

A Message from Our Principal's Heart:

As you decide where to send your student to school, I pray you will look at the mission of the school(s) you are considering. ***Children only get one opportunity to grow as Jesus grew – in wisdom and stature and honor with God and man. 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, and when he is old he will not turn from it") and, therefore, view our school as an extension of the Christian home. Our educational approach is to teach children to think Biblically in relation to all of life and to develop disciplined lives. We define success as the wise use of the talents and gifts God has given each student to serve Him and to further His kingdom.

God's desire is to educate the whole person. He didn't just create a body, or a mind, or a spirit, but a whole person. This whole person will have to stand accountable before God in the next life, function in this life as a Christian, and serve as a citizen of both this nation and a new, globalizing world. The next generation must make moral choices concerning everything from food and drink, to sex and marriage, not to mention what they will do with us—their earthly, and eventually, elderly parents. They must make political decisions and economic decisions concerning debt, investments, etc. They are also called to careers which they will enjoy (hopefully) and in which they will glorify God. They must learn to choose wisely in this area. A good, Christ-centered curriculum can cover many of these individual points; yet if the right worldview is created, then every decision, even ones not directly covered, can be made without fear.

Christian schools must lead the next generation back to unity of thought and view. History is His story, and math points to His perfection. Every piece of literature can be appreciated for its beauty and analyzed for the worldview biases of its author. Finally, the heart or spirit must be trained, not just in chapel, Bible class, or on mission trips, but in every area and at all times. Love will outlast all other things, and the lost world will know us by our love (which, by the way should drive all philosophies, methods, and expected outcomes of discipline within Christian school environments). How can the Christian school do all this? It can't—at least not alone! That is the only limit of Christian education. It needs partners. That's why God has ordained a partnership with families, churches, and other Christian schools; only together can we educate the whole person and create a generation of worldview-savvy thinkers that represent God in the marketplace of athletics, arts, academics and ideas in a way that *shines* for all to see. Secular schools separate students from their families' values and usurp parental authority. Christian schools have God-given authority delegated through Godly praying and praying parent-partners who voluntarily join in unity of purpose to see His power and blessing released in their children's lives. We can also, by virtue of His promise, be sure of this—trained according to His ways, they will be faithful as mature adults.

How do we know this is true? First, because He promised it, and His promise transcends any experience we have; it also transcends any season of bad choices they may have. Being sure of that which we do not see is simply faith; however, in this case I have seen His plan for the Christ-centered education of children unfold with my own eyes. With the power of God's love, I have seen an unruly, disrespectful athlete return from college as a physical education major to coach and reach for Christ those he would

only have ridiculed a few years earlier. I have seen a straight A pre-med major take a substantially lower grade at a large state college for refusing to remove a reference to the Bible in a paper. I have heard parents credit Biblical worldview education with making their children successful in the armed services. Christian education works; we can settle for nothing less than training the body, mind, and spirit for a lifetime— trusting Him for mature fruit in season in accordance with His will. This is the desired end, and it is surely worth the investment.

The journey begins with choosing, and often making tough sacrifices for, an affordable Christian education. All education transforms us. Let's be careful that our most prized possessions, our children, are transformed into His image and not according to the pattern of a lost world. Such an education is more than the sum of its parts. It is the beginning of a legacy that you can leave for your children and their children. ***Let's teach our children to both earn a profit and to not lose their soul; they may even win the world to Christ—this is the hope of a truly transforming Christian Education.***

I have shared part of my heart as to why I am at Heritage Christian School. We are not perfect nor do we ever claim to be the place for everyone, but we strongly desire to honor and glorify God in all we do. If that is your desire for your children, then we would love to have your family here at Heritage. My children are grown, and I have seen the benefits of Christian education in their lives. We love our children and their families and hope to see you as part of the Heritage Christian School family for the 2017-2018 school year.

Blessings,
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