 23rd: PT Conferences NO SCHOOL
30th: Teacher-In-Service NO SCHOOL
30th-April 9th: Easter/Spring Break NO SCHOOL

April Service Month Grades 3-12

10th: School Resumes
19th: 7:00 p.m. All School Band and Orchestra Concert
25th: 10:00 a.m. M/W-KD & M/W- KDG Grandparents'/Grand-Persons' Day Open House Not an early dismissal day
26th: 10:00 a.m. T/Th-KD Grandparents'/Grand-Persons' Day Open House Not an early dismissal day
27th: 9:00 a.m. T/Th-KDG -Grade 12 Grandparents'/Grand-Persons' Day Open House Not an early dismissal day

May

3rd: HCA Day of Prayer
4th: 7:00 p.m. Secondary Choir Concert
9th: AP Testing: Calculus
10th: AP Testing: Literature
11th: Deadline for KD/KDG Current Families' Registration for 2007-2008
12th: Senior High Spring Banquet
14th-18th: Track & Field Week
20th: Senior Baccalaureate-High School Orchestra & Middle School Choir performance
22nd: Kindergarten Graduation
 6:15 p.m. M/W Kdg. Graduation
 7:15 p.m. T/Th Kdg. Graduation
23rd: 1:30 p.m. M/W KD Program
24th: 1:30 p.m. T/Th KD Program
 6:45 p.m. SECONDARY SCHOOL RECOGNITION
 Attendance required of Grade 6-12
25th: Track and Field Day Ceremony During Phy. Ed. Classes
28th: MEMORIAL DAY No School KD-Grade 12
29th: 8:15-9:45 a.m. 8th grade Recognition Chapel

June

1st: Seniors' Last Full Day of School
4th-7th: MS/HS FINAL EXAMS

5th: Elementary School Awards Ceremony
 6:15-7:15 p.m. Grades 1-3
 7:45-8:45 p.m. Grades 4-5
 Attendance required of Grade 1-5
6th: Regular School Hours 8:05 a.m. - 2:44 p.m.
7th: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL/End of Fourth Quarter
 Elementary Picnic Day
 KD-Grade 12: Dismisses at 1:00 p.m.
8th: 7:00 p.m. GRADUATION, CLASS OF 2007
 High School Band and High School Choir performance Rehearsal: 10:00 a.m.

Announcing:

Parent Teacher Education and Fellowship
Changing the World One Family at a Time.

PTEF is an educational opportunity for parents and staff. Mrs. Eurman and Mrs. Christianson, with the HCA administration, have undertaken to offer parent/staff support, providing an opportunity for mutual encouragement as we partner to effectively parent and educate our children.

Our first PTEF event is:

"Raising Christian Children In a World of Un-Christian Media"

Guest speaker: **Cheryl Eliason**

Tuesday, March 20th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.



Steffany Ward, '02 HCA graduate, is pictured with her family at the White Coat Ceremony at the U of M Medical School. Steffany completed her undergraduate work at the University of

North Dakota in Grand Forks last May, and will spend the next four years combining classroom and clinical rotations at the University of MN, followed by 3 years as a resident. Steffany is considering family practice, hoping to practice in both clinical and hospital settings. Eventually, she would love to have her own clinic.

Steffany became interested in medicine while studying life science in middle school. During her years at MLLA/HCA, she felt challenged to do her best academically and encouraged by her teachers to pursue her dreams. Steffany treasures her memories of soccer, basketball and mission trip involvement while at HCA. She maintains contact with some HCA staff and continues to be encouraged by their support and prayers.



Have any news about alumni, current staff or students, great photos past or present? Send your submissions to

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