

NEWS OF HOPE

LIVING OUT A COMMITMENT TO CHRIST

SPRING 2026

“And He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, saying, “Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will, but Yours be done.” -Luke 22:41-42

The end of the earthly ministry of Jesus begins with our Savior doing hard things. In this case, doing hard things is an understatement. Jesus paid the ultimate price by taking the punishment for our sins so that each of us might have an opportunity for eternal life in glory with Him. As we celebrate Easter and spring this time of year, we love to see the world bursting forth in living color. Newness is all around us. This rebirth came at a cost. Something had to die, just as our Savior had to die in order to defeat death and rise to life again.

“These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.” -John 16:33

Jesus calls us to do hard things, but not impossible things, because He has overcome the trials we will face. Here at Hope Christian Academy, we follow the lead of our King because we are Royals in His court. From our Head of School running alongside the students at Jog-A-Thon to our kindergarteners learning to count to 100 and beyond, we are each challenged to do hard things. It is good to be challenged, and it is good to fail.

Yes, I said fail. If it weren't for the 6,000 failed experiments by Thomas Edison, I would be sitting in the dark trying to share these thoughts with you. Edison saw each failure as a learning experience which did not discourage him, but caused him to seek a new material to test. Doing hard things will cause us to get a scraped knee, a bump on the head, a failing grade, or even sometimes embarrassment in front of a crowd. I can attest to the latter as I tried to present a poem from memory at our second annual Speech and Rhetoric festival this year. It was hard, but it did not define me; it caused me to grow and work harder.

Our students are called to do hard things in the classroom and beyond. The classical methods of education require students to think and formulate ideas that come from the mind God gave them, not artificial intelligence (AI). We ask students to memorize and present speeches. We ask our students to compete against schools with over ten times the enrollment of HCA in math, spelling, science, and more. These challenges are met with grit and determination and every year the results show that our students are learning from the hard things they do. We do not always finish first, but we do always look to learn and improve on past results.

We are so proud of all our students who completed their speech presentations in front of an audience, especially those bold enough to share an original piece. Let us all continue to do hard things, either big or little, so we will be seen as being obedient to the call just like Jesus chose to obey the Father's will and accept the cross.



MR. DAVID DEL PADRE
HCA PRINCIPAL

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MORGAN DALEY

Morgan Daley has been a student at HCA since her kindergarten year. After graduation, she plans to play collegiate tennis and study nursing at the University of Jamestown. Her favorite verses of the Bible are found in Psalm 23.

“I have always loved the small class sizes as you get to know your classmates well, and you get a lot of one on one time with teachers. I love the food on hot lunch days, and I think it is way better than public school lunches.”

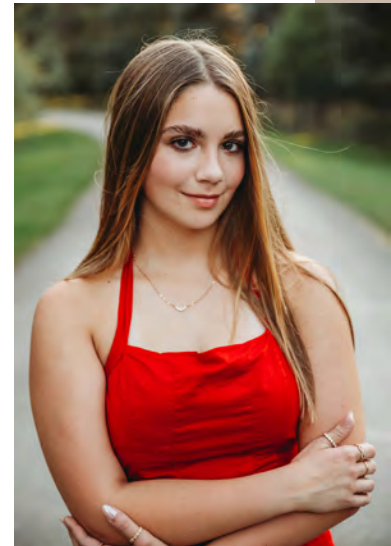
Morgan loves to play tennis, read, play piano, hang out with her sister and friends, do jigsaw puzzles, and watch movies or shows with her family.

NATALIE DELANGE

Natalie DeLange is a senior who has been attending Hope Christian Academy for twelve years. Her favorite memories at HCA have been making fun videos about the things they have learned, like the time they made a video for English class using all of the different types of conflict.

Her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:6-7, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

She loves to read, hang out with friends, and play tennis. Natalie plans to attend Dickinson State University and obtain a business degree to pursue a career in marketing.



CHRISTINA DOHRMANN

Christina Dohrmann has been a student at HCA since her preschool year. After graduation, she plans to study English education at Dickinson State University and will wrestle for the Blue Hawks.

