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"Equipping the Next Generation of Christian Leaders"

HCS Performs "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers"



Hendersonville Christian School presented the hit Broadway musical, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," on April 30 - May 2. The production starred Andrew Patterson as Adam Pontipee and Kristina Baker as Milly. The story of "Seven Brides" takes place in the newly settled Oregon territory of the 1850s. Adam Pontipee comes into a small town after the winter to get some corn, farming equipment, and a wife! He finds a young and pretty girl, Milly, who falls in love with him immediately and is soon on her way to the Pontipee farm in the mountains. There she finds that Adam has six younger brothers

who lack any sort of manners. Milly begins to civilize her new in-laws, and on a trip to the annual town festival, the boys become enamored with six pretty girls. The lovesick Pontipees return to the farm so lonely that Adam arranges to kidnap the girls, so that each brother will have a bride. The play ends with happy couples all around, including Adam and Milly. Special thanks goes to directors Chris Currie, Lauri Moore, and Debbie Conway, and all the adults and students whose dedication helped make the HCS musical a success once again! HCS is a member of the National Thesbian Society.

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Education at the GTM Dinner



The fourth annual Growing the Miracle Dinner took place at the Hendersonville Country Club on Thursday, March 19th. Great food and fellowship was the order of the evening. Dr. Stephen Reel, Superintendent of Southside Christian School in Greenville, South Carolina, was the featured speaker. Dr. Reel brought a powerful message on the benefits of Christian education. Thanks to all who participated in this very special evening! Thanks also to our financial supporters for the past year. Whether participating in the Golf Tournament, Growing the Miracle, or simply donating during the year, the generosity of these sponsors makes it possible for HCS to continue its ministry to students and their families.

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Pictured above: Greg Paul, Lee King, Don Hendrix, Jeanne Story, Bert Lemkes, & Chip McChristian

One group of people working behind the scenes at the school is the HCS Board of Directors. Among other responsibilities, this dedicated group ensures that the school's vision is maintained. Our current board is made up of people from diverse backgrounds but all dedicated to serving the Lord through the ministry of HCS. The 2008-2009 board members were Betty Edwards, Don Hendrix, Lee King, Bert Lemkes, Chip McChristian, Greg Paul, Steve Short, Jeanne Story, and Chip Vining. Thank you for your hard work and faithfulness!

Student Spotlight



Hendersonville Christian School hosted the ACSI District Spelling Bee on Thursday, March 5th. Several schools from the district participated. Finalists from HCS were **Douglas Kuykendall**, who won first place in the second grade division, and **Christian Maxey**, who took second place in the fourth grade division. Christian also took first place for his grade last year.



Senior **Christian Aiken** was awarded a special honor on February 26th for being the third highest scorer in HCS basketball history. The 6'3" center was given an autographed basketball for scoring over 1,000 points during his high school career. Christian was also Salutatorian of the 2009 graduating class.



Fifth graders **Jacob Johnson**, **Robert Prado**, and **Chase Turnipseed**—posing here with Principal Lynn Leckron and fifth grade teacher Ruth Kugler—are taking part in the Duke TIP program for 2009. The Duke University Talent Identification Program was founded in 1980 and is dedicated to the cultivation and education of talented youth. To participate, students must be in fourth or fifth grade and must have scored at the 95th percentile or above on a standardized test. The participants are enrolled online and may choose from a writing course, book club, and/or math and science lessons.

Winter/Spring Sports News



In tournament play, the Varsity Men's Basketball Team defeated Marion Christian to win the Blue Ridge Christian Conference championship. Seniors Christian Aiken and Ben Morrison were selected to the All-Conference Team, and Christian Aiken was also chosen as Conference Player of the Year.



In hard-fought play, the Lady Mustangs lost to conference champion North Asheville Christian and placed fourth in the BRCC tournament. Senior Judith Lemkes and Freshman Candace Livesay were chosen to the All-Conference Team.



The Lady Mustangs took on a new challenge this spring with the formation of a girl's soccer team. Coach Heidi Hendrix, wife of men's soccer coach Don Hendrix, saw her team improve dramatically over the course of the season, with the girls winning the last three games of the year.



HCS restarted its Men's Varsity Baseball Team this spring after a 12-year break, with Dave Burlett as coach. Games were held at the Berkley Mills field through the middle of May. In addition to a good team performance, Christian Aiken's pitching ability attracted the attention of college scouts from the area.

