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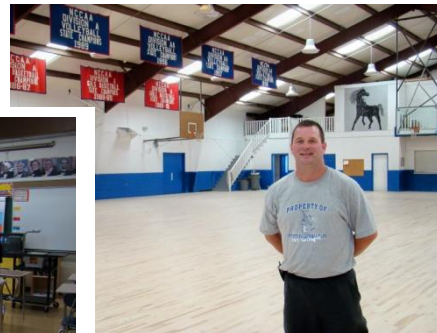
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Summer Renovations Give HCS Campus a New Look



If you visited the HCS campus over the summer of 2008, you saw a great deal of activity and many changes going on. The school experienced updating and upgrading, both inside and out. New carpeting and flooring was installed in all the rooms, with updated colors giving the interior a fresh new look. New and efficient HVAC systems and windows were put in all the classrooms. A new maple floor in the gym was given a custom look with school colors of red, white, and royal blue. Fencing was installed around the back of the campus, and a security system now controls entry into the classroom building and back of the property. The parking lot was newly paved with a more efficient layout. The school mark-

the HCS Mustang-can be seen around the campus both on exterior signs and on the new signboard in the gym. New desks and a state-of-the-art computer lab completed the renovation. The changes have received extremely positive reactions from current families, visitors, and HCS alumni. Headmaster Greg Mosely is also very pleased with the results. "Our goal was to have the quality of the campus match the quality of the education here at Hendersonville Christian School," he said. "I believe we have achieved that goal." If you would like to tour our campus and see the changes for yourself, call for an appointment at 692-0556. We'd love to show you around!

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NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ *HCS received another \$500 grant from Exxon Mobile Corporation in October.*
- ❖ *The **Growing the Miracle Dinner** will be held on Thursday, March 19th at the Hendersonville Country Club. If you have a heart for Christian education, come and join us to find out how you can help equip the next generation of Christian leaders. Call 692-0556 for more information.*
- ❖ ***Open Houses** will be held on January 28, February 24, and March 31. All interested families are invited to see classes, tour the campus and hear from Headmaster Greg Mosely about the unique learning opportunities at HCS.*

Blue Ridge Christian Conference Begins New Era in Athletics and Beyond

Along with a number of other schools in the area, Hendersonville Christian School formed the Blue Ridge Christian Conference this past spring. Founding schools besides HCS include Blue Ridge Christian Academy, Haywood Christian Academy, Marion Christian Academy, and North Asheville Christian School. Members of the conference will compete throughout the year in athletics, and plans are being made for future academic and artistic competitions.



School representatives met last March to form the Blue Ridge Christian Conference.

Alumni Spotlight: Dan Callister ('92)



Dan and Kristel Callister are horse trainers with a mission! The Callisters have been involved in the Professional Horse Industry since the mid-1990s and have used their abilities to work with troubled youths in Christian ranch settings. Their latest venture has taken them to the Agape Youth Ranch, located in the foothills of the Chiricahua Mountains in Cochise County, Arizona. The ranch is a hands-on ministry that impacts the lives of hurting teens with opportunities for life change through organized, Christian-based youth programs. Dan is the ranch's foreman, and he and Kristel provide professional horsemanship lessons and horse training to these teens. Dan and Kristel bring not only their experience, but also their hearts to help change the lives of these hurting teens. The Callisters have two sons—Kyle and Shane.

New Faces at HCS

Hendersonville Christian School welcomed several new faculty and staff members this year:

- ❖ **Vickie Brancker** teaches 6th-8th grade English and 10th-12th grade Spanish. Mrs. Brancker has taught languages—including Spanish, English, and French—for over 20 years. She also serves as the school's librarian.
- ❖ **Colby Coren** is the Kindergarten/1st Grade assistant. In addition to his duties at HCS, Mr. Coren is also working on his teaching degree at Western Carolina University.
- ❖ **Margaret Hoag**, our new fourth grade teacher, comes to us from Veritas Christian Academy. A 23-year teaching veteran, Mrs. Hoag has a master of education degree in reading.
- ❖ Having recently moved from the Sacramento, California area, **Ruth Kugler** joined the staff as the fifth grade teacher. Mrs. Kugler brings 35 years of teaching experience and a master's degree in education to HCS.
- ❖ After six years as a full-time homemaker, **Tammy McCall** has come on board as HCS' new receptionist (see Parents' Corner on page 5 for more details).
- ❖ **Ginger McBride** has joined the P.A.S.S. (Partnering for Academic Support & Success) program as the Orton-Gillingham certified learning therapist. Mrs. McBride has seven years of experience in her field.
- ❖ A graduate and member of North Greenville University's Athletic Hall of Fame, **Rachael Nicholls** serves as HCS physical education instructor and coaches the Lady Mustangs in volleyball and basketball.

