



Heritage Academy

Senior Parent Meeting

August 5, 2025

Dear Senior Parents,

Senior Class Advisors

Mrs. Toms will be the Senior Class advisor this year. She can be reached at jtoms@heritage-academy.net). She will be reaching out with important dates and information as things come.

Many hands make light work! If you are interested in helping as a room parent or just lending a helping hand, please fill out the volunteer form on the school website (www.heritage-academy.net) under the 'Resource' tab. Email Mr. Reisberg with any questions at mreisberg@heritage-academy.net.

Service Hours

Just a reminder -- before graduation, all students are required to complete at least (35 per year) 140 service-learning hours and turn in the appropriate form(s) to the guidance office. Remember, without the forms, the hours will not count. Higher diploma levels require more service hours. The hours will be displayed on your child's transcript. Forms are available at www.heritage-academy.net under the "Resource" tab... "Forms". The required number of Service Hours must be completed by May 1 of the students' Senior Year. Recognition is given for additional service hours.

View HA Diploma Levels under "Resources" at www.heritage-academy.net.

Scheduling of Classes for the Senior Year

We are working on the schedule for next year and will be reaching out to you for input for your students. Your quick reply will help us to get everything set up. See *Course Selection Guide* under "Resources" at www.heritage-academy.net.

Senior Fundraising

The Senior Class will do some fundraising for their class trip or class gift, etc. All Seniors are expected to help.

Typical Fundraisers for the Seniors: Mum Sale, Corn Maze, Christmas Concert Bake Sale, Poinsettia Sale, and Pancake Breakfast. Additional fundraisers may be approved.

Yearbook

Remember to order a yearbook. As your child's final year in high school, this is an important time to capture the memories. Information on how to place an order will be coming out soon.

College Planning

1. **College Tours** – If your child has not narrowed down his or her college choice, it is important to visit colleges now. A ***College Visit Form*** must be submitted in advance along with a **Pre-Excused Absence Request Form**. Forms can be found at www.heritage-academy.net under the “Resource” tab. A maximum of 5 (3 in the Senior Year, 2 in the Junior year) excused days may be used for this purpose.
2. **SAT** – It is important to take the SAT if your child did not take it during their junior year. You can register or find information at collegeboard.org. The site also offers helpful practice tests that can be completed online.

You may say why do I need to take the SAT if colleges are no longer requiring it? The answer is because it opens you up to potential scholarships.

The ACT is also a good option.

3. **College Applications** – Check now for application deadlines to colleges as well as FAFSA (Financial Aid) dates. Narrow down college choices and get the applications submitted before it is too late. However, you will not be able to go far in the process until the SAT is taken for the first time.
4. **College Scholarships** – Most scholarship money that is available is never applied for, so start looking now! It is not too early to begin filling out scholarship applications, writing the required essays, completing the FAFSA forms, etc. To make this process easier, there are websites that will send alerts for scholarships your child qualifies for. A simple google search for “*scholarships*” will give you many options.
5. **There is an app called Scholly that can help you find available scholarships that apply to specific students.**
6. **Well Rounded**- One of the things that colleges are looking at is for well rounded students. The more that your student is involved in, the better their chance of getting scholarships or getting accepted into a college.

Internships

Internships are March 9-13 this year. Mrs. Croteau has a list of businesses that are willing to take an intern. Students may meet with Mrs. Croteau to find out how to contact these businesses. They are welcome and encouraged to find a placement that is not on the list but must have it approved. It is the student’s responsibility to find an internship. It is best to start looking now and not wait till March. Internships are helpful in choosing career directions. Information is available at www.heritage-academy.net under the “Resource” tab. The forms are due to Mrs. Croteau in January.

Senior Nights

Seniors are encouraged to participate in as many sports as possible and take the leadership role. At the end of each season, we will have “Senior Night” to recognize our Seniors. We encourage all Seniors to plan to come out for these and support your teams.

Homecoming

Homecoming is a special night for seniors. We encourage all seniors to plan to come out to Homecoming to represent and support the class whether they are in the Homecoming Court or not.

Class Dues:

The class dues are \$80 for the year and can be paid monthly or as a one-time fee through our FACTS platform. These funds are instrumental in supporting essential activities such as the Senior Class Trip and the class gift.

If you would like to make a one-time payment, please email cdahn@heritage-academy.net and the charge will be added to your incidental billing. Cash and check may be paid monthly.

Team Reach

There is a Team Reach Group set up for your students' class. The goal is to help them communicate important information that they may need to be reminded of. Please encourage your senior to join the group.

Retreat

We are going to Highpoint Camp this year and looking forward to a great time September 3-5. Please pray for God to work through the chapel messages and please pray for good weather and safety.

