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Letter from Superintendent Patricia Gehret

*Dear Parents, Students & Staff:*

*We have come through our most pivotal and blessed year in our history. I am absolutely convinced that God has given us great territory to take for Him now. As families, get ready to claim your mountain. This is not easy, but you will win when you walk with Him.*

*We are preparing for a great enrollment and an incredible training process. Set high standards in your households, read the Word of God, and pray for God's greatness in your family as you enter this year. Remember, great things do not come easy. It can cost you everything. But the return is infinite. Your family will please God as you respond to Him. It is what you were made for.*

*We love you and look forward to a great destiny because of Him!*

### LOOKING AHEAD...

June 13-July 14: Secondary Summer School

July 4: **Independence Day Holiday.** Childcare center and school office closed.

July 5-29: Elementary Summer School

July 8: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Uniform fitting at 1117 S. Main

July 21-23: Institute in Basic Life Principles: Basic, Advanced, and Anger Resolution Seminars and Children's Institute at Sagemont Church (more details available in the office)

August 8-9: Faculty In-Service Days

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

Aug. 10-13: Volleyball Tournament (away)

Aug. 18-20: Harvest Volleyball Tournament

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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. Early Dismissal.

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

Nov. 21-25: Thanksgiving Holiday

\* Note: The schedule for school start and dismissal time will be published in the next newsletter, later this month, along with other important back-to-school information.



*Faithfully attend the church of your choice.  
World Harvest Outreach meets in the chapel at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday.*

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# Mike Ritthaler Returning to HCA

For those who have a long association with the school, hearing the news that "Coach Ritt" is returning to Harvest, is indeed *headline* news. Mike Ritthaler is a magna cum laude graduate of Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, North Dakota with a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies and Business Management, and he has 15 years of experience in Christian education. He served as a teacher and coach for eight years at Harvest Christian Academy prior to being named secondary principal in 1997—a position he held for a year before moving to Wisconsin. While in Wisconsin, Mr. Ritthaler was headmaster of Cornerstone Christian School. He is returning to Harvest as a coach, teacher, and spiritual life director.

Mike and Carolyn Ritthaler are the parents of Michael (7<sup>th</sup> Grade), Nathaniel (4<sup>th</sup> Grade), and Megan (4-years-old). "Coach Ritt" will fly in to check on housing (please let the office know of any good possibility in that department), and he plans to have completed the move by the first week of August.

Coach Ritt said, "I'm looking forward to what God has for my family and me as we move back to Texas. We're excited to be returning. My wife is looking forward to the warm weather. [Editor's note: "She should be thrilled beyond belief. ☺"]"

We want to give the Ritthalers an extra warm (no pun intended) welcome. Please let the office know if you want to be on the welcoming committee. We hope to hear from some of our graduates, too!

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## MAY, 2005, MUSIC DEPARTMENT WRAP-UP

Band: Congratulations to Junior Eileen Baek and 5<sup>th</sup> Grader Lynlea Hansen for being awarded the outstanding musician trophies at the Bravo All-City Spring Concert on May 7. Also, senior musician trophies were awarded to Lawton Hansen, Anthony Craig, and Jeffrey Gardner.

Ms. Debbie Swindler, band director, would like to announce that anyone wanting to take summer music or art lessons should call 281-931-0809. Summer lessons are open to students of all ages—including adults too.

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## UNIFORM FITTING

There will be a uniform fitting at the school on **Friday, July 8 between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.** for new and returning students. There will be some new items offered. Secondary girls will be permitted to wear long uniform shorts to class. Plaid skirts will also be available. 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.

**Q** I will be out of town on July 8. Will there be another fitting date?

**A** Yes. Call the school office at 713-472-7228 to schedule an appointment.

## WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING FAMILIES!

We have been enrolling students who will be brand new to HCA this fall, and we welcome each of them along with the "old-timers." This is the first of two summer newsletters. The next newsletter will include more back-to-school information such as school hours, lunch prices, lunch menu, faculty list, etc.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

A school supply list will be available at the uniform fitting next Friday, July 8, and it will also be posted online. 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. Our prices are competitive.

### NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD IN EL SALVADOR

Soon after returning from National Finals competition at Oral Roberts University in May, three 2005 Harvest graduates traveled to El Salvador to spend their summer in ministry before the start of college classes. Anthony Craig, Elvis Hidalgo, and Lawton Hansen just e-mailed us this note:

*Dear Harvest Family:*

*For three weeks we have been teaching in the Nuevo Pacto School in San Salvador, El Salvador. We praise God that he has called us back to work in this country, and he has been gracious in providing us with many opportunities of service, including but not limited to teaching English, playing music and helping with sports activities. It is exciting to see God at work here every day.*

*We ask that you keep us in your prayers, as we work hard to serve the Lord and every person we meet here.*

Anthony, Elvis, and Lawton  
[lawtonhenry87@yahoo.com](mailto:lawtonhenry87@yahoo.com)

NOTE: The Harvest community can encourage these young missionaries by sending them an e-mail message. Remember to pray for them, too!

### NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD IN COLOMBIA

Bradley Conner and Daniel Granger, both 2004 Harvest graduates, traveled to Colombia in March of this year to be a blessing, and they are discovering that they are being blessed in return as they are experiencing God and His plan for their lives. They share the following report :

*Dear Harvest,*

*Thank you so much for all the prayer and support. God has revealed a huge plan for the world to us here. It is a more in depth, intense type of ministry, and a more effective one. We have entitled it, missions through Christian education. We are the pioneers here in this ministry and the very first of our kind. What we are doing here is changing the world. We are planting seeds into the very roots of society's next generation. Seeds of which we may never fully know the outcome. This is truly the way to change the world. There is a need in the world for more teachers, especially here in Colombia. We have firmly established an entire English department. This is one of the greatest calls that one could answer. If you truly have a desire to change the world, you must start with society and the way it thinks. Educating the children is the key. Here is your opportunity. There are only three requirements:*

- *Number one is to have a call to missions.*
- *Number two is to have an ability to communicate through teaching, and*
- *Number three is to have a love for children and their potential and the ability to commit to an entire school year.*

*We are praying daily that there are saints who will stand up and answer this call.*

*Each day presents its own set of challenges and opportunities for God to reveal himself. School starts at 6:30 a.m. and ends at 2:15 p.m. We begin our days in prayer and devotionals and teach all subjects in English throughout the day. We have been a part of the ministry in the church which has a congregation of 30,000 and two radio stations, and our personal "neighborhood ministry." Things have been rough, but we realize the opposition does not want us to be here. There are miracles happening here that could never have been accomplished in America. We would love to keep in touch with everyone so please continue to write. We love you and miss you all. God bless you!*

*Serving faithfully in Bogota,*

*Bradley and Daniel*

[BradleyAConner23@Hotmail.com](mailto:BradleyAConner23@Hotmail.com)

### 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 just received the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 see, it all adds up!) Thank you Kroger shoppers! Please note that these special "Share Cards" are available in the school office.

## MANY THANKS

- We are very grateful to Mr. Chip Freeman, father of 6<sup>th</sup> Grader **Trevor** and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grader **Joshua**, for taking care of our electrical needs. Most recently, he has been changing out a lot of fluorescent lights. Thanks also go to **Mr. Agustin Trujillo** who has been assisting Coach De La Rosa in addressing campus needs this summer. **Kendra, Lauren, and Trevor Johnson** have been a big blessing, too, in all they have been doing to help their school this summer.
- Thanks to Washington Mutual for their donation of \$42.75.
- We just received a donation of about 200 student desks that are like new. **Trevor Johnson** has been replacing our old desks with new ones.

## MAY, 2005, NATIONAL FINALS COMPETITION

Each year, the last week of May, Harvest Christian Academy takes a group of secondary students to Tulsa, Oklahoma for an intense week of ORUEF "National Finals Competition" at Oral Roberts University. This year more than 50 students and their sponsors made the trip. Following is a listing of winners in this year's events:

