

Hickory Christian Academy

THE SHIELD

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Dear HCA Family,

As you may know, our seniors travel to Lares, Puerto Rico each spring to do mission work. Lares is the second poorest community owned by the United States, and provides a wealth of possibilities for investment by HCA. Our primary interaction with the people there is through Casa de Alfarero (The Potter’s House), which is a church of over 1000 members in a town of only 20,000 people. They are doing a great work for the Lord, and having a huge impact on their community. The pastor, Carlos Rodriguez, has been so impressed by our young people that he asked me to come down for a few days to help them organize a Christian school within their own ministry. I was excited to help.

In the four days I was there, I shared with the leadership the vision, organization, and procedures of Hickory Christian Academy. I shared our policy manual, our enrollment forms, our evaluation tools, and anything else they needed to get off to a great start. After all, we “borrowed” most of our stuff from other schools as well. No need to re-invent the wheel.

We also prayed together, worshipped together, and even spoke on Puerto Rican radio together! It was awesome to partner with other believers a thousand miles away to work toward a common purpose. We advertised and planned an Open House on my final night to invite local parents to see the vision for this new school. Our goal was to have 25 people show up, but as you know, God often supersedes our lack of faith with

His own plan. By the end of the night, we hosted over 70 people, which changed the main topic of discussion from “I hope someone comes to our school next year” to “Where in the world are we going to put all these people?”. Isn’t it just like God to unexpectedly bless us beyond what we can plan ourselves?

I was able to speak to the folks in attendance (through an interpreter) about the founding of our own school, and how God had grown it over the past 15 years. I could speak by experience on the things they will struggle with as they get started, and the things they will fear as they move forward, and the opposition they will face if they stay the course. After my talk, many potential parents wanted to know if HCA was going to continue to visit and support their school. They wanted to know that they could use us as a resource in the future. I assured them that we are willing to invest in their efforts long-term, and would offer any help we could to get them established. In the end, they decided to model their school completely after HCA, even calling themselves the “Knights”!

The bottom line is that we should all be excited that God has allowed our little school to have a big impact well outside our four walls. We now have an influence in Haiti and Puerto Rico, as well as in Hickory, and our children are being exposed to other people, cultures, and languages who are in need of quality education and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Combining the scriptures “To whom much is given, much is required” and “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations” prompts us to understand that God wants us to share

our blessings, knowledge, and surplus with the nations around the world.

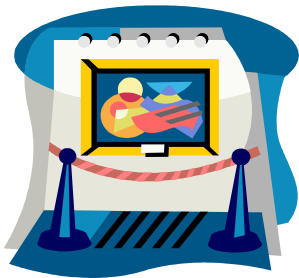
As we finish this school year, and begin to think about the future, I hope you join me in excitement about the fact that our investment at HCA is far deeper than a greater mastery of math and science. We are truly attempting to invest in people, and their eternal souls, which should be what separates the world's priorities with the believer's priorities.

Once again, it has been a humbling experience and a great honor to have worked with your family this year at HCA. If you ever need anything, please feel free to ask. My door is open to you. If we do not have a chance to speak personally beforehand, I pray that each of you has a wonderfully restful and fulfilling summer with your family. See you again next year!

Tracy Robinson
Headmaster

Events Coming UP at HCA.....

May 24- HCA 9th-12th Chorus Concert & Fine Arts Show to follow-6:30pm



CALENDAR REMINDERS

May

- 1 Sat- Track Day – Greensboro
- 3 Praise Band Concert-7:00 pm –HBC
Pictures due for Senior Video- Mid-quarter reports go home
- 4 Knights of the Round Table Brkft. 7:30-9:00
- 7 Math Superstars store
- 11-14 Senior Thesis week
- 13 HCA Library Closes-all books due
- 17-21 HCA Book Fair – in the Library
- 17 5th-8th grade Athletic Awards – dinner will not be provided – desserts and drinks only –reservations must be made by May 11 – call the office for more details –see below (Athletics)
- 18 Varsity Athletic Banquet 6:00 pm

Dinner will be provided free – reservations must be made by May 11 call the office for more details –see below (Athletics)

