

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call his name Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us." And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took *Mary* as his wife, but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25

The MISSION STATEMENT of HERITAGE SCHOOL

Heritage School provides a distinctive classical Christ-centered education that prepares students for servant leadership and lives that glorify God.

Chapel: David Watterson – Speaking on his recent mission experience

(Dad to David – 6th grade and Taylor 4th grade)



HEADlines

by Steve Marshall

What a great week! Our Heritage Football team not just wins state but 45's the other team to end the game. I can truly say that Heritage is the best 6-man 1A football team this year. What a remarkable achievement-5 state championships! The police escort out of time was also incredible-to see everyone stop what they were doing and watch the Heritage go off to the state Finals. A great day for Heritage!

Madrigals start this week. A great deal of time and effort has gone into making this happen and Tuesday, our Great Hall was almost instantaneously transformed into a 14 century medieval banqueting hall. Many hands have spent long hours to bring us to this point and to each we offer up a hearty 'thanks'. But let us not forget our students who continue to practice (some at 5am) their team sports, perform academically in the classroom and maintain a positive, if not tired, attitude. Our kids are working hard and we need to pat them on the back and cheer them on! Well done guys. This year, will see us hosting the Mayor of Fredericksburg and his wife at one of the Madrigals dinners. How cool is that?

Looking ahead Flap Jacks and Finals have become an annual tradition as the Rhetoric school anticipates their Final exams. Each morning of the last three days of school, several members of Faculty and Administration will 'serve' the students flap jacks and breakfast burritos in an attempt to start their Finals off well. It is a small gesture, a small attempt to say, "Hey guys, we know that you are working hard and that we are with you!"

Thursday, December 15th we will hold our Christmas program at the First Baptist Church. This is a precious tradition to help usher in the Christmas season. Featuring the Grammar school, this is a time of fellowship for all and we would strongly encourage EVERYONE to attend.

Later that evening, the Faculty and Staff will be treated to their annual Christmas Party. It is Heritage's way of saying thanks for all you do. The Cook's have graciously opened up their house for the party. As always, there will be plenty of food and fun and I have even heard that Mr. Marshall has a surprise up his sleeve! After the gift exchange, we will all then head over to Rockbox to enjoy their Christmas Show (courtesy of a very kind gift from the Hearn's).

We will ALL need the Break just to recover. This is an exciting time at heritage.

LOST AND FOUND-I have over 20 sweat shirts and hoodies in Lost and Found, several sweaters. An assortment of expensive looking coats and quite a collection of what I would consider essential school items! If they are not claimed by Thursday, December 20th I will either put them in Clothes Closet or take them down to Goodwill. If you are missing something have them check Lost and Found. Only \$1 an item!!

Eisbahn Social Tuesday, Dec. 13th 6 – 8p
ONLY for Heritage 9 – 12 grade students
SKATE FOR \$5

DID YOU KNOW?...

- ❁ Eisbahn gift certificates make great stocking stuffers.
- ❁ 10 Eisbahn passes can be purchased for only \$80.
- ❁ Eisbahn can be rented for a Christmas or birthday party.
- ❁ Eisbahn has a great concession stand with hot chocolate, candy and even pizza!
- ❁ Eisbahn hockey-style jerseys look cool on everyone (not just Dr. Rickerhauser).
- ❁ Every week, over 100 volunteer-hours are logged by **HERITAGE FAMILIES** working at the rink- **THANK YOU!**

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Christmas Cards at Eisbahn

Wondering if there is anyone interested in selling Heritages Christmas Card Collection at Eisbahn. We would like to set up a table where the mom's, dads and kids could help sell cards while their kids skate. We all should be very proud of these cards; we just need to get out there and sell them. We still have quite a few cards to sell. So please continue to support our fundraiser and help make our Kiln Hut possible. What a great way to spread the word to the community that Heritage is grooming talented artist that glorify God. Twenty five dollars for a box of 25 Christmas Cards –is priceless. Please contact Stacy Evans if you are interested (830)998-5805

ECONOMIC\$

History, Govt teachers, especially, please note.