### 2005 National Finals Winners from HCA

<i>Event</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Place</i>
Mixed Instrumental Ensemble	Michael Arredondo, Eileen Baek, Jiseon Chang, Allen Craig, Anthony Craig, Amado Garcia, Jeffrey Gardner, Lawton Hansen, Muriel Lee, Patrick Martinez,	1 <sup>st</sup>	Oratory	Elyse Fox	1 <sup>st</sup>
Colored Pencil	John Mark Devlin	1 <sup>st</sup>	Men's High Jump	John Mark Devlin	1 <sup>st</sup>
Pottery	John Mark Devlin	1 <sup>st</sup>	Men's Triple Jump	Josh Word	1 <sup>st</sup>
Men's 300-meter Hurdles	John Mark Devlin	1 <sup>st</sup>	Men's Golf, Division II	Allen Craig, Anthony Craig, David French, Elvis Hidalgo, Brian Richie	1 <sup>st</sup>
Golf, Individual	Anthony Craig	1 <sup>st</sup>	Golf, Individual	David French, Brian Richie	2 <sup>nd</sup> /tie
Bible Memory	Anthony Arredondo	1 <sup>st</sup>	Strong Solo/Ensemble with Bow	Clark Kim	1 <sup>st</sup>
Male Contemporary Christian Solo	David Artavia	1 <sup>st</sup>	Original Monologue	Elyse Fox	1 <sup>st</sup>
Men's 3-on-3 Soccer, Division II	David French, Elvis Hidalgo, Clark Kim, Harry Kim, Sean Kim, Johnny Min	1 <sup>st</sup>	On-site Engineering Challenge	Lawton Hansen, Elvis Hidalgo, Brian Richie	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Banners	Kendra Johnson	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Men's 800-meter Relay	Eric Anciso, Travis Hansen, Johnny Min, Josh Word	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Constitution/Government Challenge	Lawton Hansen	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Men's Long Jump	Joshua Word	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Men's 110-meter Hurdles	John Mark Devlin	2 <sup>nd</sup>	String Ensemble Without Bow	David French, Ezra Williams ***	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Illustrated Storytelling	Kendra Johnson	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Men's Basketball, Division II	Eric Anciso, Anthony Arredondo, Michael Arredondo, John Mark Devlin, Kevin Flores, Travis Hansen, Elvis Hidalgo, Gerson Martinez, Terry Seo, Joshua Word	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Photography: Animals	Kendra Johnson	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Men's 1600-meter Relay	Eric Anciso, John Mark Devlin, Johnny Min, Joshua Word	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Woodwind Ensemble		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Spelling Challenge	Amber Gordon	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Women's Doubles Tennis	Nadine Fox, Angela Park	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Men's Volleyball – Division II	Eric Anciso, Michael Arredondo, John Mark Devlin, Kevin Flores, Elvis Hidalgo, Sean Kim, Joshua Saenz, Benjamin Slay	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Men's Cross Country	John Mark Devlin, Lawton Hansen, Johnny Min	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Handbell Choir	Eileen Baek, Jiseon Chang, Allen Craig, Anthony Craig, Jeffrey Gardner, Lawton Hansen, Elvis Hidalgo, Kendra Johnson, Clark Kim, Muriel Lee, Angela Park, Johnny Min	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Essay Writing	Amber Gordon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Poem Writing	David French	4 <sup>th</sup>
Short Story	David Artavia	4 <sup>th</sup>	Percussion Solo	Amado Garcia	4 <sup>th</sup>
Biological Science Projects	Shara Granger	4 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Discus	Lauren Johnson	4 <sup>th</sup>
Men's Discus	Anthony Craig	4 <sup>th</sup>	Women's 1600-meter Run	Elyse Fox	4 <sup>th</sup>
Geography Challenge	Lawton Hansen	4 <sup>th</sup>	Men's 400-meter Dash	Johnny Min	4 <sup>th</sup>
String Solo without Bow	David French	4 <sup>th</sup>	Acrylics	Angela Park	5 <sup>th</sup>
Women's 800-meter Dash	Nadine Fox	5 <sup>th</sup>	Physical Science Projects	Dylan Yamada	5 <sup>th</sup>
Calligraphy	Elyse Fox	5 <sup>th</sup>	Women's 100-meter Hurdles	Brandy MacLean	5 <sup>th</sup>
Men's 1600-meter Run	Lawton Hansen	5 <sup>th</sup>	Brass Solo	Anthony Craig	5 <sup>th</sup>
Vocal Quartet	David Artavia, Elyse Fox, Kelsey Vordenbaum, Ezra Williams	5 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Cross Country	Jiseon Chang, Elyse Fox, Shara Granger	5 <sup>th</sup>
Percussion Ensemble	Eric Anciso, Amado Garcia, Travis Hansen, Gerson Martinez	6 <sup>th</sup>	Women's 300-meter Hurdles	Brandy MacLean	6 <sup>th</sup>
Women's 100-meter Dash	Eileen Baek	6 <sup>th</sup>	Computer Graphics	David French	6 <sup>th</sup>
Pastels	David French	6 <sup>th</sup>	Women's High Jump	Shara Granger	6 <sup>th</sup>
Men's 400-meter Relay		6 <sup>th</sup>	Math Challenge	Jiseon Chang	6 <sup>th</sup>
Brass Ensemble	Allen Craig, Anthony Craig, Patrick Martinez	6 <sup>th</sup>	One-Act Play	David Artavia, Samantha De La Rosa, Kevin Flores, David French, Kendra Johnson, Kelsey Vordenbaum	6 <sup>th</sup>
Men's 800-meter Dash	Kevin Flores	6 <sup>th</sup>	Women's 1600-meter Relay	Elyse Fox	
Women's Triple Jump	Jiseon Chang	6 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Long Jump	Shara Granger	6 <sup>th</sup>
Poetry	David French	6 <sup>th</sup>	Classical Mime	Samantha De La Rosa, Lane Hendricks, Angela Park, Carly Rodriguez, Estela Tobias	6 <sup>th</sup>
Piano Solo	Eileen Baek	6 <sup>th</sup>	Band		6 <sup>th</sup>
Expressive Reading	Jonte' Webb	6 <sup>th</sup>			

We are grateful for the diligence of our students in preparing for this event. Not all of them placed in an event, but they were all winners in being a part of this great memory-making tradition. Our school placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall. We greatly appreciate parents, teachers, and sponsors who provided much needed support for the overall success of this annual competition. We are already dreaming big dreams for next year's competition.