House Teams and Activities

Students in grades 6-12 are broken up into house teams. The intent is to have 1 house activity per month. On the days of a house activity, students should dress casually but in their house colors.

Eagle Casual Days

The class that has the highest positive total of behavior slips will receive the Eagle and will have a casual day the following Friday.

RED Casual Days

We have a few days designated to "Remember Everyone Deployed". On those days, students should wear jeans and a red shirt to honor those who are serving.

Drama/ The School Play

We encourage your students to consider trying out for a part in the school play. It is a great opportunity to lead the school.

Fine Arts/Talent Night

We ask that you encourage your child to participate in the annual Fine Arts competition. Others look up to the upperclassmen and will follow their lead.

Student Drivers

If your student will be driving to school, please complete the *Student Driver Registration Form*, which can be found at www.heritage-academy.net under the "Resource" tab.

Secondary Revival

Please plan to join us for our secondary revival meetings in January. Exact dates to be determined.

Junior-Senior Banquet

The juniors will be hosting the Junior-Senior Banquet for the seniors on May 8. The class officers and advisors will be working on a location, speaker, catering, decorations, etc. The juniors will be asked to help the officers by serving on various committees.

On the day of the event, the seniors will be dismissed at 12:25. All Seniors are encouraged to attend the banquet. The Junior class will put a lot of work into this event for the senior class.

Please see the dress code policy for the dress code. All girls, whether a HA student or the date of a HA student, must have their dresses pre-approved. The dates for preapproval will be announced. The dates will be set so that the dresses will be approved at least two weeks prior to the banquet.

Juniors and seniors will be allowed to bring a date of the opposite gender with approval from their parents. All attendees, including non-HA students, must follow school standards of dress and conduct. All students bringing a date from outside of HA will be required to submit a ***Guest Permission Form*** to the Administrator by the due date noted on the form. A photographer will take pictures if you are interested in purchasing them. ***Guest Permission Forms*** will be available in January at www.heritage-academy.net under the “Resource” tab.

The location will remain a surprise to the seniors until the juniors present them with a formal invitation in the spring. The price for banquet tickets will be announced as soon as plans are finalized.

We will be looking for your help as chaperones for a post-banquet gathering. Additional details will be shared as the event approaches.

Economics Budget Project

All Seniors will complete an economics budget project that will take them through the major stages of life.

Senior Trip

An annual senior trip will take place at the end of the senior year (May 19-25). Most of the funding can be raised by participating in the fundraising efforts if they participate in them. Students who did not participate in the fundraising activities will likely have a cost. The desire is for the trip to be a mission trip.

Senior trips must either be to...

1. The Wild's in North Carolina
2. Elijah's Harbor
3. A mission trip

The Class President must submit the proposed plan to the Administrator by January 15.

Last Day for Seniors & Senior Exams

The last day of classes for seniors at HA will be **May 12**.

Senior exams will take place on the following days:

May 13-May 14

Only two exams can be taken each day. The first exam is at 8:30 a.m. The second exam is at 10:00 a.m.

It is up to the teachers whether the exam will be cumulative or cover only material from second semester. Please have your senior check with his or her teacher in order to be prepared.

If a senior does not have an exam on a particular day, they do not need to come in on that day. If a student needs to take an exam on a different schedule, he or she can attempt to arrange it with the teacher. For instance, if the student has to take the period 1 exam and the period 4 exam but is exempt from all others and does not wish to come in on two different days, he or she can try to arrange to take both exams on May 13. Approval is at the teacher's discretion. Seniors are not to hang out in the halls or around the building on exam days so as not to disturb other classes, which will still be in session. Seniors are expected to be in school dress code when they come to take an exam. All books, etc. should be returned by the end of exams.

With the early dismissal (early end of the senior year), there is no need for a senior skip day. They have plenty of days to not come in without adding another one.

Exam Exemptions:

If a Senior has an A average in every quarter or if they have a final average for the year that is 94% or above in any class, they can earn an exemption from the exam. The teachers will notify a student if they are exempt.

