



# Hugh Boyd Secondary Parent Newsletter



October, 2016

## Our Mission Statement

Hugh Boyd develops compassionate and respectful young adults who are well-balanced, principled inquirers 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.

**R. Johal**  
Principal

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Vice-Principal

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## Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are already planning for activities in November. The school year is definitely going by quickly.

Most of our Grade 8 students and 30 senior students attended Grade 8 camp on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Apart from a sprinkling of occasional drizzle, we had great weather at Camp Stillwood. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and as usual, the food was a big hit. For most, the dance was the premier highlight of camp. Thank you to the staff who supervised: Ms. Dhanoa, Ms. Korber, Ms. Leung, Mr. Outhwaite, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Aura, as well as Mr. Walker and Ms. Kavanagh from West Richmond Community Centre.

Thank you to Ms. Zaine and the Leadership class for organizing the Terry Fox Run on September 30<sup>th</sup>. We raised close to \$550.00 for cancer research.

The Grade 9 students attended SafeTeen presentations at Boyd on October 14. These presentations are very informative and engaging for our Grade 9s.

The Grads have their first big event coming up on November 17. The Black and White dance is open to Grade 11 and 12 students only.

Our student council setup many events as part of spirit week from October 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, including the first dance of the year on October 27<sup>th</sup> for Grade 9 and 10 students.

**Interim reports for Term 1 were sent home with students on October 28<sup>th</sup> so you should have received them by now.** As always, if you have concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher.

Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> is *Take Our Kids to Work Day*. Grade 9 students will spend the day at work with their parent or another adult learning about the world of work.

We have a number of students as well as 2 staff members attending WE DAY on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Rogers Arena. This will be a terrific opportunity for these students to bring back ideas to Boyd as part of the Me to We club.

On Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup> Boyd will be hosting representatives from several B.C. post-secondary schools from 3:00-4:00 in the school lounge.

There will be two Remembrance Day Ceremonies on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 and 10:40 am. Tea and light snacks will be served to guests in the library from 9:30-10:30am.

The fall sports are all active right now – football, boys' soccer, and volleyball. Our student athletes have all been working hard and doing well. A great start to another great year.

Sincerely,  
Mr. R. Johal





## Important Dates

### For November

- Nov. 02 Take Our Kids To Work (Gr 9)
- Nov. 02 Team Time, school finished 12:49 pm
- Nov. 10 Remembrance Day Ceremonies
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day – Schools closed
- Nov. 14 Quarter 2 Block rotation (1:2,1,4,3)
- Nov. 15 Block rotation (2:2,1,4,3)
- Nov. 16 Collaboration Time (school starts @ 9:40 am)
- Nov. 17 Black & White Dance (Gr 11 & 12),  
PAC Meeting@7 pm
- Nov. 18 PRO D DAY, no school in session
- Nov. 30 Term 1 Report Cards Home

### For December

- Dec. 05 Pro-D Day
- Dec. 06 Winter Concert@7 pm
- Dec. 07 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2-4 pm
- Dec. 08 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2-4 pm, 6-8 pm
- Dec. 09 Seniors Christmas Brunch
- Dec. 14 Collaboration Time, School starts 9: 40 am, Grad Pancake Breakfast
- Dec. 15 Locker Clean Out 9: 40 am
- Dec. 16 Team Time, Early Dismissal 12: 49 pm
- Dec. 19 Winter Break
- Jan 3 First Day of Classes after Winter Break

## Take Your Kids to Work

On Wednesday, November 2, 2016 hundreds of thousands of Grade 9 students from across Canada will spend the day at work, job shadowing a parent, relative or volunteer host.

