

# *2014-2015 Annual Summary*



*Heritage Christian School*

*Equipping children to serve Christ*

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## Mission Statement

The mission of Heritage Christian School is to provide a Christ-centered, quality education in order to prepare our children to serve Christ. We believe that we are called as Christian parents to provide for our children's education (Proverbs 22:6 "Train a child in the way he should go, when he is old he will not turn from it") and, therefore, view our school as an extension of the Christian home.



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# Leadership

## HCS School Board:

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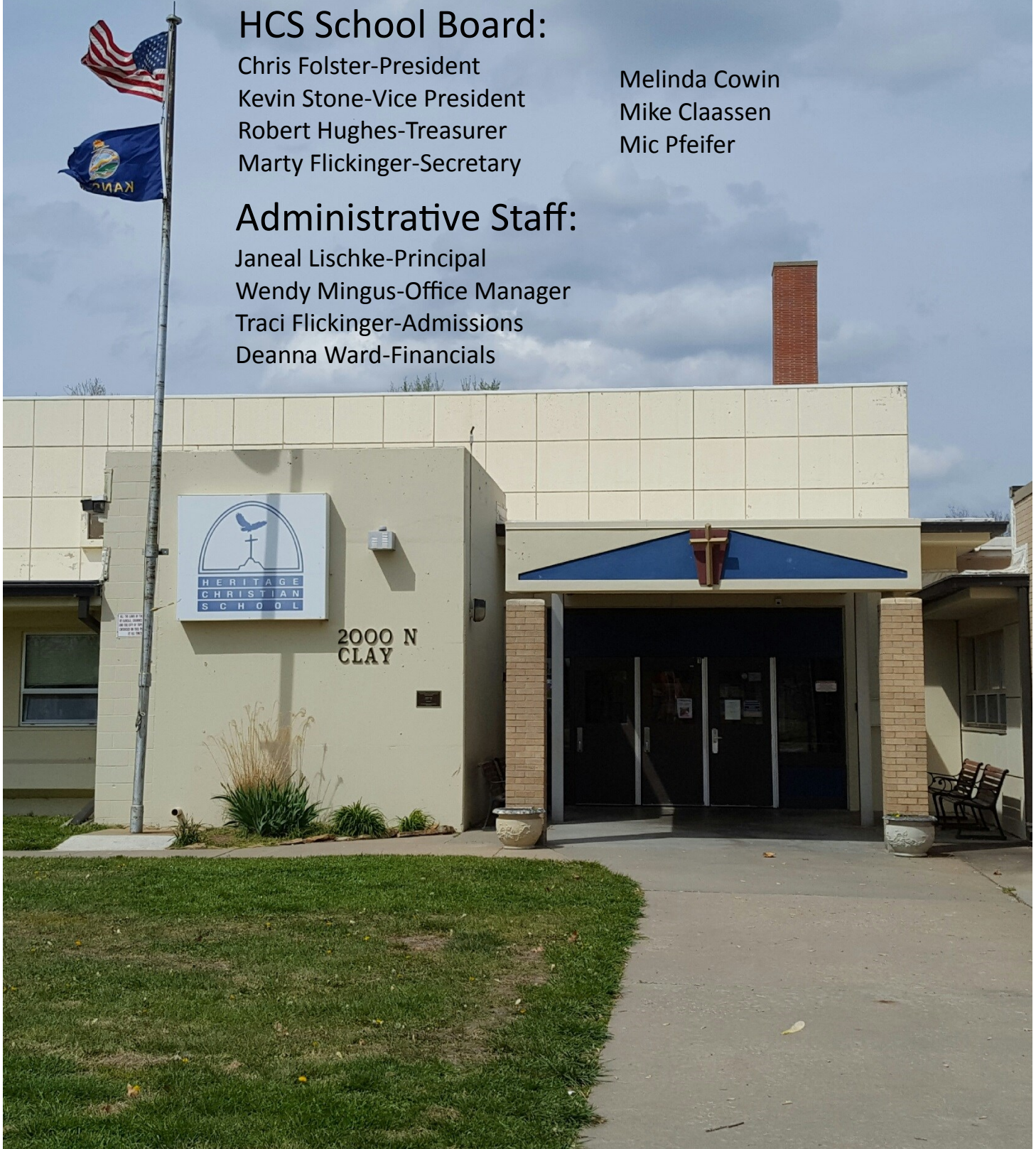
## Administrative Staff:

