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<p>International Harvest Christian Academy VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT August 16-20, 2005 John Devlin Athletic Center 20 teams</p> <p>Support the Athletic Booster Club and the Lady Saints Volleyball Team</p>	<p>LOOKING AHEAD... Aug. 16, 18, 19 & 20: Harvest Volleyball Tournament (home) Aug. 23: Varsity Soccer vs. Brownsville at home (call office for new location) Aug. 25 & 27: Volleyball Tournament (away) Aug. 26: Athletic BBQ Aug. 30: Christmas catalog sale begins Sept. 5: Labor Day Holiday. School and childcare center closed. Sept. 12: 6 p.m. PTF Dinner in the John Devlin Athletic Center (school gym) 7 p.m. 1st-12th Grade Open House at 1117 South Main Sept. 17: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Christian College Fair at Houston's Second Baptist Church Sept. 24-25: Family portraits being scheduled at Harvest October 7: End of 1st Quarter. Early Dismissal. October 29: 10 a.m. Harvest Golf Tournament at River Terrace Golf Club Nov. 18: Grandparent's Day celebration (it is not an early dismissal day, however) Nov. 21-25: Thanksgiving Holiday</p> <p> <i>Faithfully attend the church of your choice.</i> <i>World Harvest Outreach meets in the chapel at 6 p.m. on Saturday evenings.</i></p>
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KALEB JORDAN RECORDING ARTIST

Kaleb Jordan, a freshman in our school, is part of *The Jordan Family* quartet featured on a newly released CD. Kaleb is the drummer. The CD features three generations of Jordans with Max Jordan (the grandfather), Ronnie Jordan (the dad), and brothers Kaleb and Zack. The Jordan Family Band was formed as a result of Max's love for western swing music being passed on to the family. The family band plays weekly in church and other venues as requested. Kaleb is 14-years-old, and he has followed the family tradition with a love for music. He played in the junior high band at school and has learned from his Paw Paw and brother, Zack. Kaleb has gained a reputation as a solid and steady drummer by several seasoned musicians. He is often asked to play the harmonica by his friends at church.

The Jordan Family CD is on sale in the Harvest Book Store at an affordable \$10.00, and the Jordans are generously donating one-half of the proceeds to the school. To God be the glory!

FROM THE ACCOUNTING OFFICE:

ATTENTION CHECK WRITERS

Please use blue or black ink only when writing checks to the school!

TUITION BILLING

The bookkeeper has been very busy inputting data for the new school year. Any late fees for August, 2005, were waived. However, we will adhere to policy in charging late fees for September payments that are received after September 2. September statements will be mailed early next week. Please let the bookkeeper, Mrs. Marilyn Cason, know if there are any discrepancies in your bill. Your prompt payment will be appreciated.

PARENT TEACHER FELLOWSHIP

As stated in the Parent/Student Handbook, "Parents [Grandparents are always included, too!] are invited to join the PTF to serve HCA through fund-raising projects and school functions. The PTF will meet throughout the year to fellowship and plan for special school events." The PTF has traditionally hosted a back-to-school dinner, an occasional hamburger cookout, and a "theme basket auction" to raise funds for end-of-the-year student awards and the staff appreciation banquet.

Mrs. Lorrie Freeman, PTF Director, is inviting all parents and grandparents to get involved in Harvest by participating in PTF functions. The first event on schedule is the annual back-to-school fellowship dinner that will take place on **Monday, September 12. Beginning at 6 p.m.**, there will be a dinner in the John Devlin Athletic Center and the traditional PTF Basket Auction that will begin with silent auctioning. Elementary classroom teachers will be selecting a theme for their room's basket. Secondary students will vote on their theme. In prior years we have had beautiful baskets centered around, books, videos, coffee and tea, toys, sports, candles, stationery, etc. After the dinner we will move into the chapel for our annual fall semester open house—and some auction items may be completed with live bidding. The faculty and staff will be introduced, announcements will be made about first and second quarter events and expectations. At the conclusion of the assembly, there will be classroom tours. Please mark September 12 on your calendar and make plans to attend! There will be no charge for the dinner, but donations are welcome to help offset the cost of the meal.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS REQUESTED

Scholarship assistance is being requested for the Goerner children. Their father died tragically last school year. Contributions may be marked "Goerner scholarship" and turned in to the school office, and a tax-deductible receipt will be issued. Mr. Goerner loved this school, and it is in his memory that this request is being made. We are grateful for the \$375 that came in this past week. Please know that your gift is needed and would greatly bless.

