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"Accreditation is one of the most definitive steps we take to ensure HCA exceeds quality standards."

- Andy Wells
Head of School

53rd ANNIVERSARY
1970-2023



NEWSLETTER

A Lower School Newsletter
from Harrells Christian Academy

October | 2022

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION THROUGH CHRISTIAN MOTIVATION

Crusaders Welcome



SAIS

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In November, HCA will receive a visit from the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) accreditation team. Harrells Christian Academy has been a SACS/SAIS accredited school since 1975. Accreditation is a voluntary process of self-evaluation and continuous improvement that occurs in a 5-year cycle and delineates standards, and indicators; involves a self-study, and includes a peer review by educators from other schools. SAIS accreditation is designed specifically for independent schools. The process respects and recognizes each school's story, culture, history, and goals, while still fulfilling stringent and focused compliance requirements.

It is a process that asks all the "who, what, when, where, and why" questions about our school, and requires us to examine our school deeply to make sure we are doing what is best for our students.

We value this upcoming accreditation process because it ensures we are on the right pathway as a recognized, successful school and helps us continuously improve by requiring us to set goals as to where we want to be at the end of the next 5-year cycle. As prospective families visit, we are proud that we are accredited by a reputable institution like SAIS. You may see visitors in our halls on Monday, November 7, and Tuesday, November 8.

The teams will meet with various stakeholder groups, and visit all of our classrooms to observe teaching and learning. If they see you, they may even ask you about the mission of Harrell Christian Academy.

Our mission statement has stood the test of time and remains our focus: **With faith, family, and a focus on the future, Harrells Christian Academy strives to build Christian character, develop minds, and achieve academic success.** Thank you for all you do to help us work towards this mission!

-Elizabeth Griffin
Assistant Head of School



Charleston Wrap WINNERS

That's a wrap! On behalf of the students, faculty, & staff of HCA we THANK YOU for supporting our annual Charleston Wrap fundraiser! We also thank our students and their families for all of their hard work helping us sell **\$81,125**. HCA will receive approximately 40% of the total sales. Look what teamwork can do! If you missed our sale, you can still place an online order until December 2, 2022 and HCA will receive credit for your purchase!



Kinsley McAulay, 2nd Grade
1st Place, Highest Sales



Mrs. King & Mrs. Tart, Kindergarten
Highest Room Sales



Join us for HCA Bazaar sponsored by PTO on Thursday, November 3rd from 3:00 pm - 7:30 pm. We are excited about this HCA tradition that will include:

- **Carnival** 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Outside Foundation Center (Johnson Gym if weather doesn't permit): games with prizes, bouncy houses, cake walk, popcorn, cotton candy and more! Armbands will be sold in advance and at the door.
- **Live Auction** 5:30 pm Foundation Center: Don't miss out on the Live Auction because there are some exciting changes and some great items! Be on the lookout for more information prior to the event.
- **Student Entertainment** 5:50 pm Foundation Center: Immediately following Live Auction
- **Class Auction & General Auction Items** 3:00 pm - 7:30 pm Foundation Center: Come view class made items and more. Online Bidding on OneCause will be shared with everyone. If you have items to bring, please have your items at school by Thursday, October 27th. PTO will be at school to collect items on this date or you can drop them off at the front office.
- **Bake Shop** 3:00 pm - 7:30 pm Foundation Center: There will be delicious cakes, cookies, frozen casseroles, and more. Get your holiday side dishes and desserts!
- **Santa's Secret Gift Shop** 3:00 pm - 7:30 pm Foundation Center: Let your child shop for a personal crafted item to give to a special family member for Christmas. You might be surprised and find the perfect gift for your friend or family member also.
- **Dinner** 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm Outside Foundation Center: Four food trucks will be on campus including Ezzell's Somethin' Good, Southern Smoke BBQ, T & T Grill on Wheels, and Taqueria Mi Lupita.

For Your Fridge OCTOBER

4	Tuesday	PTO Meeting	8:15 AM	Cafeteria
7	Friday	Belgian Mums - Pick-Up	1-4:00PM	Tennis Courts
10-14	Mon-Fri	Spirit Week		
13	Thursday	LS Terrific Kids/Jammin' For Jesus	9:45AM	Newkirk Auditorium
14	Friday	Homecoming LS sings "The Star-Spangled Banner" (U.S. National Anthem)	6:40PM	Murphy-Johnson Field
17	Monday	Fair Day - No School		

Event Co-Chairs: CharlesAnna Williams 910-990-2813 & Elizabeth Rogers 910-599-0603. There are so many ways to get involved. Please contact us with any questions or to help!