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Monthly
Newsletter

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Dear HCA Family,

Welcome to the 20-21 school year. It was wonderful to see all of the new families joining us this year. We want to welcome you all to HCA. I'm sure you have met some of the county's best teachers who are here because they love the Lord and want to share that good news of His love with you. We have had a few bumps the first couple of weeks; however, we have persevered and pulled through. I want to personally thank all of our families for your patience, support, and prayers as we continue to safely "Build Leaders with Christian Character."

As we entered into this year of the unknown, we are trusting in God Almighty. We will not be afraid; we will be strong and courageous. Psalm 91 tells us, "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust."

Blessings,

Tammy VanDeMark
Superintendent



September in Athletics

On Friday, August 14, 2020, the FHSAA passed a motion to begin fall sports on Monday, August 24, 2020 as previously decided. What does this mean for HCA athletics? We began practices for all FHSAA fall sports, beginning Monday August 24th. The exception being football. FCAPPS has stated fall practice for FCAPPS football may begin on Friday, August 17th. We have begun these practices under Phase Three of the NFHS Covid-19 guidelines. Here is the breakdown of schedules for fall sports:



Volleyball: On Monday, August 24th and Tuesday, August 25th try-outs were conducted. Teams have been selected. We have a Varsity team and Junior Varsity team for the season. Practices are as follows: (JV 3:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m.; Varsity 4:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.).

Golf: Golf practice started Monday, August 24, 2020 and will be every day, but Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m. at Hernando Oaks. Players are responsible for transportation to and from practice.

Cheerleading: Practice began Monday, August 24, 2020. Practices are held on Mondays and Tuesday from 3:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Girls must report to the front of the gym by 3:05 pm. Coach Higgins will then release girls two at a time to go change in the cafeteria bathroom.

Football: Football practice began on Wednesday, August 19, 2020. Practices are Mondays through Fridays from 3:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Boys will meet Coach Raley at the Locker room by 3:05 p.m. Coach Raley will release boys into the locker room to change.

Cross Country: Held meeting on Tuesday, August 25. More details to come soon.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

State law requires student athletes to have all FHSAA paperwork turned in and on file in our athletic office *prior to participation!* There are NO exceptions. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic our free physical night was canceled, please, please, please do not assume that your child's paperwork is valid. If you are not sure, please contact our office BEFORE your child attends a practice or workout. Also, remember game schedules are changing and the moving back of fall sports by the FHSAA coinciding with our first day of school has put a time crunch on our athletic office. Please be patient as we are currently in the process of updating game schedules. We will have them available as soon as possible. Thank you and GO LIONS!

Elementary News

Welcome back to school! We are praying for a wonderful and safe year for all of our HCA family. There are so many great things happening in Elementary since the beginning of school. We love our Elementary!

Mrs. Rose's Preschool class



Mrs. Moore's Kindergarten class



Mrs. Hinkson's 3rd Grade Class



Ms. Rivera's 5th Grade Class... having lunch.



Secondary News

We are so glad to see our new students and returning students adjusting back into school. We know it is a little different, but you are doing a wonderful job! The online learning is improving and hopefully running much smoother. We are excited to have our new teacher's on board. We are praying for a successful school year for all. Have a great first quarter and study hard.



ATTENTION SENIORS!

Ezekiel Photography is again our official yearbook photographer. To have your portrait in the yearbook, you must schedule an appointment with Ezekiel. Call Ezekiel at: 352-540-0926 **before Friday, September 18, 2020** for an appointment date that suits your schedule.

The cost for the session and the retouched image for the yearbook is \$50 plus tax (\$53.25). The sitting fee does not include prints or digital files. The cost for prints and digital file with printing right is listed at www.ezekielphotography.com.

After Friday, September 18, 2020 the cost for the sitting fee will go up to \$60 plus tax (\$63.90). Call early and get your appointment time. Email Debbie Whitten with any questions at: dwhitten@hernandochristian.org.

International Seniors will need to make their appointments when they arrive in the country. The sitting fee for the formal portrait pose has already been paid since it is covered under fees in their tuition cost.

Here is the process:

- 1.) Schedule your Senior formal session 352-540-0926
- 2.) LADIES wear a strapless undergarment, Ezekiel will provide the Senior drape, GENTLEMEN Ezekiel will provide the tuxedo, shirt and bow tie, please come with a white under shirt.
- 3.) He will take a few images, and will email you a contact sheet with proofs.
- 4.) From there you will chose the image that you like best and email Ezekiel your choice to zeek@ezekielphotography.com

Visit www.ezekielphotography.com and click on High School Senior to view the Senior portfolio and prices.

Secondary News Cont.

A Note from the Secondary English Department



Please bring the following supplies daily to your English classes.
(Scissors, Markers, Colored Pencils, Pencils and Hand Sharpener,
Highlighters, and Glue Sticks)

*All supplies either in book bags or pencil box/zip up pencil case.

Yearbook Dedication!



COVID-19 interrupted our school year and prevented us from having our Annual Yearbook Signing party in the gym. Each year we read and present a yearbook to a special person who has contributed much time and energy to HCA. This past year, we wanted to present *Ms. VanDeMark* with this honor. Below is the yearbook dedication and pictures to honor her for her hard work and tremendous effort in support of our school. **Congratulations Ms. VanDeMark!**

"We have been blessed to have Ms. VanDeMark at Hernando Christian Academy since 1995. For many, she helped guide their early education as their preschool teacher. She has had many roles here before becoming our Elementary Principal and now Superintendent for the 2019/2020 school year. She has also spent countless hours at the school praying over different areas, which she has done faithfully the last two years. She has shown not only her loving devotion to God, but also to HCA throughout her time here."

Ms. VanDeMark, for all that you have done for us, we dedicate the 2020 Yearbook to you!!



National Honor Society



Our National Honor Society worked together to create awesome Welcome Back bags full of items for our teachers when they returned back to school. Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

HCA Giving

There are so many ways to help support our school. There is a link on our webpage under **Support HCA**. Currently, we have two needs for our school which are listed on the site. If you choose, you could also donate to our general fund.



Additionally, did you know that when you shop at smile.amazon.com, AmazonSmile donates to Hernando Christian Academy? Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to our school. Every bit helps and we greatly appreciate it. When you click on the link, put our school name for the recipient. Thank you.

Fundraisers and Events



The Senior class of 2021 is having a Christian T-shirt Fundraiser! Order your Christian T-shirt today to wear on Dress Down Fridays! Orders will be due by *Friday, September 4, 2020*. Find a Senior or reach out to Mrs. Klukowski in the lunchroom. Thank you from the Class of 2021!

Beanies: \$18

Caps, Tumblers and Bottles: \$20

Youth and Toddler T-shirts: \$16

Adult T-shirts: \$18

Long Sleeve and Raglan Tees: \$20

Hoody Tees: \$25

Sweatshirts: \$34

Extracurricular



Private piano lessons being offered after school on Monday's and Tuesday's on campus OR online with Jessica Giarratana. For more information, please contact Jessica at **352-584-9999** or email redeemedtms@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 7, 2020

No School – Holiday

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Fall School Pictures

Thursday, September 23, 2020

See you at the Pole

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