

Branches

a school to home newsletter

November 21, 2025

HCS Prayer Group Please join us in prayer! "Wednesday, November 26 @ 8:30 am " We hope to meet once a month in the staff room, right after school drop-off to pray over our students, staff and HCS community. Childcare for younger children available in the Kindergarten room during the time of prayer

10th annual DEEP ROOTS CAMPAIGN

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HCS

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

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

We're excited to announce the launch of this year's Deep Roots Fundraiser, the "Lift Up" campaign, supporting the installation of an elevator in the high school wing. This important accessibility upgrade will allow every student, staff member, and visitor to safely and independently access the second floor, ensuring full participation in classes and school activities. Brochures with more information will be going home in backpacks and mailed out next week. Copies will also be available at local community churches and in the school office. Join us as we work together to make HCS a more inclusive and welcoming community!

PRINCIPAL'S PULSE (WORDS FROM OUR HEAD)

The focus of my article this week is related to sports. We are nearing the end of our Volleyball season and I want to take the time to both congratulate and thank our coaches, student athletes and supporters!

Next week, we send off our senior girls to the provincials in Castlegar. We pray for the safety of the teams travelling there. We also pray that our girls will play to the best of their abilities, and that they represent both HCS and Christ in all that they do.

Yesterday we had fun in the afternoon playing a staff vs the graduating class in a fun Volleyball match. Although there may have been some suspect refereeing, somehow the staff (with a few

ringers called up from the minors) managed to pull off an upset victory. However, what I was particularly grateful for was the genuine fun that everyone had at the event. It was simply a time to have fun, cheer, and celebrate life. Even during times when life feels challenging, I am grateful we can simply celebrate the gifts God has given us. It was a time to reflect on what it is to be the body of Christ.

A big thank you to Katie Vanderbrink for bringing us all together and making this event possible

Blessings,

Ron Donkersloot



STAFF VS. GRADS VOLLEYBALL

























ATHLETICS UPDATE:

GAMES, TOURNAMENTS, AND TEAM SPIRIT!

There's excitement in the air at HCS — our Senior Girls volleyball team just claimed the zone championship!

One question has been floating around ever since that exciting win:

"When was the last time our Sr. Girls' Volleyball team brought home a banner?"

It didn't take long to solve the mystery. Ms. Duzan headed to the gym, stood beneath the wall of banners, and started scanning the years—working backward from 2025. A quick double-check later, the answer was clear: 2011.

FOURTEEN YEARS AGO!

Here is a photo for a trip down memory lane. Look closely and you may recognize many familiar faces, players who are now parents and active members of our school community

The truth is, 2011 feels like a lifetime ago. And when we think about sports, time means everything.

The time left to win a match...

The time out needed to reassess a game plan...

The precise timing of a block or a jump serve...

It all comes down to time.





Next week, our senior girls will represent HCS in Castlegar, BC at the Single-A Girls Provincial Championships. It is our prayer that in every moment, on and off the court, our players are watched over by our Heavenly Father and that their efforts honour His name.

Cheer them on from wherever you are. Matches start this Thursday and will be streamed live on the BC School Sports YouTube channel. Stay connected and follow our social media for the latest updates.

Houston Christian School

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
 - o 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 <u>r.donkersloot@houstonchristianschool.ca</u>