HARVEST BOOKSTORE

Have you special ordered uniforms? They are in! Please pick them up at your earliest convenience.

NEW ITEM: We have white polos in stock. All sizes are available. Give your uniform wardrobe some diversity.

Gym Bags are available in black with the Saints logo in red and white:

Medium = \$29.99 plus tax

Large = \$34.99

These bags include wet pockets on the ends (for P.E. clothes, etc.)

HOODIES ARE IN! As hard as it is to believe, cooler weather is coming. This year we are excited to be able to offer zip-up hoodies in navy with the Saints logo in red and white. We have a good supply of them now. The prices are:

Sizes 6/8 through 14/16 = \$24.99 plus tax

Sizes XS through L = \$29.99 plus tax

Sizes XL and XXL = \$34.99 plus tax

NEW RECORDING BY LOCAL ARTIST: Get a copy of Kaleb Jordan's CD in the bookstore. There are a limited copies and the price is right at \$10.00 each + tax.

Checks may be made payable to "Harvest Book Store."

Did you know that your Harvest Book Store can order "special order" items for you?

For your information, snacks are sold in the cafeteria during lunch and in the John Devlin Athletic Center after school. Snack items are not for sale during the school day.

Did you know that 100% of the profit made in your Harvest Book Store is used for the benefit of your school?

WELCOME NEW HARVEST STUDENTS!

The admissions office has been very busy this week enrolling new students. They have come from near (Pasadena) and far (South Korea). We are expecting three new students on Monday, too. Please join us in welcoming each new student and helping them feel at home. **Ms. Tiffany Trout's 4th Grade Class** should receive a "most friendly" commendation for the warm welcome they gave Mark Gates on his tour this week.

VOLLEYBALL NEWS

This weekend, the Harvest invitational tournament will come to a conclusion. Twenty teams are participating: Life JV, Hitchcock, Pine Drive, Girls Harbor, Living Stones, Westbury, South Shaver, Sweetwater, Covenant, Life, Mt. Carmel, Living Faith, O'Connell, HCYA, Texas Christian, Pope John, Southwest, Woodlands, CHSA, and Harvest. Athletic Director Phillip De La Rosa expressed appreciation for the many volunteers who are helping to make this tournament a success. It's not too late to offer a helping hand.

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOKS

Have you received your 2005-2006 Parent/Student Handbook? Copies are available in the office. There must be a "Parent/Student Handbook Acknowledgment Form" on file for each student enrolled.

5TH GRADERS PRACTICE WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN TAUGHT

The character trait being taught this week at Harvest is "appreciation." **Mrs. Jill Johnson's 5th Grade Class** made "thank you" cards this week for staff members who serve them. They delivered them to employees who were very surprised to be remembered in such a sweet way. Mrs. Sandra Hoffpauir said, "Their card said, 'We give you an A+' and each student signed it. It made my day!" Mrs. Rayleen Richie exclaimed, "It was a wonderful surprise in the middle of a busy day. My card was headlined 'Sis. Cool Richie.'" Mrs. Marilyn Cason (aka "Mrs. Carzon") was delighted with her card too.

KIDS' CHAPEL

Students in Grades 1 through 6 had their first "Kids Chapel" this week in the cafeteria. Regarding the symbolic example of good and evil, third grader **Bruce Cason** said, "It was awesome." The Kindergarten class will join the older kids soon for "Kids Chapel." Parents and grandparents are always welcome.

ALUMNI NEWS

Where are our graduates? What are they doing? One completed his undergraduate degree from Yale University in June. Another just married a Lieutenant in the military and is on her honeymoon now. There are at least two brand new teachers this year. Who are they and what are others doing? We are seeking news from and about all our graduates. Please send information to: shoffpauir@hcasaints.com or simply send it to the webmaster on our website at www.hcasaints.com. Pictures may be sent online to the webmaster.

Please keep **Jon Shuler ('04)** in your prayers. He is in basic training in the U.S. Navy.

GOLF INVITATIONAL 2005

Sign up now for the Athletic Booster Club's fundraising tournament. It will take place on **Saturday, October 29** at the River Terrace Golf Club on Wallisville Road in Houston. The entry fee is \$75 per person and is due by Friday, October 21. The entry fee covers green fees, range balls, carts, awards, and a meal. You may enter as a team or you can be paired into a team. In an effort to keep teams equal, we will need an average score when you register. A shotgun start will take place at 10 a.m., and best ball will be played. Mulligans will be sold at a cost of \$5 each, and no more than 2 per player. Also, we are asking if the team would use at least two drives from every player on the team. There will be awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, longest drive, and closest to the pin. Hole sponsors are being sought for the cost of \$100 per hole. Please call Agustin Trujillo, Jr. at 281-476-4316 or the Athletic Booster Club at 713-472-7228 to register.

