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HARVEST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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OCTOBER SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:5-13
NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:2-12

OCTOBER CHARACTER TRAIT: Consistency
NOVEMBER CHARACTER TRAIT: Content

SET YOUR CLOCK BACK

Ahhhhh! One more hour of sleep.
Set your clock back on October 30.
Daylight Savings Time begins.

STUDENT HOLIDAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Staff Development Day

It's a student holiday, so enjoy the day off. The childcare center on Fairmont will be open. If childcare arrangements are needed, please reserve your space by calling 713-943-7993. Their hours are 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 1-5 p.m.

HARVEST FALL FESTIVAL at 1117 S. Main

LOOKING AHEAD...

- October 28: 7-11 p.m. Open Gym (see note at bottom of Page 2)
October 29: 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Attendance buy-back date. Cost = \$50. Register in the office. 1-5 p.m. Harvest Fall Festival in the John Devlin Athletic Center.
October 30: Daylight Savings Time begins. Set your clock back 1 hour before going to bed.
October 31: Deadline for submitting vision and hearing test results to registrar (see article)
November 1: 4 / 5:30 / 7 p.m. JV Boys / Varsity Girls / Varsity Boys at Emery High School
November 2: Chapel Offering: Bring something for two of our service men (see article) 9:30 a.m. Drama performance: selections from "Pollyanna"
November 3: 2 p.m. Pep rally in the John Devlin Athletic Center
4:30 / 5:30 / 6:30 / 7:30 Jr. High Boys / JV Boys / Varsity Girls / Varsity Boys vs. Girls and Boys Harbor at home. Adults: \$2 / Students \$1
November 4: Staff In-service Day. NO SCHOOL for students! Childcare center open.
November 5: 6 p.m. in the chapel: selections from "Pollyanna"
November 7: Student Council will begin selling balloons at \$1 ea. for the launch on Nov. 18.
November 8: 7 a.m.-7 p.m. ELECTION DAY. There are important issues on the ballot. Vote!
November 18: Grandparent's Day celebration (it is not an early dismissal day, however) Student Council Balloon Launch
Nov. 21-25: Thanksgiving Holiday / student and faculty holiday. Childcare closed Thursday and Friday only.
December 14: 7 p.m. Elementary Christmas program
December 16: Early dismissal. End of 2nd Quarter. No lunches or extended care at S. Main
February 18: Golf Tournament at River Terrace Golf Club (see article)

NOTE: Please call the school office at 713-472-7228 to confirm game time and location.



Faithfully attend the church of your choice.

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

STUDENTS SHARE TESTIMONY

[Rev 12:11](#) And they overcame him [the "accuser" or Satan] by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

This Wednesday's chapel service did not begin as an extraordinary day. As usual, students entered the building for a scheduled time of reciting the pledges, listening to announcements, and singing praise and worship music. The *usual* was expected: sometimes there is a special speaker, sometimes a video is shown, other times there may be some kind of performance. For many students it's just another part of the school day—a schedule to be followed.

Mrs. Becky Dansby, who directs the praise and worship team, encouraged students to sing as unto the Lord. She commented on the excitement for the Astros on winning the National League championship and going to the World Series. She said that we needed to get excited about Jesus. Praise and worship continued and hearts began to change as the focus shifted from the many distractions in life to the Giver of life. The Holy Spirit was present. Students came forward to commit their lives to the Lord. There were tears of repentance and tears of joy.

Kevin Flores, senior and president of the Student Council, addressed the student body and spoke about a "God happening" during a recent trip to San Antonio. He said, "Brian [Richie], Anthony [Arredondo], and I were talking about how we felt a tug on our hearts for the school. We all talked about how we wanted to stand up and represent God for our school. We told each other that we were going to help each other through prayer and try to keep our walk with God straight. As seniors, if we stand up, there are others who look up to us as an example and if we do good they will follow us."

Anthony Arredondo, also a senior, went forward and said to the student body, "I've sensed for the past couple years that I needed to come up here and express what is in my heart. I've been lukewarm for the past couple of years and haven't had a love for God and a desire to seek Him. I've stepped away from reading God's word and praying which are the two basic elements of fighting the devil because it's spiritual warfare. Sometimes we just need to change the way the way we talk and the way we act. If we

do something, we need to make sure it's for the glory of God. The best way I can be a witness to somebody is by being an example. I want you to see Christ in me and begin to love God more and do what we are called to do which is to reach the lost at any cost."

