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<p>HARVEST BOOK STORE HOURS</p> <p>Thursday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tax-free spending for uniform items purchased on these two days only: Friday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.</p> <p>SCHOOL SUPPLIES</p> <p>Call the book store at 713-472-1221 and reserve your child's school supplies. You may pay for the order when you pick it up. Prices are competitive, and your school benefits from the profit. Many thanks for your support!</p>	<p>LOOKING AHEAD...</p> <p>August 8-9: Faculty In-Service Days August 9: 5:30 p.m. Varsity Volleyball at Living Faith in Texas City August 10: First day of school for Students (start and dismissal times to be announced) * Kindergarten: 1033 Fairmont Parkway * Grades 1-12: Go to designated classroom * Grades 7-12: Meet in chapel for orientation assembly</p> <p>Aug. 10-13: Varsity Volleyball Tournament at Galveston O'Connell Aug. 11: 12 noon – 3 p.m. Athletic physicals at HCA. \$15 per student. See article. 4 p.m. Varsity Volleyball vs. CHSA (homeschool) at home</p> <p>Aug. 12-13: Junior Varsity Volleyball Tournament at Family Christian in Channelview August 15: 5 & 6 p.m. Jr. Varsity & Varsity Girls VB at Girls & Boys Harbor in LaPorte Aug. 16, 18, 19 & 20: Harvest Volleyball Tournament (home) Aug. 25 & 27: Volleyball Tournament (away) Aug. 26: Athletic BBQ Sept. 5: Labor Day Holiday Sept. 9: Back-to-school Fellowship Dinner Sept. 27: Open House Oct. 7: End of 1st Quarter. Early Dismissal. October 29: Harvest Golf Tournament 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 10:30 a.m. each Sunday.</i></p>
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Welcome Back to School!

Celebrating 33 years of Christian Education

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

School begins Wednesday, August 10, 2005! Welcome to our 33rd year of providing "more than an education."

ARRIVAL: Grades 7-12: 7:50 a.m. school begins	DISMISSAL: Grades 1-3: 3:15 p.m. school dismissal
Grades 1-6: 8:00 a.m. school begins	Grades 4-6: 3:30 p.m. school dismissal
	Grades 7-12: 3:35 p.m. dismissal

Elementary students who arrive on campus from 7:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. should be dropped off at the Spooner St. entrance, and parents should either escort their child(ren) into the John Devlin Athletic Center (gym) or watch them walk into the building. There will be an elementary teacher on duty each school day beginning at 7:30 a.m. Elementary teachers escort their classes to their respective classroom at 8 a.m. each day. Students who arrive at school after 8:00 a.m. should report to the office for a tardy slip. On the first day of school, parents are certainly welcome to take their child to his/her classroom, but please do so no earlier than 7:50 a.m.

Secondary students (Grades 7-12) should report to the chapel at 7:50 a.m. each day the first week of school for orientation. Secondary students who drive their own vehicle to school should park in the student parking lot located at the corner of Spooner and Ellaine.

Any student in Grades 1-12 who arrives at school prior to 7:30 a.m., should be dropped off at the cafeteria entrance. Parents should enter the driveway on Hawthorne, take their child into the cafeteria (or watch them enter the building), and exit onto Main Street. Students will be signed in for morning "extended care" and appropriate charges will be billed to the parent's account (see next section).

Secondary students who arrive on campus prior to 7:30 a.m. should report immediately to the cafeteria and be signed in for "extended care" and appropriate charges will be billed to the parent's account. Secondary students who arrive at school from 7:30 a.m. until 7:45 a.m. are welcome to congregate in the courtyard or in the gym in the bleachers. The first bell rings at 7:45 a.m. and the tardy bell rings at 7:50 a.m. Students who arrive at school after 7:50 a.m. must report to the office for a tardy slip.

Note: 1) Students in Grades 1-12 who are not picked up within 30 minutes of dismissal time will be escorted to the cafeteria for extended care and appropriate charges will be billed to the parent's account.
2) The schedule for Kindergarten students will be mailed to their parents separately.

We hope that every student will strive for perfect attendance! No absences and no tardies!

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Attached is a lunch menu for August, 2005. Each month a menu will be published and posted online. The prices of the hot plate lunch remain the same as last year; however, a la carte items are being increased. The lunch schedule for Grades 1-12 is posted on the menu. Please review all the data. The Kindergarten lunch menu, price, and schedule will be mailed separately to all parents who have children enrolled in Kindergarten.

EXTENDED CARE

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 p.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.

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.

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING FACULTY!

We have a highly qualified, caring faculty dedicated to the success of your children.

