



EDUCATING STUDENTS TO IMPACT THE WORLD FOR CHRIST

# ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

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*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."* PROVERBS 9:10



## **ADMISSIONS INFORMATION** **2017-2018**

Thank you for your interest in Heritage Christian School! We hope this marks the beginning of a long and successful relationship in partnering with you to train your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We encourage you in your decision to choose Christian education for your child, knowing that it involves considerable prayer and sacrifice; yet, it is a decision that God consistently blesses and one that has become increasingly necessary in today's culture.

We invite you to examine the following admissions information, which includes the school's history, philosophy, and admissions requirements, and encourage you to direct any questions or concerns to the school office at your convenience. We sincerely appreciate your interest and trust God that He will bless your endeavors.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Heritage Christian School is to educate students by integrating academic excellence with a biblical worldview, helping Christian families to impact the world for Christ.

### **PHILOSOPHY**

Heritage Christian School exists to give students the tools to develop a Christian world and life view, enabling them to glorify and honor God in their thoughts, words, and actions. Scripturally, the process of education should lead the student toward the development of true knowledge, righteousness, and holiness in Christ, thus the student can mature spiritually, mentally, socially, and physically through teaching and leading in accordance with God's design.

Christian education develops students who think from a Christ-like perspective, holding a world and life view in which all issues are understood within the context of the eternal, causing all issues to be seen as God sees them. Secular education, on the contrary, either ignores God's existence or ignores His involvement in human affairs, thus developing students who think only in human terms, bounded by the limits of this life, seeing all issues as man alone sees them.

Although factual knowledge may be the same for both viewpoints, the interpretation and significance of that knowledge is not. The full truth of any subject cannot be taught if God is ignored or denied. A Christian education can only be achieved when biblical truths are taught and integrated throughout all areas of the school.

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

The following truths are held in common agreement at Heritage Christian School:

- There is one God, who is infinitely perfect, existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (*Isaiah 43:10, 44:8; John 1:1-3, 3:16; II Corinthians 13:14*)
- Jesus Christ is true God and true Man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He died upon the cross, the Just for the unjust, as a substitutionary sacrifice. All who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood. He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures. He is now at the right hand of Majesty on High as our Great Priest. (*Matthew 1:18, 23; Isaiah 53:5; Titus 2:14; Hebrews 7:25; Romans 3:24-25; Matthew 28:6; John 20:9; Hebrews 4:14*)
- The Holy Spirit is a divine Person, sent to indwell, guide, teach, and empower the believer, and convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. (*John 14:16-17; Acts 1:5,8; Galatians 5:16, 25*)
- The Old and New Testaments, inerrant and infallible as originally given, were verbally inspired by God and are a complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men. The Bible constitutes the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice. (*II Timothy 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:19-21; John 5:39; Matthew 24:35; Psalm 119:89*)
- Man was originally created in the image and likeness of God; he fell through disobedience, incurring thereby both physical and spiritual death. All men are born with a sinful nature, are separated from the life of God, and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Genesis 1:27; Romans 3:23; Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:12, 15-19*)
- Salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all men; and those who repent and believe in Him, accepting Him as personal Lord and Savior, are born again of the Holy Spirit, receive the gift of eternal life, and become children of God. (*Romans 5:1-2, 6:23, 8:1; John 6:47; Ephesians 2:13; John 3:16*)
- The Church consists of all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood, and are born again of the Holy Spirit. Christ is the Head of the Body, the Church, which has been commissioned by Him to go into all the world as a witness, preaching the gospel to all nations. The local church is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together for the worship of God, for edification through the Word of God, for prayer, fellowship, the proclamation of the Gospel, and observance of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. (*Romans 6:4, 12:5; Acts 2:47; I Corinthians 11:26, 28, 12:12-27; Matthew 28:19-20; Psalm 111:1; Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 2:41*)
- There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust; for the former, a resurrection unto life; for the latter, a resurrection unto judgment. (*Revelation 7:15-17; I Corinthians 2:9; Matthew 13:41-42, 25:41; Revelation 20:10,15*)
- The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent and will be personal and visible. This is the believer's blessed hope and is a vital truth, which is an incentive to holy living and faithful service. (*I Thessalonians 4:16-17; Titus 2:12-13; Hebrews 9:28*)

## **INTERDENOMINATIONAL POSITION**

Heritage Christian School is a non-denominational, evangelical, protestant school that believes that all genuine believers are one in Christ. The preceding Statement of Faith is fundamental to basic Christian tenets and contains those doctrines to which we unreservedly adhere and from which we teach.

Nonetheless, the school is aware that believers have denominational preferences. Since it is our desire to maintain this position, and in order to do so in all fairness, it is necessary to inform all parents and staff that the following areas are left primarily to the teaching of the home and church:

- Church government: authority, discipline
- Mode of baptism
- Security and the believer
- Timing of future events
- Second work of grace: baptism of the Holy Spirit
- The following gifts of the Spirit: tongues, interpretation of tongues

Heritage Christian School desires to remain united in salvation and love of Christ, avoiding the dissension which may be caused by denominational distinctive. Students who express questions or concerns in these areas will be warmly received, and their questions deferred to their parents and/or pastor.

## **CURRICULUM**

Heritage Christian School maintains the highest standards possible in developing and implementing a quality, God-honoring curriculum that meets state and national standards. All curriculum materials are selected for their Christian content as well as research-proven effectiveness at producing student achievement. Emphasis is placed on using materials from Christian publishers that assist students in developing Christian values, though some secular textbooks are used for instruction and/or for comparative analysis.