Students who are in Grades 7-12 during the 2005-2006 school year are eligible to seek qualification for next year's National Finals competition.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2005!

Seventeen young men and women walked across the platform to receive their diplomas on Friday, May 20, 2005 in the Harvest Chapel. The chapel was full of family and friends there to celebrate this important milestone. The Honorable Jack Cagle, presiding judge of Harris County Civil Court at Law No. 1, was the commencement speaker. He brought a 6-ft. sword and used it to illustrate the sword of all swords, God's word. Lawton Hansen, Valedictorian, and John Mark Devlin, Salutatorian, each delivered speeches that reflected their love and appreciation for their families, their friends, and their Lord. Seniors Jeffrey Gardner and Ezra Williams and Junior Brian Richie sang "Blessed be Your Name." The senior video, produced by Mr. Tim Sartain, was enjoyed by all. Number one soloist from "Nationals," David Artavia and fellow senior, Kelsey Vordenbaum, sang "You are My Hiding Place." A floral tribute at the podium honored Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hansen, for their many years of selfless devotion to Harvest Christian Academy. The reception was held in the John Devlin Athletic Center where each graduate had a table of memorabilia.

<b>Aida Evangelina Alvarado</b>	Aida plans to attend college in El Salvador (she is a native of that country) and pursue a degree in international business or engineering.
<b>David Michael Artavia</b>	David plans to attend San Jacinto College and then transfer to a university and major in international business.
<b>Jiseon Chang</b>	Jiseon would like to pursue a career in international business (she is a native of South Korea).
<b>Anthony Robert Craig</b>	Anthony plans to enroll at San Jacinto College after returning from his summer mission trip to El Salvador in August.
<b>John Mark Devlin</b>	John Mark plans to go to the University of Texas and study architecture and ultimately earn a Master's Degree.
<b>Phillip Tyler Dominey</b>	Tyler plans to take his basic classes at San Jacinto College and then transfer to Rice University.
<b>Virginia Margret Fields</b>	Ginna intends to enroll at Texarkana Community College and pursue a career as a kindergarten teacher.
<b>Jeffrey Lynn Gardner</b>	Jeffrey plans to take his basic classes at San Jacinto College. He will then transfer to a university and continue his studies, majoring in computer science.
<b>Lawton Daniel Hansen</b>	Lawton has recently changed plans. Instead of going to the University of Houston on a full scholarship, he has been accepted to Oral Roberts University where he plans to study pre-med. He is currently in El Salvador on a summer mission endeavor.
<b>Crystal Michelle Hebert</b>	Crystal plans to enroll at San Jacinto College and then transfer to the University of Houston or the Art Institute of Houston.
<b>Elvis Matthew Hidalgo</b>	Elvis will study bio-medical engineering at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa this fall after completing his summer mission trip to El Salvador.
<b>Kendra Joy Johnson</b>	Kendra plans to either enroll at San Jacinto College or North Central University in Minnesota. She is planning to study theater arts.
<b>Megan Nicole LaBouve</b>	Megan plans to go to San Jacinto College, South and study for a career in radiology. There will be a lot of golf played along the way.
<b>Amanda Marie Martinez</b>	Amanda will enroll at San Jacinto and then transfer to Sam Houston University or Florida State and major in law enforcement and criminal justice while seeking a minor in business administration.
<b>Dong Hee Seo</b>	"Terry," a native of South Korea, said that he may go to medical school.
<b>Kelsey Michelle Vordenbaum</b>	Kelsey plans to enroll at San Jacinto College and then transfer to Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. She wants to major in psychology and become a family counselor.
<b>Ezra Aubrey Hulet Williams</b>	Ezra plans to enroll at San Jacinto College.

Please keep our graduates in prayer as they embark on this new era of their lives. Pray that God's hand will lead, guide, and direct them.

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## REMINDERS

Is your account current? Have you re-enrolled, if planning to return to Harvest? Have you paid for your books? As a reminder, report cards and transcripts are being held in the office if there is an account balance owed to the school.

*Note: This is the final newsletter being mailed to our 2004-2005 families who have not re-enrolled for the new school year. Further communication during the summer will only be sent to families who have enrolled for the 2005-2006 school year.*

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