



HERITAGE ACADEMY

the Patriot Report

August 30, 2013

News to keep our parents informed

The Patriot Report is emailed every other week during the school year and monthly in June and July.

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- * New Signage Points the Way!
- * Class of 2014 Participates in Senior Leadership Retreat
- * Welcome New Faculty

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HA Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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News & Notes:

- * HA SCHOOL CALENDAR for 2013-2014, click [here](#).
- * SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE: Coming Soon for your COLD WEATHER NEEDS!
You can also click [here](#) to access the web site for Uniforms & Accessories (PASSWORD: hapatriots)

RECENTLY ADDED ITEMS ARE PRINTED IN **RED**.

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THE PATRIOT CAFE - IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are experiencing difficulty with the MyPaymentsPlus website. Please do not attempt to transfer funds electronically. Checks may be sent to the school for lunches. If you have ANY questions, please contact Mrs. Dot Reichle at (heritage-manager@mnhg.com). If a balance reaches \$-20.00, then a student is no longer able to charge a lunch until the balance is paid.

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Helpful Links for our Parents

UNIFORMS & ACCESSORIES - order school uniforms on-line (password: hapatriots) [here](#).
IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS/FORMS/ETC. - click [here](#) to access and/or print important forms such as the Service Learning Form, sports schedules and much more!
PATRIOT CAFE - click [here](#) for the September menus.
"QUICK LINKS" TO OTHER HELPFUL SITES are available on our web site side bar at www.HeritagePatriots.com.

Previous editions of the Patriot Report can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Calendar Information:

- Sept. 2 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (NO SCHOOL)
- Sept. 3 **OPEN HOUSE for current families**
- Sept. 4 **School Pictures for Grades 7-11**
- Sept. 10 **High School Class & Club Showcase**
- Sept. 21 **ACT at Heritage**
- Sept. 25 **School Pictures for Grades JrK - 6**
- Sept. 25 **MAIS State Swim Meet (Grades 1-12)**
- Sept. 27 **HA HOMECOMING (1/2 day)**
- Sept. 27 **Grandparents and Special Guests Day (1/2 day)**
- Sept. 27 Homecoming Hamburger Supper
- Oct. 8 **HA College Fair (Grades 10-12)**
- Oct. 14 **Fall Break - NO SCHOOL**
- Oct. 26 **ACT at Heritage**
- Oct. 30 **MAIS Cheer & Dance Competition**
- Nov. 20 **Educators are Essential Teacher Meeting (early dismissal - time TBA)**
- Nov. 25-29 **THANKSGIVING BREAK**
- Dec. 16-18 **Exams for Grades 7-12**
- Dec. 19 **CHRISTMAS BREAK BEGINS**
- Jan. 6 **Second Semester Begins**

Note: Recently added dates or changes are in **RED**. Check the School Calendar on the Web Site often for Updates. Click [here](#)!

KEY to Newsletter Abbreviations:

- JrK - Junior Kindergarten SrK - Senior Kindergarten
- EL - Elementary School HS - High School

Thanks for all the uniform donations made to the Uniform Closet! Please keep them coming! Items sell for \$5 each and proceeds benefit our school.

JUNIOR CLASS PARENT MEETING:
Tuesday, Sept. 3rd - immediately following High School Open House

SENIOR CLASS PARENT MEETING:
Tuesday, Sept. 3rd - immediately following High School Open House

Thank you to all our faculty, staff and parents who worked over the summer to help with the successful launch of our 2013-2014 school year. It takes the hands of many to help get the classrooms, grounds and students prepared.



Signs like this one were recently added to help identify and point the way to buildings on campus.

AR - Accelerated Reading AM - Accelerated Math
GATE - Gifted and Talented Education
SAB Student Activity Building
MAIS - Miss. Association of Independent Schools

HA OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, Sept. 3rd

Elementary School 3:45 – 5:30

High School 5:00 – 7:00

Come meet your child's teacher, see his or her classroom, find out more about what to expect during this school year!

Join the PTA (\$25) and receive a HA Student Directory

Safety & Communication Enhancements - A Top Priority!

