

HUGH BOYD SECONDERAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

By Mr. J. Leslie (Principal)

We made it to the half-way point !!! It has been a very busy year, but everyone should be proud of all they have accomplished in the first semester and we hope you are feeling good about the fresh start supplied by a new set of classes. This is the first Newsletter since before the winter holidays, and we hope that all Hugh Boyd families enjoyed a restful, rejuvenating and fun-filled holiday with family and close friends. You even got to enjoy an extra week of holidays and some time to play in the snow!

Since coming back from the holidays, classes resumed and all staff and students were busy with homework, tests and completing major assessments and projects. Obviously, the Grade 12 Grad Literacy Assessment was cancelled (scheduled for January 24-27), but we will let all Grade 12 students know about new sittings in April and June. Semester One Final Report Cards will be published to the MyEdBC Parent Portal on February 10th, so please be sure to review it with your child and contact the school if you have questions.

We had our Program Planning Information and Showcase night on January 27th and over 120 parents logged in to learn information and see the great things that happen at this school. If you were unable to attend, please see the recorded presentation on our website here. Students who are returning to Hugh Boyd next year will be getting visited by Counsellors in the coming weeks and they will have to carefully select their courses for the 2022-23 school year in mid-February.

The Basketball teams are nearing the playoffs, and all 6 of our teams have been playing hard, representing themselves and the school very well and we are excited to see how they do in the upcoming Richmond playoffs. Highlights so far include the Senior Boys recently listed as Honorable Mention in the BC AA rankings. The Senior Girls and are also looking to finish in the top half of the Richmond league and the Junior Boys are currently 5-2 in third place. Good luck Trojans!

Students just enjoyed a 4-day long weekend with no classes on Friday, January 28th (Semester Turn Around) and Monday, January 31st (Pro D Day). We hope everyone is ready to get started with new classes on Tuesday, February 1st. Please remember to check you Semester 2 Timetable on your MyEdBC Student Portal.

Let's have a great Semester 2 and please continue to stay safe and healthy-you have done a great job so far! If you have any questions or comments,

please do not hesitate to reachout by calling the school at (604)668-6615. -Mr. Jason Leslie



MISSION STATEMENT

Hugh Boyd develops compassionate and respectful young adults who are well- balanced, principled inquires with anunderstanding 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



February 2022

Tue. Feb 1..... Start of Semester 2/Lunar New Year!
Wed. Feb 2Collaboration Day-*late start 9:55 am*Fri. Feb 4Grad Portrait sessions
Sat. Feb 5Grad Portrait sessions
Sun. Feb 6Grad Portrait sessions
Thurs. Feb 10Semester 1 Report Cards published
Mon. Feb 14..... Valentine's Day!
Fri. Feb 18District wide PRO-D Day (*school closed*)
Mon. Feb 21.....Family Day (*school closed*)
Wed. Feb 23Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying)
Thurs. Feb 24 ...Grade 10 MYP Personal Project Exhibition

Artona Graduation Photos-Upcoming Grad Sessions!

Hugh Boyd Graduation Photos Sessions are coming up in the first week of February! Grads, please visit the Artona <u>website</u> and sign up for their sessions.

Please note that there is no obligation to purchase photo packages. However, for students to appear in the grad composite, they need to have photos taken in their cap and gown.

Graduation Gown order

Although we cannot yet confirm what our valedictory ceremony will look like, in preparation for our graduation ceremonies, grade 12 students need to submit their graduation gown order. Please visit this <u>link</u>



In addition, please note that in order to participate in the graduation ceremony, Grade 12 students must pay their \$65 valedictory fee. Please complete the survey and pay fees (on School Cash Online) by **February 25, 2022.**

TRANS LINK Getting help while on a bus

In the event of altercation, sexual harassment/assault, sometimes students/passengers freeze, feel scared or are anxious about going to talk to the bus driver. They can simply text the Translink police at 8777777. (One 8 and six 7s) and get help instantly. **The details to text are**:

• The unique bus number

- o at the front of the bus, kind of above the driver, the unique bus number is displayed
- What happened
 - o a short description of what occurred
- The bus route number
 - o 401, 410, ...

Translink police will alert the bus driver while they'll be on their way to intercept the bus at an upcoming stop.

