



# Hugh Boyd Secondary Parent Newsletter



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## 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.

## Principal's Message

We would like to wish everyone from the Hugh Boyd community a Happy New Year. As we embark on 2017, it provides an opportunity for our students to reflect on the first half of the school year as well as the possibilities and hope for the remainder of our school year.

We are also planning for *next* school year as well. Our two counsellors, Ms. Goodwin and Mr. Ritchie have started visiting classes and presenting detailed information to students about course planning, their choices, and requirements. In the coming weeks, they will be visiting Grade 7 classes at our feeder schools to inform future Trojans about the opportunities at Hugh Boyd. We have some exciting events coming up, including our Showcase night at 6 pm on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. We will have students from our Leadership class on hand, as well as from the Student Council and a student group holding a bake sale.

Our Grade 7 Parent information session is part of Program Planning Night. It starts at 7 pm in the library followed by program planning information for students entering Grades 9 – 12 at 7:30 pm. There are often questions such as *Does my child need to take a Grade 12 Science? What are the implications of selecting Communications 11 rather than English 11? What math should my child take in Grade 10?* Our timetable for next school year is built before the end of the current year and is based on students' course selections, which are completed prior to Spring Break. A reminder that it is difficult to change blocks once the timetable is built. Please talk to subject teachers if you are unsure about what courses your child should take. **Remember: All course planning sheets should be completed by February 17<sup>th</sup>.** From March 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, our counsellors will work with students in the computer lab and help the students complete their on-line course requests.

Ms. Goodwin and Mr. Ritchie, along with Ms. Jones, our Career Information Advisor, are excellent resources and would be happy to speak with you about course selections. We have posted the information for Showcase and Program Planning Night on the Hugh Boyd website.

Interim reports will be distributed for students to take home on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please remind your child that there is homework support in the HUB at lunch (unless there is a scheduled meeting) and after school Monday to Thursday.

**Please note: Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> has been set as a Pro D day and there will be no school.**

Sincerely,

R. Johal  
Principal

# Dates to Remember



## Important Dates

Feb. 1	Team Time, Early Dismissal, 12: 49 pm
Feb. 3	Interim Reports
Feb 7-10	Grad Photos
Feb. 10	Grade 10 Personal Project Exhibitions
Feb. 13	BC Family Day Holiday-School Closes
Feb. 14	Grad Group Photos
Feb. 16	PAC meeting 7:00 pm
Feb. 20	Drama Production
Feb 24	Pro- D Day, - School Closes
Mar. 1	Team Time – Early dismissal at 12:49 pm
Mar 1	Term 2 Report Cards
Mar 8	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 2-4 pm
Mar 9	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 2-4 pm, 6-8 pm
Mar. 10	Last Day of Classes and Locker clean out
Mar. 13 – 24	Spring Break
Mar. 27	First day of classes after Spring Break

## Hugh Boyd Secondary Showcase Night & GRADE 7 Program Program Planning

On **Thursday , January 26th**, Hugh Boyd will be holding its tenth annual Showcase Night from **6:00pm to 8:30pm**. It is also our Grade 7 Program Planning evening, beginning at **7:00 pm** in the Library. Come out and enjoy a wide variety of department and program activities. There will be food, music from our drumming classes and jazz band, displays and presentations, football information and information about our IB Middle Years Programme and Incentive program. Bring your kids! Tell your neighbours! Come out and see the Boyd energy in action!

## Program Planning Information

Below are our important dates. Please mark them on your calendar. Parents, we really hope you can attend to learn about the course selection process.

<b><u>Grade 7 students</u></b>	
Jan. 26	6pm Grade 7 Parents Meeting/Showcase Night
Feb. 8	8:30am Parents' Muffins and Tour
Feb. 10	Incentive applications due Grade 8 Program Planning sheets due Transfer application due
<b><u>Grade 8 – 11 students:</u></b>	
Feb. 17	All Program Planning Sheets due for current students
Mar 1-Mar 9	Students to enter their course selections

## A message from the Hugh Boyd Parent Advisory Committee:

As part of our parent education, we would like to invite you to our next PAC meeting to learn about SD38's career options for high school students. David Henderson, one of the district's Career Programs Facilitators will be presenting.

The Career Programs Office offers students in the Richmond School District opportunities to explore a variety of career options while still in high school. Whether students decide to pursue college, university or work after high school, these options open doors and allow students to:

- Move ahead in a chosen career path
- Acquire skills relevant to today's labor market needs
- Have flexibility and choice with respect to how, when and where learning takes place

Please join us to gain the knowledge required to assist your child in making career decisions. Our PAC meeting will begin at 7:00pm in the Hugh Boyd library on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 2017.

