



Branches

a school to home newsletter

December 5, 2025

LIFT UP



10TH ANNUAL DEEP ROOTS CAMPAIGN

Our “Lift Up” Deep Roots Campaign is underway all December as we work toward our \$20,000 goal for an elevator in the high school wing. Thanks to our generous community, we’ve already raised \$8,150!

This accessibility upgrade will ensure every student, staff member, and visitor can safely and independently reach all areas of our school—strengthening inclusion and community for years to come.

You can support the campaign by sending an e-transfer to deeproots@houstonchristianschool.ca (please include your email address and “Deep Roots” in the memo and as the password), or by bringing cash or cheque to the school office.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT HCS

All December

- 10th Annual Deep Roots Campaign

Dec 9 - Tuesday

- Grade 5/6 Skating at the Arena @ 12:45 pm

Dec 11 - Thursday

- Kindergarten/Grade 1/2 Skating at the Arena @ 12:45pm

Dec 12 - Friday

- High School Downhill Ski Forms Due Back

Dec 16 - Tuesday

- Grade 9/ 10 Skating at the Arena @ 12:45 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

Dec 26 - Friday

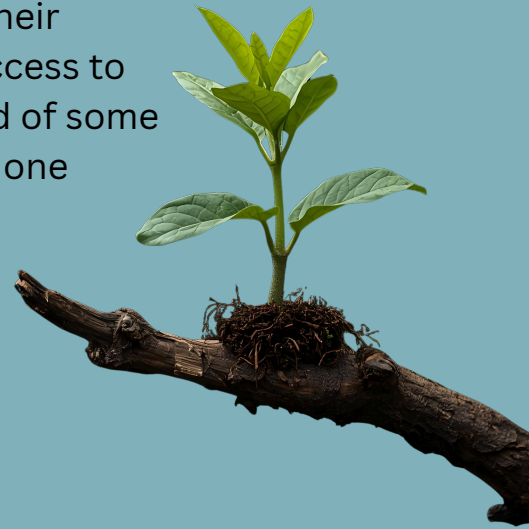
- Alumni Volleyball Tournament

PRINCIPAL'S PULSE (WORDS FROM OUR HEAD)

I am increasingly aware of the potential dangers of social media and the access that we all have to everything on the internet. I know that you, as parents, have heard about the dangers as well. I simply feel that once again I need to remind you of these dangers. I would like to urge you all to put some safe practices in place. Some of these practices include everyone bringing their technology to a common place for the night. Kids having access to technology at night is a very dangerous option. I have heard of some families that turn off their router at night to ensure that no one is going on the internet. I can't impress enough how important it is to have a safe place for your children, both at school and at home.

Blessings,

Ron Donkersloot



JOMO FOSTERING TRUE JOY THROUGH DIGITAL AWARENESS

As many in our community know, HCS is partnering with the JOMO program. This initiative is supported by the Society for Christian Schools of British Columbia (SCSBC), our affiliated Christian school association. SCSBC has endorsed the JOMO program as a meaningful way to help schools foster healthier digital habits and stronger community connections.

Rooted in God's design for community, creativity, and presence, JOMO's Christian Framework helps students practice intentional digital discipleship—choosing joy over fear, creation over consumption, and connection over isolation. Grounded in Matthew 22:37–39, the program invites students to reflect on how their digital habits connect with their faith, identity, and purpose.

For families who are interested in exploring these ideas at home, JOMO offers a variety of meaningful resources designed to support healthier digital rhythms for the whole family. You can find these at: <https://www.experiencejomo.com/families>

A FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM MR. KRONEMEYER

As some of you may already know, I will not be returning to teach after the Christmas break. Ongoing health concerns have made it clear that it is time for me to step back, and I am at peace with this decision.

I returned this year (at 30%) with the aim of being present and helping support HCS through this transition period, and I feel satisfied that I have been able to do so. I remain very willing to be available for questions or assistance as needed.



After several unexpected health-related absences, I am grateful to now step aside on my own terms. It has been exciting to see the next generation of the HCS team taking shape, and I am confident the school is in excellent hands.

Thank you for your kindness, support, and friendship over the years. It has been an honour to be part of this community, and I will always carry fond memories of my time at HCS.

Thank you for the memories,
Mr. Kronemeyer

A poster for the HCS Alumni Volleyball Tournament. It features a large red volleyball with white panels on the left. A gold ribbon is tied around the top of the volleyball. The text "HCS ALUMNI VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT" is written in bold, black and red letters. Below this, the text "TEAM REQUIREMENTS:" is followed by "2 guys + 2 girls + 2 HCS Alumni need to be on the court." and "~all players must be HCS students, staff, alumni or spouse of alumni". At the bottom, it says "~grade 9+". The price "\$5/player" and the date "DEC. 26" are also included. At the very bottom, it says "Please send your team name and roster to bradenvanderwoerd@gmail.com".

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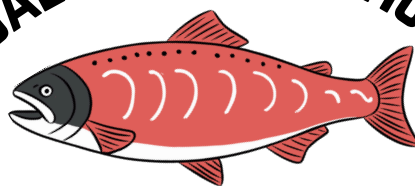
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Get ready to bump, set, and spike—our annual HCS Alumni Volleyball Tournament is happening on December 26, 2025! This holiday tradition brings together students, staff, alumni, and spouses of alumni for a fun and competitive day on the court. Teams are just \$5 per player and must include two guys, two girls, and at least two HCS alumni, with all participants in grade 9 or above. If your crew is ready to play, register your team by emailing

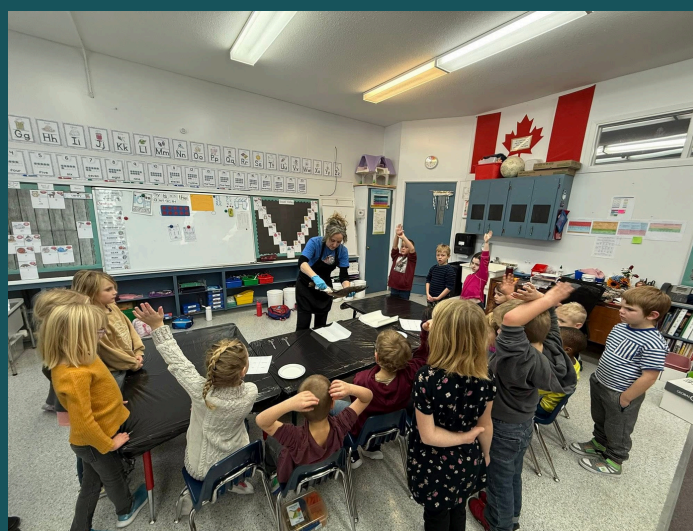
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SALMON DISSECTION



The Kindergarten and Grade 1/2 classes had an exciting hands-on science experience this week as they participated in a salmon dissection right in their classroom. As part of their salmon life cycle curriculum, students had the chance to observe the internal organs of a salmon up close, deepening their understanding of how these incredible creatures grow and survive.



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