We now have new "stuff" in the library...from SUMMIT MINISTRIES:

- Lecture (CD): "Dangerous Samaritans" by Michael Bauman
- "A Borrowed Prosperity and Its Uncertain Future" (DVD) by Toby Neugebauer
- Economics Fact Sheet (I copied this handout and put a copy in your boxes. Bill Voron is already interested in using it in his 11th grade U.S. History class.)
- *Money, Greed, and God: Why Capitalism is the Solution and Not the Problem* (Book) by Jay W. Richards
- *Life After Enron: Not Business As Usual—Rise of the New Ethics Class* (Book) by Stephen G. Austin

COLLEGE GUIDE:

Summit also sent us FREE a guide for choosing a college:

The Totally Usable Summit Ministries Guide to Choosing a College (Book)

by Dr. Rolnald Nash and J. F. Baldwin

"Featuring biblical wisdom, practical advice, and sound information"

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- **Eisbahn opened**-on Friday, November 25th, Eisbahn, Heritage's largest fundraising event, opened for its six week's run. On Friday, Eisbahn saw more than 450 skaters! You need to be a part of this exciting annual event. You should be contacted soon to remind you of the date and time of your Ice Blocks (you signed up for this at Back to School Night) and what to do should you be unable to fulfill your promise.
- **Casual Dress Friday**-Friday, December 16th. Give money to first period teachers.
- **School Christmas Program**-Thursday, Dec. 15th. To be held at the First Baptist Church at 6:30pm-8:00pm.
- **Merry Fitness and a Happy New You**-Mrs. Morrow will be running a Christmas themed obstacle course in a winter wonderland on Friday, December 16th. This event is open to all Grammar School students (K-5). The kids have so much fun and do not realize that they are actually working their bodies! This will also be the Casual Dress Friday!
- **Flap Jacks and Finals**-in attempt to help our Rhetoric students make it through Finals, they will be greeted with a hearty breakfast snack before they begin. Finals run from Monday, December 19th through Wednesday, December 21st.
- **Early Release**-school will be let out early on Wednesday, December 21st as we break for the Christmas Holidays!
- **Students return**-student return to school on Thursday, January 5th.

Grammar School Village



Kindergarten: Kindergarten is working on illustrating their own nativity books.

First: First Grade will be going to see a play of Eric Carle stories in San Antonio on Tuesday. We will also learn to sew a button on our t-shirts.

Second: Looking at the Birth of Jesus and doing a Christmas mosaic.

Third: We are memorizing Luke 2:1-20 to be recited at our Heritage Christmas program. We are beginning a new sentence pattern in Grammar that will teach us about direct objects.

Fourth: learning to recognize and use transition words in paragraphs

Fifth: 5th graders will be writing Christmas letters to their "care-call" senior citizens.



STUDENT COUNCIL is once again sponsoring the **COATS 4 KIDS Drive**. Please join us in this effort to provide warmth and comfort to children in our community. Please donate your clean “gently used” or new coats and jackets in all sizes. Coats for all ages are being collected from the community to be distributed by the Needs Council for those who need them. There is a distribution box in the Great Hall.

SCRIP

HEB gas savings extended through Dec 31st. Continue to save 11 cents a gallon through Dec 31 when you purchase your gas at HEB with a gift card. Also, Scripnow! is being offered by 35 companies now! Purchase your scripnow cards, download them and print them for immediate use! Retailers include JCPennys, TGI Fridays, and Starbucks. Do you have family or friends in another town that you’d like to send a little something? You can purchase Scripnow and email the certificate directly to them. They can print it out and use it immediately! Great for college kids! Send a little “I’m thinking of you” to their inbox in the form of Starbucks gift card!

Questions about how to get started? Contact Erika Benfield at 998-5102 or Wendy Hearn at 456-7145.

HERITAGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

SPIRIT SHOP IS OPEN THIS FRIDAY FROM 3-4 pm in Herzog Hall...2011 SIX MAN DIV II STATE CHAMPION SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR \$20!!!

Basketball Season is underway...so stock up on your Heritage Spirit Apparel! Show that Eagle Pride with Adult and Youth Spirit Shirts, Eagle Mom and Lady Eagle shirts, Hats, Visors, HUPOMONE Bumper Stickers and tumblers, megaphones, and 7th Man Shirts!

IN ADDITION...ALL IN STOCK SWEATSHIRTS WILL BE 20% OFF THIS FRIDAY! SIZES AND QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED SO SHOP EARLY!

