



# Branches

*a school to home newsletter*

December 16, 2022



*"Carol" and "Big Bill"*



*HCS Choir  
Angels, Shepherds  
& Sheep*



*Angels*



*Car Hops*

## *Carol and the Belles*

Our elementary students, directed by our Music Teacher, Mrs. Michalzik, put on a beautiful performance this past Tuesday evening! Weeks of practice went into the night's singing and speaking parts. What fun it was to laugh and sing together, and to hear to good news of our Saviour's birth. Thank you for all who came out to enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with us!

## *7th Annual Deep Roots Campaign*

Thank you to all the generous donors who contributed to this year's campaign with a total of \$23,150 raised to date! We are thankful for each and every donation that came in to provide funds for our outdoor learning and gathering space. Donations for this project will still be accepted in the new year, but will not be eligible for a tax receipt until 2023.



*The school office will be closed for the holidays. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break, celebrating our Saviour's birth. May knowing Jesus bring you PEACE to bless each day, HOPE for each tomorrow, and JOY in every season.*

## What's Happening at HCS?

### December 27

- Alumni Volleyball  
Tournament

### January 3 (TUESDAY)

- First Day of School 2023

### January 25/26

- High School Exams

### January 27

- NID High School Only

### January 30

- 2nd Semester Begins



## HCS Alumni Volleyball *Christmas* Tournament!

### Tuesday, December 27th

- ➔ make your team of 6-8 players  
(each team needs at least 2 guys/ 2 girls)  
**or**  
sign up as an individual to be added to another  
team
- ➔ all inlaws of alumni are welcome to play or make  
an "outlaw team"



- \$5 per person
- middle-school students and up!
- to sign up or if you have any questions  
contact Kade Jaarsma @778-203-9005  
Deadline to sign up - **December 20th**

# WITH SUPPORT FROM THE ENTIRE SCHOOL, MR. BRANDON'S GRADE 6 CLASS REACHED THEIR FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR ALUMNUS, IAN, AND HIS YWAM TEAM!

## A LETTER FROM IAN

Hello HCS Family,

We are so grateful for all your efforts in this fundraiser. HCS still has a special place in my heart and I appreciate the mutual encouragement that comes from being bound together with other believers.

Here is a brief overview of the work that we are doing:

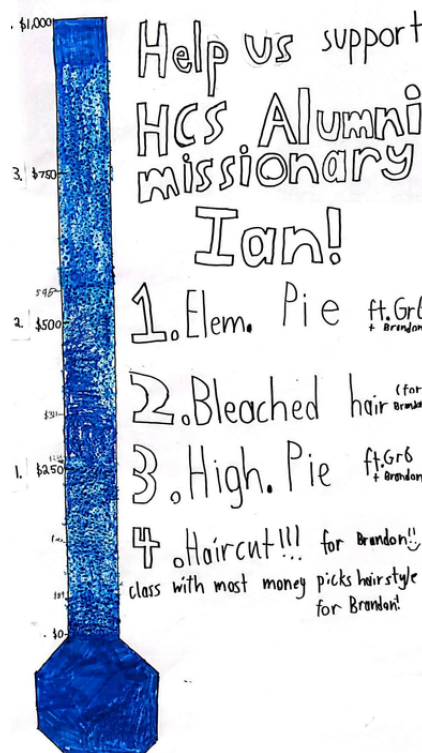
We are in Kona, Hawaii, taking part in introductory missionary training. We will be leaving soon with a team of 14 others for a 3 month outreach period in Nepal. There, we will connect with local missionaries who have established connections with churches and ministries in many cities throughout Nepal.

Our team is going to be travelling through Nepal to meet and work with these churches and ministries. The main focus will likely be church meetings and youth events. The local pastors and leaders have said they are very excited for our team to come. Our desire is to encourage and equip local believers to grow in their personal relationship with God and to be intentional in evangelizing to their own people. This is critical, since Nepal is a largely unreached, Hindu nation, and the local believers who have been saved, will by far be the most effective witness to their own people. But, like all of us, they need some encouragement towards this, especially because after coming out of Hinduism they are more familiar with religious systems than with individual and active faith. At the end of our 3 month outreach, the team will return to Hawaii for the completion of the school. At that time, Alex and I will begin the process of moving to Nepal to join the missions base that is there and join in the work they are doing.

If you would like to join with us in prayer, you can be praying for the country of Nepal, the people and churches we will be visiting, and for the long-term team that is there. We so appreciate your prayers!

Blessings to you all,

Ian and Alex MacLeod



THE GOAL WAS \$1000  
AND  
WE RAISED OVER \$1200!



Once the goal was reached, it was agreed that the students would get to pick a hair cut for Mr. Brandon. His new look is quite interesting!



# MEET THE STAFF



**MRS. CRYSTAL**  
**OUTDOOR SUPERVISOR**

## ABOUT ME

I was born and raised in Houston. I attended HCS for all 13 years of my education. My husband, Nelson, and I have been married for almost 12 years, and our children Casey and Ainsley also attend HCS. Even though I love winter, we love to go camping in the summer and sit around the campfire. We also enjoy 'nerding out' as a family playing Mario.

## MY FAVORITE..

**FOOD:** PASTA!

**MOVIE:** Anything Disney

**BIBLE VERSE:** Psalm 46:10

**ANIMAL:** Dog

**COLOR:** PURPLE

## FUN FACTS

- I have played piano for 22 years and have taught for 11 years.
- I LOVE to bake!
- I have 26 nieces and nephews on my husband's side (none of them live here) and 0 on my side.
- Winter is my favorite season.
- Mrs. Kari from the office is my cousin.

The staff at HCS wishes you a

**BLESSED**

**CHRISTMAS**

and much joy in the New Year!

Jenna Kanis

Karin Van B.

Debbie Vralyk

Marshall Doo

Nicole Groot

Judy Ewald

Kari Vanderwerf

Richard

Dawn Bishop

Ed Krueger

Katie Vandenbrink

Highland

Cheryl Chapman

Suey Wund

Danielle Van Zanten

Cindy Vellekoop

Robert Eversman

Chelsea Jaarsma

Jacky Nieme-Kirig

Megan Meints

Candace Whelan

Euca Truim

Dorene Jaarsma

Brandon Vandenbrink

Wendall Ewald

Cheri Kobes

Renee Smail

Daniela Michajic

Debbie [unclear]

Hena