## **INSTRUCTION**

Instruction at Heritage Christian School is based on a cognitive-developmental model commonly referred to as the classical model. This model teaches a core of knowledge that goes beyond the assimilation of facts to the teaching of values, truth, decision-making, and critical thinking. The structure of the classical model is traditional with a strong emphasis on the basics—subjects such as mathematics, history, language studies, Latin, logic, and rhetoric. This model was used almost exclusively in American schools until the early to middle part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and educated most of the great thinkers and artists of the Renaissance and Reformation periods. Teachers employ a variety of creative teaching methods that complement the natural stages of child development to maximize student achievement.

## **HISTORY**

Heritage Christian School was founded in 1982 by a group of caring parents who felt strongly that the people of Gallatin Valley should have a Christian educational alternative for their children. The school began its ministry on North Ida Street with Kindergarten through sixth

grade. In 1986, Heritage grew and purchased the initial building and three much-needed acres at its current location at 4310 Durston Road in Bozeman.

In 1990 seventh grade was added and eighth grade followed in 1991. In 1994 the school purchased an additional ten acres adjacent to its existing facility to accommodate increasing enrollment. Additional facilities were built soon thereafter.

Grade nine was added in 2003 with the construction of a gymnasium and three additional classrooms. In 2004 grade ten was added and construction began on a 26,000 square-foot addition to house Heritage's high school program, including classrooms, locker rooms, stage, computer lab, library, and commercial kitchen. By 2006 Heritage housed a total of twenty classrooms on a 13½ acre campus, enrolling children Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. God has continually grown His school through the active participation, support and faith of our families.

### **TUITION**

Student tuition for children in Pre Kindergarten is \$3000; Kindergarten is \$4200 per student; \$6500 per student for children in grades 1-6; \$6800 per student for grades 7-8; and \$ 7100 per student for grades 9-12. Kindergarten Enrichment is \$2300 (Tuesday & Thursday) Parents may choose from among three payment plans to pay tuition: payment in full, two equal payments or ten monthly payments.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS & TUITION DISCOUNTS**

Heritage Christian School believes that God-centered education is mandated by God and therefore desires to assist in providing education for Christian families in need. Heritage offers a scholarship option to its families. Information and applications can be obtained in the school office. Current tuition discounts are as follows:

#### **Scholarships**

All families may apply for scholarships by requesting a scholarship application online. Scholarship requests are evaluated annually on a per-case basis.

#### **Multiple-Child Discounts**

Families with more than one child enrolled receive a discount of \$300 for the second child and for each subsequent student.

#### **Staff Discounts**

Employees of Heritage Christian School who work a minimum of twenty (20) hours per week are eligible for tuition discounts.

### **ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

Heritage Christian School recognizes that the teaching of spiritual truth requires much reinforcement from the home and church; therefore, the following requirements are necessary for all student admissions:

- Each student enrolling at Heritage Christian School must have at least one parent or legal guardian express a personal, saving faith and relationship with Jesus Christ.

- The parent(s) have read the purpose, philosophy, accepted doctrinal statements and standards of Heritage Christian School and will support the same.
- Pupils admitted from other schools to Heritage Christian School must have a good conduct record and have put forth acceptable effort academically. The purpose of the school does not include correction or rehabilitation of problem children. Children who have been refused admission or asked to leave by any other school must be reviewed by the Board before they are admitted.
- Students and families who hold to doctrines in direct conflict with evangelical Christianity, or who do not hold the Bible as the only inspired, authoritative Word of God will not be considered for admission.
- Kindergarten students must be five years old by September 10 of the year in which the child is enrolling. All students must provide evidence of immunization.

### **ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES**

Parents interested in enrolling their children at Heritage Christian School shall use the following process:

1. Complete an **Enrollment Application**. The Enrollment Application must be submitted on or before the Initial Interview. Students are placed on class rosters in order of the date in which their Enrollment Applications are received.
2. Participate in a **Welcome/Interview Meeting**.  
The Welcome/Interview Meeting takes place with the Admissions Director, a representative of the HCS Board, and parents for the purpose of providing a brief orientation and basic information about the school, tour the campus, review the Enrollment Application, and to discuss the policies outlined in the *Parent/Student Handbook*. It is also used for conducting a general inquiry of the parents' and student's background and academic needs, Christian testimony, and interest in attending Heritage Christian School. Both parents are requested to attend and are asked to bring recent copies of their child's report cards, test scores, etc., to the Welcome/Interview Meeting.
3. Take **Student Entrance Test**.  
Each newly enrolling homeschool student or any other student without official school records is required to take a brief screening test to accurately determine his/her grade level and to identify academic strengths or weaknesses. The Student Entrance Test is administered by a teacher at Heritage Christian School and can be scheduled at any time before the Final Interview. A \$25 testing fee is required at the time of the testing.
4. Both the parents and student must sign a **Handbook Pledge** indicating they have read, understood, and agree to abide by the policies and procedures of Heritage Christian School.

*Secondary students only: Admission of secondary students (grades 7-12) is evaluated by an Admissions Committee and will be based on the student's Christian testimony, report cards, entrance test, previous school recommendations, interviews, date of application, past conduct and attendance, and potential to perform satisfactorily at Heritage Christian School.*