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HUGH BOYD SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2022

Principal's Message

By Mr. J. Leslie (Principal)

Spring Break is almost here!!! February has been another great month at Hugh Boyd Secondary School. We started Semester Two on February 1st, and very quickly got back into the routines with new classes and teachers. Students did a good job of finding their new classrooms and teachers and everyone quickly got settled in and started working hard.

Highlights of the past month include Grade 12 students getting their **Grad Portraits** taken from **February 4-6th**, Semester One **Final Report Cards** being published on **February 10**, a Pro D Day and Family Day **long weekend on February 18-21**, **Pink Shirt Day** on **February 23rd**, and Grade 10 MYP **Personal Project Presentations** taking place on **February 25th**. It has been a busy, but very inspiring month. *We have great students at this school!*

Other events of note include the Basketball teams finishing their season (and the *Senior Boys are close to qualifying for the Provincials*), and all returning students entering their course selections for the 2022-23 school year. If you didn't do so, please be sure to see your Counsellor ASAP!

In the first two weeks of March, we will be starting the **Spring Sports** seasons (including Grade 8 and 9 Boys Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee and Track and Field). We will also be preparing for next year and will need some information from our Grads as we start to plan the **Valedictory ceremony in June**. **Interim Report Cards** will also be published to the MyEdBC Parent Portal on **March 10th**.

March 11 will be the last day before Spring Break and school will be closed from **March 12-27th**. We hope everyone has a chance to rest, recharge and get ready for a *strong finish to the 2021-22 school year!*

Let's have a great last two weeks before the holidays and then please enjoy a safe and fun-filled Spring Break. We will look forward to reconnecting with you on Monday, March 28th! -Mr. Jason Leslie



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



March 2022

Wed. Mar 2..... Collaboration
Day (*late start 9:55*)
Thurs. Mar 10 Semester 2 Interim Report Card Published
Sat. Mar 12 Daylight Savings begins (*adjust clock*)
Mon. Mar 14 Spring Break starts
Fri. Mar 25 School re-opens

April 2022

Wed. Apr 6 Collaboration Day-*late start 9:55*
Thurs. Apr 14 Gr. 9/10 Vaccinations
..... PAC Meeting at 7 pm
Fri. Apr 15 Good Friday (*school closed*)
Mon. Apr 18 Easter Monday (*school closed*)
Thurs. Apr 21 Mid-Term Report Card Published
Mon-Fri Apr 25-29 ... GLA 10 Exams
Wed. Apr 27 Parent-Teacher Conferences
Thurs. Apr 28 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Counsellors

Mr. G. Reid: A-L

greid@sd38.bc.ca

Ms. T. Babecoff-Kimhi: M-Z

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Career Counsellor and Scholarship Resource

Ms. J. Jones - jojones@sd38.bc.ca

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

[Career Centre Website](#)

Facebook Page:

["Ms. Jones Career Centre News"](#)

Library Services

Teacher Librarian: Ms. J. Leung Library

Technician: Ms. Sharon Moor

[Website](#)

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.

ATHLETICS

The Winter Sport Season is almost finished, and all our Basketball teams competed hard and enjoyed learning the game and demonstrated great sportsmanship. Our Senior Boys team is still playing, attempting to qualify for the AA Provincial Championships. The team will be participating in the South Fraser Zone Championships on March 1-4. ***Good luck, Trojans!***

Up next are the Spring Sport seasons, with **Grade 8 and 9 Boys Volleyball, Senior Girls Soccer, Track and Field** for all Grades and **Ultimate Frisbee** for all Grades. Be sure to listen to the announcements so you know about tryouts and practices. If you are interested in refereeing or being a scorekeeper, please connect with Mrs. Hayden (*Athletic Director*)



COURSE SELECTION

Hopefully all returning students have entered their course selections for 2022-23 into the MyEdBC Portal so we can start building our Timetable for next year. ***If you didn't, see your Counsellor ASAP!!!***

SEMESTER ONE FINAL REPORT CARDS

Semester One Final Report Cards were published to the MyEdBC Parent Portal on **February 10th**. Hopefully all parents and students were able to check out your progress. Please take the time to review this information and if you have any questions or concerns, contact your child's teachers or the school.



