

GR. 8 BOYS BASKETBALL

9:00am -HCS vs. BVCS
1:15pm -HCS vs. HAZELTON

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HOUSTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

What's happening at HCS?

January 27 - Monday


- NID Day for Grades 7 - 12 only

January 28 - Tuesday

- Grade 5/6 Skating @ 1 pm
- Grade 3/4 Skating @ 2 pm

February 6 - Thursday

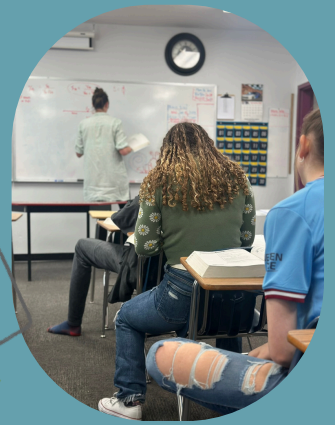
- Spirit Day - 100 Day
- Science World Presentation
@ 9:15 am

 **HIGH
SCHOOL
STUDENTS
WRAPPED UP
THEIR EXAMS
THIS WEEK
AND ARE
GETTING
READY TO
DIVE INTO
SEMESTER 2.**



A New Semester Begins: Embracing Growth and Opportunity

A Devotion for the High School Students Starting Semester 2



For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven... - Ecclesiastes 3:1

This statement opens a wonderful passage from Ecclesiastes that describes how all things have a proper time and place. The chapter goes on to state (Ecc. 3:11) that “He (God) has made everything beautiful in its time...”

When we think about it, we realize how true it is that all things in life go through seasons and cycles. The sun rises and sets each day. Weather goes through patterns in winter, spring, summer, and fall (at least, in some parts of the world). Sports, clubs, holidays, TV shows, and even the church years all follow rotations and seasons. To some extent, we might look at this and see the drudgery of repetition or endless routine. However, we can also take the outlook that these cycles are a blessing. God provides seasons to allow for variety and keep us from falling into boredom or chaos.

School is no exception to the rule of revolving patterns and offers a glimpse of the beauty of change. Rather than dreading another semester and new courses, kicking off the new semester can be positive. A new school semester is an opportunity to embrace transitions, start fresh, and recognize God’s presence and purpose in the everyday details of life.

We can make the most of this transition. Setting goals isn’t just for New Year’s Eve. At the outset of the semester, take time to make achievable goals for various areas. Don’t just aim to earn a 4.0 but consider creating positive habits like daily prayer and Scripture study or sitting with someone new at lunch. Remember that God goes with you as you transition into your new classrooms! He is with us in times of struggle and crisis and with us in the mundane reality of brushing our teeth and opening a textbook.

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows. -Luke 12: 6-7

The Lord cares about the new semester at HCS. He cares about our lives' seasons and their daily details. You are so valuable to God that He gave His life for your sins and gave you eternal life. If he keeps a head count of sparrows and knows every inch of your complex body, we can trust that even a simple school day is important in His eyes. Through prayer and thanksgiving, practice the presence of God at all times of the day. If Jesus died and rose again for your salvation, He will surely be with you every day. Look for moments to observe His power and hand in even the smallest details, and welcome the challenges of the classroom, knowing you are not alone!



The Grade 5/6 class had a fantastic afternoon cross-country skiing at the Morice Mountain Ski Trails. Under sunny skies, they glided through snowy forest paths, enjoying the stunning views and fresh mountain air — a perfect winter adventure!