Counsellors

Mr. G. Reid A-L greid@sd38.bc.ca Ms. T. Babecoff-Kimhi M-Z tbabecoffkimhi@sd38.bc.ca

Career Counsellor and Scholarship Resource

Ms. J. Jones - jojones@sd38.bc.ca Office Hours at Boyd: Mon & Wed 8 - 3:30 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

Library Services

Teacher Librarian: Ms. J. Leung Library Technician: Ms. Sharon Moor Website: www.hughboydlibrary.com

During this school year, the Library Learning Commons HUB at Hugh Boyd is open every day from 9:05 am - 4:00 pm. It is a safe place for students in their cohorts to work together on projects, to use the colour printer or 3D printer, to use the computers, to study and/or read quietly. You may borrow books three weeks at a time and will get an email when it is time to return them.



Chimo is situated on the traditional and ancestral territory of the Scowaθn Mosteyox^w (Tsawwassen People), and the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Kwantlen, x^wmoθk^woyom (Musqueam), Stó:lō, and Stz'uminus Peoples.

Dear Community Members,

Many people are unsure of where to look in a time of crisis. If they have children they might seek help from the schools, if they have faith perhaps a church. Others simply do not know where to turn to.

At Chimo Community Services we have four programs in the housing department for members of the Richmond Community.

Rentbank: A short term interest free loan for those behind in rent or utilities or who cannot afford the upcoming rent or utility bill.

Homeless Outreach Program: Outreach and advocacy related to housing inquiries. This program aims to help community members who are homeless or at risk of homelessness connect to housing related services.

Homeless Prevention Program: Sponsored by BC Housing, this program provides a short term (12 month) rental subsidy. This is for families/individuals that are homeless or at risk of homelessness AND one of the following; feeling violence, Indigenous, leaving prison, leaving the hospital or youth leaving foster care.

Transitional Housing: Emergency housing for woman fleeing violence and Second Stage Housing

In addition Chimo offers counseling services, outreach and advocacy, newcomer settlement services, family law, and the crisis line.

Semester Two starts February 1st

Semester Two starts on Tuesday, February 1st. All students should have checked their Semester 2 Timetables on their MyEdBC Portal. If you have concerns about your classes or need to make a change, please see your Counsellor ASAP.

With our COVID-19 numbers trending in the right direction, we have decided to make an adjustment to the measures we were taking to keep our students safe. We had staggered the start times and Grade 8 and 9 students were starting their day 10 minutes later and ending their day 10 minutes earlier. With most students arriving at school at the same time, there tended to be too much distraction and noise in the hallways, and the crowding was not lessened. For Semester 2, we are going back to no staggering start and finish times, so now <u>ALL STUDENTS WILL START SCHOOL AT 8:30 AND FINISH AT 3:00 PM</u>. Please be sure that you are on time for class on Tuesday! We need to improve our punctuality at Hugh Boyd and getting everyone on the same start and finish should help. <u>Don't be late!</u>



Lunar New Year-Year of the TIGER

Tuesday, February 1st is Lunar New Year and 2022 will be the year of the Tiger! Kung Hei Fat Choi!!!!



Semester One Final Report Cards

Semester One Final Report Cards will be published to the MyEdBC Parent Portal on Thursday, February 10th. Please review your child's Report Card with them and if you have any questions or comments, contact the school at (604)668-6615. If you have forgotten how to access the MyEdBC Parent Portal, please see the school website for login instructions <u>here</u>.



Athletics Updates

Basketball season is quickly coming to an end, and all 6 of the Hugh Boyd teams are playing well, having fun, and learning lots. While we know it is frustrating to not be able to watch your children play their games, we still have rules designed to keep everyone as safe as possible. If Health and Safety protocols are eased before the playoffs, we will communicate with parents so they are able to come and watch the games.

The <u>Senior Boys team</u> was recently listed as *Honorable Mention* in the *BC "AA" provincial rankings*. The <u>Senior Girls team</u> is also playing hard and representing the school very well in Richmond play. The <u>Junior Boys</u> are currently 5-2 in third place in Richmond league and all our teams will be a force to be reckoned with on the playoffs. *Good luck Trojans*!

We would also like to thank all the parents for driving to games, plus the scorekeepers, referees, coaches, and sponsors for all they are doing to provide opportunities for our student-athletes! Without all of you, none of this happens. Thank you!



Graduation Literacy Assessment 12 Exam

As all Grade 12s know, the **January Graduation Assessment** session was <u>cancelled</u> by the BC Ministry of Education, and Hugh Boyd had scheduled our GLA 12 exam for January 24-27. We are still awaiting further clarification from the Ministry of Education about upcoming sessions (scheduled for April and June), but please rest assured that no one who was to Graduate this year will be negatively affected by the cancellation of this session. Please stay tuned for more information and Mrs. McColl will be reaching out once we know more.

