



April 25, 2025

Dear HCS Community:

After being away from work on leave, I have made the decision to step back from my work at HCS and retire. I am so very grateful for the blessing that HCS has been in my life. As I transition to this next phase of life, I look forward to what God has planned for Donna and me. May our Heavenly Father continue to care for and bless HCS as together we "Educate, Engage, Equip... to the glory of God."



In Christ, Marshall Duzan



#### Request for Small Broken Appliances to Support Educational Activities

Houston Christian School is still seeking broken household appliances for hands-on learning activities. These items will be taken apart at school, so

please avoid donating anything greasy or overly messy. We also request that appliances be no larger than a standard home printer.

All donations may be dropped off at the office.

#### What's happening at HCS?

April 25 - Friday

Northern Teachers Convention
NO SCHOOL

#### April 28 - Monday

Professional Development Day
NO SCHOOL

#### May 7 - Wednesday

• Spring Flowers Order Deadline

#### May 9 - Friday

HCS Store Closes

#### May 15 - Thursday

• Grandfolks day







## Earth Day in Action: Caring for God's Creation at HCS

April is about celebrating Earth Day—a time to reflect on our environmental impact and take meaningful steps to care for God's creation. As the snow melts away, it reveals not just signs of spring but also the litter that's been hidden all winter. This makes it the perfect time to talk with our children about the importance of caring for the world around us.

At Houston Christian School, students didn't just talk about helping the environment—they took action! With gloves, garbage bags, and determination, students from every grade cleaned up around the school and in the wider community. These hands-on efforts are a great way to show children that even small actions can make a big difference, and that caring for the earth is part of being good stewards of what we've been given. "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

Psalm 24.1





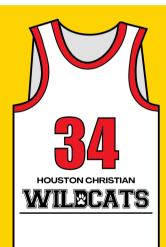
### **HCS STORE IS OPEN**

Click the <u>LINK</u> to explore the HCS store and grab our new long-sleeved Wildcats T-shirt! It's the ultimate way to cheer for our incredible athletes at Wildcats games or show off your school spirit wherever you go!

Don't miss out—this is your final chance to stock up for spring and summer because the store will close for the school year on May 9th. So, hurry up and make sure you're dressed for all the adventures ahead! Let's go, Wildcats!



## LONG SLEEVE SO/SO T-SHIRTS



## **JERSEY RETURNS & BASKETBALL FEES REMINDER**

We are still missing several HCS volleyball and basketball jerseys. If your child played on a school team this year, please take a moment to check at home and make sure their jersey has been returned. Even if they plan to play the same sport again next year, jerseys must still be returned at this time. Jerseys can be dropped off at the school office or given directly to our athletic director, Mr. Brandon Vandenbrink.

Also, an email was sent to families of basketball players regarding team fees. If you haven't yet submitted payment, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your support and cooperation!

## Learning by doing: A passover seder experience





The Grade 5/6 class held a Passover Seder to learn about the Exodus story in a hands-on meaningful The and way. symbolic foods on the Seder helped them explore plate important themes such as sacrifice, suffering, resilience. hope, and the Israelites' hurried escape from Egypt. Through this experience, students were able to connect with the story of Passover and understand its deeper significance.





# FORMAL DAY

## 2025































