

Dear Parent or Guardian,

“If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.” (Dalai Lama). We have our first official year under our belt and have set our sights on building a small but powerful educational home for your students. I am excited to take our small school and your students to higher levels. Our class of 2022 brought home \$1,906,876 in scholarships! Our 17 graduates were accepted to 86 colleges and universities!

We have had lots of moving parts and changes to the building this summer. We said goodbye to Vinny Krishna who heads off to medical school. We have hired (back) Camillo Florido who is back from the country of Colombia. We also hired Henry Shultz and Adam Markowitz (who worked with me at the public school for culinary arts) and Brennen Reeves who graduated under me over a decade ago. Our enrollment remains at 150 and we intend to stay at that number with a waiting list in 8th grade, 6th grade and 10th grade. Our senior class is the largest with 42 seniors. We finally got approval to begin clearing the lot next door so the silk fence just went up last week.

I hope this letter serves as an informational piece:

ORIENTATION: August 2, 2022

All High School students are welcome (without parents) to attend orientation. (9 am to 11:30 am). Students do not need to bring anything. All Middle School students are encouraged to attend (without parents) from 1:30-3:30. Again, they do not need to bring anything.

Teachers were invited to join us for orientation but it is not the time intended to meet the faculty, Schedules will be distributed on the first day of school. At this time, all students should have selected their 22-23 classes.

High School Parents are encouraged to attend the parent portion of orientation on Aug 2nd from 4:00-5:00 pm. We hope for you to learn a little bit about our school, how to get involved and various pieces of information.

Middle School Parents are invited to attend a parent orientation on Aug 2nd 5:30-6:30 pm and if you have students in both middle and high school please know it will be a repeat of info. You can just pick one parent orientation to attend.

COMMON QUESTIONS THIS SUMMER:

1. What is the uniform or dress code? Students are expected to dress in a way that will not distract their peers nor the process of learning. Students may not wear pajamas, slippers, beach attire, hats or hoodies on their head. Students need to be presentable

- and if in question, I (Amanda) will address the student and give an opportunity to change clothes. Flip flops are discouraged due to the fact our steps can get wet and slippery.
2. Where do we park if we drive to school? In our parking lot or across the street in Charlie's parking lot. If both lots are full, please park at Nunzios. Be careful crossing the street.
 3. Where do I find info when I need it quickly? Check out our facebook page or Instagram page. @heritageacademy. I try to duplicate whats on IG to FB so you don't have to check both places. Also, you can look at the web page but keep in mind that's fluid. And, last check out your student's power school main announcement page. Last you can email or text me. (843-707-6455)
 4. When do we eat lunch and where? We have a delicious catered lunch program that will sell their delicious food at cost. Students will eat during class as they get hungry without being disruptive to the teaching and learning.
 5. Can I play on any sports teams? Yes, of course. You will need to see Liz Nash, Athletic Director, to complete a few athletic forms which include a sports physical. Each year the forms need to be completed even if you did it last year. You will also need to know it's a Pay to Play concept. For example, to play basketball it is \$200 and needs to be paid prior to the first game. Golf is \$275; track is \$200. Cross Country is \$200. Tennis is \$140/\$185 and Sailing is \$200. Prices are apt to change slightly based on enrollment for team. Playing is a privilege.
 6. What if I want to change my classes? You can do so, without penalty up through the 5th day of instruction which is through Aug 17th.

CLUBS

I plan to have a variety of clubs to benefit student's interest. If we do not have a club for your student, please let me know. I am open to all ideas. But keep in mind if we have a "democratic club" than we will need a "republican club". We seek balance. Clubs that we intend to offer:

Student Govt

Young Life

Interact

Math Club

Recycling Club

National Honor Society

Clubs will meet at various times, depending on the advisor's schedule.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Students will provide their own laptop with Microsoft Office. They will not have direct access to print materials from their personal device so any printing can be emailed to a faculty or printed outside the school. Students will bring their paper, pencils/pens and any assigned textbooks. Students are not issued lockers so all valuable items that are not needed for class should be locked in their homes or vehicles. We are not responsible for any stolen or missing items.