The primary objective of this program is to link classroom learning with the workplace. It also allows students to see their parents or another adult in a workplace role and to help them understand what work their parent or other adults do to support a family. Participation in a workplace, even for a day, is an extremely valuable learning experience, directly connected to what students learn at school. It also opens a dialogue with the child about future careers. Permission forms have been distributed to your child. Please have your child contact the office if they did not get a form. For more information on the program go to:  
[www.takeourkidstowork.ca](http://www.takeourkidstowork.ca)

## PAC INFORMATION

On behalf of the P.A.C. we would like to extend a very warm welcome to new and returning Boyd families! The Hugh Boyd P.A.C. (and yes, you are already a member - every parent and guardian is) will hold four meetings this school year to discuss educational concerns, school specific issues and, allocate the Gaming Grant Funds. We hope that you will find the time to join us for at least one of our meetings to hear first hand from Mr. Johal what happens at Hugh Boyd - as we know our teens don't always keep us informed. There is also the opportunity to get further involved, by taking executive positions, if you wish.

Meetings take place in the school library on Thursdays at 7pm on the following dates - please mark your calendar:

NOVEMBER 17th  
JANUARY 19th  
FEBRUARY 16 th  
MAY 18th

You can contact the Hugh Boyd PAC at our email address [hughboydpac@gmail.com](mailto:hughboydpac@gmail.com)

## COUNSELLOR / STUDENT DESIGNATION:

Mr. J. Ritchie A-K  
Ms. K. Goodwin L-Z

## Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day Ceremonies will be held on Tuesday, November 10th at 9:30am and 10:40am this year.

We would like to welcome the whole community to come and join us for one of the ceremonies as well as some tea and coffee in the library from 9:30am to 10:30am.

Please RSVP the school so we are able to put out the correct number of chairs.



*Fall*

### Attendance

If your student is late or will be absent for the day, please call our 24 Hour Early Warning Line to advise the office at 604-668-7813.



### Snow Days - Information for parents

Students and parents should assume that schools will be open every day during the school year. During a snow event, or other weather event, there will be no public announcement that schools are open. Only closures will be announced.

Should it become necessary to close schools, that decision will be made as early as possible - no later than 6:00 a.m. - and announced via the following media outlets: CKNW AM 980 radio, News AM 1130 radio, CBC AM 690 radio, Fairchild AM 1470 radio, CHQM FM 103.5 radio, CBC television, BCTV, City TV and CTV BC.

## Hugh Boyd Musical News

Greetings from the Music Department!

I am very pleased to share the news that the Boyd Second Line Band performed at the Steveston Salmon Festival parade this past July and won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Junior Band category. Well done, Second Line!

The Second Line Band also recently performed at the Terry Fox Run, the Pep Rally, and during halftime at the Home Opener football game... all on the same day!

It's been an excellent start to the school year, music wise, and all classes are grooving along nicely.

### Upcoming events:

The Senior Band is preparing to perform at Remembrance Day on the morning of November 10<sup>th</sup> in the Old Gym.

I am hoping to bring in Ted Hekseth to do an Improvisation workshop with the Junior and Senior Band classes in November. Ted has worked with groups all over Canada with great success and, it turns out, just lives down the street from the school! What a fine way to connect with a professional musician from our community.

Sincerely, Mr. Naso



The logo for 'myYearbook' is displayed in white text on a blue rectangular background. The 'o' in 'Yearbook' is replaced by a green smiley face.

## **Yearbook**

Recently, members of our yearbook class were asked to write down 10 good reasons to purchase a yearbook.

Here's a list of 10 reasons someone should invest their money in a yearbook.

1. Someone should buy a yearbook because it holds memories about their high school experience.
2. It is inexpensive when one considers how long it can possibly last as a source of reflection.
3. It reflects school spirit and culture
4. When someone gets older, it will help them reference people and events. One can look someone up by name, if they have forgotten.
5. It can be a good phone book by the end of the year, if you put phone numbers with a person's picture.
6. It makes a great gift around the holidays or any time of the year.
7. It gives someone something to smile about looking through all the pictures.
8. It will make future children laugh at how our generation looks compared to them.
9. A yearbook can possibly last for 100 years or longer. (who knows if Facebook or Instagram will be around in 30 years!)
10. A yearbook is considered a collectable since they only make a certain amount of them.

The Hugh Boyd High School Yearbook is currently on sale at the school for \$37 and there is a limited supply of books left for sale so people are being urged to buy as soon as possible.