Janeal Lischke-Principal

Wendy Mingus-Office Manager

Traci Flickinger-Admissions

Deanna Ward-Financials



# Administrator

Dear Friends of Heritage Christian School,

We thank God for His many blessings to Heritage this year. We have seen God bless our enrollment as we continue to partner with families to provide a well-rounded and challenging educational environment for our students. God has provided the resources for Heritage to improve and grow academically through technology in our classrooms. We have been able to install Interwrite Boards in all 3rd-12th grade rooms and soon will have them in the 1st-2nd grade rooms as well. We have also been able to add another computer lab for students to utilize in their educational pursuits. Through God's blessings, we have been able to get maintenance done on our building with volunteers and help from businesses in the community. God has also provided us the funds, supplies, and man-power through generous donations from our stakeholders in the community to make continuing improvements to the baseball and soccer fields in order to prepare for future needs of Heritage students.

Academics proved to be another high point for Heritage students again this year as HCS students continued to excel above the national average on the Iowa Basics for grades K-11 and the ACT test for college-bound high school students. Heritage joined the National Honor Society and had their first induction ceremony of 10 students. Heritage students are

taking college-preparatory academic instruction seriously as our junior and senior students have all taken college classes in order to advance them in their college careers. We also were able to offer Washburn Technology classes for several students

to provide for the differing needs of our student body.

The fine arts programs, the competitive academic events, and athletic teams placed well in competitions. Many of our students achieved superior ratings at the fine arts competition, ACSI Math Olympics and writing competitions. Our sports programs also continued to be competitive. HCS continues to strive toward having all students press to reach their true potential in Jesus Christ in every aspect of their lives.



We were blessed to have over 200 grandparents and family members join us for Grandparents' Day. We also had a tremendous Pastors' Appreciation breakfast and chapel service. This outpouring of support continues to help our school as we endeavor to provide each child with the best in character training and spiritual leadership.

Ultimately, we desire to see each student grow as the Lord Jesus Christ grew — intellectually, physically, spiritually, and socially. It was such an encouraging sight to see many of our students go on mission trips to Haiti and Guatemala, and our seniors raised money to go to the Creation Museum and assist in their ministry programs for a week last spring. Our students are also learning to work in our community assisting our neighbors with yard work, participating in a clothes drive for the rescue mission, and preparing gift boxes for children through Operation Christmas Child. All of our students were happy to be involved in mission activities throughout the year at area retirement homes, the police station, the Topeka Rescue Mission, churches, and needy family homes in the Topeka area. A Biblically integrated academic program is the primary focus of our school, but community involvement is an integral part of a well-rounded education for our students.

Here at Heritage, we are committed to providing each student with an uncompromising Christian education as we pursue excellence in academics, fine arts, athletics, service and leadership, all from a Biblical worldview. Our desire is to partner with parents and families as we allow Christ to lead us in the awesome responsibility of teaching, modeling, shaping and fostering the growth and progress in the lives of every child who walks through our doors. We can see God blessing Heritage Christian School through the lives of our students and the influence of our staff. His guidance for both the heart and the mind in the classrooms of HCS enables our students to excel and achieve with the very best. Initiative and integrity are trademarks of our students. It is our prayer to instill in students' hearts Christ-like character qualities and Christian principles as they honor God through their character, leadership, gifts, and service.

Blessings,

*Mrs. Janeal Lischke, Principal*

*"We thank God for his many blessings...."*

# Class of 2015

## Class of 2015

The 2015 graduating class went to the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky, to serve for their senior trip. While there, they had the opportunity for a question and answer time with several of the experts in Creation Science.

With only four students, the class of 2015 was one of the smaller classes to graduate from HCS. Three of the four graduated with college course credits. The charts on the right show how many credits graduates from 2011-2015 graduated with as well as the majority of post graduate choices.

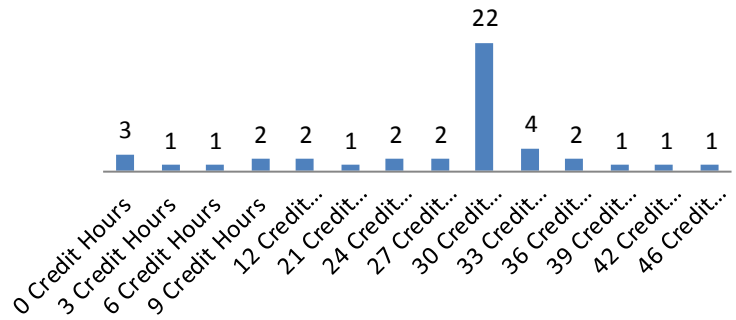
2015 graduates went on to enter the medical profession, the military, and attend college.

