

Branches

a school to home newsletter

March 7, 2025



What's happening at HCS?

March 11 - Tuesday

• Grade 5/6 Skating @ 2 pm

March 12 - Wednesday

• Middle School Downhill Ski Day

March 13 - Thursday

Crazy Hair Day

March 14 - Friday

- Report Cards Go Home
- Last Day of School Before Spring Break

March 31 - Monday

Classes Resume

Sharing Truth and Resilience: Corrine George Visits



The Grade 11/12 First Nations class had the privilege of welcoming Corrine George for a special visit. A proud Wet'suwet'en woman from the Gidimt'en (Bear) Clan, Corrine serves as the Regional Principal of the College of New Caledonia – Burns Lake Campus and is the author of Alha Disinii – My Truth.

In her book, she shares her identity, her experiences as a Wet'suwet'en woman, and the realities of intergenerational trauma. As the daughter of a residential school survivor and a WWII veteran, she speaks openly about hardship, resilience, and the journey toward healing.

Corrine's visit was a powerful reminder of the importance of truth and reconciliation. We are grateful for her willingness to share her story and wisdom with our students. Thank you, Corrine, for bringing these important conversations to life in our classroom.

Elementary Downhill Skiing - March 12

Grades 5 to 8 will be going downhill skiing on Wednesday, March 12. For many students, this will be their first time participating in a school ski day.

Students must arrive at the high school foyer by 8:00 AM to ensure the group arrives at the ski hill by 9:30 AM. Assigned rides will be posted in the foyer. If you have a preference for who your child travels with, please notify the office by noon on Tuesday.

At the end of the day, students will leave the ski hill between 3:30 and 4:00 PM to return to the school. Once they have departed, a message will be sent via the school app so parents can plan for pick-up. Upon arrival, students may use the school foyer to call home if needed.

Below are important instructions to help your child prepare for the ski day. Please discuss these points with your child before they go up the mountain.

- It is the student's responsibility to ensure that they arrive dressed appropriately for winter mountain conditions. Layers are recommended: "hope for the best but prepare for the worst."
- Students who did not sign up for a lunch voucher must bring lunch to the ski hill or money to purchase lunch.
- The schedule for lessons will be announced upon arrival. Lessons are 1.5 hours and are mandatory for all student participants.
- To ensure safety, students must ski using the buddy system. Before students receive rentals and ski passes, a ski instructor will conduct a brief safety talk in the chalet. Additionally, an HCS chaperone will be in the chalet throughout the ski day.
- All rented equipment must be returned to the Rental Shop by 4 p.m. Students must return in the same vehicle that took them up the mountain unless previous arrangements have been made with the HCS office.



BC School Sports 1A Boys Basketball Provincial Championship

Game

Results

Houston Christian vs. Aberdeen Hall LOSS **79** - 101

Houston Christian vs.
Ucluelet

WIN **72** - 62

Houston Christian vs. Meadowridge

WIN **74** - 60

UPCOMING GAME:SATURDAY, MARCH 8 AT 8:30 AM

Click here to watch live!

\$8 per day to watch championship games live









OUR GRADE 4 TO 7 STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE IN THE SD#54 ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AT TWAIN SULLIVAN AND HOUSTON SECONDARY SCHOOL. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENT VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED MAKE THIS POSSIBLE!























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Houston Christian School

Employment Opportunity

Houston Christian School is a well-established K-12 Christian School located in the beautiful Bulkley Valley in British Columbia. community of Houston offers diverse recreational opportunities and affordable housing. At Houston Christian School, our vision is to educate, engage, and equip...to the glory of God. In the fall of 2025, HCS will be launching an updated 5-year strategic plan. This strategic plan will include a strong commitment to educational excellence, increased accessibility, inclusion, and sustainability. Based on our anticipated needs for the 2025/2026 school year, HCS is accepting applications for a 1-year primarylevel maternity leave, an upper elementary teacher, a middle school teacher, and a possible high school English teacher. Applicants should hold, or be working towards, a BC Teaching Certificate. We invite all those interested in these positions to reach out for more information, and/or forward a cover letter, resume, two professional references and one personal reference addressed to Cindy Vellekoop and Wendall Ewald (the HCS Admin Team) via the following contact information:

<u>c.vellekoop@houstonchristianschool.ca</u> (236-335-4585) <u>wendall.ewald@houstonchristianschool.ca</u> (250-845-8196)

Interviews will commence as promising resume portfolios are received. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 pm on Friday, April 18, 2024, or until the positions are filled. The FTE compensation range is \$53,743 to \$94,181.