

## 2012-13 PREVIEW

Praise the Lord. The HHCS office has been busy meeting new families, testing students, answering phones, explaining and granting SGO and voucher scholarships, enrolling new students, and just trying to keep our heads above water. It has been a busy and exciting place here at Heritage Hall the past six weeks.

Many people are asking what is going to be different or what changes are coming for next year at HHCS. That is a great question. As we pray, plan, and enroll new students we are trying to project the growth in enrollment for the coming year. The AACCS Accreditation has made a huge impact in the enrollment interest, plus the ability of parents who are income-eligible to receive SGO and voucher scholarships. Following are a few of the plans we have. Please pray that God will give us wisdom as we make decisions.

1. The enrollment goal for 2012-13 is 225. We started the 2011-2012 year at 172. This is an ambitious goal, and whether we reach it will be determined by the Lord; but we are confident we will have a great increase.
2. Students in PK4 will have the option of attending 3 or 5 days a week. We already have an encouraging number of students enrolled, and we anticipate adding a second class before the year starts.
3. We are offering both full-day and half-day kindergarten next year. Mrs. Vaughn will teach the half-day class and a new teacher will teach the full-day class. We have a good enrollment in both classes at this time.
4. Mrs. Nicole Zirkle will be teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Mrs. Barbara (Adams) King will be teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. We are not planning to have any combined classes.
5. This will be third year that HHCS has developed a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade middle school concept to help our students prepare for the junior-senior high environment. Their classes are taught by teachers with a specialty in their academic discipline. Most middle school students travel to different teachers' rooms, but at HHCS the teachers come to the student giving them the opportunity to experience having several different teachers. Mr. Aaron Whisler will be teaching a full load of music next year, and the fifth homeroom coordinator responsibilities will be picked up by another teacher.
6. The dress code for girls has been changed to permit girls in grades 1-12 to wear khaki, navy or black pants (slacks) purchased from Schoolbellies, Land End, or the School Uniform Division of Sears, WalMart, or Old Navy. They will **not** have to wear a logo shirt with the pants.
7. HHCS is partnering with Ivy Tech and seeking approval for dual credit for English 12, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, and Chemistry II. These classes will be taught by our teachers, but qualified students will be able to earn 3 hours of college credit for each class.

8. HHCS will be taking the Indiana ISTEP in grades 3-8 and end-of-course exams in Algebra I, Biology, and English 10 in the spring of 2013.
9. The HHCS grading scale will be changed to match up with those used by the State of Indiana ISTEP and the IVY Tech Dual Credit classes. The new scale will be A (90-100), B (80-89), C (70-79), D (60-69).
10. A high school course will be designate as a course with "Honors" when the course content is significantly more rigorous than the state approved course, and it includes a culminating project that reflects understanding of the honors course content. The course description should reflect the "Honors" nature of the course, and the course title will include an "H" or the word "Honors" in the title.
11. A Christian foreign exchange student from Korea has inquired about attending HHCS next year. We are looking for a host home with one or more teenage girls enrolled at HHCS to make it happen. If you have any ideas call Dr. Ice.
12. Roy Callan will be coaching Varsity Soccer and Neil Habegger will be coaching Varsity Girls' Volleyball for the 2012 season.
13. Dr. Ice is planning to avoid bee hives, getting hit by cars in the crosswalks, cancer doctors, surgeries, physical therapists, wheelchairs, crutches, and canes. This will be a great change for him. Your prayers are appreciated and still welcomed.