### Class Motto

*"I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything but still I can do something; I will not refuse to do something I can do."*

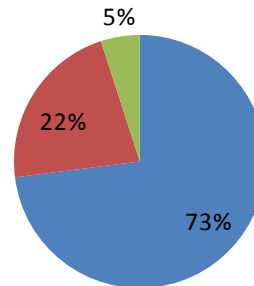
~Eleanor Roosevelt

## 2011-2015 College Credit Hours by Graduate



## Post Graduate Choices 2011-2015

■ Four Year College ■ Community/Technical School ■ Joined the Military



# Class of 2015



**Christopher Ross Maynard**

has an interest in making computer games and drawing. He hopes to find a place where he can work on both of these skills.



**Rebekah Joyce Reid**

will be attending Washburn Technical Institute in pursuit of a Surgical Technology certificate. Bekah is planning on working at Stormont-Vail as a phlebotomist until her schooling is complete.



**Zoe Alexis Mingus**

plans to attend MidAmerica Nazarene University and major in Psychology. She has received a \$36,000 Academic Scholarship. Zoe was class valedictorian and graduated with 36 college credit hours.



**Gabriel Night Thomas**

reports for basic training with the Army at Fort Benning, Georgia, in June 2015. Upon completion of basic training, Gabe will attend Kansas State University pursuing an Information Systems degree. He graduated with 30 college credit hours.



# Academics

## Academic Accomplishments

During 2014-2015, HCS academic standards continued to grow. Students participated in the Academic Fair, Science Fair, Kansas Honors Society, and ACSI Math Olympics. Older elementary students each wrote their own book, and younger students collaborated to write class books. They also enjoyed exploring and experimenting with the excellent science curriculum. A total of thirty-six HCS students participated in the Math Olympics regional event with twenty-two moving on as area qualifiers, many of whom then placed at the area level. Students also participated in the ACSI Creative Writing contest. Two went on as regional qualifiers and one qualified for publication. In the

*HCS students placed in the ACSI Math Olympics, Creative Writing and the Scripps Spelling Bee during the 2014-2015 school year.*

Scripps National Spelling Bee, one HCS student came in second in the county.

HCS held its third annual Career Fair on October 28, 2014 for students in 6th-12th grades. Students were able to choose from different speakers/topics and attend sessions to learn more about careers. The careers represented included the military, software engineering, nursing, social work, firefighting, ministry, law enforcement, business, and law. Speakers were drawn both from the community at large and from parents of HCS students. Students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade had hands on demonstrations from fire fighters, a police officer, an ambulance driver, and a federal wildlife officer.

Secondary students once again took the PSAT and PLAN tests to help better prepare them to take their college entrance tests.

Students were able to participate in several field trips to expand their knowledge. The Butterfly Bio-Villa, Brown vs. Board of Education, and the Trash Mountain aquaponics lab are just a few of the trips students enjoyed during the school year.

## School Improvement Efforts

In 2015, HCS students tested using the Iowa Basic standardized testing for the fourth year. Data from the test is being analyzed in an effort to check the progress of the School Improvement Plan Goals and make any changes necessary for those goals for the 2015-2016 school year.

## 2014-2015 School Improvement Plan Goals

*Goal 1: To assist students to identify and implement study skills (metacognitive skills) which will help them to achieve at a higher level.*

*Goal 2: To assist students in developing critical thinking skills, particularly in the areas of reading and math.*

*Goal 3: To ensure that students have the skills necessary to carry out our school's theme for this year "Proclaim the Name."*

## National Honors Society

HCS started a chapter of the National Honors Society during the 2014-2015 school year. Of the 22 students invited, 10 were selected to join. NHS students served the school by painting two of the elementary bathrooms. They also served the community by working at the Topeka Rescue Mission. We look forward to expanding this new opportunity for our students in the coming years.



