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52ND ANNIVERSARY  
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# NEWSLETTER

*A Lower School Newsletter from Harrells Christian Academy*

SEPTEMBER | 2021

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION THROUGH CHRISTIAN MOTIVATION.

## Welcome to the 52nd Year at HCA!



Welcome back to Harrells Christian Academy for our 52nd year of private, Christian education. We are so grateful that you have trusted us with your children. First and foremost, school should always be a place where your child feels safe and loved. Learning cannot happen without this security.

This year, we are not only concerned with providing a safe and nurturing environment, but we are also trying to keep students and staff HEALTHY. As faculty and as parents, we hear new information surrounding Covid each day. With this in mind, our Administration remains committed to working with the local health department and following CDC guidelines to make decisions to keep people safe, all while trying to align those decisions with our values. Thank you for your continued support as we navigate through such an uncertain time.

Although we have faced new challenges over the past two years, faith and family have sustained us. This year, we continue our commitment to preserving our

traditions, such as chapel services, See You at the Pole, athletic events, clubs and service projects, C-Mester, Friday night football (and new bleachers!), honoring our Seniors, a brand new Fall Bazaar on November 4, the Lower School Christmas Program, and MANY more! THESE are the things that define us and make us CRUSADERS! Again, welcome back, and we can't wait to create memories of our 52nd year with you!

*Elizabeth Griffin*





Students at Harrells Christian Academy are encountering some new faces in their classrooms and around campus this year as ten new teachers and staff members have joined the Crusader Lower School faculty!!

"We are excited to welcome such a talented group of educators to our school family," Head of School Andy Wells said. "These individuals bring a wealth of experience from area public schools, other private schools, and the business world. Their passion, their energy, and their immense talents are truly a blessing to our students and to our community."

In the Lower School, Carrie Osborne teaches Kindergarten. She is a 2017 graduate of Fayetteville State University and comes to HCA from Union Intermediate School in Sampson County. Rachel Iannuzelli teaches first grade. She is a 2016 graduate of East Carolina University and joins HCA from Edward Best Elementary in Louisburg, North Carolina. Teaching second grade, Rhonda Long recently retired from Sampson County Schools' Union Elementary. Rhonda brings over 20 years of experience to the early grades. Third grade welcomes the new faces of Patricia Sessoms and Rebecca Retherford. Patricia is a graduate of UNCG and brings 29 years of teaching excellence to the students at HCA. Rebecca's love for the early years makes her a perfect fit for HCA. She is a graduate of UNCW and comes to HCA from Wallace Elementary School. The Lower School is complete this year with the addition of Jessica James from Ivanhoe, NC. She comes to us from Roseboro-Salemburg Elementary. Jessica is a 2019 graduate of East Carolina University. She teaches 4th and 5th grade science and reading. In addition, Faith Dearman teaches Lower School music. Faith is a recent graduate of UMO with a BS degree in Music Education. Abigail Campos of Rose Hill, Jennifer Woolverton of Warsaw and Johnathan Miller of Teachey serve as support staff.

**"The new year is always an exciting time but this year we are especially excited to welcome new faculty, new staff, and new families!"**

**- Beth Griffin,  
Assistant Head of  
School**

## For Your Fridge

### SEPTEMBER

- 8th** Charleston Wrapping Paper Sale ends
- 13th-24th** Lower School Parent Conference
- 14th** PTO meeting  
8:15 AM Cafeteria
- 22nd** See You at the Pole
- 27th** Senior and Fall Make Up Pictures  
Foundation Center

### OCTOBER

- 5th** PTO meeting  
8:15 AM Cafeteria
- 12th** End of 1st 9 weeks
- 11th-15th** Spirit Week
- 15th** Homecoming
- 22nd** Lower School sings National Anthem  
6:45 PM  
Murphy-Johnson Field



*Join us for good old-fashioned*  
**FAMILY FUN @**  
**HCA'S**  
**Bazaar**  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH  
3:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
**GAMES • FOOD • AUCTION • MUSIC**