- 19 -20 7th grade to Raleigh
- 21 Field Day (TK-5th) –Early Dismissal 12:00
- 24 Chorus Concert & Art Show 6:30 pm
- 25 Kindergarten Graduation & Preschool and TK programs 6:30 pm
- 26 Grammar Academic Program –HCA GYM 1:00
- 28 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL-1/2 DAY
Early Dismissal 12:00 noon
L/R Awards 9:00 Chapel
Graduation Class of 2010 -7:00 pm
- 31 Memorial Day Holiday-office closed
- June 1-3 Mandatory Teacher Workdays
- June 4 Uniform Swap/Sale-Report Card pickup

Daily Schedule for Exams 8th-12th Grade May 25-27
 Session 1 - 8:00-9:50
 Break 9:50-10:10
 Session 2 - 10:10-12:00

HCA + YARD SALE = HELPING HURTING WOMEN

You do the math, and you'll see that this "equation" is a win-win every time. A yard sale benefitting *Safe Harbor Rescue Mission* will be held in the HCA gym on Saturday, May 15, from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon. As most of you know, Safe Harbor is a non-profit ministry devoted to serving the needs of homeless and hurting women in Catawba County. Our high school girls have already been serving Safe Harbor by giving Christmas baskets to the residential women and playing bingo with the Day Shelter women.

So where do YOU come in? We need LOTS of donated **PRE-PRICED** items. (NO CLOTHES

PLEASE!) Bring your items to the school gym between 3:30 - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 14. Also, PEOPLE are needed to help receive/set up for the event on Friday, to “man” the event on Saturday, and to help haul away unsold items to a donation point after 12:00 noon on Saturday. If you would be willing to help for an hour or 2 during any of those times, please email LAURIE MODLIN at modlinoc@charter.net or call her at 324-0517.

PLEASE take the time to do that Spring Cleaning and bring your unwanted/unneeded, pre-priced items to us. By this simple act, you CAN make a positive difference in the lives of these women! THANK YOU in advance for sharing in this ministry opportunity.

LATE BREAKING NEWS! There will also be a Bake Sale during the Yard Sale to benefit Safe Harbor. If you would like to bring some PRE-WRAPPED baked goods to donate to the cause, they, too, may be dropped off Friday between 3:30 - 8:00 p.m.

- Athletic Committee
- All PTF Reps.
- Piedmont Vending
- All Lunch Volunteers
- All Library Volunteers
- All Math Superstar Volunteers
- All Fundraising Volunteers
- i.e. example HCA 5K,
- Golf Tournament, Coupon Books,
- Holiday Gift Show, ChickfilA, (Restaurants)
- Field Trips, Uniform Sale, Yard Sale and many more...
- All Parent Volunteers, (i.e. recess, reading, tutoring)
- All HCA Assistant Teachers
- All Substitute Teachers
- All Party Classroom Volunteers
- All Field Trip Chaperones and Drivers
- All Bus Drivers
- All HCA Teachers and Staff
- All Prayer Committees
- All Student Volunteers
- All Board Members
- All Capital Campaign
- All Finance Committee
- All Volunteers for-pick up, delivery, set-up, breakdown, closet organizers, picture hangers, window washers, dishwashers, trash carriers, classroom treat purchasers, and on and on.....

Faculty /Staff Birthdays

April	11	Debbie Preachers
	12	John Brown
	22	Jennifer Collins
	22	Denise Lehman
	22	Michelle Rafferty
May	4	Donna Hodges
	5	Tina Keller
	7	Mary Davis
	25	Tammy Smith
	29	Barbara Mahnke

Hickory Christian Academy can not operate solely on the effort of principals, teachers, and office staff. It takes over 300 parent volunteers working alongside faculty and staff as a team in order to be successful. God has richly blessed HCA with loving parents who truly have servant hearts. Thank you for all you do and may God richly bless you!

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library will be closed for Senior Thesis week May 10-14. So the Library will begin its yearly process of closing down. The final deadline for turning in all library books is May 13th. Thank you to Delane Mitchell, Wanda Thompson and all our Library Volunteers!!

MATH SUPERSTARS

Greetings from the Math Superstars corner! We have had another terrific year of learning, encouraging many more math superstars! There has been good participation from students and many days of great help from our volunteers. THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS! If we continue in a positive attitude toward learning, even some new ways, our students will find it more enjoyable and interesting as well.