### **Watch for it.....**

On Thursday November 17th, Hugh Boyd Student Council will be hosting The Black & White senior school dance. Details to be advised.



**PEACEFUL, SILENT READING, EVERYDAY.  
IT'S SO GOOD FOR YOU!!!**

Every day at Hugh Boyd, for 25 glorious minutes, we have silent reading. A time to engage the mind, embrace imagination, and escape the busyness of school for a while. All students are expected to have reading material, preferably a novel that interests them. Besides the sheer joy that reading can bring there are other benefits to reading. Read on!

**Enhanced Smarts**

Reading helps in almost every area of cognitive function. Those who read have higher GPA's, higher intelligence, greater empathy, and better general knowledge than those that don't. No matter what you want to do or become, greater knowledge leads to greater success. Reading is an excellent way to get where you want to go.

**Reading reduces stress**

Reading a book allows the mind to shift gears. A book can easily distract and provide an escape from the stresses of the day. Fiction is fantastic for this.

**Improved analytical thinking**

Analytical thinking is boosted by reading. Readers improve their general knowledge, and more importantly are able to spot patterns quicker. If you can spot patterns quicker, your analytical skills receive a boost.

**Increased vocabulary**

It's no secret that reading increases vocabulary and improves spelling, but did you know that reading increases your vocabulary more than talking or direct teaching? Reading forces us to look at words that we might not have seen or heard before. You need to read. Every day. You'll be surprised at the words you start incorporating into your writing. An expansive vocabulary isn't just for writers though; knowing what other people are saying and using the perfect words to convey your feelings is a critical part of communication.

**Improved writing skills**

Considering reading improves vocabulary and critical thinking, it makes sense that it also improves writing. The more you read, the better of a writer, and thinker, you'll become.

**\*\*Please encourage your son/daughter to read regularly, and especially to take advantage of, and reap the benefits from, the silent reading time built into our school day\*\***



## **Scholarships**

While the year has only just begun, we are already looking forward to planning graduation for our 2016 graduating class. We are always proud to distribute scholarships to our grade 12 students in June. The money for scholarships is made available through donations from organizations and individuals. Donations are always appreciated. Any donation over \$50 will receive a tax-deductible receipt. Please consider donating to the Hugh Boyd Scholarship Fund.

There will be a student meeting in October to discuss the process for applying for Hugh Boyd Scholarships. Please advise your Grade 12 sons/daughters to listen for the announcement in October.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Vaughan.

## **MYP PERSONAL PROJECTS**

It starts now!

- All Grade 10 students must complete a personal project this school year.
- Final project exhibition date is Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- Students can get the course outline and forms from the library.

## **MYP Community and Service Hours**

Students in grades 8, 9 and 10 have been provided with the requirements regarding Community and Service for the Middle Years Programme. All grade 8, 9 and 10 students are required to complete 10 hours of service this year. All hours are due by April 2017. Please speak with MYP Coordinators Ms. Vaughan or Ms. Leung if you have any questions.



## **IB Middle Years Program**

Boyd teachers are excited about the implementation of the IB Middle Years Programme in our grade 8, 9 and 10 classes. As an authorized IB world school, we are striving to have our students develop the qualities of the IB Learner Profile, which are to become: Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-minded, Caring, Risk-takers, Balanced, and Reflective.

The following is a compilation of Hugh Boyd students' version of the IB Learner Profile in their own words.

### **IB learners strive to be:**

#### **Inquirers**

Inquirers are naturally curious, or develop their curiosity. They ask questions and learn how to research independently. They love learning throughout their lives.

#### **Knowledgeable**

Knowledgeable people try to learn about current events and ideas. They know and understand what is right and wrong. They have imagination and have a creative way of thinking. They constantly ask good questions and they make sure they understand new concepts. Going beyond a single subject is another way of being knowledgeable. They also understand the huge importance of global events around the world that affect lots of different people. The last characteristic of being knowledgeable is knowing local events that could affect people.

#### **Thinkers**

Thinkers do what needs to be done before asked. They have good thinking skills when it comes to something very important or they need to improvise in a situation when something doesn't go as planned. They try to make the right decision when coming upon a difficult situation.

