

October 3, 2025

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HCS

Oct 9 - Thursday

- Thanksgiving Worship Evening @ 6:30 pm

Oct 13 - Monday

- Thanksgiving Day - No School

Oct 16 - Thursday

- Spirit Day - Anything but a Backpack

Oct 23 - Thursday

- Parent/Teacher Conferences @ 2:30

Oct 24 - Friday

- Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School

Oct 30 - Thursday

- Spirit Day - Harvest Fest/Western Dress Up Day



School Sing takes place every Thursday in both the Elementary and High School wings, and parents are always welcome to join in worship.

**CORRECTION**

The email address listed in the previous edition of Branches was incorrect. If you have already tried to contact the school about volunteer opportunities using that address, we apologize for the inconvenience. Please resend your message to the correct email provided below.

## WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU AT SCHOOL!

**PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS, WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU INVOLVED IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!**

Whether it's helping in a classroom, lending a hand at special events, or pitching in with practical tasks like tidying and organizing, your time and talents make a difference!

If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to

[kvandenbrink@houstonchristianschool.ca](mailto:kvandenbrink@houstonchristianschool.ca).

Thank you for being part of our school family!

## Thanksgiving WORSHIP NIGHT

@ HOUSTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:30 PM

COME AND JOIN US  
AS WE GATHER TOGETHER  
TO WORSHIP OUR FATHER  
WITH SONGS OF THANKSGIVING.

# APPLE PIE DAY

NOVEMBER 5, 2025



We're excited to once again announce that HCS will be selling delicious apple pies. Apple Pie Making Day will be on November 5th this year, and we need your help to make it a success. So, if you are able, mark the day on your calendar and plan to come in, roll up your sleeves, and make some pie for a good cause. Keep an eye on Branches over the next few weeks for more information on signing up and a sign-up link.

Apple Pie order forms were sent home with your youngest student today in their backpack and are also available at the end of Branches. Orders are due at the school or at Countrywide Printing & Stationery by October 27th.

Payments can be made in person via cash or cheque, or by e-transfer to [groceries@houstonchristianschool.ca](mailto:groceries@houstonchristianschool.ca) (please include "pies" in the memo).

# OCTOBER MEMORY WORK



He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."

The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 46: 10-11

## VOLLEYBALL PLAY DAY



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10:00am HCS vs. ECRS

12:00pm HCS vs. BVCS

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# BUY LOW FOOD GIFT CARDS

Buy low gift cards are once again available for purchase in the HCS office. This is a great fundraiser for the school, as we profit 10% of all card sales. We try to make it easy for you by ensuring we always have plenty of cards in stock. We accept cash, cheque, and e-transfer.

E-transfer address:

[groceries@houstonchristianschool.ca](mailto:groceries@houstonchristianschool.ca)

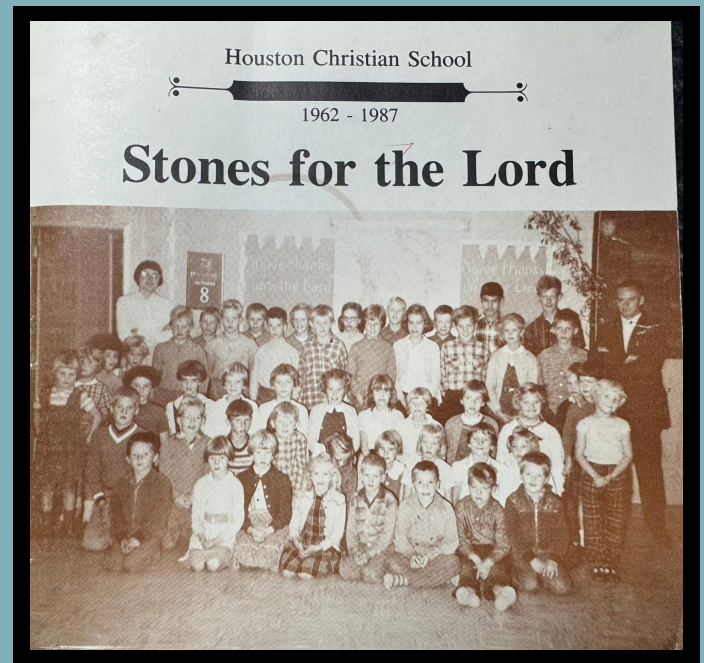
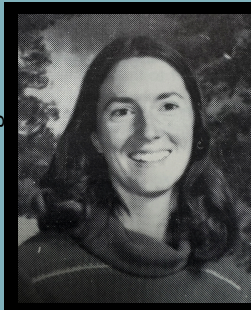