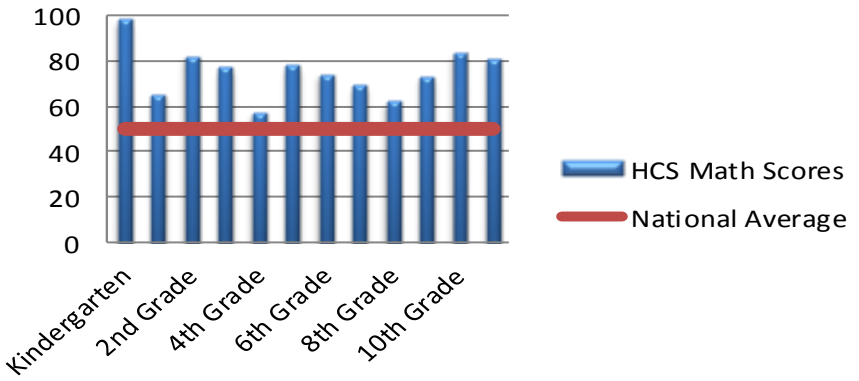
# Academics

## Summary of Student Performance Data

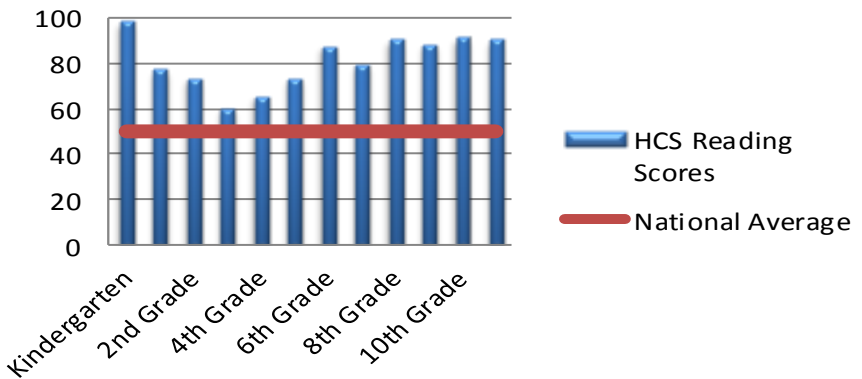
There are a variety of methods in which student achievement is measured at HCS. Classroom assessments provide measures of student success within curricular objectives throughout the year, while mid-term and final examinations provide data to teachers, students, and parents about overall course achievement. These data are used when making modifications to the curriculum and to teaching strategies.

Data gathered from standardized tests are used to compare students from HCS with students from other educational settings, both from Topeka schools, as well as from other schools across the nation. High school students take the PSAT and ACT tests. Students in grades K-5 through 11 take the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS). This is the fourth year students have taken the Iowa Basics test. Specific results from the testing reports are shown with the graphs on this page.

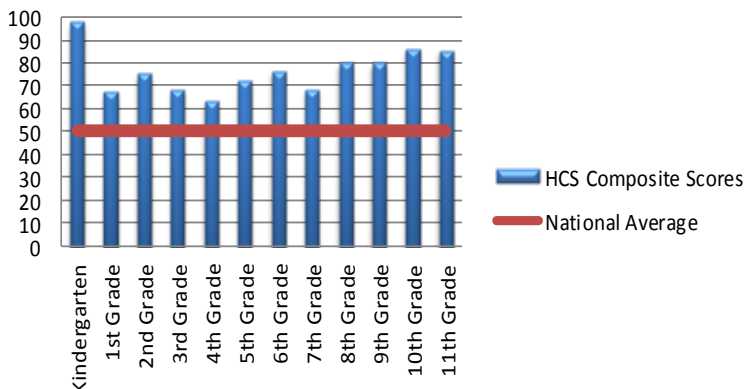
### 2015 HCS Math Scores



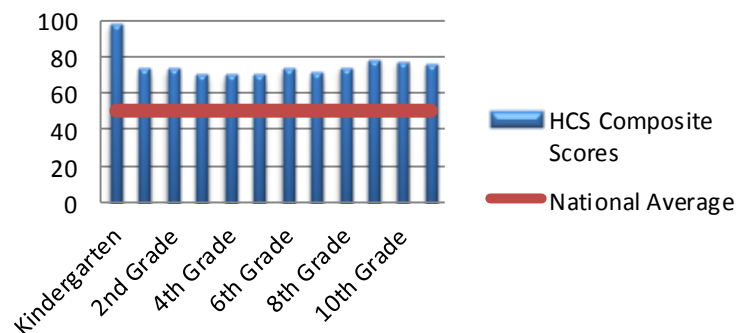
### 2015 HCS Reading Scores



### 2015 HCS Composite Score



### 2012-2015 HCS Composite Score Average



# Academics

## High School Graduation Requirements

Graduation requirements at HCS meet or exceed those required by the Kansas Board of Regents for admission to a four-year university. At HCS, students may earn one of two diplomas.