NHS OFFICERS

The Harvest Christian Academy chapter of the National Honor Society was chartered in 1996. Officers for the 2005-2006 school year were elected by NHS members. They are:

President: **Kevin Flores, Senior**

Vice President: **Anthony Arredondo, Senior**

Treasurer: **Brian Richie, Senior**

Secretary: **Amber Gordon, Junior**

Public Relations Officer: **Shara Granger, Junior**

NHS members are discussing various service project opportunities for the new school year. The NHS sponsor is Mr. Tim Sartain.

EXTENDED CARE AT THE SOUTH MAIN CAMPUS

For the convenience of working parents or for those who need occasional assistance with before or after school care, we offer supervised care in our cafeteria each school day. The charge is \$2.25 per hour or any part of an hour. Morning charges are calculated separately from afternoon charges. "Extended care" is available on the South Main campus every school day from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. and in the afternoons from 30 minutes after the student's dismissal time until as late as 6:00 p.m. The annual enrollment fee is \$30.00. The charge for students who are not enrolled is \$5.00 per hour. Mrs. Rose De La Rosa is our morning "extended care" supervisor, and Ms. Tara Baughman (our 1st Grade Teacher) is the afternoon "extended care" supervisor. She is assisted by Ms. Rose Kemei (our 3rd Grade Teacher) on occasion.

In the afternoons, teachers will escort elementary-aged students into the cafeteria who have not been picked up within 30 minutes of their respective dismissal time. For the safety of the children, parents are required to go into the cafeteria and sign their child out (and please turn the ignition off and lock your vehicle before coming into the school!). An afternoon snack and beverage will be served each day, and students may work on homework, watch appropriate videos, play games (we have been blessed with a lot of Legos, board games, etc.), visit with their friends, or work on a craft project. Parents are expected to pick up their children no later than 6:00 p.m. There will be a \$10.00 late charge plus \$2.00 for each quarter hour or any part thereof.

Extended care charges will be added to the parents' tuition account and billed once a month.

Q How do I enroll my children for extended care?

A Fill out an enrollment form in the school office and pay the enrollment fee, at your convenience, prior to the first time you plan to use the extended care service. Forms are available in the office now.

Q Do I have to enroll my child in extended care?

A No, however the \$5.00 per hour rate will apply if the child is not enrolled.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Uniforms purchased from a source other than the Harvest Book Store are not allowed. If a student has ordered uniforms and the uniform items have not yet been received, that student will be given an exemption only until the items arrive. The bookstore manager has a list of outstanding orders and will issue exemptions.

There are some new uniform items being offered. Secondary girls and boys will be permitted to wear long uniform shorts to class. New plaid skirts, available on special order now, will eventually be stock items. Only uniforms purchased at HCA will be permitted.

Regarding shoes, secondary students will once again wear traditional "Penny Loafers" (low-heeled in basic black, brown, or cordovan) purchased from the merchant of their choice. Elementary students will once again wear traditional "Penny Loafers" or Keds or Keds-style white leather tennis shoes or "Mary Janes" in black.

The standard P.E. uniform will remain unchanged. Students in Grades 1 through 12 are required to have at least one P.E. uniform. The student's name must be visible on the front of P.E. shorts and shirts.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Our international students are arriving, and others are expected. We will do a feature article this fall on these wonderful young people who are making their home at Harvest this school year. If you would like to be a blessing to the international student ministry at Harvest, please let Mrs. Rayleen Richie (in the school office) know.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Please let the school office know of your areas of expertise. We have many opportunities. Grandparents are especially welcome! We recently received word that the grandmother of Patrick Martinez wants to volunteer in our library. We are looking forward to having her help!

GET YOUR NEWS FIRST. Visit our website at www.hcasaints.com, go to the newsletter section, and fill in the free subscriber information. Need help? Call the school office, and we will walk you through the process—or give us your e-mail address and we will do it for you. The newsletter is published approximately once each week throughout the school year. Bulletins are issued as needed between regular newsletter issues.

*"Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life."
Proverbs 4:13*