STUDENT TRANSFERS

Please be reminded that students who want to attend Hugh Boyd next year, but live outside our catchment area, must fill out a Cross Boundary transfer form. The first round of these applications closed on Friday, February 25th. ***All families who applied will be advised of the decisions on March 7th***. If you did not get to submit your Cross Boundary Application, but still want to transfer to our school, there is a second opportunity from **February 26-May 17**. Be sure to get your application in if you want to attend Boyd but live outside our area. If families are unhappy with the Transfer decisions, they can complete a **Transfer Complaint** by **March 28th**

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

Grade 10 and 12 students will be asked for some feedback about the school experiences this week in D block, and we also want to hear from parents. Please share your thoughts about your child's school experience at Hugh Boyd at the link provided [here](#). Please use the "Direct Access-No Logon Required" option.

SCHOOL STRUCTURES SURVEY

The Richmond School District wants to hear from you! All Secondary Schools have out a survey to students, parents and staff asking for thoughts about school structures (*Semester vs Linear, Personal Learning Time* etc). This survey is open until **March 4**. Be sure to share with us your feelings about how to best structure school to support student learning. Click [here](#) to complete survey.

PINK SHIRT DAY

On **Wednesday, February 23rd**, school across Canada (and around much of the world) continued a tradition that was initiated in Nova Scotia in 2007 where a couple of students decided they wanted to help a young person who had been bullied for wearing a pink shirt. Since that day, people around the world have been **wearing pink** to speak out against bullying and promote kindness and caring. At Hugh Boyd we had several students and staff wearing pink and our Student Council held a lunch time fun activity that also helped raise awareness and money. Over **\$250.00** was raised and kids all had a great time honoring this noble cause. *Well done, Trojans!*



INTERIM REPORT CARDS

Semester Two **Interim Report Cards** will be published on **Thursday, March 10** to the MyEdBC Parent Portal. Please take a few moments to review what is written on these report cards with your child. If you have questions or comments, please reach out to your child's teachers. Also, be reminded that these Interim Reports are still very early in the semester, so teachers are asked to only include a comment. The comment should be descriptive (what has been studied so far, how your child is doing on what is done so far and an indication about what they may need to concentrate on in future studies).

MYP PERSONAL PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

On **Friday, February 25th**, Grade 10 students got to showcase their MYP Personal Projects. The presentations took place for other students in the small gymnasium in Block A and B, and students got to explain why they did this project and display their products that so many had created. The projects were inspiring, and students were rightfully proud of what they had created. *Well done* to our Grade 10 students and to everyone else who were respectful and engaged audience members.



DRY AFTER GRAD

Important upcoming dates:

- **Neufeld Farms:** deadline **March 2, 2022**. Pick up from Hugh Boyd **March 8**. Click [here](#) to place order.
- **Purdy's Easter:** deadline **March 29**. Pick up from Hugh Boyd **April 13**. Place order [here](#).
- **Online Silent Auction:** 32auctions.com. **April 4-19**. More details to follow. Donations need to be collected by **Friday, March 11**.
- **Fundscrip:** Last Day to order is **April 30**. Place orders [here](#).

If you have questions, please contact Hugh Boyd Dry Grad Parent Committee at hughboydaftergrad@gmail.com.

SUMMER SCHOOL OFFERINGS

Summer School and **Richmond Virtual School** 2022 are now taking registrations. If you need to complete courses or wish to take some specific interests online this summer, please visit [RVS](#) or [Summer School](#) to learn more.

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

The Sr Boys Basketball team has qualified for the **South Fraser Zone Championships** and are trying to qualify for the Provincials. The boys will host 2 games on **March 2 and 3** at Hugh Boyd at 4:00 and 5:45. Spectators will be limited (150 spectators allowed, first-come, first seated), and we hope to see some fans there! If you want to watch, get there early! **Good luck, Trojans!**



RAPID ANTIGEN TEST KITS

The Provincial Government has purchased **Rapid Antigen Tests** for COVID for our students. Once delivered, Hugh Boyd will be distributing **5 test kits and instructions** to all our students. Please look for yours in the coming days and if you have any questions about how and when to use them, please read the instructions within.

