



Houston
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School

Branches

a school to home newsletter

October 31, 2025

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HCS

Nov 5 - Wednesday

- Apple Pie Day ([Volunteer Sign Up Link](#))

Nov 6 - Thursday

- Remembrance Day Assembly @ 8:35 am

Nov 7 - Friday

- Poinsettia Orders Due ([Online Order Form Link](#))
- Grad Purdys Orders Due ([Online Order Form Link](#))

Nov 10 - Monday

- Pro D Day- No School

Nov 11 - Tuesday

- Remembrance Day - No School

Remembrance Day Assembly

HCS will hold a Remembrance Day Assembly on Wednesday, November 6th at 8:30 a.m. in the gymnasium. We warmly invite members of the larger HCS community to join us as we take time to remember and reflect together.



APPLE PIE DAY

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

Apple Pie Day is coming up soon, and we'd love for you to be part of it! It's always such a fun day working together, and many hands really do make light work. If you're able to help out, click the [LINK](#) to sign up.

We often get asked if people can buy and donate ingredients for our Apple Pie Day. Although this is a generous offer, it can be somewhat confusing. To simplify the process, we've implemented a Pie Donations board.

Instead of purchasing ingredients, we invite you to drop by the school and contribute a monetary amount for each ingredient listed. Each square on the board highlights an ingredient along with its cost. When you donate, the square gets covered with an apple sticker showing your contribution.

You can make donations at the HCS office or via e-transfer to groceries@houstonchristianschool.ca (Remember to put "Pie Day Donation" in the memo).



APPLE PIE DAY DONATIONS

		\$45		\$10	\$15	\$40	\$10	\$45		\$10	
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CHRISTMAS GREENERY & POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH VIBRANT POINSETTIAS AND FESTIVE HOLIDAY PLANTS — A PERFECT WAY TO ADD WARMTH AND COLOUR TO YOUR HOME OR BLESS SOMEONE SPECIAL WITH A THOUGHTFUL GIFT.



Bloom Buds - 2 plushies

Celebrate family this season with our adorable holiday duo – a Poinsettia Trio plushie and a festive Jingleberry Tree plushie. Perfect for sharing with friends or family, these soft, huggable buddies bring warmth, cheer, and love to any space. Main Materials: Polyester Velboa. Inner Filling: PP Cotton, Sand-Silica. Dimensions: Poinsettia Trio Plushie: 8.5" (H) x 6" (W) x 6" (B) Jingleberry Tree Plushie: 8.5" (H) x 5" (W) x 3.5" (B)

35.00 CAD



6.5" Poinsettia - Red

A Holiday Favourite! Brighten up any room this winter with a vibrant velvet red poinsettia. The poinsettia is perfect for your home, hotels, restaurants and banks over the holidays. Approx. height: 14-16" & width: 12-16"

15.00 CAD



6.5" Poinsettia - White

A Holiday Favourite! Brighten up any room this winter with a vibrant ivory white poinsettia. The poinsettia is perfect for your home, hotels, restaurants and banks over the holidays. Approx. height: 14-16" & width: 12-16"

15.00 CAD



Hanging Greenery Bough

Enchanted woodland grove! Heritage burlap bag stuffed with greenery & illex berry sprigs. Lean it up against stairs, benches, or your home and hang from your door. Approx. height: 28-32" & width: 10-13"

35.00 CAD



Indoor Tropical Planter

Toasty fireside nook! 4 lush plant mixes snugly tucked into a charming holiday tin.. Planter container designs do vary and cannot be requested. Containers vary. Approx: 10-12" by 4-8"

35.00 CAD



Holiday Wreath

Cozy woody greeting! Crafted from fresh noble, cedar & juniper, wrapped in elegance and sure to give you and your guests a homey warm welcome. Approx. 24" diameter

35.00 CAD



Table Top Trio

Delightful gift bundle! A charming trio of gaultheria, mini cypress, & frosty fern. Complete with the pot covers and holiday decor. Each plant is in a 4" pot.

