

Our theme this year is
"Discovering God"

Memory verses:

Genesis 1:1

Genesis 2:4

John 1:1-5

Isaiah 33:22

Genesis 22:13-14

Exodus 15:26

Philippians 4:6-7

Isaiah 9:6-7

Psalms 23:1-6

John 10:11

Psalms 68:20

Psalms 27:1

Genesis 16:13

John 6:35

Exodus 3:13-14

Psalms 14:16-18

Revelation 1:8

School Verse "All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Mission Statement:

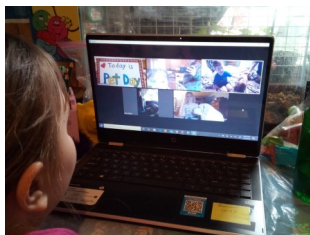
The mission of Helderberg Christian School is to provide a program of academic excellence integrated with a view of the world from a Christian perspective. The school shall serve as an extension of the Christian home, established to train each student in the knowledge of God and the Christian way of life based upon the Bible.

September 2020 Newsletter

Schooling During a Pandemic

Hello friends and supporters of HCS!

What a year it has been! We apologize for the lack of newsletters and updates at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, needless to say we had our hands fuller than expected. So let me fill you in.



Last March shortly after our Brooks BBQ fundraiser the COVID pandemic started. Just like other area schools we had to find a way to physically close our doors, but still educate our students for the remainder of the school year. Our amazing team here at HCS took on this new challenge like real superheroes.



The transition to remote learning was easier for some (like high school who already used videos for their classes) and harder for others (like 1st and 2nd grade who thrive

on in-person learning). Thanks to our successful technology fundraiser in the fall of 2019 we had brand new computers with the newest technology at our fingertips for this transition. God's provision and timing is nothing but perfect, is it not?



We finished out the year working together but physically distant. A big shout out to our staff and students for weathering some very unfamiliar territory as we ended our school year in a pandemic.

Now we have entered our 2020-2021 school year and unfortunately we are still in the pandemic. During the summer we faced much uncertainty and were faced with more challenges as we tried to figure out how to move forward with in person education, or remote learning.



Our staff evaluated what they learned during the spring and put together an

amazing plan that covers not only in-person learning with safe practices, but also plans for hybrid and remote learning in case we need to go back to that. We are very pleased that we have been able to be in person thus far.

Things do look different this year. Students sit socially dis-



tanced in classrooms, partitions are up between students during lunch time, mask wearing has become the normal, but by the grace of God our students are the superhero's now. They have taken the changes in stride and are happy to be back together under one roof learning together. Our fundraisers will look different this year as well. We will do our best to keep you updated on all the ways you can give to help support HCS. The biggest one that we thank you for, and ask for going forward is prayer.



Pray for our health, our safety, our sanity, our staff, and our students.

Thank you!

Ways to Give

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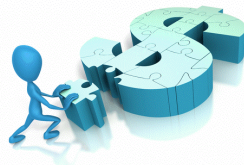
We are also participating with the Clynk program, collecting bottles and cans with a \$.05 deposit on them throughout the year.

If you have a Price Chopper card, please sign up to support HCS by going to the Price Chopper website and registering your Price Chopper Card number with our School Code (24736).



Finance Corner

As we await the yearly budget update, we would like to encourage all of you to continue to pray over our finances. We understand that families are facing a significant financial strain with the economy in a slump, and that of course also impacts businesses and non-profits all over. We are not immune to the challenges financially this year. So as always please continue to pray that God will supply our every need for the school.



Swing Set

With the onset of COVID in the spring plans were put on hold to assemble the swing set. We are hoping to get it assembled this year. If you feel you can help with this endeavor please call the school. Thank you



School Spirit Days

In the spring we were just beginning our Spirit days, where everyone dresses in different styles depending on the theme of the spirit day. Since we were not able to complete all the days in the spring we have resumed them this fall.

Art, Music, and Gym

You may be wondering what we are doing about art, music and gym. While we are still able to do these specials they do look a little different this year. Students wear their masks and socially distance. Every student uses their own supplies in art class. Just one more reason why I applaud our students and our staff, they have and are adapting to all the needed changes. We are looking for someone to assist with music for the younger grades. If you are interested please reach out to us asap.



How can you help Helderberg Christian School?

Prayer Partner: Someone who makes a commitment to regularly pray for the ministry of Helderberg Christian School. This is the most important part of what we need, without God's help through prayer we can do nothing.

Ministry Partner: Someone who makes a financial commitment to come alongside Helderberg Christian School with regular monthly donations.

Faith Promise Partner: A person, who, as the Lord blesses, commits to send a routine donation to Helderberg Christian School, above and beyond any current giving.

Volunteer Partner: A person who has a skill or ability or just a willingness to help HCS. Be it by cutting the grass, snow plowing the parking lot, being a driver on a field trip, assisting a teacher, or helping out in the office, we have a place for you.

Special Project Volunteer: Someone who is able to meet an occasional special need of the school. Perhaps it is hanging drywall, speaking in a chapel service, or updating and maintaining the school's website. If you would be willing to donate some time, we could use your help.

Fundraising Partner: A person who could take point on a fundraising event. Making calls to organize work crews for the overall running of the event.

Promotion Partner: A person who could help communicate to the community about events and promoting the school in general. Contacts to newspapers, area churches, radio stations.

How can Helderberg Christian School partner with you?

Prayer (partner): Please send us your prayer request and praises and we will pray for your requests in our daily opening and monthly chapel services.

Service (partner): Do you have a service project we can assist you or your ministry with? If we can, we would be happy to help and fulfill Christ's mission to reach a lost world for Him.

Promotion (partner): If you have an event happening at your church or ministry we would be happy to let others know.

Here is a list of items we could use/need at HCS. If you would like to partner with us in the purchase or acquisition of one of these, please let us know.

Clorox wipes (Due to a sensitivity in the building this is a brand specific request)

Purell brand hand sanitizer *Pump bottles and refills for dispensers* (Due to a sensitivity in the building this is a brand specific request)

Paper Products—Toilet paper, napkins, tissues, paper plates, plastic cutlery

New (or repaired) playground fence

Cricut Cartridges

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