

Hugh Boyd Secondary School Newsletter June 2023



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

BY Mr. J. Leslie (Principal)

Well, that was yet another crazy school year! We have made it to the end of another school year full of triumphs, challenges, learning, loss, and growth. Everyone in the Hugh Boyd organization has overcome so much and has come together to support one another, challenge one another, and learn and grow together. We have overcome the obstacles and continued to enjoy interactions with each other with care, kindness, and respect.

To our Graduating Seniors, good luck in the future and please come back to share your stories with us. You have done yourselves, your families and your school proud! We enjoyed a great Valedictory ceremony at the UBC Chan Centre on June 3rd and we hope it was a truly memorable day. We also hope you enjoyed your Dinner/Dance at the beautiful Tsawwassen Spring Golf course and the Dry After Grad back at the school on June 25th. Special thank goes out to Mr. Chan and the Grad Committee and staff sponsors as well as the parent Dry Grad committee for organizing these fantastic celebrations!

Please enjoy a safe and restful summer and good luck in your future endeavours!

To our returning students, please take care of yourselves this summer and get rested up because next year is going to be busy! We are excited to see you again, starting on September 5th! Please look for an email from Mr. Leslie about school start-up in the middle of August.

To our newest Hugh Boyd students, those entering Grade 8: You are coming to a great school, and we are excited to get to work with you. I am sure you are somewhat anxious about what awaits you, but know that people here care about you, and will do everything they can to ensure you have a great start! We will have some special events for you on the first few weeks of school. More information about those events will come out this summer.

To all our Hugh Boyd families, please enjoy a safe, relaxing, and fun-filled summer holiday! It has been a difficult, but very special year. We are looking forward to another one next year and want to wish everyone a great summer! - Mr. J. Leslie (Principal)



MISSION STATEMENT

Hugh Boyd develops compassionate and respectful young adults who are well- balanced, principled inquires with an understanding of their responsibilities within society and as global citizens. Students balance academic excellence with attributes that allow them to realize their potential as whole learners in a dynamic and complex world.

Important Dates



August 2023

Wednesday, August 30.....New Student Orientation (10:00 AM)

September 2023

Tuesday, September 5.....HRs and Grade Assemblies (*times TBA*)

Wednesday, September 6.....First Day of Semester One classes

Monday, September 11.....School Photo Day

Thursday, September 14.....PAC Meeting (7:00 PM Library)

Wednesday, September 20.....Terry Fox Run

Thursday, September 21.....Meet the Teacher night (6:30 PM)

Friday, September 22.....Professional Development Day

Tuesday, September 26.....Clubs Day (*lunch time*)

Saturday, September 30.....National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

Monday, October 2-Observance of National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (*school closed*)

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS.
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**

Our first day of school will be **Sept. 5th, 2023**.

If you cannot attend on the first day of class, please complete this “*Notice of Late Return*” form and email it back to Boyd at boyd@sd38.bc.ca

The late return form (can be found on the school website) is to be completed for any student(s) who expects to return to school **LATER THAN 12:00 pm Wednesday, Sep. 6, 2023**. Please complete this form and return to the school principal before **ASAP**. If a student is **not** returning on or before **September 13, 2023**, a school cannot reserve a spot guaranteeing the ability to be enrolled in the school. There may be a need for placement at another school upon the students’ late return.

In the event of an unforeseen critical family circumstance occurring on or after July 1, 2023, that causes an unexpected late return to the school, the parent must advise the school as soon as possible by email via the school website or by letter directed to the Principal.

REPORT CARDS

The **FINAL Report Card** for school year was published to the **Parent Portal** on **Thursday, June 29th**. All parents have seen instructions for how to access these online accounts. You should be able to access the Parent Portal through the link: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>. If you cannot remember how to access, please see the instructions posted to the website [HERE](#).