Staff and Teacher Feature: Denise Walden



Denise Walden's association with HCS began long before she became its kindergarten teacher. She and her husband, Ben, first got involved with the school 17 years ago, when they enrolled their first of four children. Denise served as PTF president for five years, then answered the call to come on staff. In her 13 years on the faculty at HCS, she has acted as a teacher, the librarian, and an assistant coach. Last year, Denise became the Lower School Coordinator, which includes oversight of grades K-5.

Denise has taught kindergarten at the school for 13 years and loves the opportunity to address more than the academic needs of her students. "Our children must be able to defend what they believe with logic and truth. At HCS, teachers are able to provide students with the tools they need to be academically successful and strong in their faith."

Denise has a business degree from UNCA and an education degree from Liberty University. In addition to their children, the Waldens have been blessed with one grandchild and another one on the way. Outside of school, Denise likes to read, sew, and fish.

Staff and Teacher Feature: Susie Stephens



As administrative assistant to our Headmaster, Susie Stephens keeps the office running smoothly and efficiently. Susie earned a master's degree in accounting at Clemson University. She also met her husband, Craig, while in school. Their daughter Amanda graduated from HCS last year, and their two sons, Zachary and Garrison, are in grades 4 and 9.

Susie has been at HCS for four years. "I enjoy working where my children go to school. I am excited that they are being challenged academically, and also that they have so many opportunities to grow spiritually. The HCS faculty and staff work incredibly well together as a team. I have the opportunity to work with such talented and committed men and women who love their Lord Jesus Christ and work to serve Him. We are also so blessed when we can stop at any moment and lift a prayer request to God."

Susie, who was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, enjoys reading Christian fiction authors such as Karen Kingsbury, Francine Rivers, and Dee Henderson in her spare time.



9/11 AND VETERANS' DAY CHAPELS

HCS had the privilege once again of holding special chapels to remember 9/11 and to honor the veterans in our area. Students heard from soldiers currently serving in the armed forces, such as Corporal Ryan Hendrix ('04), as well as other veterans, chaplains, and local emergency personnel. The Veterans' Day Chapel included patriotic music, an official flag folding ceremony, and a video presentation from the upper school Speech & Drama Class (link to this video on the school's website, www.hendersonvillechristianschool.org.)

Fall Sports News

The HCS Mustangs took on new challenges this season with the formation of the Blue Ridge Christian Conference (see page 2). The first conference tournament took place on the third weekend of October. In volleyball action, the HCS women's team defeated Marion Christian in three straight games to win the tournament championship. Rachael Nicholls, first year volleyball coach at HCS, was named Conference Coach of the Year. The Lady Mustangs finished the season with an overall record of 10-8 and a conference record of 5-3.



In men's soccer, HCS defeated Haywood Christian to win the conference tournament championship. Senior Donald Hendrix was named Conference Player of the Year, and Coach Don Hendrix was named Conference Coach of the Year. The varsity team ended the year with an overall record of 12-8-1 and a conference record of 6-0. Thanks to all the players, coaches, and parents for their hard work and support!



Parents' Corner: Jim & Tammy McCall

Tammy McCall calls HCS a "blessing and an answer to prayer." The McCalls, who live in Brevard but were both raised in Hendersonville, started their second year at HCS, with their daughter Brianna in 8th grade and son Ross in kindergarten (Sam, their youngest, is in preschool). The McCalls first looked at the school three years ago when Brianna was experiencing "a very disappointing year" at the public middle school she was attending. "Not only was she struggling academically," said Tammy, "she was also being exposed to things that Jim and I did not face until high school." The McCalls were also looking for a smaller school for Ross, who has special needs. "We wanted our children to not just survive, but to thrive. At HCS, both Brianna and Ross have done just that. We are amazed at how the older kids look out for the younger ones, and what a positive, family atmosphere there is here. Not only are the kids getting an outstanding education, they are building a strong spiritual foundation."



Third Annual Mustang Classic Wrap-Up



The winning Gentle Family Dentistry Team (Jerry Bleckley, Jose Sanchez, Greg Paul with son Jeremy, and Chip McChristian) take a break from play.

The HCS Development Office kicked off its special events this year with the Mustang Classic Golf Tournament. A new venue was chosen for our third golfing event—the recently renovated course at Cummings Cove Golf and Country Club in Etowah, NC. This challenging par 71 course earned a prestigious “Best Renovation of the Year” award in 2006. Participants enjoyed not only an excellent lunch but spectacular fall weather as well. At the end of play, the Gentle Family Dentistry Team came out on top, with the Quality 1st Produce and Oak River Produce Teams following with a close second and third place. All in all, over \$8,000 was raised. Thanks to all the participants and sponsors who made this event a success!

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***Growing the Miracle Dinner
at the Hendersonville Country Club
On Thursday, March 19th.***

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