

Branches
a school to home newsletter

November 3, 2023



Dress for the Winter

Outside time during recess and lunch is not optional for K-6 students. The temperatures have been dipping into the negatives and the recent wind has brought some chilly weather. Please be sure to dress your children accordingly. Winter jackets, toques, mittens, and warm boots are recommended for those little feet and toes.

Special Order Buy Low Gift Cards

A number of individuals have visited the HCS office, expressing their interest in the school acquiring various denominations of Buy Low gift cards suitable for Christmas gifts. In light of this, we've taken the initiative to do a special order for these specific denominations. If you would like to purchase these \$25 and \$50 gift cards, kindly get in touch with our office before December 1st. We will ensure that the cards are ordered and prepared for pickup during the first week of December.



Purdys Fundraiser

This year's Grad class is once again doing a Purdys fundraiser. Stock up on beautiful Christmas gift boxes, fun chocolate bunnies, Sweet Georgia Browns and more. Satisfy those cravings, and get all your Christmas gift shopping done while supporting a great cause.

The Purdys catalogues went home with students this week. You can also place an order online by clicking this **link**. Click "Join Campaign" to get started and enter the campaign number 41642. All orders must be placed by Nov. 17, and the items will be available for pickup on Dec. 6.

But when the *kindness and love of God our Saviour* appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of *his mercy*. He saved us through the *washing of rebirth* and *renewal by the Holy Spirit*, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been *justified* by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of *eternal life*.

TITUS 3:4-7



What's happening at HCS?

November 10 (Friday)

• InspirED Convention - No School

November 9 (Thursday @ 8:35am)

 Remembrance Day Assembly - Parents Invited

November 13 (Monday)

- Remembrance Day No School
- Last Day for Poinsettia Orders

November 16 (Thursday)

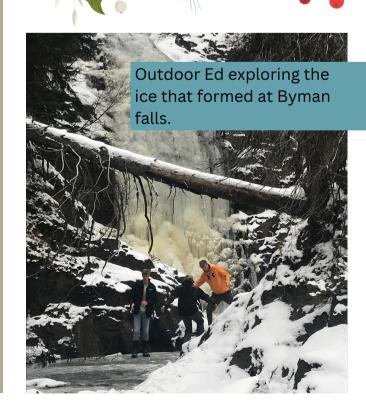
• Spirit Day - Anything But a Backpack

November 17 (Friday)

• Last day for Purdys orders

Poinsettias

Don't forget to place your poinsettia and Christmas greenery orders. The deadline for orders is November 13th and items will be available for pickup on November 29th. You can visit our website by clicking on this **link** to see all the beautiful options available. Alternatively, if you prefer to order directly through the school, please find the flyer attached to the end of branches and drop it off at the office.



HCS needs your input!



Houston Christian School seeks feedback from parents, extended family members, and staff on identifying, removing, and preventing any barriers that may hinder an individual's participation in school activities, programs, and events. In collaboration with the Society of Christian Schools in BC, we have developed a short online survey. You can find this survey highlighted in orange on the front page of our website or by clicking on this **link**.

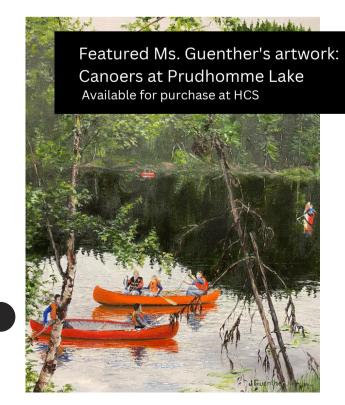
Fidgeting in the classroom



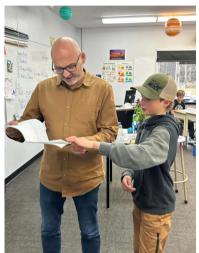
Did you know that fidgeting can actually be a good thing? Fidget toys are frequently used to provide sensory input in a less distracting manner. They can help to improve concentration and attention to tasks by allowing the brain to filter out extraneous sensory information. For instance, fidget toys can be useful when listening to a lesson in the classroom or paying attention to a book during circle time.

Fit to Flourish

Too much sugar at breakfast time ends up putting kids on this energy-high-and-crash cycle that goes on all day. Just like adults, they need more stable sources of energy that will keep their blood glucose levels stabilized. That helps with learning, concentration and mood.

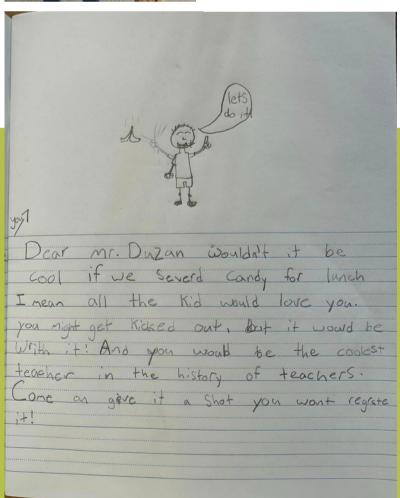


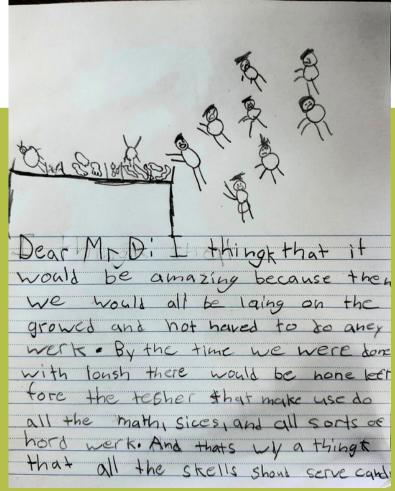






The Grade 6 class wrote letters to Mr. Duzan asking him to serve candy at lunch and explaining why it would be a good thing. They almost had him convinced!





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Approximate Poinsettia Sizes:

6.5" pot:

14 to 16" tall and 13 to 16" wide



6.5" PREMIUM POINSETTIA

A Holiday Favourite! Brighten up any room this winter with a vibrant poinsettia. Available in red and white, the poinsettia is perfect for your home, hotels, restaurants and banks over the holidays.



INDOOR TROPICAL PLANTER

Add a festive look to your table with a mixed tropical planter. There are four different plant varieties planted in these rectangular holiday themed tins Planter container designs do vary and cannot be requested.



HOLIDAY WREATH

A Holiday Wreath is a classic door upgrade. Fresh noble, cedar and juniper decorated with a large plaid bow, frosted pinecones and red berries are sure to give you and your guests a homey warm feeling from the outside.



ABLE TOP TRIO

The perfect Gift Pack! 1 gaultheria, 1 mini cypress and 1 frosty fern complete this trio whether you need a gift for a teacher, coach, or even you. Complete with the pot covers and holiday decor there is a plant for anyone you need.



HANGING GREENERY BOUGH

Oreenery that is versatile! A fun, vintage burlap bag holds premium greens and red ilex berry branches. Completing the look are holiday picks like a bow and a pinecone. Lean it up against stairs, benches, or your home and hang from your door.



OUTDOOR GREENERY ARRANGEMENT Welcome your guests in from the cold

with this large, beautiful and fresh holiday greenery arrangement. Pinecones, berries and a large red bow complete the festive look. Standing at 2 feet tall this statement piece is sure to inspire the joyful spirit!

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Name

Phone Number: kim.vanb@houstonchristianschool.ca (put poinsettia in memo)

Cheques Payable to: Houston Christian School

Orders due: November 13

Plant Pick-up Time: November 29 (time TBA)

Plant Pick-up Location: Houston Christian School

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