

Branches

a school to home newsletter

November 14, 2025





WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HCS

Nov 20 - Thursday

- HCS Spirit Day Dress in your School's Colours
- Staff vrs Grads Volleyball Game @ 1:00 pm

Nov 21 - Friday

• Report Card Writing Day - No School

Nov 24 - Monday

• Purdys Fundraiser Orders Scheduled to Arrive

Nov 26 - Wednesday

 Poinsettia Fundraiser Orders Scheduled to Arrive

Nov 28

• First Term Report Cards Home

Dec 2 - Tuesday

• Fall Society AGM @ 7 pm

JOIN US FOR

HCS SPIRIT DAY!



STAFF VRS GRADS VOLLEYBALL GAME

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20 1:00 - 2:00

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL PRIDE + DRESS IN OUR SCHOOL COLORS:



School Board Update

Highlights and Information

Dear Society Members,

As we embrace another school year, we want to take a moment to connect with you, our Society members, and share a few updates from the Board. We are grateful for the partnership we share in supporting the mission of Houston Christian School, and we hope this message offers a helpful glimpse into some of the work happening behind the scenes.

We are thankful to God for His continued provision — for Ron Donkersloot and his willingness to come up here for the year and share his wisdom and leadership, for our dedicated teachers and staff who have stepped up a big way, for the students who fill our school building with energy and joy, and for the families and community members who faithfully support Christian education.

Autumn Activities

Apple Pie Days is a hallmark event at HCS and the pie-making day on November 5 was a huge success with 1,000 pies assembled and distributed out into the community of Houston. Thank you to all the volunteers, students and organizers for putting such a huge effort into this fundraiser.

Board Chair Daryn Kobes attended the Remembrance Day service on November 11 and laid a wreath on behalf of Houston Christian School. Our students also took time on Thursday, November 6, to remember with a special assembly and commemorative artwork displayed in the hallways.

This fall marked the release of two new Houston Christian School promotional videos. They are a testament to God's faithfulness to our school and a great overview of what we offer. Please view here.

Principal Position

We are prayerfully seeking a new Principal to lead us at HCS. The job posting is open until November 30. Please share with anyone you know who might be interested.

Project Updates and Deep Roots

The Board is pleased to share that the school now has security cameras and a working PA system to increase safety in and around our building. Gym floor lines are also set for an upgrade, as we are in the process of booking a company to come and complete that project as soon as possible.

An outdoor classroom, which was fundraised for in previous years, is also in the works but needs to be completed by Summer 2026 to utilize the associated grant money. If you are interested in helping move this project forward as a project manager or construction volunteer, please let a Board member know or email board@houstonchristianschool.ca.

Join us in our 'Lift Up' Deep Roots Campaign, in support of an elevator structure in the high school end. This vital accessibility upgrade is needed as soon as possible, and we are working towards an elevator or vertical platform lift that will provide access to the second floor for students, staff and visitors with mobility challenges. Stay tuned for details!

Fall Society Annual General Meeting

We kindly invite all Society members to attend our Fall Society AGM on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 2 at 7:00 PM</u>. This is an important evening where we will present the financials from last year and the budget to date for the current school year and provide space for member questions and discussion.

Staying Connected

The Board continues to be mindful that good communication is an essential part of growing as a school community. Last spring, the Board committed to providing updates in Branches once each semester. Our hope is that this update becomes a regular encouragement to you.

We rest in the assurance that God holds this school in His hands, and we see evidence of that care on a daily basis. As we continue onward together, may we do so with joy, with unity, and with eyes fixed on Christ.

The Houston Christian School Board



ATHLETICS UPDATE:

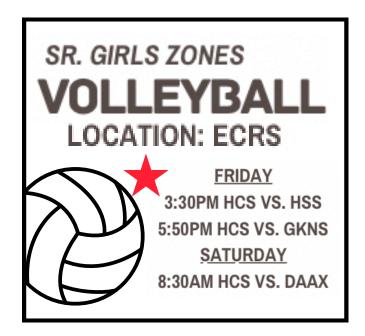
GAMES, TOURNAMENTS, AND TEAM SPIRIT!

ZONE WEEKEND IS HERE!

Do you own red or black apparel — or maybe even a Houston Christian School sweater?

If you do, we'd love to see our school community loud and proud as we cheer on our Senior Girls and Boys at the Zone Championships in Smithers! Bring your school spirit, your energy, and your best cheering voices as we support our athletes.





PLAY-OFF SCHEDULE DETERMINED AFTER POOL PLAY. CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA FOR UPDATES.

We're thrilled to share that our zone has been granted two provincial berths for both the boys' and girls' tournaments — which means those semifinal matches are going to be intense!

As we cheer on our teams, let's remember what truly matters — keeping our focus on our purpose and perspective as coaches, athletes, spectators, and image bearers of Houston Christian School.

Be sure to follow @hcsathletics on Instagram and Houston Christian School Athletics on Facebook for playoff updates!

COACHES CORNER

EVAN VANDENBRINK

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN COACHING? 3 YEARS
What division do you coach? JR/SR Boys Volleyball

WHY DO YOU COACH?

High school sports was important and rewarding to me and I want to help students learn, grow and succeed through athletics.

THE BEST PART OF COACHING?

Working alongside my brother and pushing kids to be the best they can be both in and out of the game. And seeing team progress.



WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?
Pizza

Who is your favourite athlete? Ludvig Aberg

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HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN COACHING? 30 YEARS
What division do you coach? Sr. Girls Volleyball

COACHS

I like competition, figuring out strategy and the science behind skill development.

THE BEST PART OF COACHING?

Seeing development, growth and improvement. Character and team building and seeing relationships grow.



WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?

Pizza!

Who is your favourite athlete? I watch too many sports to have a favourite!

BRANDON VANDENBRINK

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN COACHING? 8 YEARS
What division do you coach? JR/SR Boys Volleyball

COACHS

I love sports and encouraging guys, teaching them and learning along with them through ups and downs.

THE BEST PART OF COACHING?

Building lasting relationships, seeing young men grow to enjoy the game, learning lifelong lessons and being loud.



WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?

Tacos

Who is your favourite athlete? Trevor Linden

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DEDICATED VOLLEYBALL COACHES WHOSE TIME, ENERGY, AND HEART MADE THIS SEASON POSSIBLE.

