



HARVEST CITY
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Harvest City Christian Academy

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SEEK WISDOM

Our theme for this school year is to 'Seek Wisdom'. True Wisdom which comes from God is far more valuable than rubies, and the bible tells us that nothing else we desire compares with her. (Prov. 3:15)

We would love for you to incorporate this year's theme into your family life at home as well. One great way to do this is to read a chapter of Proverbs together as a family each day of the month, either over a meal together, at bedtime, or in the morning before school — if you are the organized, early riser type! And then discuss as a family which proverb stuck out the most to each person and why.

The following is a wonderful Blog post from Christian Parenting.org called "5 Ways to Make Proverbs Come Alive for Your Kids" and it is a great resource. Check it out!

<http://www.christianparenting.org/articles/5-ways-proverbs-alive-kids/>

SCHOOL PICTURES

Picture day is scheduled for Monday, October 15th for grades 1—7 students and Tuesday, October 16th for Kindergarten and grades 8—12 students. If students are absent on picture day, they will have an opportunity to have their photo taken on retake day during the morning of Tuesday, November 6th.

EARLY SIGN OUT POLICY

Parents/Guardians should send a note with the student to be excused early from class. The time and reason for leaving should be included. The parent or authorized person **MUST** report to the main school office — located in the lobby — and sign the student(s) out. There is a sign-out sheet and pen located on the counter at the window, which **MUST** be signed when the student leaves and also when they return (if the student is returning to class afterwards).

This is for the safety of our students and we greatly appreciate your cooperation. **Parents/Guardians must sign for students in Kindergarten — Grade 8. Students in grades 9 — 12 may sign themselves out with a parent note or phone call.**

For Grades 9—12 students this does NOT apply to the lunch hour. They are not required to sign out if they are heading to the mall for lunch. Only K—8 students need to sign out at that time, as they aren't supposed to leave during lunch without permission.

VOLUNTEERS

At various times throughout the school year we need Parent Volunteers and we would love to have your help. To be involved in your child's classroom, assisting on field trips, coaching, fundraising within the school, or helping with the PTA you need to have a Police Information Check (PIC) done. You will need a letter from our school office to bring with you to the Regina Police Station downtown, along with two pieces of government issued ID. There is a \$10 fee at Regina Police for this service. Once you have been cleared, we will receive a letter from the Regina Public School Board letting us know. You will also need to have a signed 'Reporting Criminal Charges Form' on file here at the school. You can find these files on our website under Policies & Forms, and then Volunteers, or you can stop by the school office at anytime and we will get you what you need before you go, so that you don't end up having to go twice! The Police Information Request Form gives us the information we need to create the letter for you to bring with you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 2

Chapel

October 5

Teacher's Convention
(No School for ALL students)

October 8

Thanksgiving Holiday
(No School for ALL staff and students)

October 10

CSI Pep Rally

October 12-13

Christian School Invitational Volleyball Tournament

October 15

School Pictures Grades 1—7

October 16

School Pictures Kindergarten and Grades 8—12

October 17

HS Progress Reports

October 18

HS Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences
Bible Club Cut Off
Chapel

October 19

HS Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences
(No School for 9—12 students ONLY)

October 25

Pita Lunch

October 26

Staff Development Day
(No School for ALL students)

October 30

Gr. 9—12 Canadian Christian University Tour

Sowing God's Truth, Growing Young Lives, Reaping Right Living!



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 office at 306-569-1935 and leave a message if your child will be late or absent. Please leave the child's name, grade, and the reason they will be absent. A message can be left anytime, day or night. You **MUST** call the office, even if you have let the teacher know. Thank you for your cooperation.



PARENT AND STUDENT PORTAL

Using the Powerschool Parent Portal, parents and guardians can access information online regarding their child's grades, as well as the students' attendance and lates. It is a fabulous tool that helps us strengthen the communication between school and home. Parent Portal is available for students in Grades 6—12. Student Portal is available to all High School students. If you have not set up your Powerschool account yet, the school is able to assist you with this. However, you will need to stop by the school office, as this information can only be given in person. There is also a Powerschool app that you can download to your smart phone, which makes it even simpler to keep up to date! We have also placed links on the homepage of our school website www.harvestcitychristianacademy.com to make it as simple as possible to access. We will no longer be printing grade-sheets for each HS class as all of this information is visible at any time on Parent Portal.

