



July 14, 2010

Re: 2010/2011 School Year

Dear Parents:

Greetings! Hope your summer is going well. I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you about some changes and updates for the coming school year.

We've made a change in our dress code. As many of you have requested, we will now allow jeans as a part of our everyday dress code. Let me emphasize we will not accept jeans with rips (fraying) or holes: I know this is a common fashion, however, we are going for a clean and tidy appearance. All other dress code requirements remain the same. I have enclosed a copy of the new dress code guidelines.

Upon evaluation of last year's budget we need to change a few of the school fees. Given the financial climate we have decided to keep the tuition costs the same this year; however, to better reflect curriculum costs we have increased the high school curriculum fee to \$285 (high school students do more coursework). Sport fees have increased to \$65 per sport, per child (we were unable to cover costs with last year's \$50 rate). All other fees remain the same.

I have enclosed the school calendar for the coming year. Please note the first day of school is August 30th. Like last year, the bell will ring at 8:10 am and classes will begin at 8:15 am. Kindergarten will be released at 1:30 (new later release), 1st-3rd grade will be released at 3:00, 4th-12th will be released at 3:45. We will be allowing for the 3:00 early release of grades 4th-12th for students who are caught up with their work for the year. The 3:00-3:45 study hall time for the 4th-12th grades will be held upstairs. New for this year is a longer instructional day for 4th and 5th graders per Oregon Department of Education requirements. One more change to be aware of is that "First Friday Make-Up Days" will now be a full day (through 3:45) rather than a half day. Again this is to meet instructional hour requirements and is for grades 4th-12th. As a reminder, students who are caught up with their school work are not required to attend these first Friday of the month school sessions. As always, if you have any questions don't hesitate to call the school office.

We are sad to announce we will not have a Pre-school this coming year. Our enrollment is low and we had to make the hard decision to cut the program to keep our costs down.

We now have a "fans" page for Harvest Christian Academy on Facebook. This is a great resource for notifications of school news and updates--anytime we have a new announcement, lunch menu, or newsletter you will be notified on your "wall" page. To become a fan of HCA type in the Facebook search box "Harvest Christian Academy Baker City", click on our page, then click the "like" link and voila--you are a fan and should receive updates.

The 2009-2010 yearbook is in progress and should be ready for purchase by August 15th. The cost is \$10. Please let the office know, or put a post on our Facebook page, if you intend to buy a yearbook so we can get a better idea of how many books to order.

We are still on the search for a volunteer volleyball coach, please let us know if you know anyone or you yourself are interested. We are also looking for someone interested in coaching the boy's basketball team in the winter.

Looking forward to another great year,

Ben Potter
Principal

**Scroll down to see attachments

Dress Code Guide

Good guidelines for appearance should lie somewhere between the limits of personal freedom and Christian responsibility. Although styles change, some of today's styles are decidedly inappropriate and are unbecoming to a person who wishes to glorify God in all he/she does. A submissive and teachable attitude about appearance is of great importance. (1 Peter 3:4)

BOYS

- ◆ Any **solid color** uniform slacks, cargo pants, corduroys, or jeans. No holes, tears, or fraying—we are going for a clean and tidy appearance. No shorts.
- ◆ Any **solid, striped, or plaid color** polo, turtleneck, or **collared** button down shirt, sweatshirt, or sweater: long or short sleeve, no graphics of any kind, logos must be less than 2 inches in size. If shirt is designed to be worn tucked in, it should be tucked in.
- ◆ Shoes can be any color and must have no inappropriate logos or graphics (example: skulls, dragons, etc.) No flip flops.
- ◆ All facial hair must be clean shaven.
- ◆ Hair is to be neat and out of the eyes: no longer than collar length in back.
- ◆ School t-shirts are allowed on Thursdays only.
- ◆ Piercing of any kind not allowed.

GIRLS

- ◆ Any **solid color** skirts, skorts, jumpers or uniform slacks, capris (well-below the knee), or jeans. No holes, tears, or fraying— we are going for a clean and tidy appearance. No shorts. Skirts and dresses should be touching the knees.
- ◆ Any **solid, striped, or plaid color** polo, turtleneck, or collared button down shirt, sweatshirt, or sweater: long or short sleeve, no graphics of any kind, logos must be less than 2 inches in size.
- ◆ Shoes can be any color and must have no inappropriate logos or graphics (example: skulls, dragons, etc.) No flip flops.
- ◆ Shirts need to be long enough that when you raise your hands over your head, your midsection does not show.
- ◆ School t-shirts are allowed on Thursdays only.
- ◆ No more than two sets of earrings. Modest rings, necklaces, and bracelets.

The dress code is to be kept for all school programs and functions even when the student is attending, but not participating.

HARVEST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010-2011

* HCA utilizes a four-day school week (Mon-Thur) for all grades

* Grades 4th – 12th will have an additional **full** day on the first Friday of months October – June unless their work is caught up

AUGUST	30 th	School Starts for Grades K - 12 th
SEPTEMBER	6 th 15 th	No School – Labor Day Lifetouch Picture Day
OCTOBER	8 th 11 th 28 th	Grades 4 th -12 th Additional Day Columbus Day: No School End of 1 st Quarter
NOVEMBER	4 th 5 th 11 th 15 th -18 th 24 th 25 th	Quarter 1 Honor Roll Party Grades 4 th -12 th Additional Day No School – Veterans Day Parent-Teacher Conferences Half Day No School – Thanksgiving Holiday
DECEMBER	3 rd 16 th 20 st	Grades 4 th -12 th Additional Day Christmas Program thru January 2 nd – No School – Christmas Break
JANUARY	3 rd 7 th 17 th 20 th 27 th	School Resumes Grades 4 th -12 th Additional Day No School – Martin Luther King End of 2 nd Quarter Quarter 2 Honor Roll Party
FEBRUARY	4 th 21 st	Grades 4 th -12 th Additional Day No School - President's Day
MARCH	4 th 11 th 21 st – 24 th 31 st	Grades 4 th -12 th Additional Day Benefit Dinner Spring Break – No School End of 3 rd Quarter
APRIL	7 th 8 th 25 th TBA	Quarter 3 Honor Roll Party Grades 4 th -12 th Additional Day Day after Easter – No School C.A.T. Testing
MAY	6 th 21 st 30 st	Grades 4 th -12 th Additional Day Graduation Memorial Day
JUNE	2 nd 3 rd 9 th	Last Day of School for Grades K – 3 rd Grades 4 th -12 th Additional Day Last Day of School for Grades 4 th -12 th