For enquiries, please email at [hughboydpac@gmail.com](mailto:hughboydpac@gmail.com)



## 24 Without

This year's 24 Without is fast approaching. On February 23rd, students will go 24 hours without food, make-up and personal electronics, raise money and learn about how they can work towards reducing poverty in the community of Refilwe in South Africa.

Since 2009, we have sent four teams of students, teachers and community members to work with Rotarians in South Africa, building daycares, organizing activities for children and learning about what is needed to create a self-sustaining community. If you would like to help or learn more, please contact Mr. Aura at [baura@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:baura@sd38.bc.ca)

## 2016-2017 Yearbook

Right now, Hugh Boyd's yearbook class is working hard to piece together the 2016-2017 yearbook. It will feature Boyd's many sports teams, clubs, in-school events, programs, and much more. Yearbooks can be bought throughout the year, but make sure to order one as soon as possible! Here are five reasons you should buy a Hugh Boyd yearbook:

1. Each yearbook is unique and contains pictures and events that are specific to each year. There's no guarantee you'll be able to buy it later on.
2. If you are part of one of Boyd's sports teams, are part of a club, or show up to lots of school events, you could be featured in the yearbook!
3. Yearbooks are time capsules for every year you are at Boyd. You will appreciate them later on because they hold memories you will forget after you graduate.
4. Physical documentation of your awkward teenage years and bad hair days is always great.
5. Most importantly: there are not enough yearbooks brought in for everyone in the school to have one. BUY YOURS BEFORE THERE ARE NONE LEFT.

For more information or to order a yearbook, contact us at: [hughboydyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:hughboydyearbook@gmail.com)



## Trip to Europe- Spring Break 2018

We are excited to offer students the opportunity to travel to Berlin, Prague, Krakow and Budapest during the spring break of 2018. Once again, we are partnering with EF Tours (eftours.ca) to give students a chance to learn about history where it actually happened. Spots are limited, so please be sure to contact Mr. Aura at [baura@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:baura@sd38.bc.ca) if you are interested.

## Personal Project

This year's Personal Project Exhibition is on **Thursday February 9th**. It is very important that students have already started their projects by this point so they are not rushing at the end. Please contact Ms.MacDonald for more information.

ATTENTION ALL GRADE 10's - How is your personal project coming along?  
THE EXHIBITION IS ONLY A COUPLE OF WEEKS AWAY - **FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup>**. Make sure to meet with your supervisors to review any final details. Your reports are due one week after the project exhibition on February 9 th

Also, a reminder of these important dates:

- PROJECT EXHIBITION NIGHT: **FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup>**
- FINAL PROJECT DUE : **February 16<sup>th</sup>**



## **Hugh Boyd Musical News with a focus on Events on the Horizon**



Thank you very much to everyone who attended our Winter Concert in December! The music students rose to the occasion and all groups sounded fantastic. We certainly have some talented young musicians at Boyd. A big thanks also goes out to the members of the A/V Team who set up and ran the lights and sound for our show.

### **Recent Improvisation Workshop**

On January 10th we had a special guest come in to do an intensive improvisation workshop with the Junior and Senior Bands. Ted Hesketh, who lives mere blocks away from Hugh Boyd, is a renowned guitarist and music educator who has traveled across most of Canada teaching improvisation techniques to young musicians. Throughout this 70 minute, high energy session he had every student in the room improvising! It was incredible to see the shift in some students from shyness and uncertainty to improvising with confidence. It certainly was a fun time had by all.

### **Upcoming events:**

UBC teacher candidate, Miri Kim, will begin her “long practicum” with the Boyd Music classes in February and she will be with us until the end of April.

### **Parent Info Night for Proposed Music Tour in Spring 2018 Wednesday Feb. 8th at 7:00pm in the Boyd Music Room**

The students and I have been talking for some time now about how amazing it would be to travel to New Orleans and how they would like to see if we can make an incredible experience like this become a reality. Since it is costly to travel to New Orleans, we realize that we may need to look at more affordable destinations like Seattle, Whistler, or Nelson. Regardless of the trip, I know that it will be a memorable experience for our young musicians. All parents of Boyd Music students are invited to attend this presentation by a representative of Affinity Tours, one of the leading educational tour companies in Canada. I hope to see you there!

### **District Jazz Nite: Tuesday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at The Gateway Theatre**

The Senior Jazz Band and Jazz Combo will perform at the Gateway Theatre for the district’s annual Jazz Nite. This is such a great event in which Bands representing most of the high schools in Richmond perform. Stay tuned for ticket information, as this event tends to sell out each year.

### **Boyd’s Second Line Band to Perform @ The Pacific Gateway Hotel Saturday March 4th 1:00 - 3:00pm**

The Second Line Band has a gig! We are working on some new material to play at this upcoming show and, when the weather gets nicer, I hope to take this group out for more performances in the community; maybe even some mobile busking!