Have I been making good decisions?

How can I improve as a thinker?

Should I do more things before being asked?

Do I need to exercise my thinking skills?

What should I do when I come across a difficult situation?

#### **Communicators**

Communicators understand and show their ideas and information with confidence and creativity. They show their understanding in different ways and in more than one language. They work well and willingly with others.

#### **Principled**

Principled people work hard, are honest, and take pride in what they do. They speak the truth and see fairness. They respect other people and the community around them. They are responsible for their own actions and the results of their actions.

#### **Open Minded**

To be open minded one must be open to new ideas and appreciate one's own culture and history, as well as those of other people. Open minded people are always open to new ideas, possibilities and perspectives. Also, one should be able to see things from another person's point of view and use that to help themselves grow.

#### **Caring**

Caring people help other people and give time and effort to others. They respect other people for who they are, as well as show empathy and compassion. They make a positive impact on other people and on the environment.

#### **Risk-takers**

Risk-takers go into unknown situations with courage and think before they act. They lead their own lives and have their mind set to new roles and challenges. They persevere and are well-spoken in defending their beliefs.

#### **Balanced**

Balanced people know the importance of educational, health, and emotional balance. They also use that knowledge for their own well-being, as well as those of others.

#### **Reflective**

Reflective people look back at their own learning and experience. Looking back helps them to understand their own strengths and limits. They check their work to help with their own learning, to see if they are getting better, and to support personal growth.





## CAREER CENTRE NEWS

**WEBSITES: PROVIDES WEEKLY UPDATES ON POST SECONDARY, CAREER AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

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Ms. Jones Career Centre Website:

<https://msjonescareercentre.wordpress.com>

Facebook Page "Ms. Jones Career Centre News":

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ms-Jones-Career-Centre-News/118346451579144>

### CAREER CRUISING WEBSITE

<http://www.careercruising.com>

Visit the Career Cruising website to take an 'interest test' (Matchmaker section). Career Cruising provides detailed information on a variety of occupations and will link these occupations to training or educational facilities in Canada and the USA. See your Career Advisor for the username and password.

### POST-SECONDARY PLANNING

[www.educationplanner.ca](http://www.educationplanner.ca)

### TO APPLY TO BC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Students planning on attending College in Sept. 2017 - can apply to **Douglas on Oct 1, Langara on Oct 1** and **Kwantlen on Nov 1st**. **BCIT** accepts applications for most programs on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and **VCC** is on-going throughout the year. Since colleges operate on a 1st come 1st serve basis it is recommended that students submit their application early.

Students planning on attending a University in Sept. 2017 - Universities open their application portals in Sept./Oct. and continue accepting applications until a specific deadline. Universities base admission decisions on a certain criterion, not necessarily how early a student applies.

### Online Application Process for Admission to BC Colleges and Universities:

Students may apply either directly to a specific institution or use BC's on-line Post-Secondary Application Service Apply Now BC. This service allows students to apply for admission to any public post-secondary institution in British Columbia. Fill in the Apply Now BC Common Form once, then apply to any institution you choose: <https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca>

**-Online Application for Admission to Alberta Colleges and Universities:** Use the Alberta Post-Secondary Application Service: <https://applyalberta.ca/>

**-Online Application for Admission to Ontario Universities:** BC student must use the Ontario Application Service: [www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-105/](http://www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-105/)

**-All Other Post-Secondary Institutions:** Check their websites for instructions.

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**-All Other Post-Secondary Institutions:** Check their websites for instructions.

**UBC 2016 Online Application Information Sessions** - UBC advisors host regular online events to connect with students. Register for an upcoming UBC Application Information Session. You must log in to register in advance for most sessions.