Elementary:	Secondary:
1 st Grade: Ms. Tara Baughman	Mr. Don VonDohlen
2 nd Grade: Mrs. Janis Hughes	Mr. Tim Sartain
3 rd Grade: Mrs. Rose Kemei	Mrs. Dorothy Hagan
4 th Grade: Ms. Tiffany Trout	Mrs. Debbie Swindler
5 th Grade: Mrs. Jill Johnson	Mr. Mike Ritthaler
6 th Grade: Ms. Lee Myers	Ms. LaToya Ellis
	Mrs. Narmin Backus
	Mrs. Twyla Haines
	Mr. Phillip De La Rosa
	Mrs. Patricia Gehret

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING HARVEST STUDENTS!

We have been privileged to enroll a number of new families for the 2005-2006 school year, and tours and interviews are ongoing throughout the summer. We also appreciate the confidence our longstanding families have in their school by re-enrolling their children. We are looking forward to the numerous opportunities throughout the school year when we will have occasions to fellowship and get to know one another better. Our Parent-Teacher Fellowship is one of the many inroads for participation in your school. Look for the forthcoming announcement about the first Parent-Teacher event. Please avail yourself to every opportunity and let's make this the very best year in our 33-year history. We will give God all the glory, for He is worthy.

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOKS

The 2005-2006 Parent/Student Handbook is being finalized, and parents may sign for their family's copy beginning August 8. There are very few changes from last year's issue. There must be a "Parent/Student Handbook Acknowledgment Form" on file for each student enrolled.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Uniforms purchased from a source other than the Harvest Book Store are not allowed. Please note the book store hours posted above. Beginning the week of August 8, the Book Store will be open each day through the first two weeks of school. Students are expected to be in full uniform beginning the first day of school, August 10. 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.

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

Any student in Grades 6-12 who is playing competitive sports must have a physical and turn the physical form in to the athletic director. As a convenience, Howard Smith, M.D. (father of HCA 2000 graduate, Julie Smith), and his staff will be on our campus on Thursday, August 11 from 12 noon until 3 p.m. to do the physicals. The cost is \$15 per student. Checks may be made payable to HCA, and Dr. Smith is graciously donating 100% of what is made to the athletic department. Please let Coach De La Rosa know if paying the \$15 fee would be a hardship.

Q Do I have to have my child's physical done at the school?

A No. This is merely being offered as a convenience and perhaps a less costly alternative to having it done elsewhere.

Q Will there be a female present when my daughter is having her physical?

A Yes, a nurse from Dr. Smith's office will be in attendance.

SCHEDULING FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

Secondary students will receive their class schedules during orientation the first week of school. Schedule changes are allowed within the time frame announced (in orientation and printed in the handbook) and with permission of the dean of students, the parent, and the two teachers involved in each schedule change. First priority is always given to upper classmen who have less time than underclassmen in fulfilling requirements needed for graduation.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

A school supply list is available in the school office or on our website at www.hcasaints.com. School supplies may be purchased at the Harvest Book Store or from the merchant of your choice. Parents may want the convenience of ordering pre-packaged supplies through the school book store. Our prices are competitive.

MISSION TRIP

Please keep our recent graduates in prayer who are on the mission field this summer: Bradley Conner ('04) and Daniel Granger ('04) have been in Colombia since March. Lawton Hansen ('05), Elvis Hidalgo ('05), and Anthony Craig ('05) will be returning from El Salvador soon to begin college classes.

Painless ways to give to your school throughout the summer:

CAMPBELL LABELS AND GENERAL MILLS BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

We are continuing to collect Campbell's labels and General Mills' Boxtops for Education. Please drop labels and boxtops off at either of our two campuses.

FUNDING FACTORY

Thanks to our webmaster, Mrs. Robyn LeGris, we are set up with Funding Factory to be involved in a program to recycle toner cartridges. Please give us your used toner and ink cartridges. They are worth money to your school!

KROGER SHARE CARD

We recently received the 1st Quarterly report from Kroger showing a \$82.87 has been set aside for Harvest. We get a report each quarter, and at the end of their fiscal year, they send us a check representing a rebate of one percent of sales from Kroger customers who use their Kroger/Harvest Share Card when they shop. (Last year's check from Kroger was \$338.05, so as you can tell, it all adds up!) Thank you Kroger shoppers! Please note that these special "Share Cards" are available in the school office.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Are you interested in hosting an international student this school year? Please contact the school office for more information.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Please let the school office know of your areas of expertise. We have many opportunities. Grandparents are especially welcome!

MANY THANKS

We appreciate the many hours Mr. and Mrs. Agustin Trujillo have spent in helping Coach Phillip De La Rosa and Mr. Don von Dohlen this summer moving classrooms and cleaning out storage areas. Our teachers start work officially on August 8. We are very grateful for the many, many hours they give to the school throughout the summer in preparation for a great year.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember to pray for our recent graduates and all our alumni—especially those serving us in the military.

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.

*"...the people who know their God shall be strong and do great things."
Daniel 11:32*