



# Branches

a school to home newsletter

May 24, 2024



## What's Happening at HCS?

**May 30 (Thursday) @ 7:00 pm**

- Annual Spring Society Meeting

**June 6 (Thursday)**

- Kindergarten Round up

**June 13 (Thursday)**

- Spirit Day - Pajama Day

**June 19 (Wednesday)**

- Elementary End-of-Year Picnic

## BUY LOW SWEEPSTAKES

**ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN  
A \$100 BUY LOW GIFT CARD**



There is only a week left to enter!!

With every \$100 Buy Low gift card purchase from HCS, you'll receive an entry into the draw. The draw will take place on Monday, June 3.

Buy Low cards can be purchased at the office via cash, cheque, or e-transfer to [groceries@houstonchristianschool.ca](mailto:groceries@houstonchristianschool.ca)



We are thrilled to announce that our elementary and middle school students' hard work completing the Spirit of Healthy Kids challenge this winter has paid off. Our school is one of five schools that have won \$1,000 to put toward a sports program of our choice. We thank all the parents who encouraged their children to participate in the challenge and strive for a healthy lifestyle.

As we plan for the upcoming performance of Oliver next school year, we are seeking your assistance. We are looking for

individuals who can take the lead and work independently while regularly communicating with Jacky Hielema-King for approval or guidance. What does this involve? We require the following roles to be filled: artists to create backdrops and props, volunteers to organize and set up sound and lights, choreography instructors, and support for actors during solo rehearsals. Rehearsals will take place during the

**VOLUNTEERS**

**NEEDED**



week at noon (high school lunch break 11:50 – 12:25). If you are interested, please get in touch with Jacky by phone at 250 845-1387 or via email at [j.hielema@houstonchristianschool.ca](mailto:j.hielema@houstonchristianschool.ca).



Canadian  
Cancer  
Society

# SUNSENSE CHALLENGE

Throughout the month of May, which is Melanoma Awareness Month, our elementary and middle school classes are taking part in the SunSense Challenge organized by the Canadian Cancer Society. This means that we will be organizing educational activities throughout the month to promote sun safety to students. Your child may have shown you a UV bracelet they received at school this week. When exposed to ultraviolet radiation, the UV bracelets will change from clear to colour. The deeper the colour, the more UV the bracelet has been exposed to. Students can wear the bracelets while playing outside, as a visual reminder to practice their SunSense.



# GRANDPARENTS DAY

We had an amazing Grandparents' Day this year! A big thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers, Cheri and Daniella, for organizing the event, our soup makers for providing a delicious lunch, and our kitchen clean-up crew, who worked tirelessly in the kitchen to make sure the day went smoothly. This day wouldn't have been possible without you. A special shoutout to Kelly Jaarsma for volunteering to create the video and take pictures on this special day. Once we have the pictures from Grandparents' Day, we'll email them to parents so they can share them with the grandparents.





On the 80th anniversary of D-Day, the VE-80 students will be having a BBQ at Buy-Low Foods Houston. All proceeds will go towards supporting the student's Europe trip.



**COME OUT AND  
SHOW YOUR  
SUPPORT!**

**When:**  
**Saturday, June 8th**  
**From 10:30 am to 3:30 pm**

**Where:**  
**Buy Low Foods**  
**Parking Lot**

In May 2025, an HCS delegation will join thousands of Canadian students and teachers on a Remembrance pilgrimage to Europe to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands. More than 7,600 Canadian soldiers lost their lives while liberating the

Netherlands.

All food items were generously donated by Buy Low Foods Houston

