Houston Christian School

Branches

a school to home newsletter

October 2, 2026

Whats Happening at HCS?

October 6 - Tuesday

- Gr. 7/8 Skating at the Arena @ 12:45 pm

October 8 - Thursday

- Lunch Time Grad Bake Sale (12:00 pm)
- Thanksgiving Worship Night

October 12 - Monday

- Thanksgiving Day - No School

A Community That Shows Up... and Keeps Us Cooking

We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming support we received from our community in helping us replace the oven in our school kitchen. It is such a wonderful reminder of the care and generosity our community continues to show toward HCS and our students.

Elementary School Supplies

We appreciate your patience as we finalized the cost of school supplies for our elementary students this year. Due to the continued rise in the cost of goods across Canada, the total for the school supplies will be **$60 per elementary student this year.**

We understand that his represents an increase from the previous years and want to assure you that HCS continues to work closely with Countrywide Printing and its other providers to keep costs as affordable as possible for our families.

Payments can be made through the HCS office by cash or cheque, or by e-transfer to finance@houstonchristianschool.ca (please remember to include “school supplies” in the memo line.

October Memory Work

FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS GIVEN, AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ON HIS SHOULDERS. AND HE WILL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.

Isaiah 9:6

Grad Cookie and Cupcake Bake Sale

Sweet Treats for a Sweet Cause!

The Grad Class of 2026 is hosting a Bake Sale next Thursday, October 8th! During the lunch break, students can purchase cookies or cupcakes to help support this year's .

Elementary Students:
Each elementary class will be taking part in a donation drive to support our grads. Students who participate will receive either one cupcake or two cookies. A $3 donation is suggested, but any amount is appreciated. Extra donations will help cover treats for students who may not be able to contribute. A few gluten-free options will also be available.

Middle School & High School Students:
Cupcakes and cookies will be available to purchase in the foyer at lunch, with treats priced between $1 and $3. A few gluten-free options will also be available.

Parents, you're invited too!
Feel free to stop by the school at lunch and grab a treat for yourself while supporting our grads. If we have any cookies or cupcakes left after lunch, we'll put together some plates of baked goods to sell from the office. Keep an eye on the app, and we'll send out a notice if any are available!

Every cookie and cupcake sold helps support the Grad Trip, Grad Ceremony, and After Grad Celebration.

Thank you for supporting our grads!

Thanksgiving

WORSHIP NIGHT

@ HOUSTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH @ 6:30 PM

COME AND JOIN US AS WE GATHER TOGETHER TO WORSHIP OUR FATHER WITH SONGS OF THANKSGIVING.

Principal's Pulse

words from our head

Hello again to our school community,

This week, I would like to circle back to September's Biblical Throughline of being **God Worshippers**. As we continue to raise our voices in praise and worship to our Heavenly Father, we are granted His joy and peace. This does not stop when we learn about, focus on, and practice the next Biblical Throughline. In fact, it helps to shape all of our actions as **Image Reflectors**.

"Students bear the image of God in their daily lives. Being an image bearer isn't something we DO. It is deeper than that. Image bearer is what we ARE. We reflect God's image! And we learn to see God's image in others. The more Christ-like our actions are, the more clearly Christ's light shines in a dark world" *(Trinity Christian School)*.

Students are taught to develop their personal gifts to mirror God's.

Connected to this Throughline is the Name of Jesus: **Prince of Peace**. Our memory verse this month focuses on Isaiah 9:6: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

This text was written during a time of uncertainty in Israel. The people were searching for a leader to bring peace and guidance. Isaiah foretold of the leader who was coming, one who would be called the Prince of Peace, a divine leader who would bring about reconciliation and harmony.

"Jesus, as the Prince of Peace, restores this broken relationship by offering the way of salvation through His sacrificial death and resurrection. He reconciles humanity with God, ushering in a peace that surpasses all understanding" *(Northeast Christian Apologetics)*.

The peace He brings is not merely a release from conflict, but the presence of God's peace, touching every aspect of our lives.

As we, fallen and humble people, seek to be Image Reflectors of our LORD, we look to the Bible to show us God's image, to our community of believers, and to our own families as we seek to reflect God's image. We must strive to be lights shining in the darkness, showing God's image in all we do.

Thank you for reflecting God's image in your homes and in your choice to have your children educated in God's name here at Houston Christian School.

Grace and Peace,

Charmayne Kobes

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Athletics Update:
Games, Tournaments, and Team Spirit!

Hello everyone,

We give thanks for the privilege and gifts of sport, and we are so grateful for everyone who pours into making athletics such a valuable and meaningful opportunity for our students.

Speaking of the word **success**, what does success mean to you when it comes to sports?
Success can mean a wide variety of things...

- Improving a skill you have been working on
- Showing good sportsmanship toward opponents and officials
- Helping with gym setup before or after practice
- Supporting a teammate who is having a difficult day
- Helping your child process disappointment after a tough game
- Being a positive example as a fan
- Building trust between a coach and an athlete
- Learning to receive correction without becoming discouraged

These are all valuable lessons that can have a lasting impact far beyond the court.

We pray that as the season continues to unfold, our athletes, parents, and coaches will each find ways to be successful and recognize the many positives that come through sport.

A huge thank you to each of you for playing such a valuable role in our athletics community. It takes a team both on and off the court!

We are looking forward to another weekend of volleyball:
🏐 **Senior Boys** – Prince George at College Heights
🏐 **Senior Girls** – Smithers at ECRS
🏐 **Junior Girls** – Smithers at BVCS

All schedules can be found on our HCS Athletics Facebook Page.

The competition in our zone at the senior level is very strong, which makes for an exciting season of volleyball. This week, in Single 'A' girls volleyball, **BVCS, ECRS, and Houston Christian all landed in the Top 10**.

For our Northwest Zone, that is a very impressive showing!

We are looking forward to a fun season and are excited to see how our teams continue to grow, compete, encourage one another, and represent #teamHCS.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!

Go Wildcats! 🐾

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CELEBRATING KINDNESS, GRATITUDE, AND OUR HCS COMMUNITY.