Heritage Singers/Jubilate

Student & Parent Information

2025-2026

Dear 2nd-8th Grade Parents and Students,

Welcome to a new school year at Heritage Christian School. Mrs. Jenna Smith will be leading both Heritage Singers and Jubilate this year, with Mrs. McDonald assisting. Mrs. Smith has been teaching choir for four years and is adding PreK-2 music classes this year at Heritage as well. Fun fact: she is a Heritage alum! Mrs. McDonald is a second grade teacher at Heritage and has been working with both choirs for several years now. We are both so excited to lead students in worship and encourage their love for music throughout the year.

We hope that the information below will answer any questions that you might have and help you prayerfully consider being a part of this wonderful opportunity. If you have any questions, comments or concerns throughout the year, please feel free to contact Mrs. Smith at smithj@hcs-nl.com or Mrs. McDonald at mcdonaldn@hcs-nl.com.

Heritage Singers is an optional choir for 2nd-4th grade students that meets every Monday from 1:40-2:20. Jubilate is an optional choir for 5th-8th grade students that meets every Monday from 12:55-1:38. Students that do not participate in choir will remain in their classrooms for a study hall. Heritage Singers/Jubilate provides a wonderful opportunity for 2nd-8th grade students to learn, enjoy, and perform a variety of types of music at several different special events throughout the year. These events include:

- Veteran's Day – Tuesday, November 11, at 10:00am (Heritage Singers AND Jubilate, REQUIRED performance)
- Christmas Concert – Tuesday, December 16, at 7:00pm (Heritage Singers AND Jubilate, REQUIRED performance)
- Spring Concert – Tuesday, May 5, at 7:00pm (Heritage Singers AND Jubilate, REQUIRED performance)
- 8th Grade Graduation – Thursday, May 21, at 7:00pm (Jubilate ONLY and is a REQUIRED performance)

Students are **expected** to participate with a good attitude during rehearsals, show respect to the director and other students, and faithfully attend the performances. 2nd-4th grade students will be given an S/N/U grade on their report cards as their music grade is based upon concert participation AND behavior during practice. 5th-8th grade students will be given a letter grade on their report card as their music grade is based upon concert participation AND behavior during practice. We will give warnings and discipline slips (if necessary) to help redirect inappropriate behavior as spelled out in the *Parent/Student Handbook*. A performance may be excused due to illness or other emergency; however, please contact Mrs. McDonald (mcdonaldn@hcs-nl.com) or Mrs. Smith (smithj@hcs-nl.com) as soon as possible if your child will be absent.

Through participation in Heritage Singers the students will gain confidence, improve their musical skills, and have fun working together as a team. Even more importantly, they will be using their gifts and talents to glorify God, instill His truth in their own hearts, and declare His greatness to others. We look forward to working with the students and seeing you throughout the year! Please complete this google form Heritage Singers/Jubilate Form to let us know if your child **WILL or WILL NOT** be participating in choir this year. We need all 2nd-8th grade students to have this form completed by **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Smith & Mrs. McDonald