

10th annual DEEP ROOTS CAMPAIGN



This week, Deep Roots “Lift Up” campaign brochures went home with students and were mailed out to families. This year’s fundraiser focuses on installing an elevator in the high school wing. This important update will allow all students, staff, and visitors to safely and independently access the second floor.

If your family did not receive a brochure or needs another copy, extras are available in the school office and at our local community churches.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT HCS

Dec 2 - Tuesday

- Fall Society AGM @ 7 pm

Dec 17 - Wednesday

- Christmas Celebration @ 7 pm

Dec 18 - Thursday

- Spirit Day - Tacky Christmas Sweater

Dec 19 - Friday

- Downhill Skiing - High School
- Last Day of School before Christmas Break

MISSING SPORT JERSEYS

Our jersey cabinet is missing a significant number of jerseys, some dating back to the 2024–2025 sports season. The school jerseys—and the means by which we receive them—are a gift, and we want to be good stewards by taking proper care of them.

We are asking parents to check and double-check their homes and storage spaces to ensure that all jerseys are returned. Thank you!

PRINCIPAL'S PULSE (WORDS FROM OUR HEAD)

Today, report cards go home. It is my hope that these reports give you a further sense of how your children are doing here at Houston Christian School. These report cards are not statements on your child's worth; rather, they are observations of what your child has done in regard to their school work. Some of our children do well in the world of school, and others struggle a bit more. It is simply our job, as the adults in these children's lives, to encourage them to grow into what God has called them to be. We hope and pray that these report cards are taken with that understanding. It is my sincere desire that the report cards are helpful to you as parents!

Our Senior Girls' Volleyball team is playing in Castlegar at the provincial tournament. They have made it to the Elite 8! Congratulations to them as they continue in the tournament. We pray for God's travelling mercies when they head home sometime this weekend.

We also pray for Mrs. Michalzik, who has flown to Germany to be with her father as he is nearing the end of his life after being diagnosed with cancer. We pray for safety and for the comfort of our heavenly father in this difficult time for the Michalzik family.

We also continue to pray for the Irakunda family in the loss of Gabriella. We had a lovely time of worship with the family yesterday morning, celebrating the life of Gabriella and sharing in our grief together.

The funeral for Gabriella will be tomorrow at the Houston Christian Reformed Church at 11 AM.

In the midst of our joys and sorrows, we say rejoice in the lord. Again, I say rejoice!

May God's grace go with all of us as we enter into this Advent season.

Blessings,

Ron Donkersloot



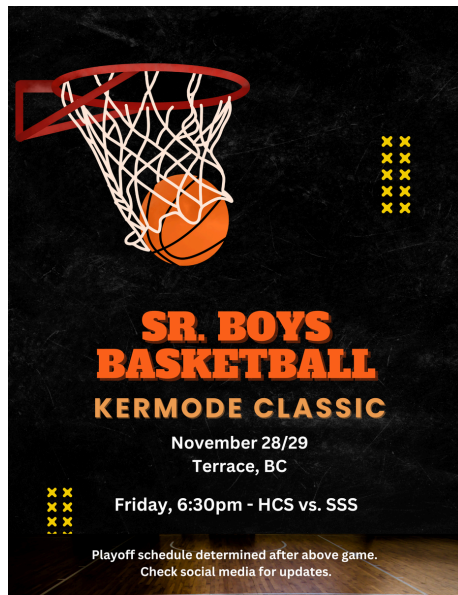
ATHLETICS UPDATE:

GAMES, TOURNAMENTS, AND TEAM SPIRIT!



It's an exciting moment in our athletics program as we celebrate the end of a great volleyball season and launch into basketball. With our volleyball teams still competing and basketball getting underway, the energy is high. This weekend, the following teams are in action:

- **Grade 5–7 Mixed Teams** – Volleyball Play Day at HSS (Friday, November 28)
- **Sr. Boys** – Terrace at the Kermode Classic
- **Jr. Boys** – Hazelton



Our Athletics Team also has an exciting update for our community:

Houston Secondary has four senior basketball players who have joined our Sr. Boys basketball team. We give thanks to God for the opportunity to be good neighbours, and we pray that this season is a blessing to all athletes involved.

With many teams on the go over the next few days, we ask that you join us in praying for travelling mercies. We give thanks to God for the gift of sports and for all who work to make these opportunities possible!

The Athletic Team

SR. GIRLS AT THE 2025 'A' GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP"

Our Sr. Girls are off to Castlegar for the 2025 'A' Girls Volleyball Provincials, and getting there is an adventure all on its own:

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- Distance: 1,288 kilometers
- Overnight stop: Kamloops, BC
- Team: 10 girls
- Entertainment: Many sing-a-longs
- Support crew: 1 driver, 1 chaperone
- Time on the road: Over 16 hours of driving
- Extra help: Lots of prayers for safe travel!



All of that adds up to one epic, loooong adventure to Castlegar!

Day 1 has gone extremely well for our team. They finished **1st in their pool** and are currently **seeded in the Top 4** of the tournament. The remainder of the tournament continues tomorrow.

All games can be viewed on YouTube by searching "**BC SCHOOL SPORTS.**"



A huge thank you to Sandy and Chantelle Harms for driving and chaperoning, to Coach Ed Kronemeyer for leading and supporting our team, and to all the parents who joined the trip to cheer on the girls. Your support made this incredible provincial experience possible for the team.



ELEMENTARY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

GRADES 5-7

Our Grade 5-7 students had a great time at the Elementary Volleyball Tournament hosted by HSS!

We're so grateful to all the parent volunteers who helped make the day such a success.



Employment Opportunity: Financial Administrative Assistant

Job Type: Part-Time

We are seeking a detail-oriented and reliable Financial Administration Assistant to support our financial administrative operations. The ideal candidate will maintain accurate financial records, assist with budget preparation and provide general administrative support to ensure smooth daily operations. The Position is approximately 25 hours per week.

Key Responsibilities:

- Record accounts payable and receivable processes
- Reconcile invoices, petty cash, deposits and bank statements
- Implement tuition collection, record payment, reconcile and prepare annual tax receipts
- Prepare and process expense reports and reimbursements
- Support budget tracking and financial reporting to the School board bi-monthly
- Maintain organized financial and supporting administrative records (digitally and paper)
- Prepare bi-weekly payroll and time sheet verification,
- Administrate payroll benefits, pension plans and T4 reporting
- Monitor insurance plans (Building and vehicles)
- Arrange and attend Finance Committee meetings
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Degree or certificate in Accounting, Finance or Business Administration strongly preferred
- 1-3 years of administrative or financial support, office experience
- Must be proficient in Microsoft Office (especially Excel) and SAGE (Simply Accounting) Software
- Strong attention to detail and organizational skills
- Excellent communication and problem-solving skills
- Ability to handle confidential information with integrity
- Be an active, engaged member of a church that shares Houston Christian School's commitment to Christ's lordship.

What HCS offers:

- Wage will depend on experience, with an annual increase per hour
 - Compensation Range: \$25.54 – \$30.43 per hour (Hourly rate is from the SCSBC grid)
- Benefit and pension plan (after probation period)
- Supportive and collaborative Christian working environment

How to apply:

Please submit your resume and a brief cover letter outlining your experience to Ron Donkersloot (Principal) at r.donkersloot@houstonchristianschool.ca