Many new signs were recently added to the campus to properly label buildings and provide a clear direction on where buildings are located and how traffic should flow. Jennifer Brady, Director of Development, worked with Scott Pridmore of Mid South Signs to create the "Way Finding Program" for the campus. This project along with several others was funded by the 2013 Tuition Raffle and money from the Class of 2013. Other security and communication enhancements that have been added to the campus since February include security buzzer systems at the main entrances of both the elementary school and high school, security fencing along the north east side of campus, and a new illuminated marquee and LED message center. Thank you to the Class of 2013 and all who supported the 2013 Tuition Raffle!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS - HIGH SCHOOL NEWS - HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Class of 2014 Begins Year with Leadership Seminar



Forty-six seniors spent the weekend getting to know themselves and their classmates better by testing their skills in fun problem-solving and teamwork. They faced challenges in activities like the ropes course and climbing wall. They had a blast swimming, paddle-boarding and zip-lining as well. They even made good use of their free time in the hammocks. They decided on a Senior Service Project that will allow them to use their strengths to meet two of the most pressing needs in Columbus.

Reading is an activity that is essential to successful learning so they want to provide a way for anyone to have access to books. However, they know that many Columbus children and

Each year, our Senior Class begins their last year at HA with a weekend Leadership Retreat. This year's camp was held at Lake Forest Ranch outside Macon, MS. According to Leah Ellis, co-coordinator of the event, "We had a great time at the retreat! Our senior students are really excited about the opportunities they will encounter as they begin their final year of high school."

adults struggle with hunger as a more urgent concern. They decided to address both needs with a "Feed and Read" initiative. They plan to find ways to help fund and serve the local food bank organizations and also to promote reading by bringing "Little Free Libraries" into areas where children and others would have easy access to books. By feeding the minds and the bodies of those in need, they hope to leave a legacy of serving others that can be worthy of the Bible verse they chose for their theme verse. It is Colossians 3:23 which says..."Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, and not for men." Hopefully, they can inspire others by their efforts to "Feed and Read" Columbus.

Class of 2014, we are expecting great things from you this year!



Welcome New High School Faculty!

New High School faculty members were introduced at the Teacher In-Service prior to the start of school. Pictured (l-r) are: Sumer Barakat, Whitney Allen, Tracy Britt, Karen Sergent, Beth Gunter, and Jennifer McClure; far back: Coach Ryan Deer and Amanda Bowerman.

Apple MacBooks Issued to Students



HA Students in Grades 9-12 were recently issued their Apple MacBooks. Students are responsible for the safekeeping of their laptops and will use them for assignments and research in class and at home. HA Systems Administrator, Cassie Dillon, issues a MacBook to Junior Kat Kerby.

Students Create 3-D Interactive Maps



Mrs. Hawkin's 8th grade U. S. History Students are creating 3-D interactive maps. The diorama-like maps help students to make the connection between key historical events, geography, and people. Their map projects will depict the arrival of the first people in America.



BankFirst Presents \$100 to HA Student

Congratulations to Junior Kayla Honeycutt who was the winner of \$100 from BankFirst in Columbus! Each high school student had the chance to register for the prize. The winner was announced at our first home football game!

ACT Registration and Test Dates for 2013-2014

TEST DATES BELOW ARE ADMINISTERED AT HERITAGE

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 21, 2013	August 23, 2013	August 24–September 6, 2013
October 26, 2013	September 27, 2013	September 28–October 11, 2013
December 14, 2013	November 8, 2013	November 9–22, 2013
February 8, 2014*	January 10, 2014	January 11–24, 2014
April 12, 2014	March 7, 2014	March 8–21, 2014

NOTE: Photo Upload Required with Registration and Photo ID Required to Check In on Test Day
Read more

For more information:
www.ACT.org

SPORTS



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As the school year starts, thoughts are turning to FCA once again. According to Mrs. Sheri Robertson, HA's FCA Sponsor, "FCA is the largest Christian campus ministry in the world and we are so fortunate to have a school that supports it. I encourage our students to check it out!"

