



Branches

a school to home newsletter

November 1, 2024





SR. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PLAYDAY NOVEMBER 1 & 2

@Houston Secondary School

HCS vrs ECRS - Nov 1, 4:30 pm

@Houston Christian School

HCS vrs CCS - Nov 2, 9 am HCS vrs MESS - Nov 2, 11:20 am



What's Happening at HCS?

November 5 - Tuesday

• Grade 3/4 Skating @ 2pm

November 7 - Thursday

- Remembrance Day Assembly @ 8:45 am
- Grade K/1 Skating @ 12:45 pm

November 8 - Friday

• Apple Pie Day

November 9 - Saturday

• HCS hosts Junior Girls Volleyball Zones

November 11 - Monday

• Remembrance Day - No School

HCS FUNDRAISERS:

APPLE PIE FUNDRAISER



The deadline to order apple pies has been extended to November 5th. To order your apple pies, please use the following <u>LINK</u> or drop by the HCS office or Countrywide to fill out a form.

PURDY'S CHOCOLATES



The deadline to order Purdy's chocolates is November 24th. 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.

GROWING SMILES FUNDRAISER



The deadline for Poinsettia 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.



On Thursday, the VE-80 Europe group gathered to plant tulips in honour of their upcoming trip to the Netherlands in May 2025. They will participate in the 80th anniversary celebration of the country's liberation. With assistance from Jana Seinen and volunteers from ES, the group planted 42 tulip bulbs—a generous gift from the Dutch Embassy in Ottawa to mark this special occasion. The group is actively fundraising to be part of this historic event. If you would like to make a donation or hire the group for an event, contact the HCS office.



Remembrance Day Assembly

Friday November 7th at 8:45 am

We warmly invite you to our Remembrance Day assembly, where we will honour the sacrifices made by those who served. This gathering offers a moment to reflect on the freedom and peace we enjoy through God's grace. It is a valuable opportunity for our community to unite in gratitude and prayer. We sincerely hope you will join us as we commemorate this important and solemn day.













READING BUDDIES

Reading Buddies is a cherished program at Houston Christian School that pairs Grade 5 and 6 students with Grade 2 students to share in the joy of reading. In this special weekly tradition, the older students read stories to their younger peers, creating a unique opportunity for mentorship, encouragement, and a love for books. The Reading Buddies program fosters a strong sense of community within the school as the students grow together through their shared experiences.

For Grade 2 students, this program is more than just a reading session; it's an exciting time when they can listen, learn, and be inspired by the older students. Having a "buddy" who demonstrates strong reading skills and confidence encourages the younger students to persevere and take pride in their reading journey. Meanwhile, for Grade 5 and 6 students, Reading Buddies is a rewarding experience highlighting their progress as readers and leaders. Seeing the excitement and engagement in their younger peers gives them a sense of accomplishment and pride in their own growth.

Reading Buddies has become an important tradition at HCS, strengthening the bonds between students across grade levels and helping to build a positive, supportive school environment.

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.

* pies must be paid for in advance *

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