

School Handbook

2021/2022



Harvesters Christian School

*Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an
example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in
charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*

1 Timothy 4:12

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Our Mission

At Harvesters Christian School, it is our mission to assist parents in their duty to train up their children in the ways of God – to train godly examples.

In a world that is ever changing, we need our young men and women to develop consistent, godly characters. Everything we do is for the purpose of helping our students become more like Christ – to be examples of the believers.

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers... — 1 Timothy 4:12

In WORD

- Speech Colossians 4:6

In CONVERSATION

- Conduct Philippians 1:27

In CHARITY

- Love 1 Corinthians 13

In SPIRIT

- Character Philippians 4:8

In FAITH

- Assurance Hebrews 10:23

In PURITY

- Holiness 1 Peter 1:15,16

Financial Policy

Tuition

Tuition is charged by family and is based on the number of children attending school.

One Child	\$500 per year
Two Children	\$900 per year
Three or more Children	\$1,200 per year

Curriculum Fee

\$300 per child

The curriculum fee covers the cost of one year of curriculum per student and aids in the cost of resource materials used such as score keys and literature books.

The curriculum fee does not cover the cost of any repeat PACEs. If a student needs to repeat a PACE, an order will be made, and the parents billed for the cost including shipping.

Payment

A \$500 Deposit per family is due by August 31st.

Balance due by the last day of school, June 3, 2022, and can be paid monthly, quarterly, or yearly by cash, cheque, or e-Transfer. For cheques and EFTs, put "School Payment" in the memo.

School Calendar

1st Quarter

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
WEEK 1	6 SEP	7	8	9	10
WEEK 2	13	14	15	16	17
WEEK 3	20	21	22	23	24
WEEK 4	27	28	29	30	1 OCT
WEEK 5	4	5	6	7	8
WEEK 6	11	12	13	14	15
WEEK 7	18	19	20	21	22
WEEK 8	25	26	27	28	29
WEEK 9	1 NOV	2	3	4	5

September 7 – First Day of School

October 1 – No School: Christian Educator’s Convention

October 11 – No School: Thanksgiving Day

AVAILABLE — *Scheduling my priorities to fit the desire of God and others — Isaiah 6:8*

2nd Quarter

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
WEEK 1	8	9	10	11	12
WEEK 2	15	16	17	18	19
WEEK 3	22	23	24	25	26
WEEK 4	29	30	1	2	3
WEEK 5	6	7	DEC 8	9	10
WEEK 6	13	14	15	16	17
CHRISTMAS BREAK	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	31
WEEK 7	3	4	5	6	7
WEEK 8	JAN 10	11	12	13	14
WEEK 9	17	18	19	20	21

December 20-Jan31 – No School: Christmas Break

BLESSED — *Radiating the joy of the Lord in life as a result of daily delighting in and meditating on God's word — Psalm 1:1,2*

3rd Quarter

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
WEEK 1	24	25	26	27	28
WEEK 2	31	1	2	3	4
		FEB			
WEEK 3	7	8	9	10	11
WEEK 4	14	15	16	17	18
WEEK 5	21	22	23	24	25
WEEK 6	28	1	2	3	4
		MAR			
WEEK 7	7	8	9	10	11
MARCH BREAK	14	15	16	17	18
WEEK 8	21	22	23	24	25
WEEK 9	28	29	30	31	1
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February 21 – No School: Family Day

March 14-18 – No School: March Break

CONFIDENT — *Having assurance that whatever I say or do in the will of God will benefit me and others for God's glory — Philippians 4:13*

4th Quarter

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
WEEK 1	4	5	6	7	8
WEEK 2	11	12	13	14	15
WEEK 3	18	19	20	21	22
WEEK 4	25	26	27	28	29
WEEK 5	2	3	4	5	6
WEEK 6	MAY				
WEEK 6	9	10	11	12	13
WEEK 7	16	17	18	19	20
WEEK 8	23	24	25	26	27
WEEK 9	30	31	1	2	3
			JUN		

April 15-18 – No School: Easter Weekend

May 23 – No School: Victoria Day

June 3 – Last Day of School

DEFERENT — *Controlling my privileges and preferences in order not to offend those God has called me to serve (putting their wishes or opinions before mine) — 1 Corinthians 10:33*

Daily Schedule

The school is looking forward to a new classroom once the construction is complete. Until then, students will use the old classroom. The following applies when the building is finished.

