

# i-Innovate

## **(Music, Art, Technology and other Support Programs)**

Harvest Christian School offers our students the opportunity to develop and enhance their God-given gifts, talents, and abilities in the fields of music, art, and computer technology. These programs collectively fall under the umbrella of our “**i-Innovate**” program.

### **Music/Theater**

For centuries, music has been used as a fundamental educational enhancement, which has proven to increase the students creative and decision making skills. **Musical worship is offered to all of our Jr. Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.**

**Band: Our band program is geared for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students** who desire to learn the basics of playing a keyboard, woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument. The school band performs for school assemblies throughout the year.

**Musical Theater: This program provides an opportunity for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students** to learn basic vocal skills while singing in a choir ensemble. These students will be singing and performing in two musical theater productions in front of the student body where they will be able to demonstrate their vocal and stage presence skills.

### **Art**

**Art: Harvest Christian School is partnering with the Elementary Art Stars** organization to afford our students in-depth art instruction taught by art professionals. Students will be creating pieces from a variety of art modalities which will be put on display to view and appreciate.

## **Technology**

**iPads: Every 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade student will be issued an Apple iPad (a set of iPads are used in Jr. K and K)** to be utilized in class in a multitude of ways including but not limited to: Access to curriculum, read digital library books, take Accelerated Reading Program quizzes, use the IXL Math and Language Programs, complete homework and projects, as well as having access to thousands of educational applications.

**Computer Lab: All students are scheduled weekly computer lab time for instruction by a computer instructor.** Students will learn touch typing, basic word processing, spreadsheets and power point skills. We also have programs that immerse the students in STEM; Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, as well as older students being exposed to robotics, coding, and other in-depth and advanced topics. Students will also be exposed to filtered internet where they will be able to boost their overall computer literacy levels.

**Computer Research Lab:** In addition to the lab resource described above, Harvest Christian School provides its student body with a second state of the art Research Lab. This gives students access to working with their classroom teacher to do research for book reports and research papers.

**Interactive Whiteboard Technology: All of our classrooms are also equipped with interactive whiteboard technology** that allows the teachers to use their classroom computers as interactive tools. Information from software programs as well as live streaming via the Internet can be manipulated on the whiteboard to enhance and create a more inviting and exciting classroom learning environment.

**Robotics Club:** For boys and girls who are 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, teaching introductory robotics is critical in this after-school club. The students get familiar with the robotics world by leveraging exciting and easy-to-use robots.

# **OTHER SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

## **Accelerated Reader / Reading Renaissance Program**

This exciting reading development and enrichment program is an integral part of the curriculum for all of our students. Books of personal interest are selected from the school or class library. After reading the book, the student takes a brief 5-10 question comprehension quiz using their iPad at school or device at home. Individualized records are maintained on each student, which are used by the classroom teacher to monitor reading practice and encourage reading growth. Parents also receive regular reports of their child's reading progress. Over the past few years many schools and school districts across the nation have adopted the Accelerated Reader Program as a means of addressing the need for more effective development of student reading skills and enjoyment.

## **The "LION PAW" Positive Behavior Reinforcement Program**

At H.C.S. our goal is to develop positive student behavior by rewarding students who make wise decisions or set a good example for others. The "Lion Paw" Positive Reinforcement Program is designed to meet this objective. Students receive a "Lion Paw" card when staff members observe the student displaying exemplary behavior. These cards may then be redeemed for various items at our "Lion Paw Store" which is located in the school library. As you might imagine, this program is extremely popular with our students!

## **Physical Education Program**

Harvest Christian School has a full-time PE specialist and assistant who coordinates our extensive physical education program. In addition to a wide variety of indoor and outdoor physical education activities, our students also participate in our specially designed youth fitness program. We also offer a Running Club every morning before school. Students can voluntarily complete laps and earn prizes.

## **Sports – Cheerleading**

Our after-school Sports – Cheerleading programs are offered to all students Jr. K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Students may participate in various programs such as cheerleading, soccer, basketball, softball, golf, volleyball, track and field, etc.... These have been very popular programs with our families over the years.

**Chapels:** School assemblies with special guest presenters are also scheduled at various times. In addition, students attend seasonal chapels throughout the year.

**Monday Morning Worship Chapel Program:** Every Monday morning all of our students attend a 30-45 minute Worship Chapel Program. This time of worship and instruction is a great way to start the school week! This weekly time helps us to challenge the students in evangelism, coming to know the Lord as their Savior, discipleship, and growing as a Christian in their age group.

**Student Service Projects:** Each grade-level plans and implements three serving projects. Our students put their faith into action by participating in various service projects within the community, learning to put others ahead of themselves.

### **Extra-Curricular Academic Activities**

H.C.S. offers our students a variety of extra-curricular academic activities such as Spelling Bees, Math Olympics, and theater performances, as well as our own school sponsored activities.

### **Hot Lunch**

A daily hot lunch program is available for all students. This program features nutritious and student-pleasing menu items. A computerized student credit system is utilized for purchasing lunches. Money is deposited in your student's account. Every time your student purchases lunch, the appropriate amount is deducted from their account. You will receive notification when your student's account balance becomes low.

### **Comprehensive Disaster Preparedness Program and Security Team**

- Armed Security Team present on-campus during school hours
- Monthly disaster drills (Fire, Earthquake, and Code Red Lock-Down Drills)
- Disaster preparedness emergency kits in every classroom
- Qualified first aid teams
- CPR, First-aid, and Defibrillator qualified staff on site.
- Ample food and water supplies stored on site.