Some teachers may ask students to bring in a composition book, sketch book, a set of highlighters, etc. If that is the case, that will be outlined by that teacher on the first day of school.

PARENT ASSOCIATION

A special thanks to all our parent who make the school extra special. Last year, Sara Callen took the bull by the horns and ran a tremendous parent organization. This year our officers are as follows:

Cindy Bullock-President (304) 488-1626 or Cindybullock@yahoo.com

Sara Callen-Vice President (843) 441-2247 or callens@roadrunner.com

Kim Robinson-Secretary

Amy Gardner-Treasurer

Please note they meet July 15th at 8:30 am and please come join us.

SCHOOL SAFETY

After the horrific shooting in Texas that took the lives of so many little ones and two teachers, I feel moved to share with you some of the measures and thoughts I have.

1. Keep in mind great teaching eliminates behavior problems. And therefore, a trusting climate eliminates problems among staff and/or students. Building that culture is not a quick process or easily done. Being that last summer we had just changed and developed/opened our doors under our new vision and booming enrollment, we had MANY new employees. Having very little turn over is a great thing as we build a uniform sense and climate that focuses on school safety.
2. Details matter. Greeting at a door seems like a greeting but it's a screening. When teachers or we greet students at the front of the school or as they walk in their class, it is a way to pick up moods, attitudes, problems, and make small talk which build relationships.
3. Each morning on the announcements students are going to be asked to help with safety of everyone. I was raised to feel we are our brother's keeper. Therefore, safety can be something we all take part in. They will be asked to scan the room for odd or sketchy items and report as well as ensure the door is shut and secure during classtime.
4. We will review an intruder prevention and reaction scenario in detail at Heritage 101 and hold intruder drills.
5. When you talk safety, you have to address the internet and things at their fingertips. We have a blocking software device that prevents students from looking up things like fire arms and how to build explosives, etc. Keep in mind your student uses their own device and we do not and cannot monitor their social media so please safeguard your children knowing that. Middle Schoolers cannot use their cell phone during school. In fact I don't want to see it, hear it or think they have it. If we see it, we will confiscate it and return to a parent.
6. There will be an anonymous reporting box (and app) for students who wish to report something confidentially. In the past twelve years as I principal, with thousands of

students, no one used these type of reporting methods. So, I found them not useful but I don't want to risk someone needing this type of method and not having it.

7. A new extensive video surveillance system will be in place soon with facial recognition and high resolution. Students will use their face to enter doors and no longer have a key card to enter the doors. We will be able to identify people who cannot enter campus and receive immediate notifications once they enter the viewing area of a camera. We will have cameras out side and inside.
8. Each classroom is equipped with a flash card system used in larger school systems to quickly identify areas of need or problems.
9. Tamper proof windows will be in place by August 10th. If a person wanted to throw a rock at the window, it would not shatter. It would prevent someone from entering the building via breaking or shooting through a window or at least slow the person down.
10. The Sherriff's Department will conduct training for our faculty again this year regarding intruders and safety measures. The fire department will conduct a training on universal precautions, first aid, CPR and epilepsy.
11. Our crisis manual is revised and includes a school safety segment, self harm segment and is the guidance for training for the faculty.
12. All employees and coaches go through an annual thorough background search for county and federal crimes including the national criminal search, SSN trace, and sex offender search as well as the Global Watchlist Search.

School safety is paramount. If students do not feel safe, they cannot and will not learn. It leads to anxiety, stress, self medication, depression and secrecy. It is a dangerous and slippery slope. I will do everything in my power to make sure all students feel love, safe and nourished.

