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The Heritage Legacy

Letter From An HCA Parent



It was the spring of 1989 when we first met Mrs. Enderlein at Central Center in St. Louis Park. We lived eight blocks away and our daughter, Emily, would be entering Kindergarten that fall. Right from the beginning we could tell this school was different in a very good way. Mrs. Enderlein answered all our questions in her gentle demeanor. We visited a fifth grade classroom and observed an attentive group of young minds anxiously identifying deserts and oceans around the globe. We were impressed.

Emily started at MLLA that fall and her brother and sister joined her in the years to come. All three have now gone the distance, with Hannah graduating from Heritage this spring. In the past 18 years we have seen families give their time and money to doing what they believed would help mold these children into men and women to honor and serve the Lord. We have seen teachers that have been thankful for the opportunity to work for subsistence wages in order to be part of this school. Families and young people have bonded through service, missions, athletics and music. The kids have grown to love their teachers and I have no doubt the reverse is true also.

Each of our three children has benefited in different ways from being part of this school. Our eldest had an extra special relationship with the staff, since she was a part of the second high school graduating class. She, as well as many of her friends, was first to participate in student government, mission trips, CAL athletics, and musicals. Enthusiasm and special effort by the teachers and staff made up for what the fledgling high school was lacking in experience. Our younger two children were able to see the growth of the school from Central to Olivet to Maple Grove. They also saw course selections increase year to year and athletics develop and expand. Our son, Paul, has commented on how he appreciated that Heritage was like a family when he was a student there.

We have seen the school established in its new building, beyond what we would have ever believed. Teaching children and young adults to follow Christ and His Word has been and continues to be the foundation of Heritage. For these reasons sending our children to this school has been the right decision for our family. We are thankful it has been there for us and we pray that it will continue to bless many more families in the coming years.

Michael and Debra Osborne, *Parents of Emily '02; Paul '05; Hannah '08*

Exciting Calendar Changes 2008-09

Our Administrative Team has been working earlier than ever before to establish our calendar for the upcoming academic year. Parents request a full, rich summer experience for their families. Our teachers express the desire to continue to press ahead on polishing our excellent academic program by maximizing daily classroom experience.

We've listened, and in order to better meet the needs of our parents and educators, we have chosen to implement a calendar for 2008-09 that returns to a schedule that runs from approximately Labor Day to the week of Memorial Day.

The administration has also determined a means to accomplish this without decreasing the number of hours for critical curriculum in our secondary school programs while staying competitive with our public school counterparts' quantified instructional hours per year. Our teachers will enjoy the benefit of classroom periods for secondary students being extended to a full 50 minutes each (40 minutes on Chapel/Activity days), for an equivalent net gain over the course of a year of approximately six instructional days. This will be achieved by adding only five minutes at the beginning of each school day and ten minutes at the end. It's amazing what 15 minutes a day will accomplish! Because we have folded the curriculum into a tighter school year to maximize each day's learning experience, our families will enjoy extending your summer family time by a full week while maintaining their full educational value.

Although our typical downstairs carpool is already running smoothly at an average of 15 minutes each day, a bonus prize in the mix will be a transition in carpool arrangements on the lower level which will encourage our elementary-only families to clear the carpool area first, allowing our crossover families (those with both secondary and elementary students) to follow more smoothly, without as much "hold" in the "hold and load." As our population continues to grow, we are certain that this adjustment in carpool procedure will make a marked difference in expediting traffic flow.

We are excited about the upcoming academic calendar. For your pre-planning convenience, please refer to the chart below for a bell schedule and important dates.

Beginning and End Dates for 2008-09

September 2, 2008 Opening Day of School
May 28: Last Day of School

Daily Bell Schedule 2008-09

Secondary School Start Time: 8:00 a.m.
Elementary School Start Time: 8:05 a.m.

Elementary School Release Time: 2:45 p.m.
Secondary School Release Time: 2:55 p.m.

