

International
HARVEST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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URGENT NEED FOR CARPOOLING!

If you live anywhere near the following two areas and can assist parents in getting their children to school, please call 713-472-7228 and let us know. Help is needed as soon as possible.

800 block of Forest Bay Ct., Houston, 77062

2300 block of Bending Springs, (Shadow Creek Subdivision), Pearland, 77584

5900 block of Ollia Circle, Pasadena, 77505

OPEN GYM

Friday, September 30, 2005

7-11 p.m.

Grades 6-12 \$3 per person

October 7, 2005: EARLY DISMISSAL

11:00 a.m. Elementary dismissal

11:25 a.m. Secondary dismissal

No extended care at South Main campus. Please call the childcare department at 713-943-7993 for after-school arrangements on the Fairmont campus, if desired.

LOOKING AHEAD...

September 30: 4:00 / 5:30 p.m. Jr. High / Varsity Soccer vs. Sweetwater at home
4:30 p.m. Jr. High Volleyball at Bay Area Christian

7-11 p.m. Open Gym Night, Grades 6-12 only, \$3 per person
October 1: Varsity Volleyball tournament at Living Stones in Alvin: 8 a.m.: vs. Bay Area,
10:15 a.m.: vs. San Antonio First Baptist, 11:45 a.m.: vs. Lutheran North

October 3: 4:00 p.m. Jr. High Soccer vs. Living Stones at home
5 / 6 p.m. JV Volleyball / Varsity Volleyball vs. Girls Harbor at home
5:15 p.m. Varsity soccer vs. Living Stones at home

October 4: Vision and hearing screening at Fairmont campus (see article)
6:00 p.m. Varsity Volleyball vs. Central at home

October 6: 4 / 5 / 6 p.m. Jr. High / JV / Varsity Volleyball vs. Life at home

October 7: End of 1st Quarter. Early Dismissal. No lunches served. (see schedule on left)
4 / 5 p.m. Jr. High / Varsity Volleyball at Sweetwater

October 10: 8:35 a.m. ORU representative to visit with juniors and seniors (see article)

October 13: 7 p.m. Parent-Teacher Fellowship Meeting

October 15: 10:30 a.m. PSAT (exam) will be administered at HCA to all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who pre-register. Cost is \$12.

October 27: Vision and hearing screening at South Main campus (see article)

October 29: 10 a.m. Harvest Golf Tournament at River Terrace Golf Club

October 31: Deadline for submitting vision and hearing screening to registrar (see article)

November 18: Grandparent's Day celebration (it is not an early dismissal day, however)

Nov. 21-25: Thanksgiving Holiday / student and faculty holiday. Childcare closed
Thursday and Friday only.

NOTE: Please call the school office at 713-472-7228 to confirm game time and location on the day of the event. Home soccer games are played at Acres de Amor Church at 721 Fairmont



Faithfully attend the church of your choice.

World Harvest Outreach meets in the chapel at 6 p.m. on Saturday evenings.

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS PROTECTION DURING HURRICANE RITA

Never in our history have we been closed for six days due to a storm. Never have so many people evacuated the Houston area. Never have we seen such storm devastation in America as what has been experienced in the Gulf Coast regions of southeast Texas and our neighboring states to the east. This is a time to share and a time to pray for those who are suffering loss.

As Hurricane Rita was first expected to make landfall in the area of Matagorda Bay and then Galveston, Harvest families were busy making preparations. After much anticipation, the hurricane finally made landfall near the Texas/Louisiana border during the wee hours of Saturday, September 25. We spoke with some students and staff members to discover what they did prior to and during the storm:

Jakeia Black, 5th Grade: I went to Nacogdoches. It took us 13 hours to get there. I was afraid because I thought the storm was going to be real bad and I wouldn't have a house when I got back. The hurricane ended up coming the way we went. It tore shingles off my grandma's house. I saw trees and power lines down. We lost power at our house in Nacogdoches. We prayed, and I was happy when I came home and everything was okay.

Shara Granger, Junior: I live in the Channelview/Sheldon area. We tried to evacuate, but the traffic was terrible. After nine hours on the road and only going 27 miles, we turned around and went home. I slept through the storm. We lost a bunch of limbs from a tree in our backyard.

Quin LeGris, 7th Grade: My family went to Tyler, Texas. It took about 16 hours to get there. We had trouble finding a gas station. I was afraid because I was wondering if our house in Houston would be destroyed and if our tree would fall down. It took us even longer to get home, but I was glad that everything was okay.

Brian Richie, Senior: My family stayed at home. We played board games. We watched the awesome power of the wind. We watched a lot of the TV coverage, and we played a lot of video games. We never lost our power.

Mr. Steven Longino, Registrar: My wife and I evacuated all the way to Porter (in neighboring Montgomery County). It took us five hours to get there. We took some back roads, or it would have taken us a lot longer.

