

Newsletter

(Parents Informed)



January 12, 2026

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



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SCHOOL LUNCH

MONDAY,
JANUARY

12

Pancakes

TUESDAY,
JANUARY

13

Beef Tacos

WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY

14

BBQ Chicken

THURSDAY,
JANUARY

15

Chicken
Dumpling Soup

FRIDAY,
JANUARY

16

Pizza

MONDAY, JAN. 19 – **NO SCHOOL**

TUESDAY, JAN. 20 – Chicken Patty Sandwiches

NO SCHOOL NEXT, MONDAY, JANUARY 19th

School Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the winners of the school Spelling Bee

1st Place: Ben Flynn

2nd Place: Orion Drake

Congratulations to all of the students who won their class Bee and participated in the school Bee. They all did great~!

Henry Schohl, Nick Oberholtzer, Conner Swanson, Finnley Smartt, Vivia Gazy, Veronika Fornshell, Selah Mitchell and Clay Heupel.

Ben will go on to compete at the **Gallatin County Spelling Bee** held on **Saturday, January 24th** at the **Museum of the Rockies**.



Kindergarten Open House – Tonight, January 12th

Help us get the word out that the **Kindergarten Open House is tonight, January 12th**, for all incoming Kindergarteners for the 2026-27 school year. This is a place to gather information regarding our wonderful Kindergarten program.

We are asking our families to spread the word with friends, neighbors and relatives!!



Your Gift. Their Future. His Glory.

While tuition covers our essential operational costs, the Heritage Fund seeks to raise \$300,000 this year to support initiatives that will enrich every student's experience. Through your generosity, we will be able to strengthen key areas that directly impact our school community:

General Fund – Supports educational operating expenses, ensuring we can meet the school's most vital needs and sustain excellence in every classroom.

Technology: Chromebooks & Bell System – Equips students with reliable learning tools and enhances communication and safety across our campus

We also invite you to keep our devoted faculty, staff, and school families in your prayers, and to consider sharing your time and talents by volunteering on campus. As we approach year's end, please prayerfully consider including Heritage in your charitable giving. Your support makes a lasting difference—for our students, our community, and for God's glory. Thank you for your continued partnership in our mission!



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HCS Yearbook

To purchase and customize your yearbook, use the QR code or go to www.treering.com/validate. The school's passcode is 1016705458162334. Create custom pages by **March 24th**.

Yearbook



We Need Your Photos!

The yearbook team needs your photos! This year, we are asking parents and students to send us photos for the yearbook. Please click [here](#) and find the appropriate folder for your pictures. Submissions can range from sports, field trips, special projects, music, etc. Don't see a folder for your photo? Simply use the folder for your child's grade and we will get them to the correct place. You do not need a Dropbox account to submit photos. Please contact Kari Yakos at kariy@heritage-christian.org if you have questions. Thank you!

Congratulations 1st Semester Honor Roll Students – 2025-26!

7th Grade Honor Roll

Jasper Carter
Veronika Fornshell
Josie Furst
Colton Mansell
Selah Mitchell
Holden Moss
Tadd Wielenga
Addy Earnest
Zoey Rietveld
Garrett Frazer
Miles Newbury
Erika Jo Rassi
Eli Van Eps
Titus Chamberlin
Kasey Blackmore

8th Grade Honor Roll

Calvin Collins
Clay Heupel
Elise Martin
Andrew Weller
Zeke Copley
Clive Yakos
Emily Verellen
Calder Green
Elliot Jupka
Charlie Oberholtzer
Caleb Sayre
Cooper Anderson

9th Grade Honor Roll

Taylor Black
Kaleb Blackmore
Jesse Bos
Silas Chamberlin
Ellie Forrest
Biz Frazer
Anneliese Gibson
Selma Newbury
Joanna Carter
Libby Melling
Adelina Zugner
Benjamin Rassi
Natalia Crum
Isaiah Emberlin
Olivia Vachal

10th Grade Honor Roll

Brady Bottcher
Razel Graf
Taylor Heupel
Bree Jackson
Eli Lee
Violet Mansell
Allison Martin
Skye Wielenga
Chloe Cantrell
Ella Cummins
Paige Kimbell
Levi Berry
Silas Gee
Arie Morscheck
Henry Oberly
Noah Rietveld



11th Grade Honor Roll

Bridger Jackson
Katherine Parker
Maggie Sanford
Henry Schenck
Daniel Verellen
Lilly Gross
Greta Berkram
Levi Black
Matthew Fahlstrom
Dax Frazer
Ethan Kimm
Blake Berry
Dru Schwartz
Annabelle Huntley
Elise Sayre

12th Grade Honor Roll

Ben Anderson
Nathan Bos
Sydney Bottcher
Ava Cummins
Anna Ethridge
Lyla Gilbert
Hailey Herron
Evie McKay
Aaden Rietveld
Ayda Tondre
Caitlin Gross
Jerry Cox
Caleb Crum
Bella Yakos
Gianna Carlson
Geno Graf
JoeLyn Neiminen

Driver's Ed for Spring 2026

Heritage Christian School is planning to offer a Driver Education class this spring. This class will be Montana Department of Justice certified and will meet all of Montana's requirements for Driver's Education. **We will tentatively begin classes on Monday, March 23rd with a mandatory parent/student meeting on Thursday, March 12th from 6-8pm.** The last class will tentatively be on May 21st. To be eligible for the class students must have their 15th birthday on or before September 23rd, 2026 (Some leeway may be allowed on a case-by-case basis). The cost of the class will be \$400, payable to Heritage Christian School. For Heritage students, the non-refundable payment must be made in the school office before February 6th to hold a spot in the class. After that, the class sign-up will be open to non-Heritage students and the only way to hold a spot in the class is to pay the fee at the Heritage School office. The class will be limited to 14 students. If we do not get 14 students in the class, then we may cancel the class, and your payment will be refunded to you. We plan to hold classes Monday through Thursday before school at Heritage from 6:30-8am. Behind-the-Wheel instruction will be held after school Monday through Thursday from 3:30-5:30pm. Each student will be required to attend one session (2 hours) of Behind the Wheel instruction for each section of class. That will usually amount to one session (2 hours) each week or so for a total of 6 drives. Drives will extend after school is out, into summer for about a week (May 28th). At that time the drives will be from 8-10am and 10am-12pm. A sign-up sheet for these drives will be available at the parent meeting.