HCS Presents the Graduating Class of 2009

Ten HCS seniors participated in graduation exercises on Friday, May 29th at Covenant Presbyterian Church. A number of graduates have been offered scholarships, including Valedictorian Judith Lemkes, who was offered the Valedictorian Award Scholarship from Western Carolina University (but will be attending NC State), Salutatorian Christian Aiken, who was offered an academic scholarship at North Greenville University, and Ben Morrison, who was awarded the Dean's Scholarship (as well as other academic scholarships) at North Greenville University. All three graduates were North Carolina Scholars. Congratulations, Seniors on a job well done!



The class of 2009, from left to right: Ashley Paul, Leslie Batchelder, Judith Lemkes, Ben Morrison, David Burns, Andrew Patterson, Donald Hendrix, Mark Polakovic, Amelia Hill, and Shelby Rhodes.

Lower School News

Lower school students raised over \$1,200 for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital fund this spring. The top fundraisers for this project were (from left to right) Janvi Patel – 3rd grade, Brantley Morgan -- 2nd grade, Andrew Edwards – 3rd grade, Sonali Patel – 2nd grade, and Hunter Rogers – 4th grade. HCS second grade teacher, Mrs. Cooper, was the coordinator. "I am very proud of the effort made by these kids to help others," she said.



Mrs. Cooper was also the coordinator for the inter-grade recycling art project in the lower school. Students from grades K – 5 formed three teams and used recycled materials to create various designs. Their efforts resulted in a medieval castle, a fire truck, and a rocket. This project was not only a great way to see how materials could be reused, but also an opportunity for older kids to work with and assist the younger ones. These items will be displayed this fall at the Western North Carolina Regional Fair.

Staff and Teacher Feature: Lynn Leckron



Teaching upper school English, History, and Government/Economics is just the beginning of Principal Lynn Leckron's busy schedule. In addition to her duties at HCS, the 35-year teaching veteran is working on her doctoral dissertation this summer and should earn her Doctor of Education degree in 2010. Lynn has taught almost every grade from K through 12 in several different states. She has also conducted workshops at Association of Christian Schools International conventions for 25 out of the last 35 years. What has she enjoyed about being at HCS for the past six years? "Working with the students and watching them as they grow both academically and spiritually. I also love working with a great team of faculty members who love the Lord and strive to please God in everything they do."

Lynn is married to Tim, a respiratory therapist at Pardee Hospital. They have three children: Jennifer, Lindsay, and Kenneth, as well as a grandson, Mahon. In her spare time, Lynn has many different interests, including camping, hiking, cooking, gardening, and being with her grandson. Her favorite verse is Jeremiah 33:3 - "Call unto me and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things which you know not about."

Staff and Teacher Feature: Christitne Dotson



Christine Dotson makes learning come alive for her sixth, seventh, and eighth grade classes. The medieval feast that she holds annually for the sixth graders (see below) is just one example. Christine teaches math, literature, and Bible. Her favorite verse, Philippians 4:13 states that "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me," a very timely verse for someone working with middle school students! Christine is one of those educators blessed with the patience and ability to teach young people during this transitional time in their lives. She enjoys watching her students grow and mature over the three-year period that she has them in her classes.

Christine received her Bachelor of Science degree in Intermediate Education from Western Carolina University. She came to HCS ten years ago and enjoys being here because it gives her the opportunity to teach and minister at the same time. "I believe it is my calling to impact youth in such a way that they want to serve God both while they are here and when they graduate." Both daughters, Katie and Lauren, were HCS Valedictorians and now attend North Greenville and Gardner-Webb Universities, respectively. During non-school hours, Christine and husband Rothey raise Shetland sheep on their farm.

Sixth Graders Celebrate the Middle Ages



Sixth grade students brought their history lessons to life in May with a Medieval Feast. Each student came dressed as a different character from the Middle Ages. Knights, monks, and fair ladies all made an appearance and feasted on Medieval foods—such as beef stew, "fruit of the vine" (sparkling grape juice), and bread bowls. Utensils were not allowed at this banquet. One student, Justin Merker, even built a full size catapult for the event! What was the best part of the experience? "Building the miniature castle," said one student. "The costumes and food were awesome!" said another. Thanks, Mrs. Dotson!

Announcements

International Cultural Exchange Services

ICES is seeking families interested in hosting a foreign exchange student, ages 15-18 from European, South American, and Asian countries for the 2009-2010 school year. Students have their own spending money and insurance and a local Area Representative provides supervision and support. If you are interested in becoming a host family...
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Alumni News

Congratulations to Noah and Helen Joy Paul George on the birth of their son, Barclay Thomas, who was born on February 4th.

Congratulations to Ryan Hendrix ('04) and Erin Cole, who were married on January 31st at First Baptist Church in Hendersonville, NC.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Kristy Dotson Balka ('88), who went to be home with the Lord on April 14th.

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Thursday, August 27



Join us for a night of fun and fellowship, and learn how you can help Christian education thrive in Henderson County!