Why did we choose Heritage? Why do we stay at Heritage?



Our Heritage story starts a few years before Leah and Lauren Anderson were born, with a little girl named Adeline. One evening, when I was walking my dog, this little girl Adeline, who was 5 at the time, came running out of her house and asked if she could walk my dog with me. I said, sure, but I told her she had to ask her Mom first. The whole time we

walked, Adeline talked about God. She told me that God made that tree, and that God made the grass. She asked if I knew that, to which I would reply, "Yes!" Everything Adeline saw and talked about, had a reference to God in it. I thought, "I want a little girl like that someday." I asked her where she went to school, and she answered, "Medicine Lake Lutheran Academy" (Heritage's name, before the name change.)

A few years later, Leah was born. When she was 5, and it was time to decide where she would go to school. I had never forgotten about that 5 year old girl named Adeline, who loved God and went to school at MLLA. I decided to enroll Leah there. A few years later, I then enrolled Lauren there. Leah and Lauren gathered everyday with other children and teachers that loved God. Their language included God; their actions included God. I felt like my life was enriched too, by this great environment, which highlighted that God always walked with us. So that was the beginning.

I loved all of the words of encouragement that came home too. I remember reading Mrs. Enderlein's words in a newsletter that came home. I am not sure the specific situation that she was talking about, but her conclusion was, "We take each step in faith, and we pray that God will bless." I was going through a particularly hard

time, and I was reminded that the only thing I was required to do was to just take each step in faith and pray and then wait for a blessing. That was all I could do. I wrote those words down and hung them on the wall to read everyday. Heritage not only blesses my children, but also blesses me with all the good things that flow home.

Why have we stayed all these years, 12 years to be exact? My children have a deeper love for God and better character qualities that can be directly attributed to their years at Heritage. It is a wonderful thing to have watched this deep spiritual growth over the years.

All of this started with a 5 year old girl who planted a seed in a Mom's heart. It was a seed to grow and raise children with hearts after God someday. And it happened, along with the help of a great school called Heritage.

Sandy & Dane Anderson

HCA Character Qualities:

Knowledgeable:

HCA students believe that knowledge and understanding are acts of love toward God who created us capable of knowledge and with a desire to learn.

The more we understand the truths of God's world, the deeper our impact in the lives of others will be.

This is one of twelve character qualities that we strive to instill in every HCA student.



Did you know?

- In the 2006-07 school year, 87% of Secondary School students were on the Honor Roll.
- HCA students learn to read during Kindergarten!
- 50% of HCA Juniors and Seniors are taking AP courses this year.
- 98% of HCA graduates have declared post-secondary education enrollment as their intent upon graduating. 2% have enlisted in the military
- HCA '08 grads are already enrolled at institutions such as Liberty University, Taylor University, University of MN, Gustavus Adolphus...keep your eyes open for more grad news as it becomes available.
- In addition to Spanish instruction, HCA now has a French club.
- HCA elementary students read such classics as Black Beauty, Robinson Crusoe, Robin Hood, Gulliver's Travels, Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.
- If a student attends HCA from KD-12, he/she will have memorized 375 passages of Scripture.
- Our Band, Orchestra and Choir students learn more than how to perform great pieces of music. They also learn about composers, music history, styles and musical eras.
- Students may take up to two PSEO courses each semester during their Junior or Senior year. We currently offer Northwestern College/General Education courses for PSEO and beginning next year we will offer PSEO courses from the University of Minnesota.

Meet Mrs. Gatzke/Math Teacher Extraordinaire!



How long have you worked at HCA? What is your education/professional background?

I graduated from St. Olaf College in 2001 with a double major in mathematics and social work. After completing my degrees, God led me into the Peace Corps, where I served in Namibia. I taught economics and business to 11th and 12th graders, and lived in a plastic house for 2 ½ years! When I came back to the USA, I met Mrs. Enderlein and instantly fell in love with her and Heritage. This is my fourth year at HCA! Currently I teach 6th Gr. Math, 10th Gr. Intermediate Algebra, Trigonometry-PreCalculus, Career and Life Planning, Introduction to Business, Economics, and Business Ethics! Whew!