Anthony said that he used to be concerned about what others would think of him if he sang praises, worshipped, prayed, etc. He was afraid of being rejected and afraid that friends would treat him differently if He showed His love for God. Now Anthony boldly proclaims that he is choosing Jesus without fear of being rejected by others. He wants everyone to follow Christ, but he said that it's their choice and their choice is not going to affect his personal walk with God. Anthony said, "As a senior I don't want to leave a legacy. I want to leave a love for God."

Some junior high students shared their thoughts about the special chapel: Samantha De La Rosa said, "What really touched my heart was a mixture of the music and when Anthony and Kevin talked. It took a lot of bravery. Anthony was right. You should mean what you say. Not say stuff and then do something bad as soon as chapel is over."

Joseph Ramon agreed with Anthony too, "It doesn't matter about being cool and everybody knowing you. It's all about God." Josh Sullender said, "When Kevin and Anthony went up there and talked to everyone for God, they didn't care what everyone thought. They just thought about God and us. Kevin talked about how much he loves God and worshipping God. Anthony was able to step out of his comfort zone and not be lukewarm anymore." Aaron said, "What I liked about chapel on Wednesday was that I actually sang the songs that they were singing. I do think God was talking to me when the older guys were talking." Cameron Rudisill said, "God was present with us. Everything about chapel was great. I think that God was speaking to us through Kevin and Anthony."

Julie Velasquez said, "I think what Sis. Dansby said in chapel was fantastic—knowing that God is with you and people could pull you away from Him with the littlest things. What Anthony said about some people will never accept you because of the way you look or talk or what race you're in or even the clothes you wear—but that's why we have Jesus."

Madison Vanderdoes recalled with joy, "When Sis. Dansby started singing 'Here I am to Worship' I felt an amazing feeling

like nothing could go wrong. It was a very amazing. I have never experienced anything like it.”

Karenn Murga said, “When we had the chapel on Wednesday I thought it was just going to be as usual, but when they started to sing I just started to feel really good inside my heart. I had never felt anything like that in a chapel service. I didn’t feel embarrassed at all. I didn’t care what people said about me or anything.” Lea Wells added, “I felt so much peace and relief.”

Andrea Tijiboy, a senior, said, “I always felt like praying to God to help me change. After that chapel, it made me open my eyes. Anthony and Kevin said that they also felt like changing, too, but they didn’t [until they had that talk in San Antonio], and I felt like they were talking to me. God talked to me through them. Now I feel a need to pray and read my Bible every night. I can’t go to sleep until I read my Bible. I feel like my purpose of coming to Harvest is to grow spiritually and to fulfill God’s purpose in my life.”

Mr. Mike Ritthaler, director of spiritual life, said, “In all my years of Christian education, the most memorable times were not the state championships, the successes at Nationals at ORU, the academic accomplishments of the students, or the rapport developed with the students, but the times when students, on their own initiative, stood up in front of peers and boldly proclaimed their desire and commitment to serve the Lord and have it last. And with the environment that exists—or should exist—in Christian schools, it should be contagious. It should be conducive to the spiritual growth of each and every student. That is the greatest reward a teacher, parent, or pastor could receive. For this reason I have dedicated myself to Christian education. I know that what we do will have an eternal impact on every child who attends our school.”

UNIFORM JACKETS

Please help us maintain our uniform code during cooler weather by making sure that your child has a uniform jacket. The Harvest Book Store has a good supply. Also, students in Grades 9-12 who qualify for a letter jacket through their participation in athletics, fine arts, or National Finals competition may purchase a letter jacket at Pasadena Sporting Goods.

Book Store Hours:

Monday, Oct. 31 Closed	Tuesday, Nov. 1 7:45 – 4:30 p.m.	Wednesday, Nov. 2 7:45 – 4:30 p.m.	Thursday, Nov. 3 7:45 – <u>5</u> p.m.	Friday, Nov. 4 Closed (In-service)
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Book Store Phone: 713-472-7228

Book Store Manager: Mrs. Samantha Garcia

Q Can jackets be purchased elsewhere?

A Not for wear at school. We want all students’ apparel to be exactly the same. We make one exception and that is when the temperature is not expected to be above 32° throughout the day. In that case, students may wear a heavy coat that is purchased from another source.

Q How can I get a letter jacket for my child?

A Letter jackets are exclusively for students in Grades 9 through 12 who earn the privilege through participating in Harvest athletics, fine arts, or any “National Finals” ORUEF competition in May.