Canadian student or Permanent Resident student in Canada:

-October 20, 3:30 – 4:00 pm

-October 27, 3:00 – 3:30 pm

-October 27, 3:30 – 4:00 pm

To register, visit your “My Events” page. <https://account.you.ubc.ca/ubc/myEvents.do> International Students:

-Chat live online with a UBC advisor Mondays 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

-Chat live online with a UBC advisor Wednesdays 2:00 – 4:00 pm

To register, visit your “My Events” page. <https://account.you.ubc.ca/ubc/myEvents.do>

### **UP-COMING EVENTS:**

**-Oct 13** - The Canadian Armed Forces Recruiting Centre in Vancouver will be hosting an Information Session from 6-8 PM at 620 Royal Ave, New Westminster, BC. This information session will focus on the various subsidized education programs we offer including the Regular Officer Training Plan (ROTP) for subsidized university education and the Non-Commissioned Member Subsidized Training and Education Program (NCM-STEP) for subsidized college education. No registration required to attend info session.

**-Oct 13** - VANCOUVER U.S. UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE FAIR - West Point Grey Academy is hosting a free US College Fair to students and parents between 4-5pm. A diverse group of over 80 US institutions attending which range from small private liberal arts colleges to larger universities. For details, check <http://www.wpga.ca/.../University--Career-Counsell.../VAIS-Fair->

**-Oct 19** – UBC Visits Hugh Boyd 3-4pm in the Library. Opportunity for Grade 12's to learn about programs, admission requirements, scholarships and more.

**-Oct 21** - KPU Richmond Campus Open House - Attend KPU's upcoming Open House and connect with faculty, alumni, students, and staff to learn more about KPU's diverse programs and services. Get your questions answered and find out more about their programs! Lots of prizes including tuition waivers. For more information, visit: [kpu.ca/open house](http://kpu.ca/open house)

**-Oct 28** – Emily Carr visits Hugh Boyd at lunch in Ms. Doyle's Art Room 124



**Oct 29** - Firefighter Information Session – Are you interested in a career as a Firefighter? If so, attend the upcoming information session at the Maple Ridge campus (JIBC). Register online. Date/time/location: October 29, 2016 1:00 – 3:00pm Maple Ridge Campus, Room: MR201. <http://www.jibc.ca/programs-courses/schools-departments/school-public-safety/fire-safety-division/becoming-fire-fighter>

**-Nov 3 (Thurs) - Hugh Boyd's Post-Secondary Event (3:00-4:00 in the main hall)**  
Representatives from several colleges/universities will be setting up booths in the main hall to provide students and their parents with information on their respective institutions. Attendees are: Vancouver Community College, Fairleigh Dickenson University (USA Transfer Option), Thompson Rivers University, Trinity Western University, University of Northern BC, University of the Fraser Valley, Corpus Christi College, Vancouver Island University, Cap U, UVic, SFU, Langara, Kwantlen, Douglas, Canadian Armed Forces and the Royal Military College, Justice Institute of BC, Nicola Valley Institute of Tech & Indigenous Education. Don't miss it!

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

#### COLLEGES ACCEPT APPLICATIONS ON:

Langara	Oct. 1
Douglas	Oct. 1
Kwantlen	Nov. 1
BCIT	Nov 1 (for most programs)
VCC	Continuous

#### UNIVERSITY DEADLINES:

Emily Carr	Jan. 15 - Portfolio Feb. 1
Capilano	March 31 (Career & Limited Enrollment check website)
SFU	Feb. 28
UBC	Jan. 15 (Dec 1st for Scholarship Consideration)
UVic	Feb 28
Other Canadian Universities	Varies (Check websites - recommend applying before Jan)
American Institutions	Varies (Check websites & apply early!)

**The Career Center at Hugh Boyd is open Mon 8-3, Wed 8-11:30 and Thurs 8-3 to answer any questions or provide assistance regarding post- secondary entry.**



## BC Summer Games

We would like to recognize the following students who participated and won a medal at the 2016 BC Summer Games:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Role at the Game</u>	<u>Medalist</u>
Nolan R.	Basketball -3x3-Boys	Athlete	
Anngrei Cody M.	Basketball-3x3-Gi	Athlete	Yes
Nicolas B.	Basketball-Boys	Athlete	Yes
Harold R.	Basketball-Boys	Athlete	Yes
Evan S.	Soccer-Boys	Athlete	Yes