

The Epistle

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“GOD’S TRUTH AND THE IMPORTANCE OF RELATIONSHIPS”

By Thomas J. Wieland, Headmaster

Josh McDowell, Christian writer and apologist for the Faith, spoke here on campus on October 17th as part of his *Beyond Belief to Convictions* nation-wide campaign. Josh McDowell shared a sobering message regarding the challenges our young people face growing up in a culture that is becoming more and more hostile to the Christian Faith. He backed up his belief that the Christian community is at high risk to lose a number of its young people to unbelief with some alarming statistics. He said that a Kindergarten student in public school faces more opposition to his or her Christian faith in one week than many older adults faced in a year back when they were in high school.

“Truth apart from relationships results in rejection”

I appreciated Josh’s warning to us, but he did not just come with a difficult message. He provided us with some practical help and suggestions. “Truth apart from relationships results in rejection” was the cornerstone of Josh’s message. May God give us grace to develop loving relationships with our young people that will provide a conduit or channel through which we can teach them God’s Truth. May God grant Harrisburg Christian School much success in its mission to develop a Biblical worldview in its students.

The school owns a video series by Josh McDowell containing the message that Josh shared when he was with us. Please contact me here at school if you would like to gather with other interested school parents in viewing the videos together.

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY



Where would we be without our grandparents? Harrisburg Christian School honored our grandparents with a special event just for them. This special time was a great opportunity for our grandparents to see what the Lord is doing in the lives of our students, their grandchildren.

Registration and a Continental Breakfast began at 8 AM. At 9 AM a brief program featured music by our students and our goals for the school year. Grandparents then had the opportunity to spend time visiting their grandchildren’s classes. Each grandparent attending received a special gift.

Our students were blessed to spend this special day with grandparents and friends. Many of our grandparents participated in special programs within the classrooms of their grandchildren. There was even a harpichord performance by one of our Kindergarten’s grandmothers. What a special day it was for all involved.



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WISH LIST BECOMES REALITY

In the last issue of the Epistle, news was shared of a wonderful response to our "Wish List" campaign initiated at HCS' 50th Anniversary Banquet last Spring. A number of faithful school parents and friends of the HCS ministry responded with gifts totaling over \$130,000. This outpouring of support permitted a number of improvements to the school including the following: the covering of the "breezeway" between the Education Building and the Fine Arts Center; new Steinway piano for the Arts and Athletics Center; resealing & re-striping of our parking lot; new building signage; new microscopes; new library books; new computer equipment; new entrance to the IT area; several pieces of equipment for the Biology classroom; new security cameras; new door lock system; new classroom maps. This is only a partial list. We praise God for His goodness to our school ministry, and we thank Him for His faithful people. This outpouring of support is indicative of God's blessing on our school and a sense of growing momentum in our ministry.



SPECIAL EVENTS AT HCS: KNIGHTFEST

What a wonderful day of fun and fellowship occurring at our annual Knightfest.

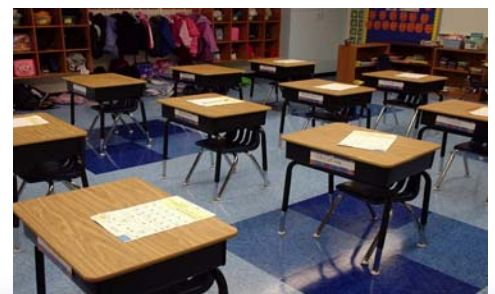
JOGATHON

Our Fall fundraiser gave everyone a chance to participate, and run to raise money for our school. As of the end of October, we have raised \$48,540!!



NEW FIRST GRADE CLASSROOM

A faithful friend and school community leader in prayer and financial support of our school made it possible for the renovation of Mrs. Arvey's first grade classroom. This is an entirely new classroom from its new flooring to its new ceiling and digital projector. Praise God for this wonderful renovation. Lord willing, this renovation will be the first of a series of elementary classrooms to be renovated in the future.