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING

A certified vision and hearing screener was at the school on October 27 to test students in Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and all other students who are new to the school this year. **NOTICE TO PARENTS WHO DID NOT HAVE THEIR CHILD SCREENED:** Please submit results from your health care provider by October 31.

SOUTH MAIN CAMPUS: OCTOBER MENU (third week)

Mon. 10-31-05 Pizza Salad Peaches Beverage	Tues. 11-01-05 Chicken Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Baked Beans Fruit Cocktail Beverage	Wed. 11-02-05 Lasagna Green Beans Garlic Bread Peaches Beverage	Thurs. 11-03-05 Beef & Cheese Enchiladas Spanish Rice Lettuce & Tomatoes Beverage	Fri. 11-04-05 Pizza Salad Pineapple Tidbits Beverage
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Cost: Elementary: \$3.30 / Secondary & Adults: \$3.55

Parents and students, please pay for plate lunches in the gym by 8 a.m. each school day. This greatly helps our cafeteria workers in preparing adequate quantities without being wasteful.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB “SPIRIT SHIRTS”

Today was Spirit Day. Students who purchased a “spirit shirt” were permitted to wear it with jeans for a school wide Spirit Day. The cost for a shirt is \$10. Please see Coach De La Rosa to get yours. Proceeds from the shirt sale benefit the athletic department. Students who dress down may wear shoes and socks of their choice. Flip flops are not permitted! The next Spirit Day is **Tuesday, November 29.**

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

Q Do I have to pay \$10 *each month* for the Spirit Shirt dress down day?

A No. It is a one-time charge for the purchase of the shirt and the privilege to dress down the last Friday of each month.

“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. The Parent-Teacher Fellowship and Athletic Booster Club use proceeds from “Fun Friday” to purchase end-of-the-year awards.

OPEN GYM: Friday, October 28, 7-11 p.m. Grades 6-12 and invited guests. Cost = \$3 each

GOLF INVITATIONAL

We are rescheduling the golf tournament to Saturday, February 18 at 10 a.m. at River Terrace Golf Club on Wallisville Road in Houston. The entry fee is \$75 per person. 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.

“SELECTIONS FROM POLLYANNA”

We are looking forward to two performances next week from our drama students. Mrs. Dorothy Hagan and Essex Branch are directing our drama students in their “Selections from Pollyanna” production. The first performance will be next Wednesday, November 2 in chapel. The final performance will take place Saturday, November 5 at 6 p.m. in the chapel. We are looking forward to seeing the talents of our drama students from the shortest, 2nd Grader **Bruce Cason**, to the tallest senior **Kevin Flores**. There is no charge for either performance, so come out and show your support for the cast and crew of “Pollyanna.”

CHAPEL OFFERING

It truly is more blessed to give than to receive, and we want our students to be actively involved in the gift of giving. Beginning in November, we will make known opportunities to give.

November 2: We are asking each student and staff member to bring something for the “goodie boxes” for the two service men. If possible, please bring duplicates as we are preparing two boxes. Examples: personal care items, beef jerky, gum, power “high energy” bars, hard candy (nothing that will melt), canned meat (no items with pork), powdered drink mixes, nuts, etc. No need to spend money if you will take the time to sit down and make a card or write a letter of thanksgiving for servicemen who need our encouragement. **YOU WILL BE BLESSED!**

BE A BLESSING TO A SOLDIER

On November 3 we are mailing goodie boxes to our two adopted service men:

- 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.

ALUMNUS NOTE

We are always delighted to hear from our graduates. **Lori Fourman Ferrer of the Class of '98** sent us the following e-mail:

I married Erik Ferrer, an 8-year Marine veteran, on October 16, 2004. We moved to the Houston Heights in February of 2005 and now we are expecting our first child April 28, 2006. We have submitted our lives to the Lord 110%, we obey his every command, and we have given him glory and thanks for the good and the bad that has come to our lives for it has all made us stronger in him. I give him thanks for this school that gave me such a wonderful foundation to keep my life looking forward to that narrow path that so few will enter unless they know what I learned in this school. God bless you.

We praise God for blessing Lori's life and that she shared her good news with us. Please keep all our graduates in your prayers.

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.

Special event:

October 29, 2005

Pot Luck Dinner & Lock-in

Get more details at church.

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.



Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
Matthew 5:9

...a verse selected from the chosen November scripture passage. Commit it to memory!