ACCREDITATION

We are due for an accreditation renewal which is vital to our school and its success. We will have a team visit (from COGNIA and SCISA) our school later in the spring and possibly October 11, November 1 and December 1. It can be stressful but as I have been through these visits many times, I need the students and teachers to do what they do best and it is not a dog and pony show. It is a true reflection and celebration of learning.

IMPORTANT DATES:

*see inserted calendar for generic dates

July 15 (3 pm)	Parent Support Group (All parents welcome) at 8:30 am
	*starting in August last Monday of every month at 8 am except in December
Aug 2	Orientation
	9: am- Middle School
	11:00- Lunch for both middle school and high school
	11:30- High School but come at 11 am for lunch
	5:30- Parent orientation

August 5	Inservice for any new employees
Aug 8-9	Inservice days for teachers
Aug 10	First day of school with Heritage 101 at St Lukes at 8 am -noon
Aug 28	Big Fish 5K Race at South Beach Village Marina
August 29	Junior and senior class meeting (student's only)
Sept 1	Open House at 5:30 pm
Sept 2	College Colors Day and senior college application day (8 am to noon)
Sept 28	Picture day (and make up picture day is Nov 3)
October 4	Reality Store for all students
October 12	PSAT
Oct 18-20	Middle School Space Camp trip
October 25	League of Women Voters will be here to help students register to vote, if interested
October 28	Career Day for all students
November 3	Director of student services will begin scheduling courses for second semester and hold IGPs (Individual Graduation Plan)
Dec 2	Middle School Winter Formal
Dec 3	High School winter formal
January 5 and 6	Inservice days
January 9	Heritage 101 at St Lukes from 8 am to noon
January 12	Open House at 5:30
March 26	Annual Golf Tournament
April 1 st	School Yard Sale
April 22	MCAS Air Show for select students
April 23-29	High School Costa Rica trip
May 2	Athletic Signing Day
May 4	Middle School Spring Fling
May 6	Prom for high schoolers
May 17	Awards and senior Signing
May 24	Teacher work day and make up exams
May 25	Graduation

*Fire Drills are monthly at various times each month as mandated by I

*Severe weather drill is announced by the state department and we use the same date. It is generally around Oct 15th

*Intruder drills will be done October 4th and once during second semester

Senior and Junior Seminars. (Parents attend and students receive community service for attending)

First Wednesday of each month in September, October, November and December at 5 pm.

September: Testing Prescriptions and study habits, Narrowing Down college selections and where am I going?

October: Applications and essay writing

November: Outside resources and who can help

December: Money Matters and paying for college

Telling our story:

In changing our brand and vision and building a culture, we must tell our story. Heritage is not a school for golfers and tennis players only. Most of our students are born and raised here on HHI unlike a few years ago. We have kiddos from all walks of life with different ambitions. We love 'em all. We will have visitors such as real estate agents, brokers, business owners coming in for us to tell our story on Nov 8, Feb 7 and April 4 so just be prepared for parking to be REALLY tight and the building to have lots of visitors.

HERITAGE FOUNDATION:

We were able to launch our non profit to present our capitol campaign. We have sets meetings for each quarter on September 30th at 9:30 am, December 2nd at 9:30 am, and March 10th at 9:30 am. Officers and members include Meredith Dimuzio, Sandy McGuire, Cathy Duane, Sharon Williams, and I am a non voting member. Please let me know if you are interested in serving.

TRANSPORTATION

Please see map of the parking lot to determine the route in which to drop off students in the morning. Do not drop off by stopping on New Orleans Road. Please pull into the parking lot. Any student with a valid driver's license and registration may drive and park on campus but so that we know the students and their vehicles (and can identify any vehicles that should not be on campus). We will be asking for vehicle info at Heritage 101 such as color, make and model.

