

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HCS

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

Nov 5 - Wednesday

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

Nov 7 - Friday

- Poinsettia Fundraiser Orders Due
- Grad Purdys Fundraiser Orders Due

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

**OCTOBER 23 & 24**

Parent/Teacher Conferences are quickly approaching! We'll once again be using SignUp Genius to schedule meeting times. When you open the link below, you'll be taken to the main sign-up page. From there, please select your child's teacher from the menu at the top to view available time slots and book your conferences.

**[[LINK](#)]**

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY PAYMENT

We appreciate your patience as we finalized the cost of school supplies for our elementary students this year. Due to the continued rise in the cost of goods across Canada, the total for school supplies will be \$50 per student for the year.

Payments are due by October 24.

We understand that this represents an increase from previous years and want to assure you that HCS continues to work closely with Countrywide Printing to keep these costs as affordable as possible for our families.

Payments can be made through the HCS office by cash or cheque, or by e-transfer to [kim.vanb@houstonchristianschool.ca](mailto:kim.vanb@houstonchristianschool.ca). Please include "school supplies" in the memo line.



# IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

## FUNDRAISER SEASON AT HCS

As we prepare for the winter and Christmas season, our annual fundraisers are a wonderful way to support HCS students while also decorating your home, satisfying your sweet tooth, and finding thoughtful gifts for family and friends.

This year, HCS will once again be offering our three traditional winter fundraisers:

### CHRISTMAS GREENERY & POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

Add a touch of festive beauty to your home!

You can view all the beautiful options using this [LINK](#) or stop by the school office to fill out an order form.

Orders are due November 7<sup>th</sup> and will be ready for pickup on November 24<sup>th</sup>



### Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser



Support our HCS Grad students while treating yourself—or someone you love—to delicious premium chocolates. Catalogues and order forms will be sent home with students next week, and orders can also be placed online using this [LINK](#).

Orders are due November 7<sup>th</sup> and will be ready for pickup on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### APPLE PIE FUNDRAISER



This year, delicious apple pies are just \$15 each!

Order forms are available at the HCS Office and at Countrywide Printing and Stationery. You can also order online using this [LINK](#).

Orders are due by October 27<sup>th</sup>, and pies are available for pickup on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Your participation in these fundraisers helps us provide the extras that make school life easier, richer, and more fun for all HCS students.

Thank you for your continued support!

# PRINCIPAL'S PULSE (WORDS FROM OUR HEAD)

Thanksgiving is behind us, but hopefully, being thankful for each other is not! We continue to be thankful for you as parents and all of the things that you do to support the school and your children. We pray that this partnership continues.

One of the real ways that we can live this partnership out is through the upcoming parent-teacher conferences that will be held next Thursday and Friday. It is there that you, as parents, get to discuss how your children are doing at school with their teachers. It is a beautiful opportunity to live out the partnership in a real way. It is my hope and prayer that these conferences are more than simply discussing your child's academic progress; rather, they should be conversations on how your child is doing in life and school. How is the communication going between home and teacher? Are there ways that this can be improved? May the dialogue between teacher and parent be one that is infused with grace for each other and your children.

I look forward to meeting many of you as parents on Thursday! If I have not yet met you, please stop by and find me and say hi. It is a blessing to be a part of the HCS community, and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible!

Blessings,

Ron Donkersloot



## HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW PROMO VIDEOS?

We're excited to share two beautiful new videos that give a glimpse into life at HCS — days filled with learning, laughter, and a strong sense of community rooted in faith. They were filmed by Camus Photography, who worked so well with our students and staff to capture the heart of who we are. If you haven't yet seen them on social media, you can watch both videos on our website here:



<https://houstonchristianschool.ca/about/> (scroll down to find embedded videos).

# ATHLETICS UPDATE: GAMES, TOURNAMENTS, AND TEAM SPIRIT!



We have some exciting news to share!

Next Wednesday, October 22, HCS is excited to welcome Rob from the Northern Adaptive Sports Association! Rob will be spending the day with our students and teachers, leading PE classes and showing everyone what inclusive sports are all about.

Earlier this week, Rob let us know he had some unexpected availability next week, and we were thrilled to jump at the opportunity to welcome him to HCS.



Northern Adaptive Sports Association plays an inspiring role in promoting inclusive sports for organizations, schools, and community groups—raising awareness while building and fostering inclusive environments.

Please note that schedules may be slightly adjusted to make room for this special opportunity. We can't wait for our students to get moving, have fun, and see firsthand how sports can include everyone.

– The Athletics Team

## CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

17 - 18 OCTOBER, 2025

Ebenezer Canadian Reformed School

### FRIDAY

3:30pm HCS vs. CES

4:45pm HCS vs. ECRS

6:00pm SKILLS COMPETITION

### SATURDAY

9:00am HCS vs. BVCS

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## JR. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PLAY DAY

18 OCTOBER, 2025

Houston Christian School

9:00am HCS vs. ECRS

10:10am HCS vs. BVCS

HOUSTON CHRISTIAN  
**WILDCATS**

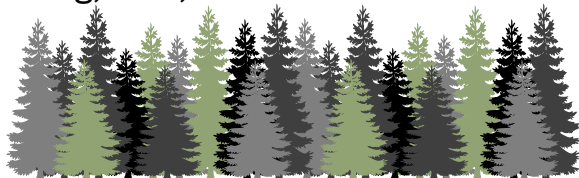


## OUTDOOR EDUCATION SHELTER BUILDING

Our Grade 11/12 Outdoor Ed students have been hard at work building shelters, and the results are impressive! Each structure shows creativity and careful planning. The shelters will be graded on energy efficiency, materials, construction time, and student safety.



This week, the Grade 5/6 class got a chance to see the shelters up close. They learned how smart design and teamwork can make a shelter strong, safe, and warm.



# ANYTHING BUT A BACKPACK DAY!