# PRINCIPAL'S PULSE (WORDS FROM OUR HEAD)

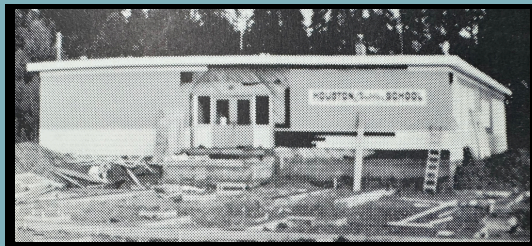
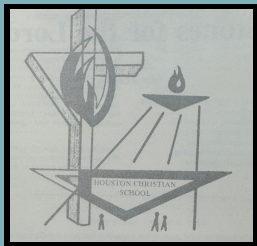
This past week, I came across a booklet at the house where I am staying titled *Stones for the Lord*. It is a celebration of the first 25 years of Houston Christian School (1962–1987). It is a beautiful testimony of the dedication of those early parents who desired a Christian Education for their children. It took the work of the entire church community to make the dream a reality. It took years for them to see this dream come true. The first step was a meeting held on July 12, 1950, to begin organizing the Christian School. However, the school's doors would not open for another 12 years, finally welcoming students in September of 1962.



Robin Vandenberg 1987



The booklet is a wonderful read about the efforts of many people who are either now gone or are the great-grandparents of current students. We have a copy of this booklet in the school library and it is worth checking out and reading! As we enter into a season of Thanksgiving, we should take time to remember the dedication and efforts of those early pioneers of the school.



I even discovered that a great-uncle of my wife, Rev. Simon Viss, was a pastor here during the school's early years. My wife and I had no idea that we had a relative who had already been part of the Houston Christian School story and I am glad to be a small part of the story this year.

Blessings!

Ron Donkersloot

Rev. & Mrs. Simon Viss 1987



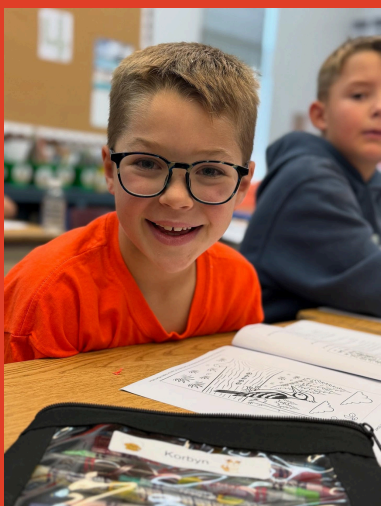




# ORANGE SHIRT DAY AT HCS

...But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13b







# APPLE PIE DAY NOVEMBER 5, 2025



## APPLE PIE ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact # : \_\_\_\_\_

**GET YOUR  
ORDERS IN SOON!**

# of Pies: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

FOR \$5.00 PER ORDER WE WILL DELIVER YOUR PIES!

**\* local in-town delivery only \***

Delivery or Pick-up  
(please circle)

+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If delivery please provide address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**CASH**

**E-TRANSFER**

**CHEQUE**

please circle method of payment

\* pies must be paid for in advance \*

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You can e-transfer the funds to [groceries@houstonchristianschool.ca](mailto:groceries@houstonchristianschool.ca) (remember to put your name and the word "pies" in the memo)

OR you can pay by cheque made payable to "HCS" and attach to this order form.

**Order forms & payment are due at the school or  
Countrywide Printing & Stationery by: Oct. 27th, 2025**

**PIES WILL BE MADE AND MUST BE PICKED-UP OR DELIVERED NOVEMBER 5TH.**

You will be called when your pies are ready.

If picking up your pies, we ask that you do so as soon as possible – to ensure freshness.

NOTE: THESE PIES FREEZE VERY WELL FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME

**THANK YOU** for your order!