GPA

This is going to sound complicated but when I purchased the school, the GPA was configured on a 4.3 grading scale and inflated weighted grading scale. I want to align with public schools (and most states use this GPA). So, all courses will be aligned to the 4.0 unweighted GPA system and the state department's GPA system which has remained intact since 2016. I will send out more info later and go over this in the July parent meeting as well. But basically, it puts our students on a level playing field with other graduates as they apply to college.

I am super excited about this year. I cant wait to see everyone. Thanks so much for entrusting us with your students.

Sincerely,



E. Amanda Williams O'Nan

Head of School

Attachments:

1. Big Fish 5 K-feel free to hang in your business (or sponsor using the back of the form)
2. Calendar
3. Social gathering "Beach Day"
4. School bell schedule
5. Parent permission for business directory for 22-23
6. Drop off map

Join Us For Our
Heritage Family
BEACH BASH

Monday, July 25, 2022

5:00PM - 8:00PM

WHAT TO BRING:

- BEACH CHAIR OR BLANKET
- SHAREABLE SNACK
- YOUR FAMILY
- GOOD VIBES
- BYO FOOD/BEVERAGE

Burkes Beach

MEET BY THE LIGHT BLUE FLAG "RADINN"

**BE READY TO HAVE FUN
AND MEET OTHER FAMILIES!**

RSVP BY MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022

EMAIL OR TEXT

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843-441-2247

304-488-1626

Important: All Supervision and Liability Rest on the Parents, Not Heritage Academy!



Heritage Academy

2022-2023 Academic Calendar

August 5th New Teacher In-Service Day
August 8-9th All Teachers In-Service Days

Semester I/Quarter 1

August 10	Semester I/Quarter 1 Begins	Heritage Academy 101
<i>September 5</i>	<i>Labor Day Holiday [No School]</i>	
October 14	Quarter 1 Ends	

Semester I/Quarter 2

October 17	Semester I/Quarter 2 Begins	
<i>November 23-25</i>	<i>Fall Thanksgiving Break [No School]</i>	
December 13-14	Semester I Final Exams	
December 15	Semester I Ends/Quarter 2 Ends Make Up Exams & <i>Teacher Workday</i>	(87 days)
<i>December 16-January 6</i>	<i>Winter Holiday Break</i> <i>Classes resume Monday, January 9</i>	

Semester II/Quarter 3

<i>January 5</i>	<i>New Teacher In-Service Day</i>	
<i>January 6</i>	<i>All Teachers In-Service Day</i>	
January 9	Semester II/Quarter 3 Begins	Heritage Academy 101
<i>January 16</i>	<i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day [No School]</i>	
March 10	Quarter 3 Ends	
<i>March 13-17</i>	<i>Spring Break</i>	

Semester II/Quarter 4

March 20	Semester II/Quarter 4 Begins	
<i>April 13-14</i>	<i>RBC Heritage PGA Tournament Holiday [No School]</i>	
May 17	Student Awards Assembly	
May 22-23	Semester II Final Exams & End of Quarter 4	(89 days)
May 24	Make-Up Exams & <i>Teacher In-Service Day</i>	
May 25	Graduation/End of Semester 2	

(Total 176 days)

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2022-2023 DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

- Each block class will last 85 minutes
- Student access will be activated from 7:30am till 3:10pm

Block 1	7:40am – 9:05am
Block 2	9:10am – 10:35am
Block 3	10:40am – 12:05pm
Block 4	12:10pm – 1:35 pm
Block 5	1:40pm – 3:00pm (enrichment)

Parent Association Business Directory Permission Form

By returning this form you indicate permission to be included in the business directory. Please return no later than August 30, 2022 to callens@roadrunner.com or cindybullock@yahoo.com (or drop off at school)

Business name: _____

Name of parent who owns business: _____

Name of student: _____ . Grade: _____

Business address: _____ (city) _____

Phone: _____

Web site: _____

Social Media:

Facebook: _____

Twitter: _____

Instagram: _____

*please send electronic logo to cindybullock@yahoo.com or callens@roadrunner.com

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