

Urgent Call for Soup Makers

Grandfolks Day Needs You!



Grandfolks Day is just around the corner, and we are short on soup! We need a minimum of 15 pots, but as of now, only 8 parents have signed up.

If you're able to make a pot of soup, please sign up by clicking the [LINK](#).

All volunteers are invited to stay and enjoy lunch with us on Grandparents Day.

Thank you for stepping up to help make this special day a success!

What's happening at HCS?

May 9 - Friday

- HCS Store Closes at midnight

May 15 - Thursday

- Grandfolks day

May 16 - Friday

- Pro D Day - No School

May 19 - Monday

- Victoria Day - No School

May 21 - Wednesday

- Flower order comes in

May 29 - Thursday

- Spring Society Meeting @ 7 pm

HCS Store Closes Today!

The HCS store closes today at midnight, so get your clothing orders in while you still can. The new long-sleeve Wildcats t-shirt is a must for all your outdoor adventures this summer.

Click on the [LINK](#) to order.

2025 Grad Trip: Five Days of Fun, Friends, and Final Memories

The grad class has just returned from their 5-day grad trip. They spent four nights at the Days Inn near West Edmonton Mall. Highlights of the trip included splashing around at the WEM waterpark, exploring the TELUS World of Science, checking out WEM attractions, and even sightseeing around Jasper. It was a fantastic way to celebrate the end of their high school journey. A huge thank-you goes out to Caroline Thomson and Wendall Ewald for generously giving their time to chaperone the students and help make the trip so memorable.

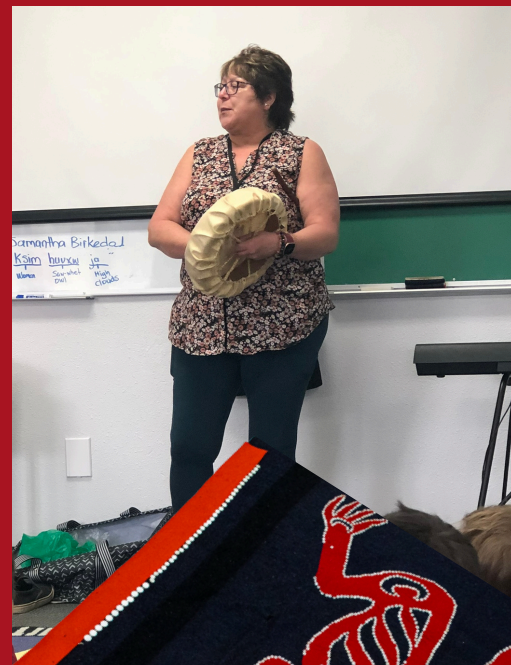


A BEARY COOL SHOW AND SHARE!



This month, Teagan brought in a black bear tooth for Show and Share. Mr. Ewald visited the Grade 2 classroom with several bear skulls from his collection to help identify the tooth and teach the class more about the species it came from. How fortunate we are to have a hands-on science teacher at our school who can deepen our students' curiosity. If you haven't yet explored our science room, it's well worth a visit. With a museum-like collection of locally sourced animal hides, skulls, and even preserved body parts, it's a great place to explore with your child whenever you're visiting the school for other activities.





THREADS OF TRADITION: GRADE 5/6 EXPLORES WET'SUWET'EN CULTURE AND TRADITIONAL REGALIA

This month, the Grade 5/6 class at HCS has been creating button blankets, inspired by the traditional ones worn by Northwest Indigenous tribes for ceremonial purposes. Students had the opportunity to choose a Wet'suwet'en clan to represent in their work: Gil_seyhu (Big Frog), Laksilyu (Small Frog), Gitdumden (Wolf/Bear), Laksamshu (Fireweed), or Tsayu (Beaver Clan). To deepen their understanding of these blankets and their cultural significance, students had the privilege of being visited by Sharon Redford and Sam Birkedal. During the visit, the students learned about the symbolic meaning of colours in traditional clothing and blankets, listened to a song played on a hand drum, and explored Wet'suwet'en traditions. Other elementary classes also joined in the experience. A heartfelt thank you to Sharon and Sam for generously sharing their time and knowledge with us!



SOUP FEST for SAWYER



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 servingsawyer@gmail.com. You can also donate directly to the Accessibility Fund at Houston Christian School if you would like a tax receipt.

Employment Opportunity

Principal - Houston Christian School

Employment Type: Full-time

Compensation Range: \$72,553.05 - \$127,144.35

Date Posted: May 2, 2025

Closing Date: May 16, 2025

Come Lead and Live in the Beautiful Bulkley Valley!

Houston Christian School (HCS) is inviting applications for the position of Principal, beginning August 1, 2025. We are seeking a Christ-centred leader with a deep love for the Lord and a calling to serve in Christian education. The successful candidate will be passionate about cultivating a Christ-centred learning environment that fulfills HCS's vision to Educate, Engage, and Equip students for the glory of God.

About HCS

Founded in 1962, HCS continues to provide K-12 education that recognizes the Lordship of Christ over every aspect of life. We are committed to academic excellence grounded in a Biblical worldview, and we work in partnership with Christian families and local churches to nurture covenant children in their faith journey. HCS is a member of SCSBC and CEBC.

Why Houston?

Located in British Columbia's beautiful Bulkley Valley, the town of Houston offers affordable living, a close-knit community, and endless opportunities for outdoor adventure. Whether you enjoy hiking, paddling, cross-country skiing, fishing, hunting, or simply soaking in the surrounding natural beauty, Houston is an incredible place to live, work, and raise a family.

HCS Offers:

- A committed, Christ-centred staff team
- A supportive board and active parent community
- A strong culture of discipleship and service
- Opportunities for leadership development and professional growth
- A welcoming and collaborative working environment
- A comprehensive benefit package
- Competitive wages, in line with SCSBC Compensation Guidelines
- Relocation assistance, for the right candidate.

The Ideal Candidate Will:

- Demonstrate spiritual maturity and servant leadership rooted in Scripture
- Model Christlike character and a passion for faith-integrated learning
- Build and sustain strong, trusting relationships with staff, students, families, and the broader community. As a visible and approachable presence in the daily life of the school, the principal will actively engage in classrooms, hallways, and school events, fostering a culture of connection, encouragement, and Christ-like leadership. Relational leadership will be central to nurturing a vibrant, unified school community.
- Provide clear, compassionate leadership with a vision for Christian education
- Be effective in curriculum implementation and instructional leadership across K-12
- Manage people and priorities with wisdom, efficiency, and integrity
- Handle conflict resolution with grace and professionalism
- Be committed to ongoing personal and professional development

Qualifications

- Be an active, engaged member of a church that shares Houston Christian School's commitment to Christ's lordship over all of life and the centrality of God's Word.
- Hold a valid BC teaching certificate
- A Master's degree in education or a related field is an asset
- A proven track record of effective leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills
- Experienced teacher (minimum of 5 years) with training and understanding of the meaning and value of a faith-based learning environment
- Principal or Vice Principal experience is considered an asset

To Apply:

Interested applicants are invited to submit a cover letter, résumé, statement of faith, and three professional references to the Houston Christian School Board.

Please email applications to: board@houstonchristianschool.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.