### Board of Regents Qualifying Diploma - 26 Credits:

- Language Arts - 4 Credits
- Science - 3 Credits
- Mathematics - 3 Credits
- Social Studies - 3 Credits
- Bible - 4 Credits
- Foreign Language - 1 Credit
- Physical Education - 2 Credits
- Fine Arts - 1 Credit
- Electives - 4 Credits
- Computer Applications - 1 Credit

### Honors Diploma - 30 Credits:

- Language Arts - 4 Credits
- Science - 3 Credits
- Mathematics - 4 Credits
- Social Studies - 4 Credits
- Bible - 4 Credits
- Foreign Language - 2 Credit
- Physical Education - 2 Credits
- Fine Arts - 1 Credit
- Electives - 5 Credits
- Computer Applications - 1 Credit

## College Concurrent Courses

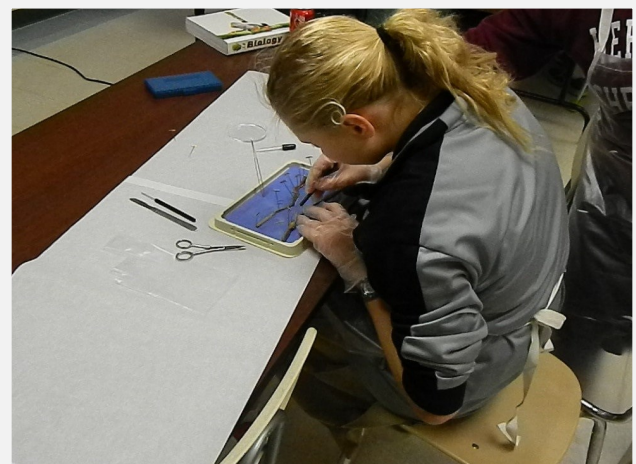
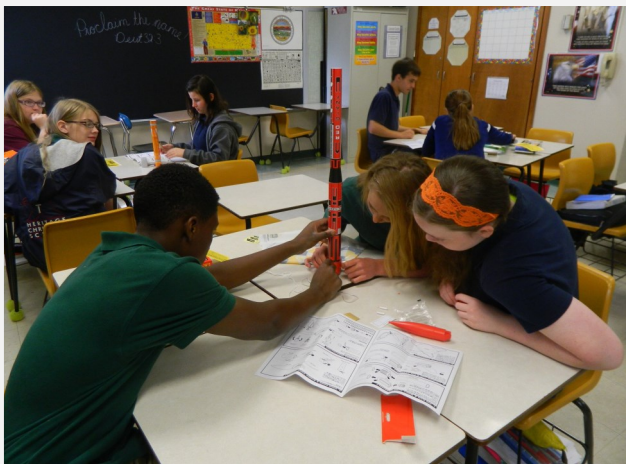
Each year, Juniors and Seniors at HCS have the opportunity to take dual-credit college classes through Allen County Community College. Heritage teachers that are also employed through Allen Community College teach the college courses at HCS. College courses offered during the 2014-2015 school year included Psychology, Sociology, English Composition 1 and 2, Algebra, Statistics, and Western Civilization. Additionally, students had the opportunity to take on-line courses

*HCS students have the opportunity to graduate with 30-48 college credit hours or a professional certificate.*

such as Public Speaking and Music Appreciation. This gives HCS students the opportunity to graduate high school with as many as 48 credit hours.

## The Washburn Institute of Technology

As an alternative to the college-concurrent classes, students may choose to take courses through Washburn Institute of Technology. Students choosing this option attend classes at Heritage in the morning and spend their afternoons on the Washburn Tech campus. Depending on the course of study, students may graduate with a professional certificate.



# Improvement/Involvement

## School Facilities Improvement

The hallways, lockers and two elementary bathrooms received a fresh coat of paint in preparation for the 2014-2015 school year.

