



Branches

a school to home newsletter

October 7, 2022



Same newsletter, new name

What's in a name? Well, a lot, we think. Check out page 2 to learn about the reasons behind this change and, even more exciting, our updated web presence.



Apple Pie Days

Apple Pie Days will be happening on October 25, 26 & 27. Pie forms are available at the office. We are still looking to fill some volunteer slots. Sign up here:

[SIGN ME UP](#)



Nature Centre Bio Blitz



This past Wednesday, the Grade 3/4 class was blessed with a sunny day to venture over to the Buck Creek Canfor Nature Centre. Led by Mrs. Cindy Verbeek, students were drawn into the intricacies of God's creation as they discovered many different life forms within their 'hoola-hoop' ecosystems.

School Anxiety and Attendance Challenges

As highlighted in an email to parents earlier this week, the webinar is linked [here](#).

What's Happening at HCS?

October 10

Thanksgiving Day
NO SCHOOL

October 20

Parent-Teacher Conferences
(afternoon and evening)

October 21

Parent-Teacher Conferences
NO SCHOOL

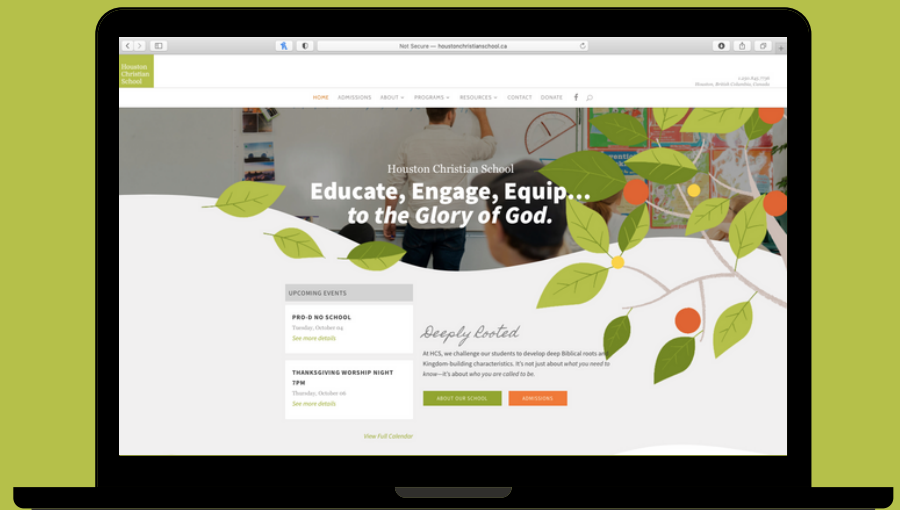
October 25-27

Apple Pie Days



*Check out
our new Website!*

*We are very happy to announce
the unveiling of our school website!*



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rooted and reaching...

"*Deeply Rooted*" - this is the tagline you'll be greeted with when you visit our new website. The language used here is familiar to the members of our school community. These two words are both powerful and symbolically meaningful. To be rooted is to have a strong and vital relationship with God, through Christ. We draw our nourishment and life from Him. Our Vision statement parallels this theme of life and growth, with the words of Psalm 1:3 - "like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season..."

At HCS, it is our hope to challenge our students to develop deep Biblical roots and Kingdom-building characteristics (fruits).

While roots invisibly reach down to establish a plant and nourish it, **the branches visibly reach out to give presence and support fruit bearing.**

And so, in the same way, we hope that our weekly newsletter '*Branches*' **reaches out** to all of our families, students, supporters and friends, not only to highlight the happenings at HCS, but also **to share the love and joy of life in Christ.**

MEET THE ADMIN

ABOUT ME

I grew up in Smithers and attended BVCS. I graduated high school in 1980 and went to The King's College, University of Alberta and then Calvin College. I took my first teaching job in London, Ontario and moved to Houston to teach at HCS in the fall of 1988. I've been blessed to call Houston home since then. I met Judy while in Edmonton and we were married in 1984. We have 4 children and 11 grand children.

FUN FACTS

- I love animals - especially my dog Tucker
- I enjoy fixing things, chainsaws, my truck etc.
- I'm teaching myself how to weld
- I love to hunt for food
- I love the outdoors - hiking and fishing
- I love teaching my grandchildren about the amazing complexities in God's creation

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MY FAVORITE..

FOOD: Juicy steak

BOOK: Where the Red Fern Grows

BIBLE VERSE: Proverbs 3: 5&6

ANIMAL: Grizzly Bear

COLOR: Orange
& Yellow
of Autumn