HAPPY CANADA DAY

Saturday, July 1st is **Canada Day**, and we want to wish everyone a happy holiday! We continue to wrestle with several issues in this country and are dealing with some political divide but Canada is a great place, and we are fortunate to live here. We want to wish everyone a **Happy Canada Day**, but also ask to you to consider what you can learn and do to make Canada a more diverse and equitable place where everyone feels safe and heard. **Happy Canada Day**, but also commit to doing your part to making it an even better place moving forward!



Career Counsellor and Scholarship Resource

Mr. Hans Ng -

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Office Hours: Mon & Wed 8:00 - 3:30

Library Services

Teacher Librarian: Ms. J. Leung

Library Technician: Ms. S. Moor

[Website](#)

Hugh Boyd Library Learning Commons HUB is open Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00, and Friday from 8:00-3:30. A safe space for students to collaborate in groups or find a quiet place sit, eat, and relax. Students can sign out technology like laptops, Ipads, podcasting microphones, headphones, and more. Students can use the 3D printer, desktops for printing, or use three collaboration screens for projects. **Everyone is welcome!**

A FOND FAREWELL

We want to say a few words of **thanks** and **good luck** to the Hugh Boyd staff who will not be with us next year. There has been a significant amount of movement this year and the following staff have moved on to new challenges (but some of them may be back in the future). ***Best of luck and thank you to the following staff:***

- **Ms. Caron**-Educational Assistant
- **Ms. Cheng**-Counsellor
- **Ms. Dodds**-Resource Teacher
- **Ms. Fang**-ELL teacher
- **Mr. Gamliel-Komar**-French/English teacher
- **Ms. Gupta**-Resource/Math teacher
- **Ms. Kjundzic**-ELL teacher
- **Mr. Liu**-Japanese/English teacher
- **Ms. Mahli**-Resource teacher
- **Ms. Minato**-English/CLE teacher
- **Mr. Phillips**-PE teacher
- **Mr. Reid**-Counsellor
- **Ms. Richard**-Counsellor
- **Ms. Robinson**-Business Assistant
- **Ms. Rodriguez**-Educational Assistant
- **Mr. Sproviero**-Math teacher
- **Mr. Tse**-Resource teacher
- **Mr. Van Vugt**-Resource teacher
- **Mr. Wong**-Math teacher

These people have made a massive impact on this school, and they will be missed. Thanks for all you have done to help students at Hugh Boyd and good luck in your next chapters!



YEARBOOKS

Special **thanks** go out to **Mr. Smythe** and the **Yearbook class** for creating and effectively distributing the **Annual** that went home with students who purchased one this year. **The Yearbooks were distributed on Friday, June 23rd (the last day of school)**, and all the students who purchased one were very happy with what was created. **Thanks to everyone for the work that went into making this great-looking book!**



LAST DAY OF CLASSES-FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd

Special thanks to Student Council for arranging the activities for the last day of classes on **Friday, June 23rd**. We distributed Yearbooks, had **Awards Assemblies for Grade 8-11 students** and then hosted a **Carnival** in the front of the school, complete with food, fun and games (including *music, carnival activities, hot dogs and Ponchos Tacos food truck* and a host of events for students to enjoy). The carnival was a big hit and a great way to end the year. **Special thanks** to all the staff who volunteered to sit in the dunk tank, and to **Mr. Mamonluk** and **all members of Student Council** who organized, set up, managed and then cleaned up from the Carnival. *It was a very busy day, but this new tradition has become a fun staple in our last-day activities!*



HOMESTAYS NEEDED FOR 2023-24

The Richmond School District is seeking short- and long-term homestays for International Students from over 30 countries, starting immediately. We have over 20 years of experience supporting students and homestays in the Richmond area. If you are interested in hosting an International Student, get in touch with the Homestay Department to learn more about how you can welcome an International Student into your home.



SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School is taking place this summer all over Richmond, and if you have plans to take any courses, please make sure you sign up ASAP. Please visit [here](#) or [here](#) to see what is offered, where and get registered ASAP!