“My favorite memory of HCA was our first Science Olympiad. We went in not really knowing what we were doing, brought games and snacks like sour patch kids, tortillas, and fudge stripe cookies, and still won despite the fact that we looked disorganized.”

In her spare time, Christina enjoys learning foreign languages like Spanish and German, participating in grappling sports such as wrestling and jiu jitsu, and showing goats in 4-H.

Christina’s favorite verse is Romans 12:2 which states, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”





SHAYNA KLITZKE

Shayna Klitzke has been a student at HCA since her kindergarten year. After graduation, she plans to play collegiate tennis and study health sciences at the University of Jamestown.

“My favorite part about HCA is the close relationships I have been able to build with my classmates and teachers,” said Klitzke. “The teachers truly care and want us to succeed. My classmates are very important to me. I consider them like family.”

Shayna’s favorite verse is Colossians 3:12 which states, “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

MADELEINE WOLLA

Maddi Wolla enrolled at HCA last year as a junior. After graduation, she plans to join the United States Air Force.

She said, “The reason I like going to HCA is because of the smaller classrooms and the availability and willingness of the teachers to help.”

In her spare time, Maddi loves to hang out with her friends. Her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:7 which states, “And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”



PIZZA, PRINCIPALS, PASTORS, AND PRAISES!

God is so good! In an effort to raise money for our annual Jog-A-Thon fundraiser, we promised a pizza party with the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles to the house which raised the most pledges.

Domus Oleum and their mentor groups from first and third grade were the winners.

Our students raised over \$100,000 for our school, far surpassing our goal!

We are so thankful for our house mentorship system and for pastors and administrators who like to have a little fun dressing up!



Pastor Derrick Howry, Mr. David Del Padre, Pastor Ron Dazell, and Mr. Shane Bradley



ROYALS



HCA SPELLING BEE

Lachlan Hoerner



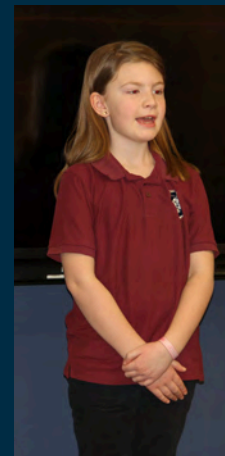
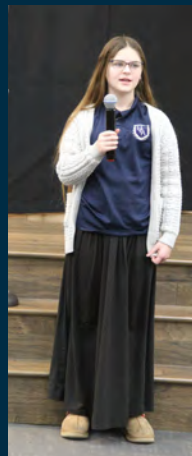
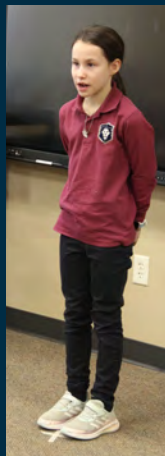
STARK COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Emmie Hammond, Callen Gelsinger, Noah Kiltzke
Aspen Hoerner, Lachlan Hoerner

*Callen & Lachlan will compete
at the ND State Spelling Bee on March 23.*

HCA SECOND ANNUAL SPEECH & RHETORIC FESTIVAL

Students presented Bible verses, poems, fables, folktales, historical speeches, humorous pieces, dramatic pieces, puppetry, and even original works they wrote themselves. Students in grades 10-12 and staff were the judges of the event making it an all-school event and celebration.





AMERICAN LEGION ORATORICAL CONTEST

Post 3 Contest

1st Place–Grace Dazell
2nd Place–Erin Daley
3rd Place–Reese Roller



District 8 Contest

1st Place–Erin Daley
2nd Place–Grace Dazell



Western Division

3rd Place–Erin Daley

State Division

2nd Place–Erin Daley



DICKINSON READY MIX CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST

Kenadee Becker (*overall winner*),
Ellie Hammond, Callen Gelsing
Averie Black, Cambrie Burgard, Teiah Hoerner
Pictured with Scott Olin of DRM



THE DICKINSON PRESS STORYBOOK CONTEST WINNERS

Connor Black, Averie Black
Sage Meier, Delaney Stevenson

STARK COUNTY MATHCOUNTS

Noah Klitzke, Ashton Lenz, Callen Gelsing, Jordan Mohr

Our HCA MATHCOUNTS team placed first as a team for the first time at the county level. HCA will once again advance to the state competition on March 30.