Grad News

The Dry After Grad Fundraiser on January 21st was another resounding success and the crew managed to raise <u>over \$2000</u> by collecting bottles in the neighbourhood. Thank you for all the generous donations and for all the hard work put forth by students and the Dry Grad parents. The Committee is still meeting and planning for this major event scheduled for the end of June. Hopefully, COVID numbers continue to trend in the right direction and the health and safety measures can be eased and this event can go ahead without any modifications! Stay tuned for more information. If you are interested in helping with this group, please contact Debbie Giesbrecht at: <u>debgiesbrecht@hotmail.com</u>

Similarly, we are now collecting Grad fees, which include: **\$135 for Dinner/Dance**, **\$75 for Dry After Grad** and **\$65 for Valedictory at the Chan Centre at UBC**. We are optimistic that these events will be able to go ahead as planned, but we need to collect fees soon so we can pay deposits etc. To pay, please go to <u>School Cash Online</u>. For instructions if you have forgotten how to access, please go <u>here</u>.



COVID 19 Updates

We have said it before, but it bears repeating... Thank you to all our students for being so careful and cooperative as we continue to use several health and Safety protocols in the school to keep our staff and students safe. We have had a few cases of COVID in the school, but very few compared to many other schools in our province, and very few of the cases we have experienced have been transmitted in the school. This is in large part to the diligence of our staff and the cooperation and respect shown by our amazing students. Thank you! Things appear to be going in a good direction, with illness in the school (and identified cases all around the province) trending down. Keep up the good work, and with any luck, soon we may be able to get back to allowing spectators at our sports games and other extra-curricular events, as well as hopefully getting back to planning things like Graduation activities like Valedictory, Spring Boat Cruise and Student Council plans. We are going the right direction. Keep it up !!! Please keep doing the Daily Health checks (found here) and if you test positive or are exposed to a positive case, use the Flow Chart (found here) to decide when it is safe to return to work or school.



MYP Personal Project Presentations (February 24th)

Grade 10 students will be expected to make their MYP Personal Project presentations on Thursday, February 24th. It doesn't appear that we will be able to bring in parents of community members for this event, which is disappointing, but we will have our Grade 10 students showcase their products for teachers and Grade 8 & 9 students during the school day. All Grade 10 students should be hard at work on finishing their projects soon and should have had meetings and check-ins with their Staff Mentors for feedback and suggestions. If you have questions or concerns about the production of your project, please see Ms. Balaciano or contact your Staff Mentor.



Cross Boundary Transfer Process

Transfer Applications are to be used by students who live outside of the catchment area for a requested school but would like to apply to attend there. If you have moved and want to apply to attend your new catchment school, please complete a Registration, not a Transfer Application. Students must currently be registered in the Richmond School District to complete a transfer application. See this link for more details. Round One of the Transfer Applications is from February 7-25. All students who wish to transfer MUST fill out the Transfer form that is available on the District website.

Pink Shirt Day (February 23rd)

Wednesday, February 23rd is Pink Shirt Day at schools across Canada and we encourage all of our Hugh Boyd students to participate and take a stand against Bullying. Initiated in 2007 in Nova Scotia, the idea of wearing pink t-shirts was to show support and encourage kindness and the movement has grown into a National Day (third Wednesday in February). It is also followed in Japan, China, New Zealand and other countries. Be sure to wear your pink t-shirt on February 23rd and do you part to make the world a kinder, more welcoming place. To learn more about Pink Shirt Day, see here.



Boyd P.E. -- It has been a very wonderful semester with our P.E. classes, and we are looking forward to working with the students next semester. We are finishing up our badminton and net games units at the moment. In Mr. Berda's PE 9 class, our 2022 Badminton Doubles **Champs are Matthew Mintsis and Macy** Mercado.



Hugh Boyd MYP Course Requirements & Credits

We have reached the time of year again where students and families are considering their course options for next year. A basic requirement of MYP is that students in grade 8 take all 8 of their courses in the MYP subject areas, concurrently (at the same time, throughout the year). For 9's and 10's there is a realization that with future career and study goals in mind, there might be a need for some greater flexibility. With this is mind there is the requirement that students take all core academics in MYP as MYP courses, concurrently, throughout the regular school year.

This means that students who take one of the core academic courses for full credit over the summer that replaces one of these core courses at Boyd is no longer fully engaged in MYP and therefore ineligible for MYP certification, because they are not meeting basic requirements. This is, of course, the choice of your family as to what best meets your needs.



