

April 28, 2020

What can stop our mission if our mission is building God's Kingdom?

Are you up to date on what is open? Mission at HCS is open! Opportunity to Be the Change is open! Our theme this year, "Be the Change", is a great reminder that these times might be changing, but this community is standing firm, letting nothing move us. We are still open to giving ourselves fully to the work of the Lord as we know that our labor in the Lord is not in vain. Praise God that nothing stops those united in support of His kingdom or His mission!

This week Friday, we as a community have the opportunity to give ourselves fully to the work of the Lord as we "come together" in unity even though we are separated in proximity for our 9th annual HCS Walkathon. This event, an HCS favorite, has typically been held at Unity Christian High School's track where students, staff, teachers, parents, and grandparents gathered in support of Christian Education. This year, however, our community has an opportunity to come together to put our theme verse into action as we hold our first ever LIVE-streamed HCS Walkathon on May 1 at 11:00 a.m. The livestream will be held on our HCS Facebook page. Students have been collecting pledges from family and friends and will be running, walking, and biking in their own neighborhoods in support of the same mission! We are so blessed to be able to be joined in spirit with our HCS community during this time and we hope you can join us virtually! For those of our community that do not have a Facebook account, we will be recording our LIVE event and are able to email a link so that you can still see and be a part of this event at your convenience. If you would like to participate in the way of a pledge, feel free to [give online](#) or mail a gift into school, making sure to indicate if the pledge is towards a particular student's goal or put "walkathon" on the memo line.

Although we would all prefer to be gathering together, cheering for our children and grandchildren in person as they run for Kingdom mission, we praise God that His mission and Kingdom aren't closed! May God bless us all as we participate by running or "cheering" and may we all have many opportunities to declare how our labor was not in vain, but how God's Mission and Kingdom are unstoppable!



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SCHOOL WIDE NEWS

Remote Learning - You will find school wide updates, grade level lessons and other resources to continue remote learning on our [school website](#).

School Building Access -

1. Parents may come to school to pick up work packets (both for elementary AND middle school) provided you have been notified by teachers that packets are available - NOT all teachers provided work packets.
2. Work packets (both for elementary AND middle school) are in the outer lobby of the central office in the elementary building. They will be labeled with the teacher's name and grade.
3. Parents will not be allowed into the rest of the building.
4. Parents may not bring children with them into the outer lobby.
5. Strict adherence to the social/physical distancing is expected; this is not a time to reconnect and socialize.
6. If you have health concerns, are at risk, have been around people who may be exhibiting symptoms, and/or not feeling well, please wear a mask.

IF you absolutely need something in order for your child/children to complete school work, please email the school and we will make arrangements.

Walkathon is Friday! It looks like it will be beautiful weather on Friday so put your running or walking shoes on and get out with your families! Don't forget to join us LIVE on the [HCS Facebook page](#). Also, if you have a photo or video of your time out with your family and would like to be a part of a montage that Mr. Schnyders and Miss Staal are putting together, please email those to mjstaal@4hcs.org or submit them through the 2020 HCS WALK private facebook group. You will need to request to be a part of this page and it will only be accessible to HCS families.

Remember to keep getting those pledges!!! Use your family's Everyday Hero Account or mail checks into school with a note that says which family they go to. There is also a general [HCS Everyday Hero Account](#) that you could use to donate! We could not do this without you!

End of Year Events - We are disappointed that the end of the year events will either need to be held in different ways and at different times or will be cancelled. The Leadership Team continues to meet and discuss and we will keep you informed of the decisions made regarding these events.

Grade 8 Play Performances - Due to the closing of our school building for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year, we will unfortunately be unable to hold the performances of our Grade 8 play. The middle school office will be able to return your ticket purchase amount; however, if you are willing we will gladly accept this money as a donation to offset the incurred costs of the play production. If you wish to have a refund, please email the middle school office (msoffice@4hcs.org) with your name and the number of tickets you purchased. Parents of cast members if you would like a refund for the cast party please let us know that in an email as well. We would appreciate receiving your refund request by May 15.

TRIP On Demand (TOD) during school closure:

- Email your TOD order to triphcs@4hcs.org
- TOD orders will be filled at 10:00 am on Mondays and Thursdays
- You will receive an email confirmation when your order is ready for pick up
- Pick up TOD orders from administrative office from 9:00am – 3:00pm Monday to Friday
- Please have your check ready upon arrival
- TOD orders remaining after 7 days will be considered abandoned and returned to inventory.