STUDENT TIMETABLES FOR 2023-24

All students returning to Hugh Boyd in September were sent their updated Timetables by email today. Please look at your schedule to ensure you have all the classes you need and want to fulfill your educational goals. School is now out for summer, so you will be unable to speak with anyone about changes. We will open an online **Course Change Request form** in late-August, so *if you need a change, please complete this form when it comes available*. If a change is possible, your Counsellor will contact you. Please understand, however, that changes to student Timetables will be exceedingly difficult, because the Timetable is quite tight. We have been sharing information with students and families throughout, so hopefully nothing you see will be a surprise to you. **Thank you for your patience and understanding. Please also be advised that Mr. Reid is no longer connected to Hugh Boyd, so please do not email him, as he will not be able to respond.**



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADS OF 2023

The **Class of 2023** needs to be commended for all they have achieved in their years at Hugh Boyd. We hosted a spectacular **Valedictory Ceremony** at **UBC Chan Centre on June 3rd**, where students were recognized for the **Awards** and **Scholarships** they won. We also had a great last day on **June 23rd** that many participated in, with Yearbooks, Awards ceremonies and the Student Council Year-End Carnival. **Thank you!**

The year was capped off by the fabulous celebrations of the **Dinner/Dance at the Tsawwassen Spring Golf Course** followed by the **Dry After Grad** at the school. It looked like all students had a great time, and we need to thank **Mr. Chan** and the **Grad Committee** for all the work done to organize the **Dinner/Dance**, as well as several parents who worked incredibly hard to organize, plan and fundraise for the very successful **Dry Grad on June 25th**.

Thank you for everything! *The class of 2023 will be fondly remembered and have set a great example for future Graduates.*
Congratulations!



ATHLETICS

Special thanks go out to coaches, sponsors, referees, scorekeepers and anyone who supported our athletic teams this year. Without your support and involvement, none of these events would have been able to happen. We also need to acknowledge our **Athletic Director, Mr. Onukwulu**, who stepped in and filled the role this year, *on top of being a new Vice Principal!* **You did a great job! Thank you.** We would also like to welcome **Ms. Rachel Maika** to Hugh Boyd and advise that she will be taking on the Athletic Director role next year. She will be great! *We are looking forward to continuing to watch our athletes compete again next year!*



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!

As indicated below, Hugh Boyd will be using the **Semester model** next year, so students will have the same four courses every day until February, then get four new courses every day in the second half of the year. The speed will be fast, but students will only have to balance four courses at a time. We will also be bringing back **Personal Learning Time** where students can come to get help from teachers on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** between **8:30-9:25**. Classes will start at **9:30** on these days.

We will be sharing more information about the upcoming school year in the latter part of summer. **Please look for an email from Mr. Leslie in the middle to late part of August.** Please remember that **school starts on Tuesday, September 5th** with Grade Assemblies and Home Rooms, and then regular classes will start on **Wednesday, September 6th**. *In the meantime, please enjoy a safe and restful summer vacation!!!*



TIMETABLE STRUCTURE FOR 2023-24

The Hugh Boyd Timetable Structure for 2023-24 will remain the same as it was this year. **Finally, the students have a chance to get accustomed to something!** Boyd will be using a **Semester model** (4 classes for half the year, then 4 new courses in the second half). Start and end times remain **8:30 AM** and **3:00 PM** with 10 minutes between classes and a **45-minute lunch**. **Personalized Learning Time** will return to Boyd, offered from **8:30-9:25 AM** on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, where students can get additional help from the teacher(s) of their choice. See below for the schedule. *If you have questions about this model, please contact the school.*