Library Learning Commons

Library Hours: 8:30 am – 4 pm (No new entries after 3:15)

Boyd Diversity Book Challenge:

First semester's Boyd Diversity Book Challenge was a resounding success! We had over 200 ballots received from students who read diverse books from diverse authors over the course of the contest. Congratulations to Mr. Thomas', Mrs. Korber, and Mrs. Chu's block C classes for winning the pizza parties as the classes with the most books read. The classes were small but mighty! We gave away 16 individual draw prizes and reading prizes. There is another chance for students and classes next semester to win more prizes! The second semester challenge starts on February 7th to April the 5th. All students are encouraged to participate! Go Trojans Go!

3D Printing:

We have lots of new colours for our 3D Printer: Endor Green, Fire Truck Red, Deep Ocean Blue, Lavender, Plum, Sunrise Yellow, Clear, Black, Grey, and White. Come on down to the library to print out your own creation, or neat things that others have designed. Hop onto to thingiverse.com to find something print, and we will take care of the rest. Happy printing!

Temporary Library Protocols:

- Students can still come down freely during class times/breaks/whenever the library is open
- One class will be in the library at a time.
- We have removed some seating to create more distance, and fewer chairs at tables to students don't directly face each other. This will also limit the number of students who are able to sit together in groups (about 3 per table).
- Students be asked not to stand and hover (this was already in place since Sept), and they are not to move chairs/seats to other areas and tables.
- Once all seats have been filled, we will not be letting more students in, even if some students leave lunch early. It would be too hard for us to keep track of the number of kids coming in and out of the library.
- Students who need to use technology can still come in, but will be asked to go straight to the circulation desk to borrow tech or before going to the desktops so we know who is in and out.
- Outside doors will be open at lunch to enhance circulation. Bring jackets if needed!

Black History Month:

February is Black History Month. Throughout the month of February, there will be displays and resources in the library and around the rest of the school to learn about the important contributions of Black Canadians to Canada, and their experiences and histories. Stay up to date on Instagram or Twitter @hughboydlibrary.



Career Center

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":

POST-SECONDARY PLANNING

Education Planner: www.educationplanner.ca EducationPlannerBC is an education planning tool that provides students with clear, reliable and detailed information on BC post- secondary education and applying. Log on and create an account.

myBlueprint is a comprehensive education and career/life planning program with the tools students need to make the most informed decisions about their future.

'NEW' myBlueprint: <u>www.myBlueprint.ca/sd38</u>. For students who haven't created their account, please follow these instructions: Getting Started:

- Visit <u>www.myBlueprint.ca/sd38</u>
- Click Sign Up
- Select your school from the drop-down menu and click Create Account.
- When prompted to select your account type, click on Student, select your grade, and click Continue
- Enter your Education Number (PEN number) and Personal Info and click Continue 6. Enter the Account Info, and agree





APPLYING TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Colleges: Begin accepting applications on a specific date and cut off applicants once a program is full so the earlier you apply, (as soon as it opensand not before), the better.

Universities: Begin accepting applications in Sept/Oct. and consider each application based on a specific set of course/grade criterion, not necessarily how early you've applied. They stop accepting applications on a specific date.

Colleges Deadlines:

Not too late to apply to a college. Check program requirements and apply ASAP!

- LANGARA Oct. 1 (students interested in Business or Engineering should apply as soon as it opens.)
- <u>DOUGLAS</u> Oct. 1 (Foundations for Nursing opens for 3 days only. Check website for 2022 deadlines)
- <u>KPU</u> Oct 1 (Limited enrollment programs such as engineering, business, fashion & trades may have separate deadlines. Check website and apply as soon as it opens)
- <u>BCIT</u> Oct 1 (for most full-time programs) (part-time, trades & tech are ongoing, check website for deadlines)
- <u>VCC</u> Continuous

University Deadlines:

Most university deadlines have now passed but some may still be accepting applications. Please check with the specific institution's website before applying or see Ms Jones.

Most universities will have separate deadlines for documents, grades, transcripts, and addition information required for admission. Please check their website for more information on these upcoming deadlines.

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Vary, Check Websites (early application dates may apply!)

Make sure to prepare and plan well in advance.

Online Application Process for Admission to Colleges and Universities:

Students either apply directly to the school or use a Provincial post-secondary application service. Most institutions use an application service; otherwise, it will be clearly indicated on their website. Students need a pdf copy of their grades handy, their 9-digit P.E.N. number and payment must be done by credit card.