25.00 CAD



Outdoor Greenery Arrangement

Regal flora elegance! This festive planter is misted in woodland berries, frosty pinecones & a grand crimson bow. Standing at 2 feet tall this statement piece is sure to inspire the joyful spirit! Approx. height: 30-36" & width: 16-20"

45.00 CAD

ORDER DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 7

PICKUP DATE: NOVEMBER 27

Order forms are available at the HCS office, or you can place your order online using this [LINK](#). Payments can be made by cash or cheque at the office, or by e-transfer to kim.vanb@houstonchristianschool.ca (please include "Christmas plants" in the memo).

PRINCIPAL'S PULSE (WORDS FROM OUR HEAD)

We are now fully into the Volleyball season and all of the travel that comes with it! Our prayer for parents and students who are travelling in the coming weeks is that you stay safe and give yourselves plenty of time for the drives ahead. Each of you is precious, and we're praying for everyone's safety!

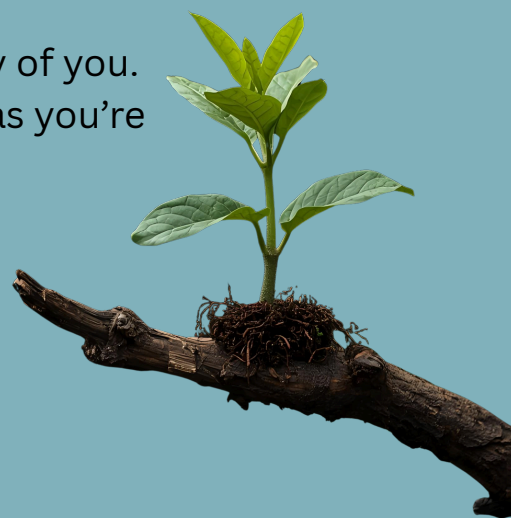
We're also entering the time when teachers are gathering final assignments and preparing for the first report card period. I encourage you, as parents, to help ensure your children are keeping up with the work that needs to be completed. If you're unsure about what still needs to be done, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher for clarification before the semester ends.

I know tonight will be a busy and exciting evening for many of you. May you and your children stay safe and have a fun night as you're out and about in the community.

May God's grace go with all of you in the coming week!

Blessings,

Ron Donkersloot



First Lego League Club HCS Wild Robots

Sign up forms
are available
at the HCS
office.

HCS is excited to launch our very first First Lego League (FLL) Challenge Club! Open to students ages 9–14, this hands-on club combines creativity, coding, and problem-solving as students design and program LEGO robots to tackle real-world missions.

The club begins next Thursday, November 3, and will meet on Mondays from 3:30 to 5:00 pm in Mr. Lieuwen's room.

Cost: \$35 for the year (November–May).

Permission forms can be dropped off at the office on Monday or brought to the first meeting. Join us as we kick off this exciting new opportunity and explore innovation, teamwork, and robotics with the HCS Wild Robots!

ATHLETICS UPDATE: GAMES, TOURNAMENTS, AND TEAM SPIRIT!



It's going to be an action-packed weekend with lots of games and travel for our Wildcats! Here's a look at some of the schedules for our teams—cheer them on and wish them luck as they hit the courts.

LOCAL GAME



**COME OUT
AND WATCH**



VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

SR. GIRLS

Host: HSS

9:00AM HCS VS. HSS
10:10AM HCS VS. HAZ

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE DETERMINED
AFTER POOL PLAY.
CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA FOR UPDATES

NOV 1

HOUSTON

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

GR. 8 GIRLS

Host: HAZ

10:00AM HCS VS. SSS 1
12:00AM HCS VS. ECRS
1:00PM HCS VS. SSS 2

NOV 1

Hazelton

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

JR. BOYS

Host: BVCS

9:00AM HCS VS. SSS
11:20AM HCS VS. CCS
12:30PM HCS VS. BVCS

NOV 1

Smithers

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

JR. GIRLS

Host: SMS

11:20AM HCS VS. BVCS
12:30PM HCS VS. CAL
2:50PM HCS VS. SMS

NOV 1

TERRACE

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

SR. BOYS

FRIDAY
6:40PM HCS VS. DAWSON CREEK

SATURDAY
10:10AM HCS VS. DP TODD
11:20AM HCS VS. STKR

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Prince George

COACHES CORNER

LAURA SHUMBUSHO

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN COACHING? 2 YEARS

What division do you coach? Grade 8 Boys Volleyball

WHY DO YOU COACH?

I love helping kids learn/develop their skills. More than that, helping athletes grow into humble and respectable children of God.

THE BEST PART OF COACHING?

My favorite part is trying to make connections with the athletes, pushing them to be the best they can be on and off the court.



WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?

If pickles could be a meal...otherwise anything Greek, ribs, shrimp, and Caesar salad.

Who is your favourite athlete? Ruth Davis

COACHES CORNER

CRYSTAL PETERS

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN COACHING? FIRST TIME

What division do you coach? Grade 8 Boys Volleyball

WHY DO YOU COACH?

I love seeing kids love and passion for sports.

THE BEST PART OF COACHING?

Watching athletes grow physically, mentally, and spiritually, and watching them have fun!



WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?

A good chicken and mushroom alfredo complete with garlic toast.

Who is your favourite athlete? My kids



CHOCOLATIER GRAD FUNDRAISER

Our graduating students are excited to launch their Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser again. This is a wonderful chance to treat yourself or find the perfect Christmas gifts while supporting our graduates.

Orders can be placed online through this [\[LINK\]](#). Order forms are available at the end of this Branches and can be dropped off at the HCS office.

Thankyou for supporting our graduates.

CALLING FOR BIBLICAL COSTUMES!

We are looking for any “biblical costumes” you may have at home for the Elementary Christmas production. If you are able to donate a costume to the school, that would be wonderful. Alternatively, if you can lend a costume, please be sure your name is clearly marked on it. If you have costumes to donate or lend, or have any questions, please contact the HCS office. Thank you for your support!



BC Order Form (Tax Included)

2025 FUNDRAISING CUSTOMER INFORMATION

CUSTOMER # 41642		
ORGANIZATION OR SCHOOL	Houston Christian School	
NAME OF FUNDRAISER	CLASSROOM OR CLUB	Grad Class 2026