Pictures

Each year we put together slideshows for graduation and will need your help to accomplish this. **Photos are due by March 1.**

1. **Send to Mr. Reisberg** - A picture (school photos are usually best) of each of the major stages in your child's life, labeled as follows: School pictures are best if you have them.
 - a. Baby
 - b. Kindergarten
 - c. Late Elementary/Early Middle School (5th or 6th grade)
 - d. Entering High School (8th or 9th grade)
 - e. Senior picture

Please email the pictures to mreisberg@heritage-academy.net

2. **Send to Mr. Reisberg** - Pictures for a slideshow may be shown at the Junior/ Senior Banquet and again at graduation from each of the following categories:
 - a. Baby - 1 year old or younger (several pictures)
 - b. Casual senior (3-5 pictures)
 - c. 1st-6th grade (4-8 pictures; not school pictures; candid - maybe with friends or family)
 - d. 7th-12th grade (4-8 pictures; not school pictures; candid - maybe with friends or family)
 - e. Pictures with parents/family and siblings (2-4 pictures)
 - f. Pictures with friends (2-4 pictures)

Please email the pictures to mreisberg@heritage-academy.net

Please separate photos from item #1 above and item #2 above and send them separately **Remember all photos are due by March 1.**

Missions Trip

The Mission Trip this year is March 16-20. The location and details are still to be determined. We hope that your senior will plan to go.

Senior Thesis

Students will sign up for a senior thesis presentation which will be presented on **May 15 & 18**. Parents, **please plan to attend**. It is very important to your child and will be well worth it even if you need to take an hour off of work to be there. Students should dress up for the presentation according to the school standard dress code for dress-up days (dresses for ladies; suit & tie for gentlemen).

Graduation Speeches/Testimonies

If your child is giving a speech at graduation (announced as the date approaches), a copy is to be submitted to Mr. Reisberg before **May 24**. It will be printed out and left on the podium for use during the ceremony.

Elementary Field Day

Seniors are expected to plan to be and help with elementary field day on May 27.

Sports Awards

At the end of each season, the coach of each team will schedule a team party for awards to recognize the accomplishments of the team throughout the season. Having it with just one team will allow the coach to focus more on their team. Parents and their athletes will be invited.

Awards Assembly

Seniors are expected to attend the high school awards ceremony and chapel on May 29.

Graduation Practice

Graduation practice will be May 29 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Please be on time. We will do our best to keep the practice brief.

All seniors must attend. Seniors should be working on memorizing their life verse if they haven't already. They will recite the verse at graduation.

Graduation Pictures

For pictures, all seniors should bring their cap, gown, tassel, and outfit that they will be wearing underneath (see "Graduation" section below) and plan to be at school at 5:00 on May 29.

Graduation – May 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Each family will be given one entire row in which to sit. The order for selecting the row is based on the number of years each senior has been a student at HA, with those attending the longest getting first priority.

A additional seating will be available in the back.

Boys should wear dress shoes and dress socks, dress pants, a dress shirt, and a matching tie underneath their gown. Please follow school standards.

Girls should wear dress shoes and a light colored (pink or white) dress or skirt (to the top of the knee) with a matching blouse underneath their gown. Please follow school standards.

Seniors should be in caps and gowns in the computer lab and ready to pray as a class and enter the auditorium by 6:45 p.m. It is important to be on time.

Just a reminder that all school bills must be paid in full and all books, etc. turned in before diplomas/transcripts are issued. Should there be any outstanding items, your child will receive an empty diploma holder at the ceremony. Once all bills are paid and items turned in, the diploma will be given.

Please tell family and friends to be early.

Graduation Reception

Parents of seniors will be asked to contribute, decorate the gym, and clean up for the graduation reception on May 29. More information will come as things are decided.

Seniors will be given a table in the gym to decorate with a picture board and to display other memorabilia of the students.

Recap of Important Senior Dates

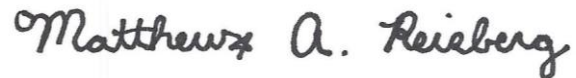
September 3-5	Retreat at Highpoint
October 11	Corn Maze (5:00-10:00)
TBD	Cap and Gown Pictures
December 15-17	1 st Semester Exams
December 18	Ministry Day
December 19	Christmas Walkthrough
January 8	Alumni Chapel
January 30	Homecoming
March 1	Photos for Slideshows from Parents
March 9-13	Internships
March 16-20	Mission Trip
March 27-28	School Play
May 1	Service-Learning Forms Due
May 3	Junior/Senior Banquet
May 6	Spiritual Emphasis Day
May 12	Seniors' Last Day of Classes
May 13-14	Senior Exams
May 15 & 18	Senior Thesis Presentations
May 19-25	Senior Trip
May 22	Fine Arts/Talent Night

May 24	Graduation Speeches Due
May 26	Hershey Park
May 27	Elementary Field Day
May 29	Awards Assembly
May 29	Graduation Events:
	12:00 p.m. – Dismissal from school
	12:30 p.m. – Graduation practice
	5:00 p.m. – Graduation Pictures
	7:00 p.m. – Graduation ceremony

I hope these will be memorable events for our students, and we will see them grow closer to each other and develop a closer walk with the Lord in this, their final days at HA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Matthew A. Reisberg". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Matthew" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Reisberg".

Matthew A. Reisberg