Online Orders ([ShopWithScrip.com](#)) during school closure:

- Deadline for ordering is 11:59pm Sunday
- Orders will be available for pick up by 9:00am on Wednesday
- Pick up Online orders from administrative office from 9:00am – 3:00pm Monday to Friday

Scheduled Orders (green paper form) during school closure:

- Drop off by 3:00pm on Friday or email order to triphcs@4hcs.org
- Orders will be available for pick up by 9:00am on Wednesday
- Pick up orders from administrative office from 9:00am – 3:00pm Monday to Friday

When entering the building for TRIP pick up:

- Strict adherence to the social/physical distancing is expected
- If you have health concerns, are at risk, have been around people who may be exhibiting symptoms, and/or not feeling well, please wear a mask.

Free Meals for all Ottawa Area Students - [This link](#) will take you to a page listing the school district sites where meals can be obtained. This link is updated on a regular basis. If you don't need to take advantage of this offer but know someone who does, please pass along the information.

You can also get groceries from Love INC. [Access this link](#) to find the emergency food pantry locations and times they are operating.

EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS

Kids' Corner Enrollment is Now Open for the 2020-2021 School Year! - [Forms](#) are available in the main office or you can sign up online using this form: [Kids' Corner Enrollment Form](#). Sign up soon to ensure availability! If you have any questions, email Julie Moes at jmoes@4hcs.org or kidscorner@4hcs.org.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Assessment/Report Cards - Elementary (3 School - 5th grade) report cards will be available on RenWeb on Friday, June 5. Students will receive credit for their participation in the 3rd and 4th quarters of the school year. Teachers will write a narrative paragraph in the final report card to summarize your child's progress. As usual, parents will receive an email when their child's report card is available to be viewed on RenWeb.

Summer Tutoring - A list of available teachers can be found [on our website](#).

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Grade 6 and Grade 7 Parents - Remember you must check your email for a link to a form to register your child in the music selections for their 2020/2021 school year. The email was sent on Monday, March 30 to all current grade 6 and grade 7 parent emails. **We need you to complete this form by this week Thursday, April 30.** Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Grade 8 Parents - The Leadership Team continues to meet and talk about all of the different end of the year events, for school. We have generated several scenarios and ideas based on the ever-changing situation and guidelines. Until an understanding of the state and CDC guidance on large gatherings, as well as the time frame, we cannot commit to anything at this point. We will do everything we can to commemorate their graduation and time at HCS! We will stay in touch!

Report Cards - Middle school report cards will be available on RenWeb on Friday, June 5. Parents will receive an email when their child's report card is available to be viewed on RenWeb. As a reminder from our previous communication the middle school will be using the following grading scale for this quarter of work. (These grades will be for any Math, Science, Bible, Language Arts, Social Studies, Spanish, and Decisions class- all other classes will be giving comments for this quarter)

A 90%-100%

B 80%-89%

C 70%-79%

N/A 0-69%- Teachers will pass this work back and ask for it to be resubmitted to produce higher quality. The teacher and support staff will work with the student to improve the quality through specific feedback.

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

Room Parents Needed for Next Year - Are you interested in volunteering in your child's classroom? Consider being a Room Parent! Room Parents coordinate class parties, help with field trips, help with Teacher Appreciation Week and serve the assigned teacher with their specific volunteer needs. For consideration, please fill out the [Room Parent Volunteer Form](#) 2020-2021 School Year. Room Parents will be assigned over the summer and you will be notified via email if you are selected.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Calvin Soccer Camp - The Calvin Soccer Camp offers an exceptional camp experience for every participant and is designed for players of various ages and ability levels. The Day Camp will run June 15-19 and the Elite Camps will run July 11-14 & July 15-18. For more information and to enroll online, visit www.calvinsoccercamp.com.

Hope College Summer Science Camps - Join us for another exciting summer of camps! Summer Science Camps started over 20 years ago with Tod Gugino's dream of sharing the love for science. ExploreHope provides innovative, fun-filled educational camps for grades K-12. For more information visit hope.edu/explore.

**CALENDAR - See email sent on 4/28/2020 for details

May 1	Walkathon
May 21	Ascension Day
May 22	Last day of remote learning
May 25	Memorial Day
May 26 - 29	End of year wrap-up - chapel, virtual EOY class with homeroom and Family 'Be the Change' Challenge
June 1-4	End of year activities - to be determined by social distancing guidelines in place at this time
June 5	Report Cards Posted

QUICK LINKS

- [Kids' Corner Handbook](#)
- [Preschool \(3School/4School/NB 4School\) Handbook](#)
- [Middle School Handbook](#)
- [HCS Parent Handbook](#)
- [Summer Tutors](#)
- [2020-2021 Room Parent Volunteer Form](#)
- [Kids' Corner Mail-In Enrollment Form 2020-2021](#)
- [Kids' Corner Online Enrollment Form 2020-2021](#)