- Apply to B.C. Institutions (colleges & university): <u>https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/</u>
- Apply to Alberta Institutions (colleges & university): <u>https://www.applyalberta.ca/pub/</u>
- Apply to Ontario Universities: <u>http://www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-105/</u> (BC students must use this online application service to apply to ALL Ontario universities opens late Sept)
- Apply to Ontario Colleges: <u>http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/apply</u>
- All Other Institutions: Varies please check their website

Career in Trades online O & A

STUDENTS, YOU ARE INVITED!

LEARN ABOUT:

- our apprenticeship program offerings
- (e.g. Plumbing, Professional Cook, Carpentry, Welding, Aircraft Maintenance Engineer, Construction Electrician, Millwright, etc.) --how to receive FREE tuition to take one of these programs
- how to get school credit (and award \$\$) for paid work you are doing in a skilled trade
- how to apply for one of our programs
- what the program entry requirements are
- how to get both college and high school credits with our programs

Join Zoom Meeting https://sd38.zoom.us/j/61637530153

Zoom meeting ID: 616 3753 0153

Passcode: 860349

PICK ONE THAT WORKS FOR YOU!

Pop in any first and third Wednesday of the month between 3-4 PM on ZOOM. Here are the options:

- February 2nd & 16th @ 3 PM
- March 2nd @ 3 PM
- April 6th & 20th @ 3PM May 4th & 18th @ 3PM

PARENTS: YOU ARE INVITED!

Topic: SD38 Career Programs Offerings for Senior Students

Hosted by Terri Lockhart and Peter Thackwray -Richmond SD38 Career Programs

• Thursday, February 24, 2022 @ 6:30 -7:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

https://sd38.zoom.us/j/61949121628

Meeting ID:619 4912 1628

Passcode: 235401

Presentation Topics Overview:

- Youth Train in Trades and Youth Work in Trades Apprenticeship Programs
 - Learn about SD38's 14 BC TRADES training and apprenticeship programs senior students can start while in high school
 - (GET AHEAD WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL)
 - $\circ \quad \mbox{Tuition is covered and students graduate with college/industry credit}$
 - \circ $\;$ Students in these programs are employable immediately upon completion
- LinK38 –Learning in Kwantlen (KPU)
 - o SD38 students take one KPU course during Grade 12 as credit toward their intended post-secondary program/career
 - Hear from INDUSTRY GUEST SPEAKERS!
 - (Please sign in around 6:20pm, as we need to start as close to 6:30pm as possible)



UPCOMING EVENTS TO NOTE

Feb 15 - Explore French Immersion Application deadline

Feb 16 – JIBC Law Enforcement Info Session

Feb 22 – UBC Engineering Info Session

Feb 26 – KPU Future Business Leaders Conference

Feb 25 – Youth Train in Trades VCC Baking and Pastry Application Deadline

SCHOLARSHIPS TO NOTE:

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- Feb 1 Corpus Christi Circle of Friends Scholarship Deadline
 - Feb 7 McGill Major Entrance Scholarship Deadline
 - Feb 14 Violet Richardson Award Deadline
 - Feb 15 Pathway to Teachers Scholarship Deadline

Feb 15 – UofA Scholarship Deadline

Feb 15 – Uvic Scholarships Deadline

Mar 7 - Diabetes Scholarships Deadline

- Mar 14 Quest for Excellence Scholarship Deadlines
- Mar 15 Horatio Alger Scholarship Deadline for Grade 11 students
- Mar 31 BC Schools Superintendent Scholarship Deadline
- Mar 31 Cap Awards Deadline

VOLUNTEER AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Richmond Cares Richmond Gives (RCRG) – All Richmond students should contact this group to access student volunteer and leadership opportunities: https://rcrg.org/WhatWeDo/RCRGPrograms/information-volunteer-centre Contact: 604.279.7020, Location: #190 – 7000 Minoru Blvd. Richmond, BC

The City of Richmond– The city of Richmond offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities for students, adults and seniors. To get started, visit website and register. To register as an individual, group, Richmond Public Library, or with Emergency Services, please click on the appropriate option. Alternatively, you can search for our current volunteer positions by using the Volunteer Opportunities Search, and then register as a volunteers once you have found a suitable opportunity: https://www.richmond.ca/parksrec/about/volunteer.htm.

Service Canada Youth & Student Employment: https://www.canada.ca/en/services/jobs/opportunities/student.html

The Career Centre at Hugh Boyd is open Mon 8-3:00 and Wed 8-3:00 & alternating Fri's to answer any questions or provide assistance regarding post-secondary entry. Students/parents may book an appointment online at: https://boydcounselling.setmore.com/bookappointment