Mr. Brett Eliason and Mr. David Del Padre took students to the high school Acalypmics competition held at Beulah High School in February.

The HCA team placed third out of the nine teams in their division.

Additionally, another group of students from Hope Christian Academy will compete at the middle school Acalypmics competition in Richardton at the end of March.

ACALYMPICS

Madelynn Kadrmas, Morgan Daley, Mr. Brett Eliason, Christina Dohrmann, Shayna Klitzke, Natalie DeLange, Grace Dazell, Mr. David Del Padre

Thirty of our upper school students in grades 7-12 competed in the 2026 Regional Science Olympiad competition held at Dickinson State University.

Congratulations to both the middle school team and the high school team for receiving 2nd & 1st place respectively in their divisions.

Our HCA students placed in the top three in 16 events. Our students will now have the opportunity to participate in the ND State Science Olympiad on April 25 in Fargo, North Dakota.



REGIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Back Row: Briggs Caudle, Landon Gelsing, Noah Klitzke, Jesse Hammond, Ashton Lenz, Reese Roller, Jordan Mohr, Gage Hammond, Jet Hammond, Eli Christison

Row 2: Mrs. Trista Mohr, Jaxon Rambousek, Gavin Selle, Callen Gelsing, Bodey Hammond, Caleb Freeman, Samson Caudle

Row 3: Natalie DeLange, Ashlee Freeman, Shayna Klitzke, Erin Daley, Madelynn Kadrmas, Morgan Daley, Grace Dazell, Christina Dohrmann

Front Row: Ellie Hammond, Maci Schwan, Emmie Hammond, Cheyenne Davis, Shaylee Becker, Sydney Renicker



HCA Spring Banquet

This year's Spring Banquet and Auction will be held at Hope Christian Academy on Friday, April 24, beginning at 6 p.m. This is a family friendly event to which everyone is welcome. The events of the evening include a catered buffet meal, opportunities to participate in a silent auction, a ticket table, a dessert auction, and a live auction.

All proceeds from the banquet will go toward the general fund at Hope Christian Academy. The cost for each ticket is as follows, if purchased before Monday, April 13.

Age 13-Adults: \$38
Ages 6-12: \$18
Ages 0-5: Free
VIP Reserved Table of 8: \$400

Auction Items Needed

Do you have a talent, service, or donated item you would be willing to share with our HCA family? Maybe you know someone who has something to share. Please contact Debbie Dazell with donations via phone at 701.225.3919 or email at debbie.dazell@hcadickinson.org.



HCA GRADUATION

Sunday, May 17
2 p.m. (MST)

Please join us in the HCA chapel
as we celebrate the class of 2026!



Upcoming **EVENTS** 2026

23

APR

Grandparents' Day

Registration at 12:45 p.m. (MST)
Assembly and Pie Social
Please RSVP to hope@hcadickinson.org
or 701.225.3919.

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APR

Spring Banquet

Family friendly event with a catered meal,
live auction, silent auction, dessert auction,
and more. Grab your tickets today!

17

MAY

Graduation

Help us celebrate our seniors at 2 p.m.
(MST) in the HCA Chapel.

19

SEPT

Hope Fore Tomorrow Golf Scramble

Located in Medora, N.D. at Bully Pulpit.
More information to come!

2-3

OCT

Pumpkins in the Patch

Our family-friendly fall fundraiser, open to
Dickinson and the surrounding areas.

Mark your calendar!



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I WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO HOPE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- General Support** – funds are used where most needed.
- Tuition Aid** – provides assistance to families who cannot afford full tuition.
- Technology** – funds to purchase smart boards and computers for our classrooms.
- Endowment Fund** – ND taxpayers or business owners may make a gift to this fund to secure the future of HCA.
- Estate Planning** – contact us about how to include HCA in your estate planning.
- Wisdom & Virtue Scholarship** – a financial partnership to provide scholarships for every student.

HCA is dependent on financial gifts in order to fulfill our vision of an education that equips youth for a life of Christian service and leadership as they live out a commitment to Christ.

*Donations to HCA are tax deductible.

*HCA is a tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Donation Amount: _____

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