Thanks sincerely, as always, for supporting the Hugh Boyd musicians!

Mr. K Naso

## **Career Centre News**

**MS JONES CAREER CENTRE WEBSITES: PROVIDES WEEKLY UPDATES ON POST-SECONDARY, CAREER AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

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>

**Grade 12 students should be in the process of finalizing their Post-Secondary applications, many deadlines are fast approaching:**

**UBC deadline to apply - Jan 15/17**

**Emily Carr deadline to apply - Jan 15/17**

**SFU deadline to apply - Feb 28/17**

**UVIC deadline to apply - Feb 28/17**

**Kwantlen early application deadline - March 1/17**

**Capilano Arts/Science/Business application deadline - March 1/17**

Be sure to check:

-application deadlines

-scholarship deadlines

-housing and document deadlines

Deadline dates vary so check carefully!

### **Document Deadlines:**

Many universities & colleges require additional information such as transcripts or supplemental applications or profiles, this is called a "document deadline". This is separate from the application deadline and varies depending on the institution.

### **Students should be completing their Post Secondary Choices Form (PSI)**

**Before March 1<sup>st</sup>** for interim grades to be received by the institution applied to.

The Ministry assists each graduating student planning to pursue post-secondary education by sending a copy of his/her transcript data to post-secondary

institutions indicated on the PSI Choices Form. Students need to authorize the

Ministry to transfer these marks by filling in the PSI choices form on-line at the

Student Secure Website: [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome).

Students can either create an account using their Personal Education Number or log in to an existing account.

**Register to write the TOEFL/IELTS and/or the LPI if you are required to do so. Contact the Career Centre or the individual post-secondary institutions you are applying to for requirements and exemptions.**

## **Career Centre News**

### **Reminder to Grade 12's:**

Scholarship Deadlines coming up!

Remember to Check "Ms. Jones Facebook page" or the Scholarship section of her website, for recent additions and up-coming scholarship opportunities.

### **Reminders to Grade 11's:**

If you are planning to attend a USA post-secondary institution after graduation, it is a good idea to register for and to write your SAT admission exam during your Grade 11 year! This allows enough time to have your SAT scores ready for your Fall application. See the College Board website for registration details:

<http://student.collegeboard.org/>

### ***Up-Coming Events:***

#### **APPRENTICESHIP "YOUTH TRAIN in TRADES" (ACE IT) PROGRAMS.**

#### **A Future Without Limits!!**

Students in grade 10 and 11... are you interested in expanding your skill-set? Would you like to get a head-start on a promising career in demand? Are you ready to begin post-secondary courses, while you are still in high school (with the tuition paid by the school district)? Are you hard working, and do you enjoy challenges and working with your hands? Applications are now being accepted for students interested in one of several district Youth Train in Trades (ACE IT) programs. Students in these programs can earn high school credits, college credits, as well Level 1 Certification from the Industry Training Authority (ITA). See the Careers Programs Website for more information: <http://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca> or visit your Counsellor or Career Advisor

#### **ATTENTION GRADE 8-11 STUDENTS!**

#### **REGISTER in a CAREER PROGRAMS EDUCATION IN ACTION WORKSHOP**

Spend a morning (9:00 - 11:30am) to get an idea about what it would be like to take an ACE IT Program. Choose one ACE IT workshop from:

**Cooking** - February 9<sup>th</sup> at Richmond Secondary

**Plumbing** - February 9<sup>th</sup> at Palmer Secondary

Priority given to Grades 10/11 students. Students must register a week in advance.

To register, call or email Suzanne Mah at: [sumah@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:sumah@sd38.bc.ca) or 604-668-6000

Ext. 3766. Very limited spaces available...call right away if you are interested

**Feb 11** - Police Officer Information Sessions 2017 - Interested applicants for Police officer, Jail Guard, Community Safety Officer, and Traffic Authority positions are invited to attend. Come hear an interview of policing as a career and what is involved in the selection process. Held at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Justice Institute of B.C. Police Academy:

<http://vancouver.ca/police/recruiting/police-officers/information-sessions.html>

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**Feb 15** - Explore Five-Week French-Language Bursary Program Deadline to apply - 5 week intensive French language-immersion program (select to attend the spring or summer program). Meet new people and discover another region of Canada while learning French!