Upon arrival, students will use the new main entrance and will remain in the gym where they will be supervised by a staff member until it is time to head to class.

At 8:40, students will be allowed in the classroom to prepare for school. It is important for students to arrive **no later** than 8:40 to be ready for opening exercises at 8:45.

At 3:30, students will be dismissed and will wait in the gym/foyer until parents arrive. A staff member will be with the students until all are picked up. If a parent is not able to be there by 3:40, please text/call Mrs. Loveless as soon as possible.

Please make sure your children are prepared for the weather, as we will be taking them outside as often as possible.

8:30 – 8:40	Students arrive
8:45 – 9:00	Opening Exercises
9:00 – 10:00	PACE work
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:15	PACE work
11:15 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	PACE work
12:30 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00	PACE work
2:00 – 2:15	Break
2:15 – 3:15	PACE work
3:15 – 3:30	End of Day
3:30 – 3:40	Students picked up

School Supplies

All Students

- King James Bible
- Pencils (minimum of three)
- Eraser
- Blue Pen
- Coloured Pencils or Crayons
- Ruler with both inches and centimeters
- Lined Paper
- Pencil Case or Holder for supplies
- Kleenex
- Personal Water Bottle with Name
- Note Cards or Notebook for Study Notes
- Indoor Shoes

Optional Supplies

- Calculator and geometry set (PACE 1073 and higher)
- Graph Paper (For working out Math problems)
- Highlighters
- Personal Hand Sanitizer
- Magazine holder for PACEs

Note on Pencils: Mechanical pencils are not preferred for younger students who tend to fiddle with items while working or who press hard while writing. If buying mechanical pencils for students who press hard while writing, 0.9 lead is more durable.

No personal pencil sharpeners, please. The school is equipped with a good quality pencil sharpener and a staff member will sharpen pencils as needed. Dull pencils should be placed on top of desk to be picked up by the staff member and sharpened. (This is to eliminate pencil shavings being dropped in the classroom.)

Student Code of Conduct

Responsibility to Authority (Heb. 13:17)

I recognize that God has placed authority over me to protect, guide, and correct me so that I may fulfill God design for my life. Because I wish to honour God, I will show respect to all adults and authority figures. When an adult enters the room, I will remain quiet and treat them with respect. I will help by always getting permission from the person in charge before I leave a room or area. I will assist those in authority by behaving in an orderly way. To show my appreciation for those God has placed in authority over me, I will do everything to the best of my abilities.

Responsibility to Others (Rom. 12:18, Eph. 4:29, I Thess. 5:15)

I recognize that God has called me to serve others. I accept the responsibility to do my part in creating a peaceful atmosphere by respecting the feelings, property, and personal space of others. I will choose my words wisely so that God can use them to build up others. With God's help, I will be willing to bear the unfair, to maintain the peace. If I'm aware of someone being destructive or endangering a student, I accept the responsibility to alert the staff and to trust them to take care of the situation as they see fit.

Responsibility to Property (Pro. 12:24; 18:9, Col. 3:23-24)

I recognize the sacrifice my parents and others make so that I may have a quality, Christian education. In gratitude for God's blessings, I will do my part in keeping the Learning Centre, bathrooms, and all areas of the property neat and orderly. I will come each day prepared to learn and to work hard. I will do my best to give Harvesters Christian School a good name.

Dress Code

Students should always strive to be neat and clean in appearance; realizing that they represent Harvesters Christian School, Harvesters Baptist Church, and our Heavenly Father.

If a student is not in compliance with the dress code, a parent may be asked to bring appropriate clothing for the student to change into or the student may be sent home. Repeated offences will be given a demerit.