Kristian Smith, 1st Grade: I thought it was going to be flooded, but it wasn't. It only tore up our house a little bit but not a lot. We went to Cold Springs at my brother's house. The hurricane went there too, but we didn't know that. My brother had to come back with us because they didn't have electricity. We rode with our dogs in the car. They kept crying because they didn't like being trapped in cages.

Micah Brown, 3rd Grade: I went to Dallas. It took us 14 hours to get there. We stayed at a hotel and they had a swimming pool and movies for kids. It was fun.

Aaron Hernandez, Sophomore: It took us 28 hours to get to Austin. We ran out of gas as we were pulling into a gas station. I watched the reaction of everyone about the storm. Some were losing it—they were really worried, and others praying. I wasn't afraid because I feel that God is in charge of the storm and if anything happened I would be okay.

Ben Slay, Freshman: I went to New Braunfels with my family. It took nine hours to get there. I watched the storm on TV. I was glad that it didn't hit us at home, but it made me feel bad that others got it instead.

Robert Embody, Kindergarten: I went to Dallas. I played with my cat and dog in the car. It was fun. It took us two days to get there. It didn't flood at my house.

Drew Gonzalez, 1st Grade: I went to a farm before the hurricane. It took us a long time to get there. I was afraid when the wind came. It broke some palm trees at my house.

Stephanie Sartain, Junior: On Wednesday we were going to my uncle's in Arlington but it took us five hours to make it to the Hardy Toll Road, so we turned around and went home. On Thursday the traffic was still really, really bad and Pasadena had a mandatory evacuation, so we went to another uncle's house in Sagemont. I slept during the storm. I wasn't afraid, but it scared our dogs. One of them was so scared, he ran away and he is still gone.

Madison Vanderdoes, 8th Grade: My mom, my grandma, and I went to Wichita Falls. It usually takes 8 hours to get there, but this time it took us about 18 hours. The whole time I was scared because I didn't think I would have a home to come back to. I was worried that I wouldn't see my friends again. I slept when the hurricane came, but I watched a lot about the storm on TV later.

Miranda Rivera, 5th Grade: At first I was afraid because my dad wanted to stay at home, and I was afraid that he would get hurt. We kept watching the news and we all decided to stay at home on Thursday night. We had a BBQ. I went on top of my grandma's roof and we filmed what happened when the hurricane came toward us. We watched the clouds and some of them looked like tornadoes would come down.

Coach Ritthaler: My family went to the Mercy Ships in Lindale, Texas where my brother-in-law is stationed as a missionary. Lindale is 10 miles west of Tyler, usually a 4-hour drive. It took us 36 hours to get there. We ran out of water and food but, thankfully, we did not run out of gas. This caused me to think about end times and the tribulation when these things will happen to such a great extent that men's hearts will fail them for fear (from Revelation). **Today** is the day of salvation. Don't be left behind!

BE A BLESSING TO A SOLDIER

Each of us has an opportunity to participate in a big blessing. We are preparing “goodie boxes” for two of our servicemen who are in Iraq. We are requesting that every Harvest student and staff member bring at least one item for our special soldiers:

- Chuck Rivera, brother of fifth grader **Miranda Rivera**'s, is in the U.S. Army
- Gilbert Alba, 2002 Harvest graduate is in the U.S. Army on his second tour of duty in Iraq

Donations for postage would also be appreciated. Each box costs about \$20 to \$25 to mail. Write a note or card and share from your heart. Let's all pray for Chuck, Gilbert, and the many, many others who are faithfully serving.

PSAT EXAM

College counselor, Mrs. Dorothy Hagan, encourages all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to register for the PSAT (exam). It will be administered at Harvest on Saturday, October 15 at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$12.00. Checks may be made payable to HCA, and the test fee cannot be refunded or transferred. The PSAT is a test to prepare students for the SAT exam. SAT scores are mandatory for admittance to most colleges and universities. There are many scholarship opportunities for students who make high scores on the SAT or ACT exams.

ORU REPRESENTATIVE TO VISIT HARVEST

Harvest welcomes college representatives from various campuses to visit our school. On Monday, October 10 at 8:35 a.m. in Room 108, a representative from Oral Roberts University will give a presentation to juniors and seniors.

PARENT-TEACHER FELLOWSHIP MEETING

PTF Director Lorrie Freeman is inviting all parents, teachers, and staff members to the October 13 PTF meeting. It will begin at 7 p.m. Come and get involved in your child's school. Plans for the 2005-2006 school year will be discussed. A financial report will be given. The PTF purchased a tetherball set that was recently installed on the South Main campus. They are going to purchase some bulletin board paper for our teachers. Your support of the “Fun Friday” concession sales and other special PTF functions is a big blessing.

MANY THANKS

- Mr. Nathan Sloan, father of **Ashliee, Kayla, and Sara**, did some repair work on one of our bathrooms. We greatly appreciate his excellent work. Mr. Sloan owns his own construction firm, All in All (Phone: 832-385-2791). He does all kinds of residential and commercial home repairs and remodeling.
- We are grateful for those who continue to make donations to our scholarship fund.