SEE YOUR COORDINATOR FOR MORE INFORMATION

PG	CODE	DESCRIPTION	SIZE	PRICE	LINE	QTY	TOTAL
3	29125	Foiled Bells — Milk	375 g	\$27.30	1		
3	29129	Foiled Bells — Dark	375 g	\$27.30	2		
3	29281	Holiday Miniatures — Milk	375 g	\$27.30	3		
4	13103X	Favourites — Milk (gift wrapped)	32 pc	\$50.40	4		
4	11103X	Favourites — Dark (gift wrapped)	32 pc	\$50.40	5		
4	12105X	Favourites — Assorted (gift wrapped)	32 pc	\$50.40	6		
5	17009X	Mini Hedgehogs — Milk (gift wrapped)	10 pc	\$24.15	7		
5	17011X	Hedgehogs — Milk (gift wrapped)	10 pc	\$31.50	8		
5	17012X	Mini Hedgehogs — Dark (gift wrapped)	10 pc	\$24.15	9		
5	17021X	Hedgehogs — Milk (gift wrapped)	20 pc	\$52.50	10		
6	12835	Peppermint Bark	5 pc	\$24.15	11		
6	12834	Peppermint Ice Miniatures	200 g	\$19.43	12		
6	18105	Mint Melts	12 pc	\$21	13		
7	15605	Classics Gift Box — Assorted	12 pc	\$24.15	14		
7	14206	Classics Gift Box — Assorted	36 pc	\$55.13	15		
7	14207	Classics Gift Box — Assorted	50 pc	\$78.75	16		
7	14211	Classics Gift Box — Assorted	72 pc	\$105	17		
7	14212	Classics Gift Box — Assorted	98 pc	\$152.25	18		
8	18166X	Himalayan Pink Salt Caramels (gift wrapped)	18 pc	\$31.50	19		
9	16018X	Mini Sweet Georgia Browns (gift wrapped)	15 pc	\$31.50	20		
9	16001X	Sweet Georgia Browns - Milk (gift wrapped)	8 pc	\$31.50	21		
9	16016X	Sweet Georgia Browns - Dark (gift wrapped)	8 pc	\$31.50	22		
10	26247	Holiday Gift Tin	20 pc	\$36.75	23		
11	21511	Stocking Stuffer	235 g	\$19.95	24		
11	18322	Merry & Bright Card Box	60 g	\$7.35	25		
12	12766X	English Toffee	3 pc	\$19.95	26		
12	12796	Almond Bark	200 g	\$23.63	27		
13	23487	Eggnog	6 pc	\$15.75	28		
13	28752	Jolly Saint Nick - Milk	56 g	\$5.78	29		
13	28754	Jolly Saint Nick - White	56 g	\$5.78	30		

PURCHASER INFORMATION

PURCHASER (YOUR) NAME
BEST CONTACT PHONE # (IN CASE WE NEED TO REACH YOU)
EMAIL
RELATIONSHIP TO PERSON FUNDRAISING

PG	CODE	DESCRIPTION	SIZE	PRICE	LINE	QTY	TOTAL
13	28756	Jolly Saint Nick - Dark	56 g	\$5.78	31		
14	26249	Chocolate Survival Kit: Survive the Season	4 pc	\$21	32		
15	25155Y	Holiday Mini Favourites	6 pc	\$15.75	33		
17	15505X	Milk & Dark Chocolate Caramels	16 pc	\$31.50	34		
17	15510X	Milk & Dark Chocolate Creams	16 pc	\$31.50	35		
17	15500Y	Milk & Dark Chocolate Nuts & Caramels	215 g	\$31.50	36		
17	15515X	Dark Chocolate Ginger	16 pc	\$33.60	37		
18	15600X	Cordial Cherries	14 pc	\$33.60	38		
18	18288	Winter Nut Mix	350 g	\$31.50	39		
19	18172X	Himalayan Pink Salt Peanut Butter (gift wrapped)	18 pc	\$31.50	40		
19	27994	Peanut Butter Fingers	12 pc	\$22.05	41		
20	14239	Vegan Hawaiian Black Salt Caramels	16 pc	\$42	42		
20	28041	Vegan Mjlk Chocolate Snowflake	30 g	\$4.99	43		
21	17016X	No Sugar Added Mini Hedgehogs (gift wrapped)	10 pc	\$24.15	44		
21	16012X	No Sugar Added Sweet Georgia Browns (gift wrapped)	15 pc	\$31.50	45		
21	15503	No Sugar Added Classics Gift Box	16 pc	\$31.50	46		
22	28018	Eight Nights Mini Favourites	8 pc	\$21.53	47		
22	28020	Happy Hanukkah Gift Box	16 pc	\$31.50	48		
22	28019	Hanukkah Miniatures	200 g	\$19.95	49		
23	23482	Thank You Gift Box	16 pc	\$31.50	50		
23	32948	Hot Chocolate	335 g	\$12.08	51		
23	55950	Holly Jolly Philbert Plushie	1 pc	\$10.50	52		
24	13697	Festive Delights Gift Basket	1.19 kg	\$181.65	53		

GRAND TOTAL



1.888.478.7397 ext. 1
fundraising.purdys.com

Pickup Date: November 23