

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HCS

Nov 10 - Monday

- Pro D Day- No School

Nov 11 - Tuesday

- Remembrance Day - No School

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

APPLE PIES FOR SALE

It's not too late to treat yourself to some delicious apple pie!

Pies are available at the HCS office for \$15 each while supplies last.

Payment can be made via cash, cheque, or e-transfer to groceries@houstonchristianschool.ca (remember to put "apple pies" in the memo).

REMOVING OUTDOOR SHOES

We'd like to share a friendly reminder for anyone entering the school through the office: taking a moment to remove outdoor shoes helps keep our hallways clean and safe, and supports our hardworking janitorial team. Even shoes that look clean can bring in dirt or moisture, so this small step makes a big difference.

Please remind your students to do the same, so together we can keep our school welcoming and tidy.



NOVEMBER MEMORY VERSE

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Romans 12: 6-8

PRINCIPAL'S PULSE (WORDS FROM OUR HEAD)

I'm pleased to say I had the chance to experience Houston Christian School's Apple Pie Making Day! Thank you to everyone who came out and took part. It was truly impressive to see such an assembly line in action. I had a great time peeling apples, though I'll admit I was pretty worn out by the end of the day. Amazingly, I didn't split logs; I only peeled apples, yet I was still exhausted. It was a good reminder of what real work feels like.

My thanks go to Katie and all the other organizers of the event. It was truly amazing to be part of an operation that produced 1,000 pies in just six hours. I am grateful to be a part of such a community!

Volleyball season is reaching an important point, with zone tournaments taking place over the next two weekends. Our students are feeling both excited and hopeful. I'm sure many of you, as parents, share that same excitement and anticipation. My prayer is that as our teams enter these tournaments, they will conduct themselves as true teammates. That they enjoy the experience and soak it all in. I also pray that parents and supporters are able to fully enjoy the games as well, and represent HCS as a friendly and gracious audience. No matter the outcome, may God's name be glorified in the way we play and in how we conduct ourselves.

Go Wildcats!

Blessings,

Ron Donkersloot



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!

ATHLETICS UPDATE:

GAMES, TOURNAMENTS, AND TEAM SPIRIT!



Volleyball, Volleyball, Volleyball!

Zone weekend is here!

Our Grade 8 Girls, Junior Girls, and Junior Boys teams will be competing!

JUNIOR GIRLS
VOLLEYBALL
ZONES

 **HOUSTON SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Friday
3:00pm HCS vs. ECRS
6:30pm HCS vs. HSS

Saturday
9:00am HCS vs. SSS

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

HOUSTON CHRISTIAN
WILDCATS

JUNIOR BOYS
VOLLEYBALL
ZONES

 **SMITHERS SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Friday
4:30pm HCS vs. ECRS
7:00pm HCS vs. CAL

Saturday
9:00am HCS vs. SMS

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE
DETERMINED AFTER POOL
PLAY.
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HOUSTON CHRISTIAN
WILDCATS

GRADE 8 GIRLS
VOLLEYBALL
ZONES

 **EBENEZER CANADIAN REFORMED SCHOOL**

Friday
4:30pm HCS vs. SSS
6:50pm HCS vs. BVCS

Saturday
8:30am HCS vs. HAZ

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE
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HOUSTON CHRISTIAN
WILDCATS

We can't wait to see how our teams perform this weekend! It has been such a joy to watch each player grow throughout the season.

Be sure to follow @hcsathletics on Instagram and Houston Christian School Athletics on Facebook for up-to-date information and highlights from the weekend!

COACHES CORNER

SHANINE SPLETZER

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN COACHING? FIRST YEAR

What division do you coach? Grade 8 Girls Volleyball

WHY DO YOU COACH?

I loved participating in school sports. The lessons and coaches were valuable. I want to be part of the same thing.



THE BEST PART OF COACHING?

Seeing growth and development and watching athletes work hard one step at a time and seeing it "click".

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?

Cheese! That's a meal right?

Who is your favourite athlete? My kids

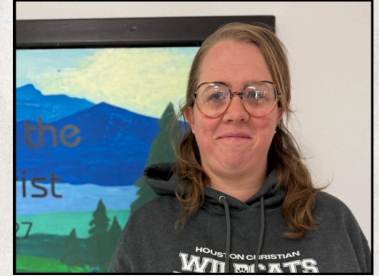
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HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN COACHING? 3 years (not in a row)

What division do you coach? Grade 8 Girls Volleyball

WHY DO YOU COACH?

School sports was a positive experience for me and I enjoy sharing that with athletes.



THE BEST PART OF COACHING?

Seeing the team grow in skill + confidence from the start to finish of the season.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?

Sushi. Or a grilled chicken burger with avocado or pineapple on it.

Who is your favourite athlete? My sister, Kiera Van Ryk



Winter is finally here, and the snow brings plenty of fun for our students to enjoy outside! That means it's time for elementary students to bring their winter gear to school. Please make sure your child comes prepared with cozy winter boots, a warm coat, snow pants, a toque, and gloves so they can fully enjoy all the snowy adventures!



HARVEST FEST AND WESTERN DRESS UP DAY





APPLE PIE DAY 2025

The halls of HCS were once again filled with the smell of fresh apples, granola crumble, and pastry this past Wednesday as students and staff worked together during the annual Apple Pie Day. What began in 1996 as an innovative idea from the Willing Workers has become an important tradition that supports the school and brings the community together.

The day began bright and early at 8:30 a.m., but preparation had been underway for weeks. Special thanks go to Katie Vandenbrink, Kim Verbeek, and Denise Aziz for their careful planning throughout the past month. Bringing together 38 adult volunteers and student helpers, ensuring 2,160 pounds of apples and all the necessary ingredients were ready, and managing all the orders required a lot of hard work and dedication.

On the day itself, volunteers worked tirelessly peeling and cutting apples, assembling pies, boxing them, and delivering them to eager customers. By 1:30 p.m., the goal of 1,000 pies had been met, and volunteers were able to enjoy a well-deserved lunch of homemade soup provided by generous members of the community. In just five hours, 1,012 pies were made, a remarkable accomplishment. By 3:00 p.m., the gym had been returned to its usual order, leaving no trace of the bustling assembly line that had filled the space just hours before.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year, whether by volunteering time, donating ingredients, or purchasing pies. Apple Pie Day remains one of HCS's most important fundraisers, and it is heartwarming to see this cherished tradition thrive, now celebrating 29 years of sweet success.