Have you seen the Heritage Eagle track suits??? Coach Morrow and the Cheerleaders have been sporting them lately...if you would like to order one, let Jennifer Bledsoe know. They are special order...lined and embroidered with the Heritage Eagle logo on the jacket and pant pocket!!

General Membership meeting is planned for Wednesday, January 11th at 5.30 pm in the Grammar School Workroom. Membership forms are available. Email heritage.eaglebooster@ymail.com and request one.

COLLEGE CORNER:

SAT

2011-12 Test Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines	
		Regular	Late (a fee applies)

January 28, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	December 30, 2011	January 13, 2012
March 10, 2012	SAT only	February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012
May 5, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 2, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012

ACT

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
February 11, 2012*	January 13, 2012	January 14 – 20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10 – 23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5 – 18, 2012



December is a busy month for HSPA...

HERITAGE SCHOOL
Parent Association

Make plans to attend the Christmas Music Program on Thursday, Dec. 15th. There will be a cookie reception immediately following the program. All families will be asked to provide a minimum of two dozen cookies. Room Moms and Grade Level Moms (Logic and Rhetoric) will be contacting the parents via email to let you know when and where to drop off your cookies. Thank you to Jimmy and April Klepac for donating the Poinsettias for our table decorations!

Merry Fitness and a Happy New You is Friday, Dec. 16th. Coach Tonya Morrow is coordinating the event this year. Help from parents is appreciated! HSPA will again supply the hot cocoa and cookies for the participating students that morning. If you wish to help Coach Morrow, contact her ASAP.

For this year's Faculty/Administration Christmas Party, HSPA will be providing the paper goods and punch. In addition, the Poinsettias donated by the Klepacs will also be used for the party.

On December 21st, HSPA will host the very first Christmas Breakfast for K-5 in the Grammar School Village. While a tradition for many years, this year will be the first for the Village campus...for those who remember, last Christmas we were still at E-Free. Room Moms will be receiving email information soon that should be distributed to ALL Grammar school parents.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12th at 6 pm in the Grammar School Workroom. All parents are welcome to attend. If you are interested in getting involved with HSPA, please call me 830.377.8845 or attend the meeting.

Many Blessings, Jennifer Bledsoe, 2011-12 Chair

ATHLECTICS

FOOTBALL-STATE CHAMPIONS-AGAIN!!!

FROM COACH SHIPMAN...

Tapps six man division II

Fredericksburg Heritage Eagles 68 Vs Granbury Happy Hill Pioneers 18

Game ended in the 4th Quarter due to the mercy rule

Fredericksburg Heritage is the 2011 State Champions

On the game vs Granbury Happy Hill

We knew going in that Happy Hill had a lot of speed. They showed that early in getting on the board in the first few minutes of the game. I love the way our guys have responded to early adversity all year. The boys didn't look shocked or worried at all. They were business like and came right back to score as well. It did take a couple of series to adjust to their speed. Each week this team has improved. They worked hard all the way through. They never took anything for granted, they never felt entitled to anything. I believe the dominant playoff run in which we were able to end every game early was due to those factors. A state championship particularly in this fashion is not won in a season. It has taken this team years of work to get to this level of performance. Saturday night the fundamentals on both sides of the

ball and on special teams was complete. These guys developed into a complete team. On offense they executed well and took advantage of what the defense was giving us. On defense they played sound technique which was a must against this very fast team. I was pleased with the way Dixon Patillo (our QB) managed the clock and tempo. PATs have been critical during this time of year and during the playoffs we were nearly perfect missing only 3. **Season stats forthcoming soon.**

We have a lot of respect for Granbury, they have a great program and coach Tecero (happy hill head coach) has done a great job with his team this year.

