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Joshua 1:9



A Note from Jodie

Wow! It's September already. We have had a great start to the school year. We've had a few tears with the kids and a few more for the mama's leaving their babies, after a summer full of fun. The kids and teachers have been champs and I know it's going to be a great year!

Our theme this year is "Be Strong and Courageous" Our Bible verse is from Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Our focus here at HDS is to teach the kids about Jesus. We want them to know they are loved and never alone.

We are so excited about the school year and all the possibilities it holds. Please feel free to reach out to the office if you have any questions or concern.





HEALTH and COVID POLICY

HEALTH POLICY - Children who show signs of any illness cannot be accepted at school. Children should be free of the following symptoms for **24 hours** before they return to school. This is an **actual 24 hours**, not just 2 days. Other symptoms will be determined on case-by-case basis.

1. Fever – **Must be fever free for 24 hours without the assistance of medicine**
2. Vomiting, Upset stomach, Diarrhea
3. Unknown Rashes, blisters, or other skin conditions.
4. Cough that produces a lot of mucus. Runny nose both clear drainage and a Consistent thick green/yellow runny nose Consistent dry cough.
5. Pink eyes with discharge
6. All open wounds must be covered completely before entering the classroom.
7. Fatigue and/or Body Aches, headache, sore throat.

Common Cold Policy

Children suffering from a common cold will be assessed on an individual basis. Factors of consideration include the developmental level of your child in congruence with our ability to limit the spread of germs.

The younger your child, the more difficult it is to keep the spread of germs down. For example: hand to face contact, mouthing of toys, uncontrolled nasal discharge, uncovered sneezing and coughing etc.

Please remember that your child may not show any of the above symptoms but not feel well. If your child is just not acting like themselves, not eating, crying a lot, etc. not taking part in normal activities, it may be the early signs that something is going on.

If you know your child is sick, **DO NOT** send them to school. Please be respectful of other families and our staff before sending a child to school who is showing **any** signs of illness.

If your child test positive for Covid they must stay out of school 5 days from the date of the test. They can return on the 6th day after the test. This is in accordance with DHEC guidelines.

If your child shows any of the above behaviors or symptoms you will be called and asked to pick up your child. If you are called you MUST pick your child up in a timely manner (30 minutes or less). If you are called to pick up your child due to any illness your child may not return for 24 hours.



Drop Off and Pick Up

Drop off and pick up is going smoothly. Remember quick goodbyes are the best. Do not linger the goodbye as that makes your child more anxious. Tell them you love them and reassure them you will see them soon. All of our students are doing a great job of walking to their classrooms. There are teachers in the hallway to assist them when needed.

At pickup, please remember to be in line **before** 11:55 or you risk being late and receiving a late fee. When there are no cars in the line car pool will be closed and your child will be brought to the office. Late pick up fees will apply.

A teacher will NOT put a child in a car if there is not a car seat. Teachers will not fasten the car seat. Parents need to pull all the way forward to the end of the car pool drive. Get as close to the exit as possible. Quickly hop out and fasten the child in the car seat.

Please have your number clearly displayed on the mirror in your car. The best way to do this is with a child's pant clothes hanger. This will hang over the mirror. Please leave the number displayed until the child is in your car.

When driving through the cemetery you must go all the way to the end before you turn back to the left. Do not use the 2 smaller cut through roads. There are graves on each side and at the corners of these roads and they often get ran over by cars.



Mom's Night



After a 2 ½ year absence, Mom's Night is back!!!

Mom's Night will be on Tuesday, October 4. The theme is "Sports." The fun will begin at 6:00 p.m. This event is for our students in 2-year-old classes and above and their mom. Of course, if mom is not able to attend, another adult (male or female) may attend with the child.

The evening will be a time of games, fun, and a snack meal. The cost is \$14 for the child which includes the child's guest. If one adult is bringing siblings that are both HDS students then the cost is \$7.00 for the additional child. We do ask that this event is for current HDS students only. One adult per child. This gives them a special time with their parent or other special adult.

Deadline to sign up is Tuesday, September 27 at noon. You can include payment with your September or October tuition. Just make a note on payment

Don't worry dads, Dad's Night will be in March!





Communication

Communication between the parent and teacher is vital in having a successful preschool year. All of our classes have a Bloomz app set up to communicate with their parents. It is of most importance that you join the communication format that your teacher uses. If you are not sure how to join, please contact the teacher. The school will send monthly newsletters by email.

We would like to ask parents to not text or call teachers during school hours. Before school they are busy getting materials gathered for the day. During school they are busy teaching. It is fine to send a text that does not need a response. Such as letting the teacher know you will be picking up early.

Please remember our teachers have families and other responsibilities after school hours. Please allow a teacher 24 hours to return phone calls and messages.

If there is an emergency during the school day and you need to get in touch with your child's teacher, please call the office at 803-794-8275.

Visitors

This year allows parents to enter our building. ALL visitors must stop by the Day School Office before going to a classroom. This includes parents picking a child up early.



Dates to Remember

September

5 Labor Day – No School
7 Chapel
21 Chapel
22 Spirit Day
27 Deadline to register for Mom's Night

October

3 Butterbraid Fundraiser Begins
4 Mom's Night
5 Chapel
12 Fall Pictures
18 Last Day for Butterbraid
19 Chapel
25 Harvest Party

Tuition Payments

There will be a staff member in the cemetery during the first few days of each month to receive tuition payments during the pickup carpool. You may also bring your tuition to the office if you are walking your child in at morning drop off.

The church has a secure mailbox, so it is safe to mail your payments to the church. The mailing address is Hebron Day School, 3050 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169

The US Postal Service has announced a slow down in delivery. Please allow 10-15 days for your payment to arrive to us. Any check that arrives before the 1st of the month will be held until the 1st.

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