Classroom Dress

Tops – Girls and Boys

- Tops should be loose enough and long enough to maintain modesty
- No bare shoulders
- No V-neck tops
- No loud or offensive patterns/logos
- No visible midriffs or undergarments
- Shirts with buttons - all but the top button done up

Bottoms – Girls

- Skirts, skorts, or dresses with hemlines to the bottom of the knee or longer
- Slits should not go higher than the bottom of the knee
- Younger/active girls should wear shorts or leggings under skirts for modesty while playing

Bottoms – Boys

- Jeans, slacks, or knee length shorts are allowed
- Pants and shorts must be loose enough to fit modestly
- No skinny jeans/shorts/pants

Athletic Wear

Tops – Girls and Boys

- Harvester's Christian School T-shirt

Bottoms – Girls

- Culottes or skorts (Below the knee)
- No basketball shorts or wide-legged pants

Bottoms – Boys

- Loose fitting, comfortable pants
- Shorts (Below the knee)

Hair – Boys and Girls

- Hair should be neatly groomed and off the face
- Hair dye should be of a natural hair colour
- Girls are not to have super short hairstyles
- Boys are not to have long hairstyles
- No extreme fads will be accepted

Jewelry

- All jewelry should be minimal and modest in size
- Only girls may wear earrings – single set only
- No other piercings will be allowed

Makeup – Girls

- Only girls 13 or older are permitted to wear makeup.
- All makeup should be minimal and natural in appearance
- Nail polish is acceptable if nails are kept trim and neat

Rewards and Punishments

Merits

Merits are “cash” that can be earned by students for a job well done and used to purchase items from the merit shop.

The Merit Shop is funded by donations. Parents can help by contributing items to be purchased. Such as:

Notepads	Journals	School Supplies
Craft Supplies	Colouring Books	Crayons
Stickers	Puzzles	Earbuds
Charging Cords	Gift Cards	Small Decorations
Flashlights	Survival Stuff	Toys (New/ new condition)
Batteries	Hair Accessories	Lip Balm
Balloons	Water Bottles	Mini Posters

Demerits & Detentions

While it is preferable to reward students for good behaviour, sometimes it becomes necessary to correct bad behaviour.

The Student Code of Conduct is the standard for behavior. This Code will focus on three main areas:

1. Responsibility to Authority
2. Responsibility to Others
3. Responsibility to Property

When a student is found in violation of the Code of Conduct, he/she will be given a demerit.

The following more serious offences will automatically earn the student three demerits and depending on the severity of the offence may lead to the necessity of a parent/teacher meeting, suspension and/or expulsion.

1. Lying
2. Fighting
3. Filthy Language
4. Defiance
5. Cheating
6. Inappropriate/unauthorized use of electronics

Excessive or severe scoring violations may also result in the student having to repeat the PACE or a section of the PACE in addition to earning demerits. If a new PACE needs to be ordered, the parent will be billed separately for the cost of the PACE plus shipping. ACE Canada charges a flat rate of \$20 for shipments under \$50.

Detentions will no longer be served in school. When a student earns a detention, an assignment will be sent home to be completed and then checked and signed by a parent or guardian. This assignment must be handed in during Goal Check on the following day of school.

Just as God's mercies are new every morning, students begin each day with a clean slate.

EQUITABLE — *Showing justice and impartiality to persons and programs according to God's law — 1 Timothy 5:21*

Annual Awards

The end of the school year is a time to celebrate the students' achievements by handing out awards. The purpose of the awards is to give each student something to reach for. As each student strives to do his/her best, they will be stretched, and God will be glorified!

Highest PACE Average

- Student with the highest overall average in each age category

1000's Club

- 10 or more 100's earned during the year

"A" and "B" Honour Roll

- Achieved Honour Roll all four quarters
- Academic balance maintained
- Minimum of 60 PACEs completed
- PACE average of 88-93% for "B"
- PACE average of 94-100% for "A"
- All weekly Scripture memorized

Penmanship Award

- For primary students

Bible Memorization

- All monthly passages quoted in their entirety to a staff member by the end of the assigned month

Scripture Memory Challenge

- Minimum of 5 chapters memorized in addition to the Weekly Bible memory (Must total 100+ verses)

Character Awards

- Each student will be assigned one of 90-character traits taught in recognition of exhibiting Christ-like character

Literature Achievement

- Minimum of 12 Character-building books read and reported on. Must be at level and approved by staff.

FLEXIBLE — *Surrendering or yielding affections to God, not to earthly things that can be changed by others — Colossians 3:2*

Field Trips

(Field trips may be dependant on current health regulations)

When a field trip is planned, information will be sent home at least two weeks prior. A permission form must be submitted, and the applicable fee returned by the date stated on the form or the student will not be able to attend. All permission slips will be kept on file.

