

THANK
YOU



Special thanks to two of our talented Grade 12 students for designing and painting this year's school mural. Their time, time, effort, and creativity have blessed our community with a beautiful reminder of our theme,

**"Now we are the body of Christ."
1 Corinthians 12:27**

What's Happening at HCS

September 11 - Thursday

- Photo Day (Individual and Class Photos)

September 13 - Saturday

- Grad fundraiser BBQ at SMP (11:00 - 3:00)

September 30 - Tuesday

- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - No School



PRINCIPAL'S PULSE (WORDS FROM OUR HEAD)

I would love to thank you, our parents, for your warm words of welcome at the start of this new school year! I feel truly blessed to be a part of the Houston Christian School story.

We have now completed our first week of school. Much has already been accomplished, and it is only the beginning!

Next week, I hope to send home a few forms for you to review and sign. Some of these may be new to you. They are simply designed to help us, as a school community, be transparent about how we handle various issues that may come up.

I apologize for the shortness of this note and ask for your patience as we get things rolling.

I am delighted with the start of this year! May we all grow in our understanding of what it means to be *“the Body of Christ.”*

Blessings,
Ron Donkersloot



NEW FAMILY TUITION & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFO

Just a reminder to new families to come into the office to set up a tuition schedule with our Business Administrator, Kim Van Barneveld. Tuition is \$8208.00 for the 2025.26 school year. We strongly advise that you set up monthly payments (with Kim) so that tuition will come out of your bank account on a specific date each month. This way the tuition stays current. Please bring in your bank information (or void cheque) and Kim will set up the Electronic Funds transfer. Kim is available on Mondays and Wednesdays.

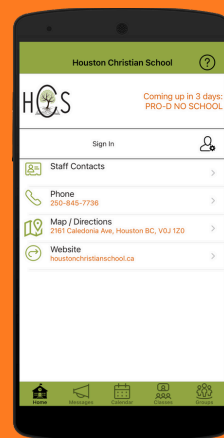
If you are on financial assistance, please return the application for this year to the office as soon as possible so we can set up an appointment to meet and discuss the application.

Thank you.

Finance Committee

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR HCS APP

The HCS app is the main way the school communicates with families. A recent update caused notifications to stop working, but a new update is now available to fix this issue. We need all HCS families to update the app as soon as possible.



After updating, please open the app and sign back in. Remember to check the app regularly for school messages so you don't miss important information.

If you are having trouble getting your app up and running, please stop by the HCS office—we'll be happy to assist.

Thanks for helping us stay connected!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: PART-TIME INCLUSIVE EDUCATION ASSISTANT

Houston Christian School is a well-established K-12 Christian School located in the beautiful Bulkley Valley in British Columbia. HCS is accepting applications for a part-time Inclusive Education Assistant. We are seeking a passionate Inclusive Education Assistant who is committed to fostering a positive and engaging learning environment to help students thrive in their educational journey. Applications will be accepted until September 12, 2025.

This position includes supporting individual students with educational, physical, and/or emotional goals. This position involves assisting a student off campus and will require the applicant to drive from school to support a student at home for a portion of the day.

Applicants should:

- Be willing to join a team of educators working together with parents to support students, reflecting Christ's spirit and humility to encourage student growth.
- Working with teachers, collaborating on an educational plan, and supporting the student in reaching their goals.
- Have strong communication skills
- Hold a valid driver's license and have the ability to drive on Houston's surrounding roads.

This position is paid at an appropriate hourly rate and kilometrage compensation.

Please apply to r.donkersloot@houstonchristianschool.ca with your resume, cover letter, two professional references, and one personal reference.

NEW ELEMENTARY PHONICS PROGRAM - PLAID PHONICS

The elementary wing is thrilled to introduce a brand-new phonics program: Plaid Phonics! Each student will receive a beautiful new workbook as part of their school supplies for the year, making learning both engaging and hands-on.

In addition, we are introducing WriteBrite, an online writing program that will further support and enhance students' English class learning.

As part of these programs, students in Grades 4–6 will be bringing home new spelling words every two weeks. These words will be used in many of the activities within Plaid Phonics and WriteBrite. We encourage parents to review and practice these words at home to help reinforce learning.

Thank you for partnering with us as we guide our students in exploring the wonderful world of the English language!



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2025/2026



Friends Together Again