Montana Vehicle Department (MVD) is now requesting (moving toward requiring) that a pre-application be completed by Driver's Ed students. They have added a "Driver's Education pre-application" to their website and request (at this time it may be required) that everyone who signs up for Driver's Ed complete this application. When you do that a driver's license number will be issued to your son/daughter. To do that, go to mvdmt.gov and then click on "Online services" in the lower right-hand corner. From there go to the lower right side and click on "Complete driver's education pre-application." Then just move through the screens and fill out the appropriate info. **This should be done before the Parent's Meeting. Bring that driver's license number to the Parent's Meeting.** MVD has requested that you do this even though you will still need to fill out duplicate paperwork at the Parent's Meeting. I am told that they want this in order to double check the info that they enter into their system, and it is the only way that they will issue a driver's license number before an actual license is issued six months after class ends.

If you have a student who is eligible and wishes to participate, please contact the school office at 406-587-9311.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” - Romans 12:1-5 ESV



Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Ski PE Days

BRIDGER BOWL

Wednesday, January 28th: 7th-8th Grades
Friday, January 30th: 3rd-6th Grades
Friday, February 6th: 9th-12th Grades
Tuesday, February 24th: 9th-12th Grades
Monday, March 2nd: 5th-8th Grades
Tuesday, March 3rd: 3rd-4th Grades

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Friday, January 23rd: 2nd & 5th Grades
Friday, February 6th: 1st, 3rd & 4th Grades



Ski PE - Each year our students go to Bridger Bowl twice for a ski lesson and afternoon skiing. Cost is covered in tuition so there is no additional cost. We are asking for a two-week notice this year for students cancelling as we are charged a fee (last minute cancellations due to illness excluded).

Registration instructions have been emailed to all grades. Please register your student as soon as possible for these trips. At this point only the first three dates are available for registration. Please check back in a few weeks to register for your student's second trip.

Grades 1st-5th will also go to Crosscut for a science/ski trip. Teachers of those grades are organizing communications with families.

HCS JV/Varsity Basketball Home Games

- **Friday, January 16th:**
Petra – JV Boys-4pm/Varsity Girls-5:30pm/Varsity Boys-7pm
- **Friday, February 6th:**
YCHS – JV Boys-4pm/Varsity Girls-5:30pm/Varsity Boys-7pm
- **Saturday, February 7th:**
Billings Christian – JV Boys-11am/Varsity Girls-12:30pm/Varsity Boys-2pm



SCOREBOARD

JV/VARSITY

- 1/6 – HCS JV BOYS VS HELENA FIRE – WIN!
- 1/6 – HCS VARSITY GIRLS VS MANHATTAN CHRISTIAN – LOSS
- 1/6 – HCS VARSITY BOYS VS HELENA FIRE – WIN!
- 1/9 – HCS JV BOYS VS FOOTHILLS – WIN!
- 1/9 – HCS VARSITY GIRLS VS FOOTHILLS – LOSS
- 1/9 – HCS VARSITY BOYS VS FOOTHILLS – WIN!
- 1/10 – HCS JV BOYS VS GFHS – Win!
- 1/10 – HCS VARSITY GIRLS VS GFHS – Loss
- 1/10 – HCS VARSITY BOYS VS GFHS – Win!

HCS MS Girls Basketball Home Games

- **Thursday, January 15th:**
Manhattan Christian – 5th/6th-4pm/7th/8th-5pm
- **Monday, January 26th:**
Gallatin Gateway – 5th/6th-4pm/7th/8th-5pm
- **Monday, February 2nd:**
Amsterdam – 5th/6th-4pm
- **Tuesday, February 10th:**
St Mary's – 5th/6th-4pm/7th/8th-5pm

UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Tonight, Jan 12th:** Kindergarten Open House
- **Monday, Jan. 19th:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- **Friday, Jan. 23rd:** Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – 11am
- **Friday, Jan. 23rd:** 2nd & 5th Grades – Ski PE Crosscut
- **Wednesday, Jan. 28th:** 7th-8th Grades – Ski PE Bridger Bowl
- **Friday, Jan. 30th:** 3rd-6th Grades – Ski PE Bridger Bowl
- **Friday, Jan. 30th:** All School Chapel – 8:05am
- **Friday, Feb. 6th:** 9th-12th Grades – Ski PE Bridger Bowl
- **Friday, Feb. 6th:** 1st, 3rd & 4th Grades – Ski PE Crosscut
- **Thursday, Feb. 19th & Friday, Feb. 20th:** MCAA State Basketball Tournament – **NO SCHOOL**
- **Tuesday, Feb. 24th:** 9th-12th Grades – Ski PE Bridger Bowl
- **Friday, Feb. 27th:** All School Chapel – 8:05am
- **Friday, Feb. 27th:** Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – 11am
- **Mar. 16th-Mar. 20th:** Spring Break – **NO SCHOOL**

MIDDLE SCHOOL