Meetings are on Thursday mornings at 7:30 am in the High School SAB. We have a great group of student leaders in place, a faculty sponsor and the involvement of coaches and various youth pastors. It promises to be an exciting year! If you are interested in finding out more about FCA, click [here](#).

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HA Athletic Events (and more!): View Live on WIFI!



Heritage Academy has recently partnered with Wifi Sports Network, a regional company that provides infrastructure to broadcast school events over a myriad of viewing options. Coach Gary Harris is spearheading this collaboration. While Wifi Sports will allow us to broadcast athletic events, it will also enable Heritage Academy to livestream special speaking engagements, academic competitions, and many other opportunities.

Patrons will have the opportunity to watch events live over the internet on their computer, iPhone or Android phone, and iPad or Android tablet. Can't make it to the away game? Watch it live! Have family or friends who are serving overseas and want to catch the game? Watch it live! Grandparents live out of state and can't make it to the game? They can watch it live! And if watching it live isn't an option, patrons will have the ability to watch the games later in archived form (for a small fee.)

We have developed a link from our school website (www.heritagepatriots.com) that will direct you on how to access this new service.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

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Ready for the New School Year!



On the first day of school, our teachers gathered out front for a quick photo. Several teachers were on duty out front to welcome our new and returning students.



These 6th graders are some of the students who assist Elementary Principal Mrs. Cindy Wamble as members of our Safety Patrol. They come to school early and help greet our youngest students as they arrive.



Welcome New Elementary Teachers!

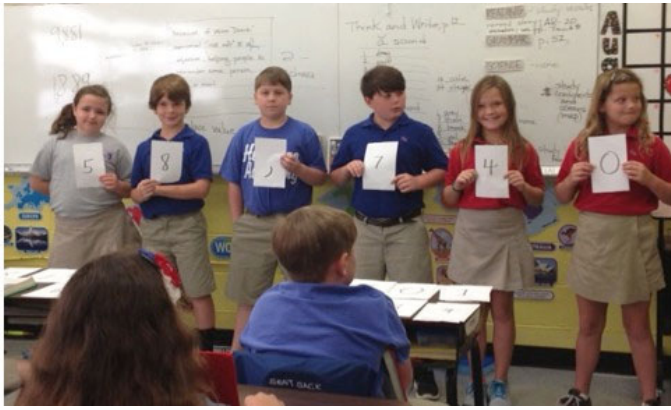
New elementary teachers were welcomed at the Back to School In-Service held prior to the start of school. Pictured l-r are: front row, Mrs. Tommie Mack, 1st grade Asst. Teacher; Mrs. Pam Short, 5th Grade Teacher; back row, Mrs. JeanAnn Evans, SrK Teacher; Coach Ryan Deer, PE Teacher; and Mrs. Vicki Hardy, 3rd Grade Teacher. Welcome to the Heritage family!!



Thanks to our PTA and our Parents for our new school supplies!



In the Classroom



Mrs. Libby Springer's 4th grade students recently reviewed the importance of place value during Math.

A Gift of Love



HA Elementary Student **Julia Moore** used her artistic talents to make a poster for HA Elementary Principal Mrs. Cindy Wamble. Julia was recently invited to see her artwork which was framed and is now hanging in Mrs. Wamble's office!

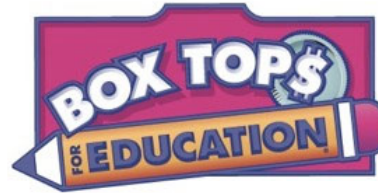
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We have elementary students with severe peanut butter allergies. As you plan for snack and lunch items, kindly avoid sending items to school containing peanut butter and/or peanut butter oil. Thanks for your help in safeguarding our precious children!

Support HA! Easy Ways to Help our School!



Have you linked your Kroger Card to Heritage yet? Doing so will mean that 5% of your transaction will be donated back to Heritage! Click [here](#) to find out how!



Elementary Classroom Competition coming in September!

Keep clipping and saving your Box Top Labels during the summer months! Elementary classroom competitions will be held during the fall and spring semesters!

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