We are seeking a co-manager to help Julie Rhodes with the store preparations for next school year. If you like to shop and/or like to set-up/organize stores on a very small scale, you will enjoy this position. Contact Julie Rhodes (381-3856) or Karen Tysinger (493-0574) to inquire or volunteer and we will update you with specifics.

THANK YOU!!

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Cor. 4:18
 All Volunteer Coaches and Assistants
 HCA Booster Club

Karen Tysinger

Board Nominees

Board nominations

The HCA school board is looking for spiritually strong leaders to fill the three vacant spots on next year’s board. Beverly Peterson, Andy Puryear and Rigardy Munoz will complete their three year term in June, and we will be electing three new faces onto the board. If you know of someone with a servant’s heart, a love for the school, and a love for the Lord, we are currently accepting nominations for new board members. Board members must be parents of HCA students who have completed at least two years at the school. The board meets one evening every month to discuss the current climate and future vision for Hickory Christian Academy, and to direct the administration accordingly. According to HCA policy, a school parent may be nominated for the board by petition of 10 or more current HCA parents. If you are interested, or if you know of someone who would make a great board member, please contact Andy Puryear, Mr. Robinson, or any current board member.

The current Board Members are:

- Josh Walker- Chairman
- Beverly Peterson
- Gardy Munoz
- Andy Puryear
- John delCharco
- John Perry
- Chris Harris
- Eric Fulcher
- Selina Shue



ATHLETICS

Reservation sheets are going out this week for the athletic award ceremony and banquet. If you have a student that has participated in athletics and do not receive a reservation sheet please call the office. All reservations must be in by May 11.

May 17 5th-8th (JV) Middle School Awards ceremony – dinner will not be provided – desserts and drinks only –

reservations must be made by May 11– call the office for more details
18 Varsity Athletic Banquet 6:00 pm
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First ever, Alumni Soccer and Volleyball game to be played on Thursday, August 12th at HCA more details to come.



ATHLETIC SUMMER CAMPS-

There will be signup sheets in the office for all camps.

Varsity boys soccer practice/tryouts and camp begins Aug 2

Varsity Girls volleyball practice/tryouts begin Aug 2

Varsity Girls volleyball summer camp at Elon University July 12-15 cost \$320 per player

Middle School co-ed soccer tryouts/practice begin the week of Aug 9

Middle School girls volleyball tryouts/practice begin the week of Aug 9

Middle School girls volleyball camp at Wofford College July 5-8 cost \$240 per player-Signup sheets are in the office

Open Gyms for volleyball July 1, 22, 29 11am-1pm

Varsity Girl's Cheerleading Summer Camp July 20-23

Youth soccer camp for boys and girls entering the 2nd to 4th grades. This camp will be scheduled for the week of the August 9th. The camp will be conducted primarily by our Varsity Soccer team(s) and camp fees will be minimal and in line with our other camp fees. Sign-up sheets are in the office for all those interested.

What is your passion?

Do you have a special talent, interest, or expertise that you would like to teach someone else? HCA would like to expand its high school elective choices, and we need folks who have a passion for certain subjects, and a desire to share that passion with our students. If you have an interest or an idea about high school elective courses, or if you just have questions, please call or email Mr. Robinson to discuss.

TRASH FOR CASH

“Trash into Cash” Fundraising News:

Our Box Tops submissions for March totaled **1,011**, or another **\$101.10** for HCA. This money will be going towards our total for next school year, in keeping with the Box Tops reporting year of March through February. Our prize winners for March are: **Aiden Hartman**, in Mrs. Young’s Kindergarten, and **Courtney Hunter**, in Mrs. Taylor’s 6th grade. The traveling trophy goes to **Mrs. Owensby’s 2nd Grade classroom**. Congratulations!

