



Heritage Academy

Junior Parent Meeting

August 4, 2026

Dear Junior Parents,

Junior Class Advisors

Mrs. Shoemaker will be the Junior Class advisor this year. She can be reached at lshoemaker@heritage-academy.net. She will be sending you information about fundraisers and other things that apply to the juniors.

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.

Junior Fundraising

This year the Junior Class has a decent amount of fundraising for the Junior/Senior Banquet, junior trip, and senior class trip. All juniors are expected to help.

Typical Fundraisers for the Juniors: Popcorn and Slushie Sales, Fun Night, Grandparents Day Lunch, Rummage Sale, Field Day Lunch, and Spring Concert Bake Sale. Additional fundraisers may also be approved.

Everyone (Students and Parents) is needed for Fun Night on November 6! More details to follow but this is the largest junior fundraiser, and it requires all hands-on deck.

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 Junior-Senior Banquet, The Junior Class Trip, and their Senior Class Trip next year.

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.

Service Hours

Just a reminder -- before graduation, all students are required to complete at least (35 per year) 160 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 December 31 of the students' Senior Year. Awards are given for additional service hours.

Scheduling of Classes for the Junior Year

Your schedules should be available in RenWeb. If you have any questions, please schedule a meeting with Mrs. Croteau. See Course Selection Guide under “Resources” at www.heritage-academy.net for more information.

College Planning

- 1) **College Tours** - Juniors should start making plans now to visit colleges and not wait until their Senior Year. A ***College Visit Form*** must be submitted, and a ***Pre-excused Absence Forms*** must be submitted in advance to excuse the absence. Forms can be found at www.heritage-academy.net under the “Resource” tab. There is a maximum of 5 (3 for Seniors and 2 for Juniors) excused days for college visits.
- 2) **SAT** – It is wise to start the process of taking the SAT during your child’s Junior Year. You can register or find information at collegeboard.org. The site also offers helpful practice tests that can be completed online.
 - a. HA offers the SAT on campus. We will announce the dates so students can register to take the SAT right here at school.
 - b. It is also a good idea to consider the ACT.
- 3) **College Applications** – It is also not a bad idea to start narrowing down college choices and submitting applications. 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 even sites that will send alerts for scholarships your child qualifies for. A simple google search for “*scholarships*” will give you many options.
There is an app called Scholly that can help you find available scholarships that apply to specific students.
- 5) **Well Rounded-** Colleges are looking for well rounded students who participate in a variety of activities. The more things that your student participates in, the better the chances they have of earning scholarship, getting accepted into the college, etc.

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.

Retreat

We (grades 9-12) are going to Highpoint Camp this year and looking forward to a great time September 9-11. Please pray for God to work through the chapel messages and please pray for good weather and safety.

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 junior to join the group.

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 these days students should wear jeans and a red shirt to honor those who are serving.

PSAT

All juniors will take the PSAT in October, the date is TBD. Students can bring snacks, water bottles, and a calculator. The cost of this test was included in your tuition.

ASVAB Testing

ASVAB is a career aptitude test that the juniors take to help direct them towards their future careers. When the results come in, the guidance department will let you know that the scores are in and they are willing to go over them with you. ASVAB date is TBD.

Secondary Revival

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

Internships

Internships are March 15-19 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.

Missions Trip

The Missions Trip this year is April 12-16. Where they will be going, and the details are TBD. We hope that your junior will start saving and planning to go!

Junior Trip

The juniors will plan a 1-day junior trip in the spring (usually April). The trip should combine some fun getting to know each other better time, some educational benefit, and time to work as a group on plans for the Junior-Senior Banquet. A proposal for the trip (location and plans) must be submitted to Mr. Reisberg by March 1. Room Parents and HA staff will serve as the chaperones.

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.

Drama/School Play

We encourage your students to try out for a role in our school play March 12-13. It is a good opportunity for them to learn to lead.

Class Officers

We encourage all students to run for class officer positions. One of the things that colleges look for in students is leadership skills, and these offices could help with scholarships and other areas. Please encourage your child to run for office. Election information will be available in the spring in the guidance office. Students need good grades and good behavior and have met a certain number of service hours to be eligible.

Junior-Senior Banquet

The juniors will be hosting the Junior-Senior Banquet for the seniors on April 23. 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. The juniors will be preparing for the banquet the day of the banquet and will not have their regular classes. All juniors are expected to attend the banquet and help with various aspects of the event. 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.

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.

Graduation Practice and Ceremony

The Junior Class will have a part in the graduation, and all juniors are expected to attend and to participate. More details will be given as the date approaches, but a brief outline of the day's events is as follows*:

By 12:00 p.m. – Dismissal

Graduation practice immediately following the conclusion of the awards for about 20 minutes.

6:20 p.m. – Some Juniors will be asked to serve as ushers, door greeters, and to hand out programs

7:00 p.m. – Graduation ceremony (juniors participate at the closing part of the program)

There will be a section of seating reserved for the junior class.

We will ask 3 students (usually Juniors) to be flag bearers. They will have additional practice during the week of graduation.

Post-Ceremony – Assist with graduation reception in the Gym.

*Those who are employed will need to notify their employer ahead of time in order to ensure they will have off of work on May 28 for graduation. Juniors will dress up for graduation to the standards for such “dress up” occasions, which can be found in the handbook (ladies in appropriate dresses and gentlemen in suits & ties).

Graduation Reception

Parents of juniors and juniors will be asked to help set up, serve, and clean up refreshments and help the senior parents with cleaning up the gym for the graduation reception on May 28. Helping in this capacity enables the seniors and their families to enjoy their special evening. Next year, you will be grateful when the next class does the same for you. Information will come out closer to graduation with more details of where and when help is needed that night.

Senior Trip

An annual senior trip will take place at the end of your child's senior year. Most of the funding can be raised by participating in the class fundraising efforts if they participate in them. Those who do not participate in the fundraisers will likely end up paying some toward the expenses.

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

Summer Planning Meeting in the Senior Year

Please be aware that a class meeting is usually scheduled for the last week of July and all Seniors are encouraged to plan to attend.

I hope that all of these will be memorable events for our students and allow them to grow closer to each other and develop a closer walk with the Lord.

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

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black 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