Where did you grow up? Tell us about your family.

I grew up in Bloomington, MN and graduated from Jefferson High School. I have one incredible sister who is married and has a beautiful daughter, Fauna. While in college, I met my future husband, Adam. We were friends for six years before we started to date, then had a whirlwind engagement (only 3 months)! Adam and I were married on March 31st, 2007. He is truly a gift from the Lord! Adam has a tender heart and is a man that inspires me to grow closer to Christ!

What are your highest hopes for your students?

That they pass my classes! Ha ha! Truly, my highest hope for my students is that their faith in Christ sets them apart from the rest of the world. I desire for their beliefs to be genuine and their lives a reflection of God's grace. I love knowing my students and what's really going on inside their hearts! I hope that by being real with them about what's happening in my life, we can connect on a personal level and live life together.

Finish this statement: "People would be surprised to learn that I..." went bungee-jumping in 12th grade!

Congratulations to the many top athletes who have received the following honors:

Boys Varsity Soccer:

Jake Traen, SR.—All Conference, All-State Honorable Mention
 Brian Campbell, SR.—All Conference, All-State Honorable Mention
 Nate Johnson, JR.— Honorable Mention All Conference

Girls' Varsity Soccer:

Hannah Peterson, SOPH.—All Conference
 Danielle DeLeon, SOPH.—All Conference
 Rebekah Dyrud, SOPH.—Honorable Mention All Conference

Volleyball:

Autumn Beasley, SR-- 1st Team All Conference
 Lauren Williams, FR.—2nd Team All Conference
 Calli McLellan, FR.—2nd Team All Conference

Cross Country:

Zach Haskins, JR.—All Conference, State Qualifier, 1st Place MCAA Meet, conference record of 16 min. 29 sec.

Football:

Kaleb Williams, JR. Running Back—All Conference and All Section 4AA

Did you know?

- High school basketball is off to a great start, with a 2-0 record for Boys Varsity Basketball, and a 2-2 record for Girls Varsity Basketball.
- Tenth graders **Meghan Laird** and **Evan Wilson** are playing hockey with St. Michael and Osseo-Maple Grove, respectively.



- HCA Varsity Boys Basketball players celebrate a 83-47 victory over Providence Academy in the **Fourth Annual Academy Classic**, at HCA on Friday, December 7. This was their fourth consecutive Classic victory. The HCA Girls Varsity Basketball team also defeated Providence Academy with a 45-34 win, making this their third consecutive Academy Classic victory.

JANUARY	
3	School Resumes
8	MS & HS Students Info Night
15	7:00 p.m. Community Info Night
18	End of Second Quarter Elementary End of First Semester for Entire School
28-Feb. 1	Secondary School Homecoming Week
FEBRUARY	
15	HCA Science Fair 6th & 8th Grades
18	Presidents' Day/Teacher In-service No School KD-Grade 12
MARCH	
3	Preparing for Middle School (For parents of current 5th Graders)
5	In School Program for 5th Graders
9	Daylight Saving Time Begins
11 & 12	Spring Photos
19	End of Third Quarter for Elementary Semester II midterms for Secondary
20-28	EASTER/SPRING BREAK
31	School Resumes
APRIL	
10-11	ALL-SCHOOL (grades KD-12) Parent/Teacher Conferences Elementary and Middle School Combined Band, Orchestra and Choir Concert
17	Grandparents'/Grand-Persons' Day Open Houses

Student News



On December 10th, four of our 9th grade students – **Rebecca Aanerud, Elisabeth Deckert, Lance Levitan and Cole Nelson** – went to the

State Capitol to take part in the program, *We The People, The Citizen and the Constitution*, a simulated Congressional hearing which allows students to showcase their knowledge of the US Constitution and exercise their persuasive abilities. Due to our small size, we were unable to compete for the top position. However, this group of Freshmen, competing against Juniors and Seniors, received “Very Good” marks. Here are some of the comments from the judges.