Mrs. Preachers’ First Grade class has won the **Ice Pop Party** for submitting the most Box Tops this school year – 5,733. That’s \$573.30 for HCA! Overall, the school turned in 24,608 Box Tops this reporting period, earning **\$2,460.80** for HCA!! While we didn’t quite reach our goal of \$3,400 for the year this year, that is still an impressive figure! Remember, Box Tops earnings are included in the HCA budget, not just “icing on the cake”. Administration counts on these funds each year to help keep our school running. Submissions from March 1st and on count towards next year’s total. Let’s try to finish this school year strong, with lots of Box Tops still rolling in. And certainly, plan to continue collecting them over the summer so that we can have a terrific shower of Box Tops emblems come August and the start of next school year! Thanks so much for your participation and support!

We also collected **3** Tyson Project A+ labels in March. And your Target Visa or RedCard continue to earn 1 % for HCA throughout the year—not just during school months!

Our Campbell’s Labels for Education winners are **Katie DeVries**, in Mr. Kniskern’s 3rd grade and **Jacob Elliott** in Mrs. Davis’ 1st grade. **Mr. Kniskern’s 3rd grade** class wins the traveling trophy for March.

Mrs. Smith’s Fifth Grade class has won the **Ice Pop Party** for submitting the most Campbell’s labels. Overall, the school turned in **8,533** Campbell’s this school year. Great job, HCA! Your points enabled us to order **10 Scooters** for P.E. Classes. Way to go! Please keep collecting those Campbell’s labels (the UPC part) over the summer to turn in when school starts back in the fall. Thanks so much for your participation!

SCRIPT GIFT CARDS

You have made Scrip a success for HCA! Thank you for participating in the start-up of this awesome program. Important dates for Scrip ordering are:

The final week to order Scrip for this year is Monday, May 17th for delivery on Thursday, May 20th. [Remember this is the prime time to order your Graduation gifts cards.](#) This is the week you will want to stock up on Lands' End and grocery store gift cards to get you through the summer. [Also, if you are planning to order your Father’s Day gift cards you should do those as well.](#)

I will have a small supply of popular gift cards in stock in the office that you may stop in and pick up when you need them.

We will start Scrip orders back up on Monday, September 13th for delivery on Thursday, September 16th.

Thank you again for joining in and using Scrip for your everyday purchases!

Amy Swink

GRAMMAR CLASS AWARDS

Individual class **awards reservations in HBC Sanctuary** as follows:

Monday May 17

10:45-11:45 Mr. Brown, Miss Lovette -4th

Wednesday May 19

10:45-11:45 Mrs. Preachers, Mrs. Davis-1st

Monday, May 24

10-11:00 Mrs. Collins Mrs. Saine, PS-TK

Wednesday May 26

8:15-9:15 Miss Ray, Mr. Kniskern

10:45-11:45 Mrs. Owensby, Mrs. Dwyer

Awards in the classroom

Tuesday, May 25

1:15 Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Coffey

REPORT CARDS

HCA parents may pick up their student's report cards anytime beginning on June 4th, by coming to the HCA office during the summer from 9:00-2:00 Monday-Friday. If you prefer receiving your report card through the mail, we ask that you send \$1.00 to your child's teacher by June 3rd to cover postage cost.

Uniform Swap/Sale

Friday- June 4th

10:00-1:00

HCA Cafeteria

** This would be a good time to pick up your report card in the school office>

HCA OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00-2:00

YEARBOOKS WILL BE HERE

ON FRIDAY, MAY 21ST

LOOK FOR THEM

IN BACKPACKS

GRADUATION VIDEOS

Dear Parents and family members of Graduates,

Mr. Bill Rahn will be recording the Kindergarten and High School graduations on DVD for purchase again this year for the low price of \$10. In order to know how many copies to make, I am asking that you pre order and pay in advance. Please make sure you have completed an order form with the school office. If not call and put your name on the list and send in your check for the number of copies you will be purchasing. Stephanie Case

**Kindergarten Graduation
and Preschool-TK End of Year Program
will be held
Tuesday, May 25th at 6:30 pm
in the HCA Gym.
Preschool, TK and Kindergarten's
last day of school will be Tuesday,
May25th.**

Congratulations



*The Board of Directors,
Staff and Faculty of
Hickory Christian Academy
invite you to a celebration of
God's faithfulness at the Commencement
Exercises of the
2010 Graduating Class on
Friday, May the twenty eight at seven o'clock
in the evening in the
HCA Gymnasium.*