GRAD INFO NEEDED

Grad Valedictory planning has been under way for some time. Due to evolving COVID-19 health regulations, we still cannot confirm exactly what Hugh Boyd's 2022 Valedictory Ceremony will look like. However, we appreciate your patience and will update you once we are able to confirm details. In the meantime, we are proceeding with planning and need your assistance:

- **Valedictory write-ups** are read as students cross the stage. Please submit yours ASAP. **Deadline to complete is April 8, 2022.** Please click on this [link](#)
 - Hugh Boyd Valedictory **scholarship applications** are now available. **Deadline to complete is also April 8, 2022.** Click on this [link](#)
 - The survey to collect grad gown sizes is **due on February 25, 2022.** Please complete the [survey](#)
- Please reach out to Mrs. Hui at shui@sd38.bc.ca if you have any questions.



SPRING BREAK

The last day of classes before Spring Break will be **Friday, March 11th**. *School will be closed from March 12-27th* when everyone gets to enjoy a restful, recharging and fun-filled Spring holiday. We hope everyone stays safe, enjoys making some memories and we look forward to reconnecting when **school re-opens on Monday, March 28th**! Let's have a great last two weeks and then please enjoy your Spring Break!



EASTER WEEKEND

Shortly after we return from Spring Break, all schools will be enjoying a long weekend for the **Easter Holiday**. Schools will be closed from **April 15-18** to allow families to be together. The school will **open again on Tuesday, April 19th**.



Hugh Boyd Musical News

The Band 8 and Guitar classes achieved lots of success in Semester 1 and I wish those students all the best in the continued pursuit of their musical potential. A number of Grade 8 musicians have joined the ranks of the Senior Concert Band, Senior Jazz Band, and Second Line Band and I am very pleased to have them on board with these ensembles!



In Semester 2 we have **Choir and Drumming** on the timetable and the Senior Jazz and Senior Concert Bands are continuing to meet off-timetable. The Singers and Drummers are already sounding good and I look forward to having them perform for families and the school community in the not-too-distant future (fingers crossed!).

DISTRICT JAZZ BAND VIDEO

On Wednesday March 2nd from 3:00pm to 4:00pm the Senior Jazz Band will do a recording session with a professional videographer who will compile a video concert featuring jazz ensembles from all of Richmond's high schools. Stay tuned for the link to watch this video, which will be shared with families and posted on the district website.



JAZZ BAND WORKSHOP EVENING

The "Band Boot Camp" that took place in the Fall was a huge success, so I would like to do something similar with a Jazz focus. I am in the process of planning an evening for Jazz Band students to attend instrument-specific workshops with students from Capilano University's Jazz Studies program. Some of the Cap Jazz students are recent Boyd grads and grads from other Richmond high schools (go Richmond Jazzers!). Stay tuned for details regarding date and time.

SENIOR JAZZ AND CONCERT BAND CLASSES NEXT YEAR

Because a decision is yet to be made regarding going back to a linear schedule or continuing with the semester schedule, the senior Band classes will continue to meet off-timetable next year. This will allow the groups to run year-long if we follow the semester model and will eliminate course conflicts that are inevitably faced by having the band classes on the timetable.

HOPES AND DREAMS

Now that Covid restrictions are being eased, I am hopeful that the music groups can get back to doing more performances at Boyd and nearby elementary schools, in the community, and at festivals. I also hope to rekindle the Cuba trip or do a bigger trip somewhere in Spring 2023.

Thanks as always for supporting the Hugh Boyd musicians! *Mr. Naso*

Library Learning Commons

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

Boyd Diversity Book Challenge:

The Boyd Diversity Book Challenge is off to great start! We've had multiple ballots dropped off, despite not having block C classes come in yet! Students have been eager to read writers and stories with diverse backgrounds and perspectives. Keep challenging yourself to read and learn! A great site regarding the Fold Festival of Literary Diversity is here: <https://thefoldcanada.org/>. Please see the attached flyer for details about the Boyd Diversity Book Challenge!