MON			TUES			WED			THURS			FRI		
A	8:30 AM	9:50 AM	PLT	8:30 AM	9:25 AM	B	8:30 AM	9:50 AM	PLT	8:30 AM	9:25 AM	A	8:30 AM	9:50 AM
BREAK	9:50	10:00	BREAK	9:25	9:30	BREAK	9:50	10:00	BREAK	9:25	9:30	BREAK	9:50	10:00
B	10:00 AM	11:20 AM	A	9:30 AM	10:35 AM	A	10:00 AM	11:20 AM	B	9:30 AM	10:35 AM	B	10:00 AM	11:20 AM
BREAK	11:20 AM	11:30	BREAK	10:35	10:45	BREAK	11:20	11:30	BREAK	10:35	10:45	BREAK	11:20	11:30
C	11:30 AM	12:50 PM	B	10:45 AM	11:50 AM	D	11:30 AM	12:50 PM	A	10:45 AM	11:50 AM	C	11:30 AM	12:50 PM
LUNCH	12:50	13:35	BREAK	11:50	12:00	LUNCH	12:50	1:35	BREAK	11:50	12:00	LUNCH	12:50	1:35
D	1:40 PM	3:00 PM	C	12:00 PM	1:05 PM	C	1:40 PM	3:00 PM	D	12:00 PM	1:05 PM	D	1:40 PM	3:00 PM
			LUNCH	13:05	13:50				LUNCH	1:05	1:50			
			D	1:55 PM	3:00 PM				C	1:55 PM	3:00 PM			
												***ALTERNATE DAY 1/2 ROTATIONS		



HUGH BOYD SECONDARY

2023 – 2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Note: The most up-to-date version of the Hugh Boyd calendar is posted on the school website.

SEPTEMBER 2023

Tues	5	School Opening Day
Wed	6	Regular classes begin
Wed - Fri	6-8	Grade 8 Activity Week
Mon	11	Photo Day
Thurs	21	Meet the Teacher
Tues	26	Club Day

JANUARY 2024

Mon	8	School reopens
Mon-Thurs	22-25	Graduation Assessments
Thurs	25	Open House/Showcase Night
Fri	26	Pro-D Day (school closed)
Mon	29	Semester turn-around day (school closed)
Tues	30	Start of Semester 2

OCTOBER 2023

Mon	2	Observation of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)
Wed	4	Collaboration Day (late start 9:50)
Mon	9	Thanksgiving Day (school closed)
Thurs	19	Photo re-takes
Fri	20	District PRO-D (school closed)
Thurs	26	Semester 1 Interim Report cards
Mon - Tues	30-31	Graduation assessments

FEBRUARY 2024

Thurs	1	Semester 1 Final Report Cards
Wed	7	Collaboration day (late start 9:50)
Fri	16	District wide PRO-D (school closed)
Mon	19	BC Family Day (school closed)

MARCH 2024

Wed	6	Collaboration day (late start 9:50)
Thurs	7	Semester 2 Interim Report Cards
Fri	15-28	Spring Break (school closed)

NOVEMBER 2023

Wed	1	Collaboration Day (late start 9:30)
Wed - Fri	1-3	Graduation assessments
Fri	10	Grade 9 Take our Kids to Work day
Mon	13	Remembrance Day ceremony
Mon	13	Observance Remembrance Day (school closed)
Thurs	16	Semester 1 term 1 report cards
Wed - Thurs	22-23	Early Dismissal, Parent-Teacher Conference (2-4pm, 6-8pm)

APRIL 2024

Tues	2	School reopens
Wed	3	Collaboration Day (late start 9:50)
Mon - Fri	15-19	Graduation assessments

MAY 2024

Wed	1	Collaboration Day (late start 9:50)
Wed-Thurs	1-2	Early Dismissal, Parent-Teacher Conference (2-4pm, 6-8pm)
Mon - Thurs	13-16	At-risk interim reports sent home
Fri	17	Pro-D Day (school closed)
Mon	20	Victoria Day (School Closed)

DECEMBER 2023

Fri	1	PRO D Day (school closed)
Wed	6	Collaboration Day (late start 9:50)
Mon - Fri	18-22	At-risk Interim Reports
Fri	22	Winter Holiday celebrations
Mon	25	Last day before Winter break
Mon	25	Winter break begins

JUNE 2024

Wed	5	Collaboration Day (late start 9:50)
Mon-Fri	10-14	Graduation Assessments
Fri	21	Last day of classes
		Yearbook/awards/student council
		Summer Fun
Thurs	27	Final report cards published
Fri	28	Administrative Day

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