Electronics Policy

Personal electronic devices are not allowed in school or on school trips. Including but not limited to:

- Cellphones
- iPads/tablets
- Smart Watches
- Music and/or video players

If a student brings electronics to school, the device must be handed to a staff member who will keep it until school is dismissed. It is the student's responsibility to retrieve the device from staff before going home. If found in violation of this policy, the device will be confiscated and returned only to a parent.

Fitness watches that do not have texting, music, browsing, Data or Wi-Fi capabilities may be approved by staff for use by a student.

Godly — *Seeking to display in and through my life all the character traits of Jesus Christ — 2 Peter 1:5,6*

Attendance Policy

Church Attendance

Students and their families are required to regularly attend services at Harvesters Baptist Church.

School Attendance

Students are expected to be lined up by 8:45. Once opening exercises have begun, students who arrive late should remain outside of the room until permission to enter is given by a staff member. This is to minimize distractions and to help maintain an atmosphere of respect. Students arriving after 8:45 will be considered tardy.

Regular attendance is paramount to a child's education. Consistency is important for understanding and for building good habits in our children. Therefore, students are expected to be in attendance 90% of the scheduled school days.

If a student is being kept home due to sickness or family emergency, the school must be contacted by 9:00 a.m.

Please include Mrs. Loveless in all school correspondence. Call or text (519) 660-9952.

If a student will be absent due to family plans or appointments, the school must be notified as soon as possible, prior to the occasion.

Upon returning to school, the student must have a note signed by a parent/guardian explaining the absence. This note will be placed in the student's file.

Illness Policy

(This is our policy for a typical school year and may be subject to any additional regional health restrictions)

Although we believe it is of the utmost importance for students to be in regular attendance, we understand that illnesses happen. We do our best to discourage the spread of germs at school by encouraging regular hand washing, the proper use of tissues, and by washing surfaces regularly. Students should have their own water bottle at their desk clearly labeled with their name to avoid accidental sharing and spreading of germs. Parents can also help by respecting the following guidelines for keeping sick children at home.

Fever, Upset Stomach, Diarrhea

If a student has a temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius/100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, upset stomach, or diarrhea the night before or the morning of a school day, we ask that they be kept home for 24 hours before returning to school.

Colds

If a student has a minor cold, we suggest that they be sent to school with sufficient tissues and hand sanitizer.

If a student's symptoms are excessive or severe, the student should be kept home so he/she may rest and recover.

HONEST — *Dealing righteously, showing what is right and proper to the Lord and others. — 2 Corinthians 8:21*

Illness at School

If a student becomes ill at school, his/her parent will be contacted and will be expected to pick the student up as soon as possible.

Other Contagious Conditions

Head lice (see below), scabies, impetigo, Covid-19, chicken pox, strep throat, measles, rubella, mumps, whooping cough, and some forms of pink eye can be spread quickly and must be properly treated and no longer be contagious before a student may return.

The school must be notified if a student has a contagious condition so that other parents can be alerted.

Head Lice Policy

Although head lice do not carry disease and are not considered a public health risk, the treatment of head lice is a considerable cost of both time and money. Anyone can get head lice. Head lice is spread mainly through head-to-head contact.

Parents can help by checking their own children regularly and teaching them to NEVER share hats, hairbrushes, or hair accessories.

If you are aware that your child has head lice, we require that you alert the school immediately so that the other students can be checked, and parents can be discreetly made aware.

Also, have each member of your immediate family checked thoroughly. It is essential that all family members that have head lice are treated at the same time to ensure complete removal of the lice in the home.

If the school finds evidence that a student has head lice his/her parents will be notified immediately and will be asked to pick the child up early so they can begin treatment.

Students will be allowed to return to class only when they are nit free and have a signed note stating the name of the treatment used and the date it was first applied. The school will follow up regarding the second application of the treatment which typically needs to be applied 7-10 days after the first application. Nit removal can take several comb throughs and we ask that parents check their child each day during the treatment. Thorough combing with a nit comb each day during the 10-day period following the first treatment is an essential part of eliminating the lice and helps to prevent a recurrence.

Contact Information

All school communications should be directed to Mrs. Loveless.

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