HCS SUPPORTERS ATTAIN CHALLENGE GOALS

The Spring 2005 Challenge issued by one friend of HCS to inspire involvement and generosity by our many other supporters resulted in an additional \$12,500 in gifts to HCS prior to the June 30 conclusion of the 2004-2005 fiscal year. We are grateful to the 223 individuals, families, and businesses that made a gift toward attaining the Challenge last year.

Among those who gave were 55 grandparent families. They gave a combined total of \$9,003 to the Helping Hands Fund, exceeding the amount needed for the school to receive a \$7,500 challenge grant for year-long grandparent giving.

The School Board and Administration, having committed themselves to giving in support of the Helping Hands Fund, were ecstatic to see the Lord's provisions through so many alumni, current and former parents, grandparents, and other partners of HCS. By raising over \$18,000 in new gifts to the fund between May 1 and June 30, 2005, from at least 210 financial supporters, HCS met the terms of the Challenge and received the \$12,500 Challenge grant.

Thank you to all who gave and prayed for our success in achieving the \$160,000 Helping Hands Fund goal!

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FALL SPORTS WRAP-UP

Districts Find Their Home at HCS!

For the first time in HCS history, the Varsity Boys' Soccer Team won the CCAC Championship. The team ended the regular season in first place and won the CCAC tournament by beating Bible Baptist 4-0 in the semi-finals and High Point 3-2 in the finals. They have qualified for Districts, high enough to host the first round game on Thursday, October 27, 2005. This is a first in the history of HCS.

The Boys Varsity All-Conference honorees are: First Team—**Tim Kertland '06**, **Kent Ramirez '08**. Second Team—**Sam Hanmer '08**, **Jason Holmes '09**. Honorable Mention—**Matt Linstedt '07**.



Varsity Field Hockey Success Continues

With 8 returning starters, Coach Deb Bassoff and the Girls' Varsity Field Hockey Team were co-regular season champions and qualified for PIAA District III playoffs for only the 4th time in 12 years. Senior Captain, **Kris Corsnitz**, and Junior Captains, **Alison Racilla** and **Olivia Madeira**, led the Knights' attack along with **Jess Shirk**. The defense was commanded by CCAC All-Conference defender, **Laura McKechnie** and rookie goalkeeper, **Sarah Leonard**. **Courtney Pace** and **Amy Williams** helped solidify the defense. Corsnitz, Madeira, Leonard, and McKechnie, were chosen to 1st Team All-Conference while Racilla and **Chantele Crow** were selected to 2nd Team All-Conference.



HCS WELCOMES NEW FACULTY AND STAFF



Left to right: Mrs. Molina, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Yeckley, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. McDeavitt, Mr. Arrell, Mrs. Gordon, Miss Ewing and Mr. Bruce.

We are blessed to welcome some new faces to our faculty and staff. They are: **Mr. David Arrell** - Athletic Director & MS/HS Boys PE Teacher; **Mrs. Cheryl Berry** - Kitchen Staff; **Mr. Jeffrey Bruce** - HS Bible Teacher; **Miss Sarah Ewing** - MS/HS Spanish Teacher; **Mrs. Ann Gordon** - MS English Teacher & HS Accounting Teacher; **Mrs. Pam McDeavitt** - Elementary PE Teacher & MS/HS Girls PE Teacher; **Mrs. Yvonne Molina** - Kindergarten Aide; **Mrs. Carla Wilson** - Business Office Manager; **Mrs. LuAnne Yeckley** - Receptionist. We are blessed to have these talented people on our faculty and staff. Please join us in welcoming them aboard!



On Saturday, September 24th, the Middle School Student Council, under the leadership of Mrs. Scully, organized a Car Wash and Pancake Breakfast to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The students raised over \$900.

Upcoming Events at HCS

- November 2** Fruit Sale Begins
- November 11** **No School**
Josh McDowell
Hersheypark Arena
7PM
- November 14** **No School**
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
ACSI Spelling Bee
- November 18** Harvest Parade
- November 19** Ambassadors for
Excellence Fund-
raising Banquet
- November 21** Fruit Sale Ends
- December 1** Evening of the Arts
- December 6** Elementary
Christmas Program
- December 13** MS/HS Christmas
Concert

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