SCHOOL PRAYER

Calling all Parents/Guardians/Grandparents/Friends to join us every Monday morning when there is school. We are a group of parents/guardians/staff etc. who believe that prayer is powerful and effective. Anyone is welcome to join us and we would love to grow our group. We meet on Mondays from 8:50—9:30 am in the Preschool area. Young children are welcome to come along with you. There is space for them to play.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

The grade 8 class will be organizing the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes this year. Boxes will be available on October 4 and all filled boxes need to be returned to the school by November 9th. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Tara Yemba at tara.yemba@hccmail.ca

ELEMENTARY

We are one month into the school year, and so far it has been a great one. We have new students, returning students, and great classes all around. Thanks for partnering with us and supporting us to make this a wonderful year.

Thanks to all of the students who came out and participated in our 1st Elementary Cross Country meet of the year. All of our students gave it their best and ran hard. We are so proud of each of you for participating and being active. The top 25 runners from all schools advance to the final run which takes place on Wednesday, October 3rd. Congratulations to our students who have advanced to the City Finals.

Please remember to keep an eye on your email, as well as your child's agenda for important information about upcoming events. Keep watching for various forms and permission slips which get sent home. We are so excited that you have chosen our school, and we are even more excited to share in the growth of your children. Also, check the SLC section of this newsletter for some exciting things happening this month.

You can also always find things such as the school newsletter, calendar, and scripture memory verses on the school website: www.harvestcitychristianacademy.com. And look us up on Facebook and give us a like! We will post highlights there throughout the school year.

HIGHSCHOOL

PITA LUNCHES

October 25

It's not too late! If you still wish to order pita lunches and missed the initial deadline, you can email Ms Deanna Cook at Deanna.cook@hccmail.ca to get details or a new order form.

FORUM FOR YOUNG CANADIANS

We are excited that Elizabeth Gagne will be participating in the Forum for Young Canadians on October 22-26th in Ottawa. Congratulations Elizabeth!



HIGHSCHOOL Cont.

RDIEC SEMESTER ONE UPCOMING DATES

October 10 — Hundseth Power Line Technician Spotlight

October 19—November 23 — Machining/Auto Body Career Connection

October 23 — Business Information Systems (Gaming and Coding) — SK Polytechnic Moose Jaw

November 6 — Entrepreneurial Spotlight in partnership with Economic Development Regina

POST-SECONDARY PLANNING UPCOMING DATES

October 1 — University of Regina/SK Polytechnic Nursing application begins: SK Polytechnic High Demand Program application begins

October 4 — University of Regina, What is Engineering Day, 8:30 am—4:30 PM

October 9 — Grades 11 and 12 — University of Saskatchewan Presentation

October 17 — Grade 12 — University of Regina Presentation

October 18 — SK Polytechnic Information Night

October 20— University of Regina Open House, 9:00 am—3:30 PM

October 30 — Grades 9-12 — Canadian Christian University Tour Presentation

November 6 — Grades 11 and 12 — See your Future Career Fair — Regina Evraz Place

ATHLETICS DATES

Please check out our schedule online at Regina High Schools Athletic Association for our weekly schedule. You can view it at <https://www.rhsaa.ca/>

Please buy your season tickets for \$20, otherwise it is \$5 at the door for adults (\$3 for high school students).

October 13 — Junior Girls Tournament in Lumsden

October 12-14 — CSI — Senior Girls Volleyball Home Tournament

October 26-27 — Senior Girls Volleyball Tournament in Outlook

SLC

October 10 — **FCC Food Bank Drive** — bring your non-perishable food items or \$ donation to support the Regina Food Bank. Competitions will be held between the classes to see who can bring the most food. The class which brings the most food will celebrate with a Pizza lunch sponsored by the SLC. Our goal is to bring in 800 lbs of food from HCCA.

October 10 — **Volleyball Pep Rally** to celebrate our volleyball tournament. We will be holding a pep rally from 11:15—12:15 in the gym. Wear **BLUE** and **GOLD** that day and cheer on our Reapers.

October 10—12 — The SLC will be participating in the Association of Christian Schools **International Student Leadership Conference** at Dallas Valley

October 25 — Grades 8 —12 — **Fall Coffee House** in the Youth Room at noon

PTA

Our meet the teacher BBQ was a great success. Thanks to everyone who joined us for the evening and we look forward to more events with you!

We would love your feedback: What would you like to see at our school? How can we engage with you and build lifelong relationships? Please reach out to anyone of us on the PTA and share your thoughts, or send me an email at tracyandrobthompson@gmail.com

Fall is in the air—get out there and enjoy! Have a great October and take some time to practice gratefulness.



HIGHLIGHTS

CIRCLE SQUARE RETREAT



VOLLEYBALL



Sowing God's Truth, Growing Young Lives, Reaping Right Living!