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CAREER DAY

FEBRUARY 5



Career Day is happening at HCS this coming Thursday, and the whole school is invited to join in. Students are invited to dress up as their future career or any career they admire. Whether you are dreaming big or just having fun, this is a great chance to get creative, show off your interests, and bring some extra fun to the school day.

costume ideas

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| • Athlete | • Mail Carrier | • Artist |
| • Scientist | • Architect | • News Anchor |
| • Doctor | • Engineer | • Hair Stylist |
| • Veterinarian | • Nurse | • Optometrist |
| • Chef | • Web Developer | • Mechanic |
| • Firefighter | • Accountant | • Plumber |
| • Dentist | • Electrician | • Pilot |
| • Police Officer | • Singer/Actor | • Painter |
| • Astronaut | • Attorney | • Counselor |
| • Teacher | • Farmer | • Secretary |
| • Librarian | • Choreographer | • Pharmacist |
| • Taxi Driver | • Professor | • Musician |
| • Referee | • Photographer | • Surgeon |
| • Travel Agent | • YouTuber | • Pediatrician |
| • Construction Worker | • Animal Trainer | • Military General |
| | • Bus Driver | |

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a school to home newsletter

January 30, 2025

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HCS?

February 2 - Monday

- Order Deadline for West Coast Seeds
- Start of PB & J Food Drive

February 3 - Tuesday

- Grade 3/4 Skating at the Arena @ 12:45

February 5 - Thursday

- Spirit Day - Career Day
- Jump Rope for Heart Kick-off

February 10 - Tuesday

- Grade 7/8 Skating at the Arena @ 12:45

February 11 - Wednesday

- EATS Modules for Grades 7-10 from 12:30 - 3:00 pm

February 12 - Thursday

- Elementary Student Led Conferences and Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences.

WEST COAST SEEDS FUNDRAISER

The HCS West Coast Seeds fundraiser deadline is this Monday.

If you've been thinking about placing an order, there's still time to participate and support our school. We are grateful for the support we've already received, and for those who haven't yet had a chance, please click this [link](#) to place an order before the deadline.



ELEMENTARY STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES AND MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

We are looking forward to connecting with you during the Elementary Student-Led Conferences and the Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 12, from 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Elementary conferences will take place as a drop-in format, with teachers available to meet parents in their classrooms. Please note that Mrs. Kobes and Mrs. Hielema-King will not be available during this conference session.

- Kindergarten parents are asked to plan to attend their child's student-led conference after school the following Thursday, as Mrs. Kobes will not be available during this session.
- Mrs. Hielema-King will share any important information with homeroom teachers, who will then pass it along to families as needed.

If you are unable to attend the Elementary Student-Led Conferences but would still like to connect with your child's teacher, please feel free to reach out to arrange an alternative meeting.

Middle school parents will receive a link through the HCS app sometime next week to book a Parent-Teacher Conference. This is a great opportunity to connect with Mr. Cuddeback, hear more about your child's progress, and talk together about ways to support students as they navigate the middle school years and prepare for high school.

At this time, childcare in the gym has not yet been finalized, but we are hopeful that arrangements can be made before the conference date.

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY FOOD DRIVE: A VALENTINE'S TRADITION OF LOVE



This Valentine's Day, HCS wants to once again show love to our community by blessing our local food bank with peanut butter and jelly.

From Monday through February 14, we will be building a PB&J tower near the school office to show off our growing collection. Bring any size jar of peanut butter or jelly and help us stack up the love!

ATTENTION

High school report cards were sent home with students today. If your child's report card does not make it home, please contact the office and we will arrange to have another copy sent to you.

PRINCIPAL'S PULSE (WORDS FROM OUR HEAD)

Today, my wife and I are spending the day with our grandsons in Campbell River. Our oldest is in Grade 1, and we are being a little bit “bad” as he is missing a day of school to spend time with his Opa and Oma. These opportunities don’t come along very often, so we don’t feel too overwhelmed with guilt.

We are grateful for opportunities to spend time with our grandchildren. Moments like these are a good reminder of how meaningful the presence of extended family can be in a child’s life. It has been a joy for me to see so many grandparents present and involved at Houston Christian School. Having family close by is a real blessing, and I always appreciate seeing grandparents taking an active role in our school community.

Our school thrives when all its parts work together, and that certainly includes grandparents. For those of you who find ways to volunteer your time, we thank you. Our school is founded on the faith, care, and commitment of those who came before us, and it continues to stand as a testament to their work.

As our high school students begin their second term and our elementary and middle school students continue their year, my prayer is that we would continue to find ways to work together as students, parents, grandparents, and members of our school community.

I look forward to being back next week!

Blessings,

Ron Donkersloot



ATHLETICS UPDATE: GAMES, TOURNAMENTS, AND TEAM SPIRIT!



It's hard to believe that, despite the snow on the ground and below-zero temperatures, our Athletics Team is already looking ahead to spring sports at HCS.

As our final sports season of the year, spring athletics will run right through to June and we are excited to share that several new opportunities will be available for students in Grades 8–12, including mountain biking and boys' golf.

We are grateful for Mark Groot and his passion for leading our mountain biking program, supporting both team and individual riders. Mark brings extensive experience in the sport and is eager to support our students as they represent HCS.

Important Mountain Biking Dates:

- BC School Sports registration deadline: April 8
- Mountain Bike Provincials: May 21–22 in Quesnel, BC

Please note: Teams or individual racers do not need to attend any races in order to participate in the provincial championships.



If your child is interested in mountain biking, please contact Mark Groot directly using the information below. Knowing which students are interested, along with their grade levels, will help him with planning the season.

- Cell: (250) 8450-4022
- Email: smokemountain@gmail.com

We are also exploring the possibility of forming a boys' golf team this spring. To move this forward, we are seeking two adults who would be interested in helping lead the team. If you are interested in helping lead this program, or if you have a child who may like to be part of a golf team, please email athletics@houstonchristianschool.ca.

Identifying interested families and willing leaders is essential to moving this program forward.

Important Golf Dates:

- BC School Sports registration deadline: April 8
- Golf Zones: Terrace, May 16th 2026
- Golf Provincials: June 1– June 3, 2026 in Langley at the Redwoods Golf Course

Turning to basketball, this weekend is a quiet one, with only our Senior Girls on the court as they compete at the Senior Girls Mountain Invitational at SSS. Visit our social media for a schedule and game updates.

Have a great weekend, everyone!

— HCS Athletics

