

Branches

a school to home newsletter

October 24, 2024



Earlier this week, a student left their bicycle at the school after getting a ride home following practice. Despite being securely locked, the bicycle was unfortunately stolen overnight, with only the severed lock left behind. This incident highlights the importance of not leaving bicycles at the school overnight, as they could be taken.

What's Happening at HCS?

October 25 - Friday

• ProD Day - No School

October 29 - Tuesday

Grade 9/10 Skating at Arena (2 pm)

October 31 - Thursday

Grade 5/6 Skating at Arena (12:45 pm)

October 30 - Wednesday

• Apple Pie Orders Due

November 7

• Remembrance Day Assembly

November 8

Apple Pie Day

POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

This year HCS will once again be doing a winter fundraiser selling christmas greenery. The deadline for orders is November 19th. You can use this <u>LINK</u> to see all the beautiful options available. Alternatively you can stop by the school office and fill out an order form. Orders are scheduled to be ready for pick up on December 4th.

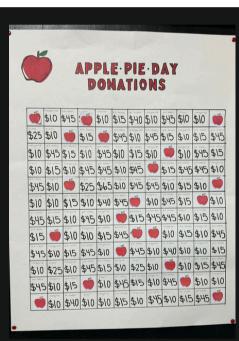






The Grad class is selling Purdy's again! From now until Nov. 24, you can order Purdy's treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of holiday chocolates. Orders can be placed by handing in a completed paper form to the office with cash or a cheque or by ordering online at https://fundraising.purdys.com. Click on 'Join Campaign' and use campaign #41642. All orders will be available for pickup on Dec. 9.





WE OFTEN GET ASKED IF PEOPLE CAN BUY AND DONATE INGREDIENTS FOR OUR APPLE PIE DAY. WHILE THIS IS A GENEROUS OFFER, IT CAN BE A BIT CONFUSING. TO SIMPLIFY THE PROCESS, WE'VE IMPLEMENTED A PIE DAY DONATIONS BOARD.

INSTEAD OF PURCHASING INGREDIENTS, WE INVITE YOU TO DROP BY THE SCHOOL AND CONTRIBUTE THE MONETARY AMOUNT FOR EACH INGREDIENT LISTED. EACH SQUARE ON THE BOARD HIGHLIGHTS AN INGREDIENT ALONG WITH ITS COST. WHEN YOU MAKE A DONATION, THE SQUARE GETS COVERED WITH AN APPLE STICKER, SHOWING YOUR CONTRIBUTION!

YOU CAN MAKE YOUR DONATIONS AT THE HCS OFFICE.

APPLE PIE DAY NOVEMBER 8TH, 2024

We still need volunteers to make this year's apple pie sale a success. If you're available to volunteer, please sign up using the following **LINK** or stop by the HCS office.

To order your apple pies, please use the following **LINK** or fill out the form at the end of Branches and drop it off at the HCS office. Payment can be made in person via cash/cheque or etransfer to

kim.vanb@houstonchristianschool.ca (remember to put "pies" in the memo).

We are excited to announce that the first batch of photos from the school photographer went home with the kids today! If you ordered photos, please check your child's backpack to see if yours were included in this batch.

Photo retakes were done today for all students who missed the first photo day, as well as for those who requested retakes. If it was your child's first time having their photo taken, they were sent home with a form containing instructions on how to sign in online and access the photos. For students who had retakes, the same online login code can be used to view their new photos once they have been uploaded to the site.



The Senior Boys Volleyball Team won first place at the Timbers Invitational Tournament this past weekend. Go Wildcats!



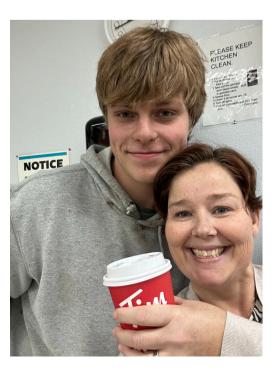




In a recent Workplace Math class, students participated in a unique and hands-on assignment that combined math skills with a delicious outcome—baking cookies. However, the task came with a tricky challenge: all the ingredient measurements were intentionally given in incorrect units. Flour was listed in ounces instead of grams, liquids in liters instead of cups, and so on. The students had to carefully convert each measurement into the proper units in order to successfully follow the recipe. This exercise not only tested their knowledge of unit conversions but also required attention to detail and accuracy, as one misstep could mean disaster for the cookies. After completing their conversions and baking the treats, the students sampled their cookies to determine if their math had been correct. To their delight, most of the cookies turned out perfectly. As a reward for their efforts, the students got to enjoy their baked goods and shared them with staff and other students around the school, spreading both joy and the fruits of their mathematical labor.







Employment Opportunity

Houston Christian School is a well-established K-12 Christian School located in the beautiful Bulkley Valley in British Columbia. The community of Houston offers diverse recreational opportunities and affordable housing. In the fall of 2024, HCS started the fourth year of an updated 5-year strategic plan. This strategic plan includes a strong commitment to educational excellence, increased accessibility, inclusion, and sustainability.

We are searching for a full-time middle-school teacher. This temporary position will be from January 6, 2025, to June 30, 2025. However, it could quite likely continue into the fall of 2025. Applicants should hold or be eligible for a BC Teaching Certificate.

At Houston Christian School, our vision is to educate, engage, and equip...to the glory of God. We invite all those interested in the position to forward a cover letter, resume, two professional references and one personal reference to

marshall.duzan@houstonchristianschool.ca or phone/text **250-845-8395** for more information.

Applications will be accepted until November 15, 2024. Based on experience and education, the annual salary for a full-time position ranges from \$52,432 to \$90,559.





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You can e-transfer the funds to groceries@houstonchristianschool.ca (remember to put your name and the word "pies" in the memo)

OR you can pay by cheque made payable to "HCS" and attach to this order form.

Order forms & payment are due at the school or Countrywide Printing & Stationery by: Oct. 30th, 2024

PIES WILL BE MADE AND MUST BE PICKED-UP OR DELIVERED NOVEMBER 8TH.

You will be called when your pies are ready.

If picking up your pies, we ask that you do so as soon as possible — to ensure freshness.

NOTE: THESE PIES FREEZE VERY WELL FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME