

Haven Christian Academy



Maximizing Your Child's God-Given Potential

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From the Headmaster

When one hears the word "haven" the connotation usually stirs thoughts and feelings of safety and security. The word "haven" in a nautical context is a harbor where ships can safely anchor isolated from destructive currents and storms. In the midst of a storm, a haven is an excellent place to be. It is our sincere goal that when you think of Haven Christian Academy, you will experience similar thoughts of security and well-being as you reflect on your child's overall experience at our school. Our hope is that our love for you and your children will be reflected in everything that we do from the way we answer the phones, to the way we prepare our lesson plans, to the meals we prepare, to the professional, efficient and safe manner that we conduct our carline. Our hope is that when you think of Haven, the word "excellence" is what comes to mind. Our hope is that you, our parent partners, will discover that we are truly committed to excellence and that if asked what type of school your child attends that you could respond with integrity, "My child attends an excellent school - Haven Christian Academy."

As you reflect upon our goals as we take steps to move increasingly towards organizational excellence, would you tell us how we are doing? I would love to hear from you regarding your thoughts on how we can improve our services. From your perspective, are we increasingly moving towards excellence? What areas do we need to work on? How can we partner more effectively with you? Please email me at joseph@achurchworthfinding.com or call at 863 293-0930. Thank you for giving us the privilege, honor and responsibility of partnering with you in the education of your children.

Upcoming Partnership Events

Parent Teacher Conferences will be scheduled in the afternoons (3:20 – 5:30PM) from October 26th – 28th. Teachers will be contacting you soon to set-up appointments to meet with them. Parent-Teacher conferences are not mandatory but are highly encouraged,

particularly if your child is struggling in any area. Conferences were something that several of you requested via the parent surveys that you graciously submitted last year. Quality communications between the parents and teachers is one of the hallmarks of an excellent school. Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher(s).

Homecoming Weekend begins October 16th as the Lion's Varsity Football team (currently 5-2) takes on Geneva Academy at the Lion's Den (our home field). This is also "seniors' night" when our senior athletes are publically recognized in their last home game as HCA Lions. On Saturday, October 17th, our Homecoming festivities continue through the "A Night in Paris" formal dance. Tickets are still on sale to 8th -12th grade students.

School Picture Day will be on October 22nd.

Trunk or Treat Outreach will be held on Saturday, October 31st from 4:30-7:30PM in the church parking lot. This is planned as a safe alternative to the local Halloween celebrations. All HCA parents and students are welcome.

Fall Festival is on November 7 and is being organized by Daffney Deas, your PTF president. Contact Daffney or the school office if you would like to donate services or items to the live auction. Any support that you can provide to the Fall Festival (one of our largest fundraising events) significantly assists the school with operating expenses.

School Drama Productions will present the play "Mousetrap" on November 13 & 14. Tickets will go on sale very soon.

Grandparents' Day Luncheon will be held on November 20th. On that day, our HCA Grandparents will be treated to student presentations/performances followed by a Thanksgiving luncheon and photographs with grandchildren. All services are free to our grandparents. We would like to send the grandparents a formal invitation, so please fill out the attached form and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Haven Christian Academy, a ministry of
Haven Baptist Church

Carline Kudos

Thank you for doing the right thing regarding carline by not parking and crossing the carline. Also, thank you for using the dashboard signs; it really helps us be more efficient. We have taken major steps forward with regard to child safety and overall efficiency. Thanks again!

Sharing Haven

As I have listened to the Haven staff and parents over the past few months, one emerging theme has been the notion that Haven is not well known in the community. This fact is in spite of the consistency of the high quality of the HCA educational experience that has served many in the Polk County community over the past four decades. With that in mind, we are strategically and aggressively attempting to address this problem. A part of the solution involves you. You can assist us in improving our community-wide recognition by doing the following things on the school's behalf. We encourage you to purchase HCA magnets/memorabilia through the Boosters Club and place our HCA Booster magnets on your vehicles. Another way you can demonstrate your support is by placing a Haven bumper sticker on your car. The bumper stickers may be found on the literature display table in the school foyer. I also encourage you to pick up some tri-fold brochures and/or the tri-fold-business-card-sized-marketing-tracts. The business-card marketing-tracts were designed for you to be able to keep them unobtrusively in a wallet or purse for distribution as you have the opportunity and inclination. Another way that you can assist us is by inviting friends to our public events (sporting events, school plays, fall festival, "Trunk or Treat", etc.). If you believe in what we are doing for your child, please share that fact with other like-minded parents. At this point in the history of the school, your willingness to share the school with others increases the school's overall capabilities and strength.

Other Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 8 – Swim Meet – 5:30

Friday, October 9 – Home Volleyball game against Community – 6:00

Friday, October 9 – Away Football game against Academy at the Lakes – 7:30

Thursday, October 15 – Swim Meet – 5:30

Friday, October 16 – 4th Grade Trip to Kennedy Space Center

Friday, October 16 – Home Football game against Geneva – 7:30