HURRICANE RELIEF

The need for assistance has never been greater since the two recent hurricanes. The following items have been requested:

bottled water, juice, canned sodas
 sandwich fixin's, food for meals
 bathroom tissue
 towels, blankets, pillows
 bedding, air mattresses, sheets
 styrofoam cups, plates and plastic utensils
 diapers, formula, baby food

or checks payable to "Salvation Army" and marked "Hurricane Katrina Relief"

Parent volunteer, Mrs. Carla Craig, will work with our National Honor Society in transporting items to the Salvation Army.

“CHRISTIAN COLLECTION”

Thanks to those who obtained orders from our recent Christmas catalogue campaign. We missed our mid-week chapel on this Wednesday due to the Hurricane Rita school closure, so we will announce winners in next week's chapel.

CARPOOLS NEEDED

With the price of gasoline skyrocketing, we want to offer our families a notice board for opportunities to carpool. If you are interested in being involved with a carpool, please notify the school office at 713-472-7228. Specific requests are noted on the top left corner of Page 1, and further details may be obtained from the school office.

NEW ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB T-SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED!

Student Council members modeled the new Athletic Booster Club T-shirts today. On Friday, October 5, students who have purchased a shirt (the cost is \$10 each) will be permitted to wear it with jeans for a school wide Spirit Day. Then, on the last Friday of each month, students will be permitted to wear their new spirit shirt with jeans. Proceeds benefit the athletic department.

PLEASE NOTE: Shirts should always be laundered wrong side out to preserve the screen print.

5TH GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Jill Johnson's 5th Grade class were asked to write a new ending for "Humpty Dumpty" in their creative writing class. Here are the responses of two 5th graders:

John Compton:

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall
 Humpty Dumpty had a great fall
 All the king's horses and all the king's men
 Couldn't put Humpty together again
 But the shell no fear in sight
 While all the soldiers tremble fright
 Opened the door to find in sight
 Ol' Humpty Dumpty so fluffy and light
 Being eaten by a host
 On a yummy piece of toast

Brittany Rhymes:

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall
 Humpty Dumpty had a great fall
 All the king's horses and all the king's men
 Couldn't put Humpty together again
 But when they came back the very next day,
 Humpty was fixed in every way.

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING

On October 4, a screener who is certified by the State of Texas will be at the Fairmont campus to administer vision and hearing screening to our Fairmont students—including our Kindergarten class.

On October 27 beginning at 9 a.m., the same screener will conduct vision and hearing screening for students in Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and all students that are new this year to Harvest. The cost is \$12 per student. Checks should be made payable to Tana McCormick. Students who wear corrective lenses should have their glasses or contacts at school the day of the exam. Please contact our registrar, Mr. Steven Longino, if there are any questions. Parents who do not want to have their child screened at school should furnish a copy of vision and hearing screening by October 31, 2005, from their personal healthcare provider.

SOUTH MAIN CAMPUS: OCTOBER MENU (First week)

Mon. 10-03-05	Tues. 10-04-05	Wed. 10-05-05	Thurs. 10-06-05	Fri. 10-07-05
Pizza Green Salad Fruit Cocktail Beverage	Beef / Cheese Enchiladas Spanish Rice Lettuce & Tomato Pudding Beverage	Chicken Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Beverage	Pizza Green Salad Peaches Beverage	11:00 a.m. Elementary dismissal 11:25 a.m. Secondary dismissal No lunches served. No extended care at South Main. Call 713-943-7993 for childcare arrangements.

Note: Effective immediately: Plate lunches will be sold as a single unit. Prices are the same. There will be no a-la-carte items sold separately from the above menu. French fries and other a-la-carte items will still be available.

"FUN FRIDAY"

Everyone is invited to participate in "Fun Friday." Each Friday at dismissal time, snack items are sold: sno-cones, candy, sodas, chips, etc. Proceeds are used to purchase end-of-the-year awards by the Parent-Teacher Fellowship and Athletic Booster Club. PTF Director Lorrie Freeman is seeking parent/grandparent volunteers who can help with this project. Call the office if you can help!

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.

Let us place your church announcement here:

NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

1117 South Main, Pasadena

Pastors Jim and Lynnette Palmer invite you and your family:

Sundays: 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Donuts, coffee, and juice in the Harvest cafeteria
 10:45 a.m. Praise and worship

Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m. Bible study

Activities for children, teens, and adults.

WORLD HARVEST OUTREACH

World Harvest Outreach Church meets at 1117 South Main, in the school's chapel each Saturday evening at 6 p.m. If you do not have a church home, or if you have a church that meets on Sunday, come and fellowship with Harvest friends on Saturday evening. The church offers a refuge for alumni who miss the familiarity of school chapel services. It is a warm, loving environment where everyone is welcome. Praise and worship is led by Ron and Becky Dansby.



My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments.

Proverbs 3:1