“well structured, polished”
 “unicameral, consolidation of power, common good – good use of vocab”
 “Substantive”
 “As opening presentations go, this would get the highest ranking of the day.”

Way to go team! You stepped up to the challenge and represented Heritage well.



HCA Arts Departments at Barnes & Noble!

Thank you for making this year's Barnes and Noble a success! The HCA Arts Department made over

three times the amount that we made last year—more than \$1,000 dollars.

The 11th Graders made over \$327.00 for their Spring Formal by gift wrapping.

Most importantly, we had the wonderful opportunity to share the Christmas message with our community, show our neighbors Heritage Christian Academy, and let our Fine Arts students share their artistic gifts for God's glory.

Thank you for your participation. We wouldn't have been as successful without your help! Barnes and Noble has already booked us for next year, so mark your calendar now for Saturday, December 13, 2008!



Our HCA Cub Scouts recently were involved with Toys for Tots and went caroling at North Ridge Nursing Home.

The Reviews are in!

The 5th Grade Musical "The Good News Christmas Cruise"

performed on December 7th was a rousing success. Bravo to the all star cast and crew!



On Tuesday, December 11, the **Advanced Placement Environmental Science** students **Rachel Butler, Brian Campbell, Abby Carlson, Andrew Franz, Stew Herman, Jacob Obert, Heather Pagelkopf and Bjorn Waldron**

presented recommendations to the HCA Administrative Staff.

Oral and power point presentations were used to advocate for HCA's use of "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" principles.



Did you know #2

Brian Campbell

Bits & Pieces

- **Coming Soon!** Academic Update Letters from Miss Hautamaki, Elementary School Principal & Mrs. Butler, Secondary School Principal
- **Important Dates for 2008-09**
 - September 2, 2008 Opening Day of School
 - October 16 & 17: ACSI Convention/No School
 - November 13 & 14: Parent/Teacher Conferences/No School
 - November 26, 27 & 28: Thanksgiving Break/No School
 - December 20-January 4: Christmas Break/No School
 - March 21-29: Spring Break/No School
 - April 9-13: Easter Break/No School
 - April 23 & 24: Parent/Teacher Conferences/No School
 - April 22-May 1: SAT Testing/Please, no absences except for illness
 - May 28: Last Day of School

Seniors Abby Carlson and Jenny Tripp have scored a composite score of 33 (out of a possible perfect score of 36) on their ACT college entrance exams, followed closely by Rachel Butler, Josh Edeen, Hannah Osborne, Heather Pagelkopf, and Allison Roberts, all with composite scores of 30 and above!!!



The overall average score for the current senior class, those testing in '07-'08, is 28.75. Great job, Seniors!

The national ACT average is currently 21, according to the Princeton Review.

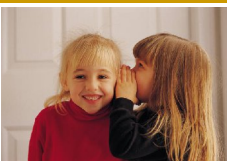
Congratulations, too, to the excellent, hard-working HCA staff! KUDOS!!!



Have any news about alumni, current staff or students, great photos past or present?

Send your submissions to

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Questions about HCA's Secondary School?

Come get them answered by those who make it happen!

Tuesday, January 8, 7:00 p.m.: Directed at parents of current elementary students who are planning for their students' educational futures, this annual program contains exclusively Secondary School information.

Tuesday, January 15, 7:00 p.m.: Community Open House is specifically for parents and students who are *NOT YET HCA FAMILIES*, and are investigating first-time HCA enrollment. This program is directed at BOTH Elementary and Secondary students/families. Please tell your friends about this event.

Monday, March 3, 7:00 pm:

This program is for the parents of current 5th graders who will be transitioning "upstairs" next year as middle schoolers!!!

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