Work continued on the land to the south of the playground to transform it into a baseball field. All improvements to the field have been through generous donations of equipment, materials, and time.

Students decorated the ceiling tiles in the art room as part of their final project.

## Stakeholder Involvement

The HCS Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) remained involved in school life. The PTF encourages social interaction between the HCS families and staff, acts as a fundraising arm of the school, and actively encourages teachers and staff of HCS. During the 2014-2015 school year, PTF hosted the 7th annual 5K/Fun Run and Pancake Feed as well as the 5th annual school carnival. PTF kept parents informed of upcoming activities through quarterly meetings and publishing regular articles in the school newsletter. PTF also provided for teachers' continuing-education, individual class parties, and field trips

The HCS student council hosted the annual See You At The Pole celebration. This is an opportunity for students to gather around the flag pole before school to pray. The student council also encouraged unity through activities such as the secondary student bonfire.



## 8th Annual 5K/Fun Run and Pancake Feed!

April 11, 2015



# Description

## SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

Heritage Christian School is an independent, private Christian school serving students in grades K-4 through twelfth grade. The school was founded in 1996 and began as a home-school cooperative. The second year, teachers were hired and classes began for Kindergarten through sixth grade. The next year, seventh and eighth grades were added, with the following years seeing the addition of one grade each year through high school. The first graduation was held in May of 2002.

Heritage Christian School is located in Topeka, Kansas, population 241,000. Some of the major Topeka employers are the State of Kansas, Topeka USD 501, Stormont Vail Health Care, Blue Cross Blue Shield, St. Francis Health Center, Payless Shoe Source, Goodyear Tire, Hills Pet Nutrition, Burlington Northern Santa Fe, and Washburn University. Many of the families of the school are employed by these businesses. Topeka has a mildly diverse population with an ethnic breakdown as follows:

### SHAWNEE COUNTY ETHNIC POPULATION DISTRIBUTION

Caucasian 85.3%  
Black/African American 9.2%  
American Indian 1.4%  
Asian 1.5%  
Two or more races 2.6%

Note: People of Hispanic or Latino origins represent 9.5% of the population which is included in each of the above racial distributions. Hispanics may be of any race.  
Source: 2009 Quick Facts, US Census Bureau

The approximately 100 families of Heritage Christian School are representative of the greater Topeka community in terms of ethnicity. The student body of HCS also represents more than thirty different churches in the Topeka area, covering a number of different denominations.

Heritage Christian School's educational philosophy is based upon a Biblical philosophy of education. The primary purpose of the school is to prepare students academically, socially, morally, spiritually and physically to become the young men and women that God intended them to be and to be successful in any college or post-high school setting that they choose.

In addition to providing a Christ-centered curriculum, Heritage Christian School also provides a rigorous, college preparatory curriculum that gives instruction that exceeds the National and State Core Curriculum Standards. The school's

*Our mission at HCS is to equip our students to be:*

**Spiritually Grounded  
Academically Excellent  
Faithfully Serving**

graduation requirements and course curriculum meets or exceeds State requirements in all areas. Students completing the college preparatory track at Heritage are prepared to enter college and perform successfully. High school juniors and seniors who qualify may also take college concurrent coursework offered through a cooperative effort with Allen Community College. Juniors and seniors may take six college hours or more per semester. Many Heritage students graduate with 30 college credits, while some earn as many as 48.

Heritage Christian School also provides students with various opportunities to explore their personal interests. In addition to the rigorous academic courses offered, Heritage provides a variety of other courses and educational opportunities designed to accommodate a broad spectrum of interests. Beginning in the elementary grades, students may enroll in summer camps or classes such as drama, culinary arts, computer programming, and art. During the school year, elementary students take part in music and dramatic productions, art classes, and physical education classes. Secondary students are offered weight training, drama, praise and worship band, physical education, choir, yearbook, art, graphic art, and creative writing as elective courses. Students also take keyboarding and Microsoft Office in the secondary program.

Our students are also avid participants in various academic and other competitions held throughout the year. Geography Bowl, Math Olympics, Young Authors and Illustrators Olympics, and the Scripps Spelling Bee are all venues in which our students have successfully competed. Students also compete in a state-wide Fine Arts Festival against other schools and consistently perform well.

