

HARVEST CITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Four thousand years ago, a man named Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him as righteousness. The Lord told him that he would make of him a great nation and that that nation would be a blessing to all the other nations. He told him that he was going to make his descendants as numerous as the stars, and promised them a land flowing with milk and honey.

Abraham did not live to see the full fulfillment of those promises, but it is now history and it lives on in us who also 'believe'. That is, those who believe that God is faithful to his Word, that He intends to bless us to be a blessing, and that, as we serve Him in faith, we will have many descendants, both natural and spiritual.

Psalms 128 confirms this:

"Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to Him. You will eat the fruit of your labour; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Yes, this will be the blessing for the man who fears the Lord."

Believe, and be blessed!

SCHOOL PICTURES

Smile! This is the month for school pictures. On picture day, all students in grades K-7 are to come in their uniforms. Grades 5-7 may bring a change of clothes for their individual pictures. All students are being asked to get their photo taken even if you do not plan to purchase any prints. Student photos are used in the yearbook and it would be nice if all students were represented. Picture day is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 18 for Kindergarten & Grades 8—12. And for Grades 1—7, picture day will be on Wednesday, October 19.** If students are absent on picture day, they will have an opportunity to get their photo done on retake day during the morning on Tuesday, November 8.

ELEMENTARY

Hello One and All,

Welcome to the 2016/17 School year! The excitement in the school has been very visible as the students returned to see friends and get acquainted with their new classrooms.

We have some fabulous chapel speakers coming for Elementary Chapel, and we are excited about the theme this year, 'Led By The Spirit'. We are trusting that God is going to do great and amazing things throughout the coming year.

The first month has been a great time to reconnect, and we are excited about what this year is going to bring. We have already had PJ parties, and we are looking forward to more food, fun, and fantastic things happening, so stay tuned for more as we dive right into another great school year.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 5

Food Bank Donations Due

October 7

Staff Day (Student Holiday) *No school for all students*

October 10

Thanksgiving Day (School Holiday) *No school for all staff and students*

October 11

Bible Study Elem Chapel HS

October 12

High School Progress Reports

October 14

High School Parent/Teacher Conferences *(No School for Gr. 9-12 Students ONLY)*

October 18

School Pictures for Kindergarten & Grades 8—12 Students

October 19

School Pictures for Grades 1—7

October 20

Bible Club Cut Off 12 PM All School Pep Rally

October 21 & 22

Christian School Invitational Volleyball Tournament

October 25

Bible Study Elem Chapel HS

October 27

Parents, Books, & Jammies HS Coffee House



Student Pick-Up

When picking up students at the end of the day, please remember to park in the lot rather than stopping along the fence. There are “No Stopping” signs posted along the fence as a reminder. We have taken this precaution in order to help ensure the safety of your children. When vehicles are parked along the fence it can make it difficult for other vehicles pulling into the lot to see if there are students coming through the gate. Please help us in our endeavour to provide a safe environment for your children.



Absent & Late Calls

Remember that it is very important to call the school at 306-569-1935 and leave a message if your child will be late or absent. Please leave child’s name, grade, and the reason they will be absent. A message can be left anytime, day or night.



HIGH SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK

The high school year started out with a trip to Circle Square Ranch for the new semester. Students and staff stayed overnight for the annual retreat. Activities included horseback riding, archery, orienteering, and canoeing. We also were blessed to participate in a campfire with Yohan Yemba leading worship and Andy Schmidt introducing our school theme “Led by the Spirit”.

SCHOOL NEWS

The end of the first grading period will be October 6 and first report cards will be issued on October 12. Parent-Teacher interviews will be running October 14. You are reminded that you can get updates on your students’ academics by checking on Parent Portal. If you have lost your Parent Portal information, or are new to the system, please contact your homeroom teacher.

Students can access their grades through the Student Portal. Students are also using MyHomeworkApp as their agendas this year. This is just one of many resources students can utilize to keep organized.

CAREER PLANNING AND POST-SECONDARY FOR THE FALL

September 30- University of Saskatchewan Open House @ U of S

October 1- Open Registration at Sk Polytechnic

October 14- What is Engineering Day at the University of Regina

October 19- Grad 12 Field Trip to University of Regina

October 22- University of Regina Open House

November 1- Canadian Christian University Tour @ HCCA (Grades 9-12) at 1:15 in the Library

November 8- See Your Future Career Fair @ Evraz Centre (Grades 11-12)

November 24- Luther College Information Night at the U of R

December 1- CRP Career Fair @ Campus Regina (Grade 11)

December 1- Admission on the Spot @ U of R

December 7- What is Business Administration and What is Kinesiology Day at the University of Regina

SPORTS

HCCA Athletics has started. We are currently running Junior Girls’ Volleyball, Boys’ Volleyball, and Senior Girls’ Volleyball. We also have students playing on Thom’s Soccer and Football teams. A big thank you to our many volunteers who make it possible to run our sports program. This year, we have Elizabeth Strom and Natalie Pelletier coaching Junior Girls, Ali Poetker coaching Boys, and Mark Husband coaching Senior Girls’ Volleyball. On September 16-17, we participated at the Saskatoon Christian Volleyball Tournament. Our Senior Girls’ team placed 3rd and our Boys’ team placed 4th - It was a great way to kick off our athletic season!

October 1- HCCA Junior Girls Volleyball Tournament

October 21-22- HCCA Christian Schools Invitational Volleyball Tournament



Phone Calls and Messages to Students

Please be aware that the School Office is not always able to get messages to students throughout the day. It is not an efficient use of staff time to be looking for students during class time. We will only contact students in the event of an emergency situation. If you have a message that needs to get to a student, please be aware that the school office will page students at the beginning of their lunch period, or at the end of the day to retrieve these. Please plan your day in advance.

SPORTS CONT.

October 28- 29- LCBI Senior Girls Volleyball Tournament- our senior girls' team will be travelling to Outlook, SK

November 5- HCCA Boys' Volleyball Tournament

SLC

September 30 (All School)- The school will be participating in Orange T-shirt Day to remember the survivors of Residential Schools. As the Student Leadership Council, we are encouraging everyone to wear an Orange T-Shirt to affirm that every child matters as part of the reconciliation journey that Canada is embarking upon. As a commitment to anti-racism, our school will participate in different activities that day.

October 20 (All School)- To kick off our CSI Volleyball Tournament, the SLC will be leading a pep rally at 11:15. Students are encouraged to dress up in their Reaper Wear- blue and gold- to help cheer on the teams.

October 27 (High School)- The SLC will be hosting an Autumn Coffee House at noon in the youth room.

PTA

School is back in full swing and so is our PTA!! Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Back to School/ Meet the Teacher BBQ. Stay tuned for more information coming home regarding our 2nd annual Parents, Books & Jammies morning on October 27. We are a school that wants to raise amazing readers, so join us this morning to help our kids achieve that goal!

Plans are in gear for our annual poinsettia fundraiser with delivery in the last week of November, so don't buy your plants anywhere else!!

Until next time, may the Lord bless you.

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EPHESIANS 4:1B**