Spring Into Reading:

Flowers are starting to peak out from the cold ground-that means Spring is around the corner! What better way to enjoy March break than to Spring into Reading! Follow Hugh Boyd Library's Instagram @hughboydlibrary for recommendations, as well as our website and front displays in March for our new arrivals!



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: www.myBlueprint.ca/sd38. For students who haven't created their account, please follow these instructions:

Getting Started:

- Visit www.myBlueprint.ca/sd38
- 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 opens and 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.)
- [DOUGLAS](#) Oct. 1 (Foundations for Nursing opens for 3 days only. Check website for 2022 deadlines)
- [KPU](#) Oct 1 (Limited enrollment programs such as engineering, business, fashion & trades may have separate deadlines. Check website and apply as soon as it opens)
- [BCIT](#) Oct 1 (for most full-time programs) (part-time, trades & tech are ongoing, check website for deadlines)
- [VCC](#) 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): <https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/>
- Apply to Alberta Institutions (colleges & university): <https://www.applyalberta.ca/pub/>
- Apply to Ontario Universities: <http://www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-105/> (BC students must use this online application service to apply to ALL Ontario universities – opens late Sept)
- Apply to Ontario Colleges: <http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/apply>
- All Other Institutions: Varies – please check their website

Career in Trades online Q & 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:

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



RICHMOND DISTRICT CAREERS PROGRAMS (GRADE 10-12)

Youth Train in Trades Programs! April 13, 2022 Deadline to Apply

- The Career Programs Office offers students in Richmond School District with 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:
 - get a head start in a chosen career path while still in high school
 - acquire skills relevant to today's labour market needs
 - have flexibility and choice with respect to how, when and where learning takes place
- The *Youth Train in Trades* programs offer hands-on skills acquisition through post-secondary technical training to students in grades 11/12 (apply in grades 10/11). The first level of tuition is FREE (savings of ~\$2500-4000) - paid for by the Richmond School Board.
- The *Youth Work in Trades* program means students aged 15-19 "*earn while they learn*", acquiring high school credits and industry credentialing in recognized trade, while in high school.
- Throughout the school year, the Career Programs Office strives to engage students, educators, parents, and the Richmond community to learn more about the skilled trades and other career areas by offering a variety of professional learning opportunities, activities, and events. Our office is available for classroom presentations and can facilitate student try-a-trade experiences at various post-secondary schools. (Currently, these are virtual.)
- We also offer several other career exploration opportunities. These are outlined in our Career Programs flyer (found in the "*Programs*" tab)
- We invite you to explore our website to learn more about the various career development resources available to help determine "A Future without Limits": <https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/>

UPCOMING EVENTS TO NOTE

Mar 2 – BCIT Women In Engineering Online Event
Mar 2 – Careers Program Q&A Event
Mar 4 – Software Engineering Guest Speaker Series Online Event
Mar 5 – Study in Ireland Event
Mar 7 – Pharmaceutical Science Guest Speaker Series Online Event
Mar 23 – UBC Sauder Online Info Session
Apr 6- Careers Program Q&A Session
Apr 13 – Youth Train in Trades Deadline to Apply

SCHOLARSHIPS TO NOTE:

Mar 7 – Diabetes Scholarship Deadline
Mar 9 – Richmond Community Scholarship Deadline
Mar 14 – Quest For Excellence Scholarship Deadlines
Mar 15 – Guild of Waggoners Scholarship Deadline
Mar 15 – Horatio Alger Deadline
Mar 15 - Julie Cole Bursary Deadline
Mar 15 – UVic Scholarship Deadline
Mar 25 – COIN Competition Deadline
Mar 29 – Work safe BC Video Contest Deadline
Mar 31 – BC Hydro Award Deadline
Mar 31 – BC School Superintendents Scholarship Deadline
Mar 31 Cap Award 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 8:00-3:00 and Wed 8:00-3:00 & 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>