# Description

## K-12 Student Demographic Sketch

Heritage Christian School accepts students of any racial or ethnic background who function at least as an average student and whose parents subscribe to our Statement of Faith. In the, 2014-2015 school year, 151 students were enrolled. The following table shows a break down of students by grade.

### HCS Enrollment by Grade for the 2014-2015 School Year

Grade	Student Count	Grade	Student Count
K-4 /Preschool	14	7 <sup>th</sup>	11
K-5	11	8 <sup>th</sup>	14
1 <sup>st</sup>	17	9 <sup>th</sup>	13
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10	10 <sup>th</sup>	11
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9	11 <sup>th</sup>	10
4 <sup>th</sup>	9	12 <sup>th</sup>	5
5 <sup>th</sup>	10		
6 <sup>th</sup>	7	TOTAL	151 students

### Self-Reported Ethnic Breakdown from Enrollment Information, 2014-2015 School Year

Ethnic Group	Number of Students
Caucasian	125
Bi-racial	6
Hispanic	6
Native American	2
African American	7
Asian	5



# Athletics

Heritage student athletes have a variety of opportunities to perform to the best of their potential. In the past few years the athletics department has been blessed to expand the program to add both girls soccer and boys baseball. During the 2014-2015 school year, HCS Athletics programs included:

**Boys:**

Soccer  
Basketball  
Baseball

**Girls:**

Volleyball  
Basketball  
Soccer

HCS athletes compete in the KCAA Conference, MCAA Conference, and the NEKPL Conference with a great deal of success. This year, our teams won the following awards:

**Boys Soccer**

2nd Place KCAA Conference Tournament

**Girls Soccer**

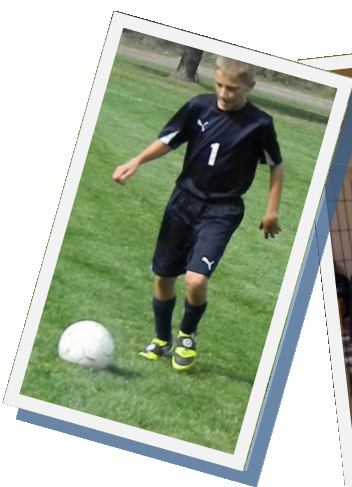
2nd Place MCAA Tournament

**Jr. High Volleyball**

1st Place NEKPL Tournament

**Varsity Volleyball**

1st Place KCAA Tournament



# Faculty & Staff

## Faculty and Staff of Heritage Christian School

HCS provides faculty and staff who are matched to teaching assignments with consideration given to their training, knowledge and expertise, as well as their areas of interest. Most staff members also have their children or grandchildren enrolled in HCS, so not only do they “wear two hats” at school, but they also have a personal vested interest in providing the absolute best education for all students at the school. The following tables provide an overview of staff demographics and qualifications.

## Professional Development

Heritage Christian School provided a two-day in-service training for teachers in October. Teachers were able to participate in the ACSI Nexus Conference where they received valuable information about new teaching styles and techniques. HCS teachers were also provided with several days of in-service training on campus throughout the school year.

*Teachers engage in a variety of continuing education opportunities.*

## Staff Demographics for the 2014-2015 School Year

### General Demographics

Total Instructional Staff	18
Total Full-Time Instructional Staff	16
Total Part-Time Instructional Staff	2

### Educational Demographics

Instructional Staff with State or National Licensure	14%
Instructional Staff with Master’s Degrees	19%
Full-Time Teaching Staff with ACSI Certification	88%
Part-Time Teaching Staff with ACSI Certification	60%