For details and to apply online visit: <http://www.myexplore.ca/en/>

**UBC Engineering Exploration for Girls** - Engineering Explorations events are an exciting opportunity for girls across BC to visit UBC Engineering and learn about engineering. Parents are welcomed to a parent information session later in the day. Learn why engineering is an amazing career opportunity for your daughter and how to encourage her to consider all of her options as she moves forward in her secondary and post-secondary education

Jan 28 - Engineering Exploration Gr 11 Girls

Feb 4 - Engineering Exploration Gr 10 Girls

Mar 4 - Engineering Exploration Gr 8 Girls

Register: <http://engcite.engineering.ubc.ca/events/engineering-explorations/>

### ***Important Dates/Deadlines:***

#### **SFU:**

Dec 15/17 - April 30/17 - SFU self-reporting dates

Jan 31/17 - SFU Deadline for Major Entrance Scholarship Application

Feb 15/17 - SFU Deadline to submit referee documents to Major Entrance Scholarship

Feb 28/17 - SFU Deadline to apply

Feb 28/17 - SFU Beedie School of Business BBA Application and grades submission Deadline

March 15/17 - SFU Beedie document deadline

April 30/17 - Deadline to submit on-line grade 12 final grades

#### **UBC:**

Jan 15/17 - UBC deadline to apply

Feb 1/17 - Deadline to submit on-line grade 12 final grades.

Feb 15/17 - UBC Grade 11 Language course exemption application deadline

Feb 15/17 - Sauder School of Business document deadline

March 2/17 - March 20/17 - UBC self-reporting dates for linear schools

March 15/17 - UBC deadline to submit required admission documents (IELTS/TOEFL/LPI)

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### **UVic:**

Feb 15/17 - Mar 31/17 - UVic self-reporting dates & deadline for automatic scholarship consideration

Feb 28/17 - UVic Deadline to apply

March 1/17 - Deadline to submit IELTS/TOEFL/LPI to Gustavson School of Business

March 1/17 - Deadline to submit IELTS/TOEFL/LPI to all other programs

May 1/17 - Entrance Scholarships based on other criteria application deadline

### **OTHER:**

Jan 15/17 - Emily Carr Deadline to apply and submit documents

Feb 1/17 - Emily Carr deadline to submit Portfolio

March 1/17 - Capilano Application deadline for Arts/Science & Business programs

March 1/17 - TRU early application deadline

March 1/17 - KPU deadline for early admission to selective entry programs

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

## **IB Middle Years Programme Update Interdisciplinary Unit**

Congratulations to our Grade 8-10 students for completing their MYP Interdisciplinary units, which took place during the week of December 12<sup>th</sup>!

The purpose of the week was to allow students to connect the knowledge of at least two subject areas to create new understandings, as "An ever-changing world demands education that empowers people to integrate disciplines in novel and creative ways. As knowledge and information multiply, critical thinkers must successfully integrate disciplinary perspectives to understand complex issues and ideas" (Fostering Interdisciplinary Learning in the MYP). Our theme for this year was "Change" and our students explored this concept through various disciplines and as a result, various perspectives. This week culminated in a "Call To Action" where students considered various ways to bring this new knowledge to the real world by planning service projects to promote meaningful change through service in our communities.

Each grade had its own project and focus:

### **Interdisciplinary Unit for Grade 10 – Science & Math**

Global Context: Globalization and Sustainability

Key Concept: Change

Statement of Inquiry:

Modelling can reveal how we interact with our world and help us heal our impact on the environment.

### **Interdisciplinary Unit for Grade 9: Language and Literature (English) and Individuals and Societies (Socials)**

Global Context: Fairness & Development

Key Concept: Change

Statement of Inquiry:

Understanding the structure of a revolution can show a person how to use their voice to promote change.

### **Interdisciplinary Unit for Grade 8: Individuals and Societies (Socials) and Science**

Global Context: Globalization and Sustainability

Key Concept: Change

Statement of Inquiry:

Societal and scientific changes can result in consequences that affect the entire world when it comes to managing the spread of disease.

Interdisciplinary Week kicked off with a spirited student-led assembly, which found Hugh Boyd's grade 8-10 student body learning together about the week ahead through words, music, and film.

Special thanks to our amazing student leaders who contributed a tremendous amount to making this week a success: M. Atwater, K. Baird, A. Donabedian and A. Mintsis. Many thanks, also, to Mr. Park and his crew for all of their time and technological expertise throughout the week. This week would not have been possible without each and every one of you.

### **"Call to Action"**

As mentioned, Interdisciplinary week ended with the "Call To Action", which combines classroom learning with action and service. This year, the Call to Action piece asked groups of students to plan a service initiative in the disciplines they studied throughout the week. This planning was approved by teachers with a time-line for completion by Spring of this year. Many exciting initiatives are in motion so be sure to ask your children about their plans! Upon completion of this Call To Action, students will write a reflection on their service and receive five service hours for doing so.

Once again, congratulations, students, for your hard work during Interdisciplinary week! We are excited to see your service plans in action!