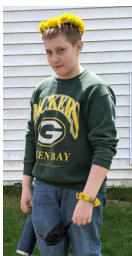


May
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and
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Our theme this year is
"Discovering God"

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

Psalm 68:20

Psalm 27:1

Genesis 16:13

John 6:35

Exodus 3:13-14

Psalm 14:16-18

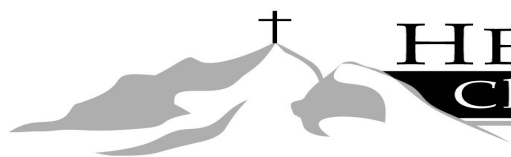
Revelation 1:8

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.



HELDERBERG
Christian School

May/June 2021 Newsletter

Spirit Days

We wrapped up our spirit days with animal/character day and sports day. The younger grades really got into the animal/character day, and as usual sports day had a strong turnout of sports representation.



Spring Concert

On May 14th, 2021 our spring concert was at Rock Road Chapel. Students really took this opportunity to join together and show off their skills together after a long year of pandemic style schooling. From musical pieces and drama, to comedy and dance, a wide range of talents were on display this night.



Chapel

Youth pastor Connor Garcia joined us on May 11th for our monthly chapel. He spoke about

the Sabbath and the importance of physical and spiritual rest. Quoting directly from the ten commandments in Exodus 20, he emphasized the importance of resting based on God's example and instruction. As a physical demonstration he had one of the students do curls with a 5 lb weight while he talked. The curls represented our daily lives and how at first you may be able to keep pace without resting but eventually you get fatigued just like the student who got no breaks in doing curls. Then he wrapped up his time with some back and forth questions and answers with the students.

Summer Plans

Wondering what's next for us? We would love to do a fundraiser during the summer if possible; please keep your eyes open for emails about this. Rumor has it that the Altamont Fair will happen in August so if that happens we plan to have a presence at the fair, so please look for us!

Fundraisers

We wrapped up our Calendar Drawing sales at the end of April and are pleased to announce that there were 426 calendar drawings purchased! This was a 100% fundraiser so that means that this fundraiser brought in \$4400 with donations this year. Names were drawn all through the month of May and we had 30 different winners, one of which won twice.

Please keep your eyes open for emails about fundraisers through the summer months and to kick off the school year in September.

Thank you for your support!!!

Community Events



Once again we are extremely thankful to those who helped make it possible for us to have and attend community events this year. There were not as many planned as usual but we were able to be at Alcove Day on April 24th and Altamont Garage Sale Day on May 1st.

Ways to Give

- Box tops app on your phone.
- We are also participating with the Clynk program, collecting bottles and cans with a \$.05 deposit on them throughout the year. *Bags available from school to drop off at Hannaford
- 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).
- **Hannaford Helps** which runs **March-May** - turn your slips in at **Delanson Hannaford** or **HCS**.
- Amazon Smile donates to non-profits, simply choose us and keep on ordering!



Swingset

Dear families and supporters,
I am reaching out to you with a large need for Helderberg Christian School. Two years ago people graciously donated the money to purchase a swing set. HCS was then able to purchase one. Construction and excavation plans were in the works when COVID-19 drew the whole world into a pandemic, and everything was put on hold. In the meantime I have continued to research and talk to people about what we will need to complete this project. The biggest need is prayer. Pray that God would move in peoples hearts that have the equipment and manpower needed and that they would be willing to help. Below is a list of physical needs we have to complete the installation of the swingset.

1. We need a machine and someone who is knowledgeable about operation of the machine. Preferably we want one that has both an excavation feature and a backhoe feature. This machine is key because we need to excavate the parking lot back and create a level space that runs parallel with the road and driveway. It is also key because we will need to dig holes for the legs of the swingset and the cement that goes around each leg. There is a possibility that it would be easiest to bring the swingset upright into position with the backhoe feature rather than any other method of bringing it upright.
2. We will need manpower to help take the fence down where the swing set will be. To help with excavation of the space. To help assemble the swing set and place it. Then we will need manpower to pour the cement and help wrap up the site for use. I was thinking that a minimum of 8 strong bodied people would be sufficient.
3. Woodchips for the final phase of installation. These provide the required cushion for use of a swingset in a school setting. It would be phenomenal if we had one bulk donation of these, but many smaller donations would also be sufficient.



As you can probably tell this is not a one and done project. This is going to be a multi-phased construction project requiring many hands to make the work light and effective. We do not want to waste what we have been blessed with in the purchasing of the swingset, and it has already been longer than I had hoped to get it installed.

I hope to begin the first parts of this project as soon as the 17th of June (after school has finished up for the year). Depending on the availability of myself and those helping with this project we could pull out a series of Saturdays or possibly weekdays to get this completed before school starts in September.

Please reach out to me (518) 414-9682, Jen Hazen (518) 312-6154, or Mike Collins (518) 499-5416 about helping with this project. Thank you as always for your prayer and support of Helderberg Christian School.

Daniel Salzer
Board President

Board Membership and Volunteering

We would also like to mention that there are open slots on our board. Right now we are operating with the minimum number of board members necessary.

We would like to extend an invitation to you, our families and supporters, to prayerfully consider joining our board. Obviously you may want more information, so if you or someone you know may be interested please reach out to Dan Salzer about what is needed to join the board.

We would also like to extend an invitation to prayerfully consider whether or not there is some area in which you could contribute to the school by volunteering. Oftentimes our staff are called upon not just to teach their regular classes but to teach specials like art and music as well, and to do things like cleaning and maintaining the school building and grounds, and also substitute teaching for other teachers when they are out. We are always open to talking with people about volunteer opportunities with us. If there is some way you feel you would like to volunteer with the school please reach out to Mike Collins.

As we close out this school year we once again want to thank you for all of your support to Helderberg Christian School.





Field Trips

Spring is by far one of our favorite times of year at HCS as the weather warms and we can return to the outdoors. After missing out on spring and fieldtrips together last year due to the pandemic, we were happy just to be in school together, not holding our breath that field trips would be available. Lo and behold field trips opened up in time for us to go on 3 this spring! Kindergarten went to the Baby Animal Days at Indian Ladder Farms on April 26th. The whole school had a bowling field trip on April 30th. Also, K-4th had a field trip to Five Rivers on May 7th. We are so thankful to these places that made field trips safe and possible for our students this year.



National Day of Prayer

This year we celebrated the National Day of Prayer at our own school. We met outside around the flagpole for worship and prayer in the morning on May 6th.



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.

- Small flat screen TV and a DVD Player
- Telescoping flag pole
- Solar light for flagpole
- 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—PAPER BOWLS (MICROWAVABLE), Toilet paper, tissues
- New (or repaired) playground fence
- Boxes of white copy paper