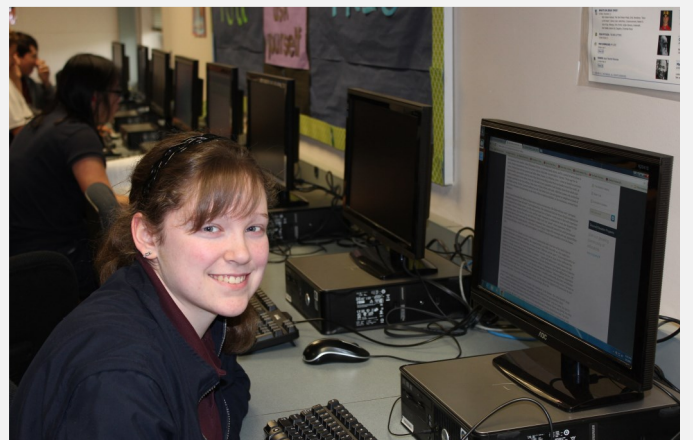
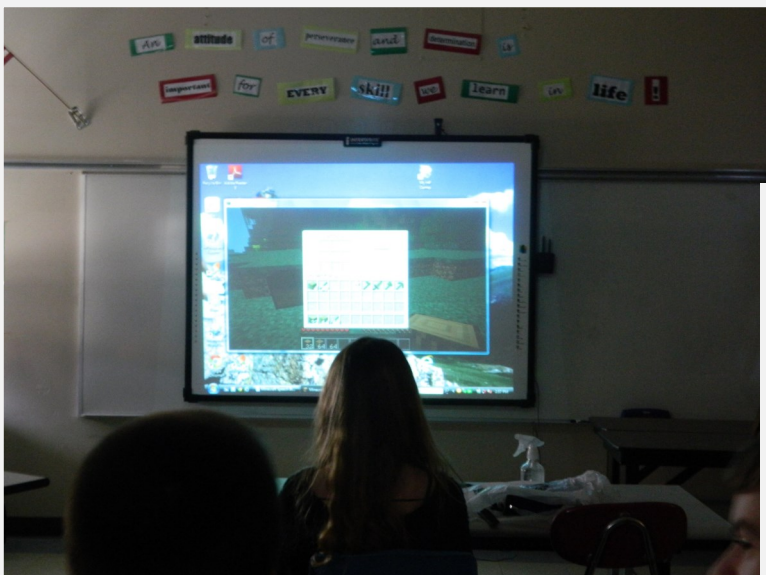
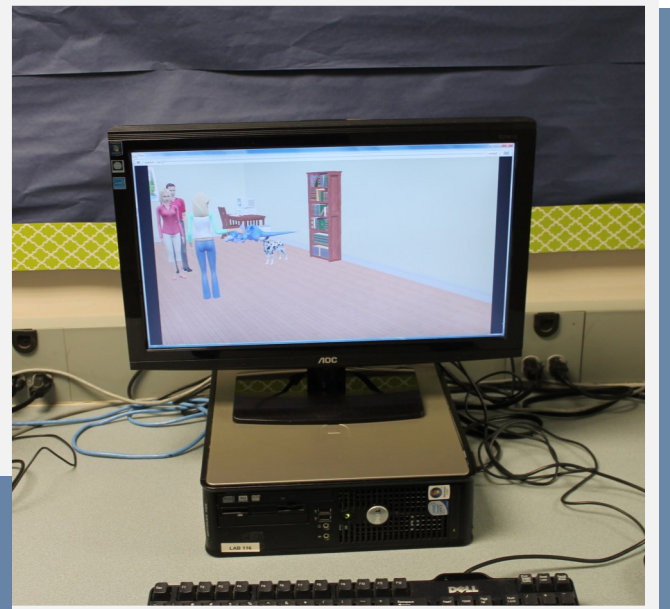


# Technology

## Technology Upgrades

The 2014-2015 school year saw HCS continue to improve and grow in utilizing technology in the classroom. Teachers were able to continue using the Interwrite smart boards in new and imaginative ways.

High School students in our Computer Applications class made their own movie while learning the basics of coding and programming.



# Student Life

## Student Activities

Students at HCS participated in a variety of extra-curricular activities. Athletics, band, drama, etiquette class, Spirit Week, and mission days were just a few of the offerings.

Each seventh and eighth grade student completed an etiquette class that culminated in the ultimate “exam” of a formal dinner. Students donned formal attire and took a limousine to a local restaurant for an enjoyable night.

Mission work is of great importance at HCS. Certain days are set aside for the entire student body to go out and serve in the community. During the 2014-2015 school year, several HCS students also went to serve the Lord in foreign mission fields, including Haiti and Guatemala. The senior class took a week long trip to work at the Creation Museum in Kentucky.

The 2014-2015 school year also saw the implementation of the “Buddy” program. Elementary students (K-6) were paired with secondary students (7th-12th) in a mentoring program. The older buddies provided encouragement for the younger students before their big Heritage Day presentations, spent lunch and recess time with their buddies on Valentines Day, and went bowling together as the culmination of Spirit Week. Students and staff alike found the program to be a great success and plan to make it a foundational part of student life at HCS.



# Student Life

