Houston Christian School



# Upcoming Spring Society Meeting



The date for the Annual Spring Society Meeting has been changed from May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We would like to remind all members of the HCS society to attend the upcoming Annual Spring Society Meeting. As a society member, you can vote on all important decisions made at HCS. The meeting will mainly focus on the school budget for the 2025/2026 school year and the election of a board member to replace the current members whose terms are ending. The meeting will start at 7 pm and be held in room 8, located across from the main office. If you have any questions, please contact the HCS office.

## Branches a school to home newsletter

May 16, 2025

### What's happening at HCS?

May 16 - Friday

• Pro D Day - No School

### May 19 - Monday

• Victoria Day - No School

#### May 21 - Wednesday

• Flower order comes in

### May 22 - Thursday

- Special High School Assembly
  - VE-80 Presentation @ 8:45 am
    - \* Everyone welcome

#### June 3 - Thursday

• Spring Society Meeting @ 7 pm

### **Board Member Nominations**

The HCS School Board is requesting suggestions for nominations for an opening on the HCS board. Serving the HCS community and the Lord in this way is an incredible blessing. If you know someone who would be a good fit for this rewarding opportunity in servant leadership, please refer them to board@houstonchristianschool.ca by May 27.

## **Message from the HCS Board**

As we near the end of another school year, we want to take a moment to connect with you, our Society members, and share a few updates from the Board. We are grateful for the partnership we share in supporting the mission of Houston Christian School, and we hope this message offers a helpful glimpse into some of the work happening behind the scenes.

We give thanks to God for His continued provision — for our dedicated teachers and staff, for the students who fill our halls with energy and joy, and for the families and community members who faithfully support Christian education. We rest in the assurance that God holds this school in His hands, and we see evidence of that care again and again.



#### **Staying Connected**

Over the past season, our school has experienced a time of change, and while every year brings its own growth and adjustment, we're mindful that good communication is a vital part of walking forward together. We acknowledge there have been times where updates could have been more timely or clear, and we're committed to improving that moving forward. Starting this month, the Board will provide updates in Branches once each semester. Our hope is that this update becomes a regular encouragement and a helpful window into the work being done behind the scenes to support the vision of Houston Christian School.

#### **Tuition Survey**

Thank you to all who took the time to complete our recent tuition survey. Your thoughtful feedback is an important part of our ongoing financial planning, and it helps us better understand the needs and perspectives of our families as we consider tuition levels for the coming years. We are grateful for your input!

#### Spring Society Meeting

We warmly invite all Society members to attend our Spring Society Meeting on Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:00 PM. This is an important evening where we will present the budget for the upcoming school year, share updates on board work and planning, and provide space for questions and discussion. We look forward to coming together as we discuss the business of HCS!

#### **Principal Search**

As we look ahead to the 2025–2026 school year, the Board has begun the search for a Principal to lead Houston Christian School into its next chapter. We are thankful for the steady leadership and service of our current administrative team throughout this transition and remain confident that the Lord will continue to guide each step. Please join us in praying for wisdom and clarity as we seek the person God is calling to serve in this important role.

Thank you for your continued support and for the part you play in our school community. As we continue onward together, may we do so with joy, with unity, and with eyes fixed on Christ.

The Houston Christian School Board









# **GRANDFOLKS DAY**

Our students always look forward to the opportunity to share their school with their grandparents, and this year was no exception.

A big thank you to Cheri Kobes for pulling the day together and organizing the presentations, and to Daniella Michalzik for planning and leading the performances the kids really shone. Thanks also to Mrs. Lesley for all her behindthe-scenes help getting everything set up, and to Kelly Jaarsma for taking some beautiful photos to remember the day.

And of course, thank you to all the amazing volunteers who made soup, helped serve, and stayed to clean up — we couldn't have done it without you!











# COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

# Thursday, June 5 at 5 PM Houston Christian School Gym



Soup by donation, children's games and more!

Many of you know the Seinen family at Houston Christian School: Jon, Jana, Liam (Grade 12), Sydney (Grade 10) and Sawyer (Grade 8, homeschooled this year) have been an integral part of our community for many years. In March just before spring break, Sawyer, age 13, went to Edmonton for a medical procedure related to his congenital heart disease. During recovery, there were serious complications. Sawyer has lost the use of his legs and is now a T8 paraplegic. Jon, Jana and Sawyer spent weeks in Edmonton at Stollery Children's Hospital. On April 17, Sawyer was transferred to Sunny Hill Health Centre in Vancouver where he is participating in its acute rehab program for the next few months. There is no exact date of when Sawyer will be able to come home to Houston. As this has a lifelong impact on Sawyer and his family, we as a community would like to be a blessing and support to them through this event and fundraising campaign. Thank you for your donations, thoughts and prayers.

Soup Fest for Sawyer: Save the Date! You're invited to a community fundraising event for Sawyer and the Seinen family on Thursday, June 5 at 5:00 pm at Houston Christian School. Dinner is by donation and you may try as many of our delicious soups as you like! Bring the whole family. Carnival games for Grades 6 and under. Unable to attend? Donate in person at the Bulkley Valley Credit Union to 'Donations to Sawyer Seinen' or etransfer to <u>servingsawyer@gmail.com</u>. You can also donate directly to the Accessibility Fund at Houston Christian School if you would like a tax receipt.