On winning the state championship

As a coaching staff we could not be happier for this team and the seniors. This has been a long term goal and to see this team reach that goal is so rewarding. These guys have learned a great lesson about life. Set your goals high and then persevere and keep working towards that goal. There will be hard times and good times along the way. If you stay focused and persevere eventually you will reach your goal. We talk a lot about football being icing and life being the cake. These guys know that there will be challenges in their life much harder than this game of football. They will handle those challenges just fine. This has been a tremendous story in learning to persevere and work as a team. The most joy comes not from winning the State Championship but from seeing these young men grow in their character and life lessons. The hardest part is that this football journey is over. We make a good team, we work well together and that hasn't happened over night. Over years we have bonded, built relationships and learned to finish each others sentences. It is the relationships and the time you get to spend together climbing the mountain that we will miss the most. Nonetheless, we have built relationships and memories that will last forever. I really cant put into words how special this team is. How special their accomplishment is. They not only won the State Championship in dominating fashion but they did the right way. This journey has taught us all so many lessons about life and we will learn from it for the rest of our lives. These guys have continued to glorify Jesus Christ in the midst of their success. That makes it so much more satisfying. **We are thankful that we have the opportunity to represent the Hill Country communities. These fine young men have represented everything we stand for in the Hill Country. Thank you Hill Country for supporting this football team and Heritage School in this State Championship run.**

On the 5th State Championship in the past 10 years.

I will say it never gets old. Two reasons it never gets old is because it is a different group of young men that you get to coach and we certainly do not take it for granted. There are many great coaches in this state and some never have the athletes to get them to that pinnacle of Texas high school football. We have been very blessed. There are always new and different challenges along the way. The 5th championship is as fun as the 1st. It is a joy to watch the boys celebrate. There is nothing more rewarding than to see them succeed on and off the field. I am thankful for the coaching staff, for the administration, teachers, parents and fans for all of the support they give us.

To have the chance to be a part of 5 State Championship is more than I could ask for. I must give credit where credit is due and that is to the whole of the athletic program at Heritage School. It is about a program not just one team, thus we have been able to be successful on many fronts year after year. It is exciting to see what the Lord is going to do through Heritage athletics in the coming seasons and years.

On coaching the south All-Star team

It is an honor to be asked to help coach the Tapps six-man division I and II South All stars. The practices are held in San Antonio. The game will be played Saturday Dec 10th at 6pm at Temple Holy Trinity field in Temple, Texas.

The south team is comprised of seniors that were selected from El Paso to Temple to Austin to Houston and south. The north team is comprised of Seniors from the panhandle to Abilene to Waco and Dallas North.

To be selected among your peers is a great honor. I look forward to representing Heritage school, Fredericksburg, Texas and the all star seniors from the south. It is a great opportunity to build new relationships and mentor young men.

EAGLE BASKETBALL

The complete Varsity and JH Basketball schedules can be found on line at www.heritage-school.net
Please check out the schedules at your convenience.

From Coach McBee...

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

2011-2012 Roster

3-Sydney Richburg (Fresh) 5-Claire Pedregon (Soph) 10-Christina Harpold (Fresh) 11-Kat Prehn (Jr) 12-Abby Sauer (Fresh) 13-Allie Metzger (Soph) 15-Savannah Morrow (Fresh) 20-Victoria Hughes (Jr) 21-Kami Jones (Soph) 22-Keidel Hughes (Jr) 24-Hannah Mills (Soph) 30-Molly Marshall (Soph)

ALL OUT, ALL GAME, ALL SEASON...100%, BY CHOICE!

-Jennifer McBee, Heritage Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach



Christmas is here again!

To promote the festive Christmas atmosphere, we are once again assembling our Christmas tree in the great hall. The Student Council would love if each family could donate an ornament to decorate the tree. Please send them with your student this week. Thank you!

EISBAHN SOCIAL

Who: 6th – 12th grades

When: December 13th (6 – 9)

Where: Eisbahn at Marketplatz

How Much: \$5 (includes skating) ** \$2 raffle tickets and concessions for sale as well

Join us for a festive night of skating, Christmas movies, and merriment at Eisbahn!

ART FROM THE HEART

Thank you to all who came and showed their support at First Fridays Art walk at In Sight Gallery. The Christmas Card Collection was on display and made the front page of Community section in last week's paper. Hats off to those twenty five chosen Artists.

We still have quite a few cards to sell. So please continue to support our fundraiser and help make our Kiln Hut possible. What a great way to spread the word to the community that Heritage is grooming talented artist that glorify God. Twenty five dollars for a box of 25 Christmas Cards –is priceless

A special thank you to all the businesses that have these cards on sale. Sweet Marley's Der Kuchen Laden Andy's Steak and Seafood Grille Home At Last Scarlett. Haberdashery Artisans at Rocky Hill Gallery Fred's Tool Shed and the Upper school lobby. Please do not forget to buy some cards when you go shopping.