WEEK AT A GLANCE

# December 12 – December 16, 2022

| Monday Dec 12 | Tuesday Dec 13 | Wednesday Dec 14 | Thursday Dec 15 | Friday Dec 16 |
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| At Risk Interim Reports sent home<br>ABCD | PLT ABCD | BADC | PLT BADC | Boyd's Holiday Breakfast<br>Last day before Winter break<br>ABCD |

## HEALTH DECLARATION

Before coming to school, parents and students need to review the Mandatory Daily Health Declaration – this document is provided on our website **HERE.**

## BREAKING DOWN THE WALLS

Congratulations to all the students and staff who participated in the Breaking Down the Walls assemblies and workshops sessions this week. We know that there were many new connections amongst peers and students were able to hear each other's stories. Remember, that it's hard to hate someone if you know their story. We will be inviting students to a follow up meeting in the New Year. Stay tuned for more information.

## BOYD IN THE NEWS

In case you missed it, Mr. Taylor's Social Justice Class was in the Richmond News recently for their first-ever podcast episode featuring the B.C. Minister of Mental Health and Addictions: Richmond News Article. A second article advocating for Truth and Reconciliation actions was also featured last week: Richmond News Article 2 by our student Jasmine Dulay.

## WINTER MUSIC CONCERT

Congratulations to Mr. Naso and all of the music students for an amazing concert on Thursday night. There are so many talented musicians at our school!

## SPIRIT WEEK

Next week, the Student Council will be sponsoring the last Spirit Week of 2022:

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| Monday, Dec 12 | Holiday headgear |
| Tuesday, Dec 13 | Bring Your Own Blanket |
| Wednesday, Dec 14 | Jersey Day |
| Thursday, Dec 15 | Ugly sweater day |
| Friday, Dec 16 | Holiday Breakfast and PJ day |

## BOYD'S HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

Friday, December 16th will be our annual Holiday Breakfast. Students will have a holiday breakfast together for free, and there will be school performances from our talented students. Everyone is welcome to bring food item/money donations, to be donated to the Food Bank. Here is the schedule for the day:

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| 8:00 – 9:30am | Holiday Breakfast |
| 9:30 – 10:25am | Block A |
| 10:30 – 11:30am | Block B |
| 11:40am – 12:35pm | Block C |
| 12:45 – 1:40pm | Block D |
| 1:40pm | Lunch and Early dismissal |

## AT RISK INTERIM REPORTS

At Risk Interim reports will be sent home to students who are at risk of not meeting the learning outcomes of the course. The report will contain what areas of the course the student is having trouble with and constructive feedback on how to help them improve in time for the final report card at semester end. The reports will be sent home from Monday, Dec. 12th. After you receive them, we strongly encourage you to have a conversation with your child about how they can use that feedback to improve their skills in the course.

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 10: Human Rights Day
Dec 12: At-Risk Interim Reports sent home
Dec 16: Boyd's Holiday Breakfast
Dec 16: Last day before Winter Break
Dec 18: Hannukah – Festival of Lights (Dec 18-26)
Dec 19: Start of Winter Break (Dec 19 – Jan 2)
Dec 25: Christmas day – birth of Jesus Christ
Dec 26: Boxing Day
Dec 31: New Year's Eve
Jan 01: New Year's Day
Jan 03: First day of class

## HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

December 10 is Human Rights Day in Canada and around the world. A joint statement may be found here: Human Rights Day. The United Nations has declared that the theme for 2022 is Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All.

## PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS

Hugh Boyd Secondary will be hosting from **January 23 – 27 the Graduation Literacy Assessment 10 (GLA 10)** for all Grade 10 students and any Grade 12 students who require the assessment for graduation. Please note Grade 11 students who are missing the GLA 10 will complete the assessment in June.

## CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS

Annually, December 25 Christmas is a festival for Christians commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas is a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world.

Over the break, those of the Jewish faith will be commemorating the holy days of Hanukkah from December 18-26. This festival is also known as the "festival of lights"

Both of these festival and religious observances are enjoyed with family, festive nourishment, and traditional practices such as gift giving and decorating. To this end, we wish our Christian and Jewish students and families the best of season during these special times of the year in both faiths.

## EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Regular school attendance is very important for student learning. However, sometimes parents may choose to take their child(ren) out of school for extended periods of time. It is important to know that teachers will NOT provide homework for students away on extended vacations. Students may have other cultural and travel experiences during their absence that contribute to their overall development, but the many varied daily classroom activities and social connections they will miss cannot be duplicated through worksheets and workbooks. Also, important to know is that student absences longer than 20 school days (4 weeks) may result in your child(ren) removed from the school register. When you return, you would need to re-register at the Central Registration office. Your child(ren) would only be able to return to their current school if there is space available.

## Hugh's Café

Hugh's Café will only be open Monday – Thursday this upcoming week. The café will not be open on Friday, December 16.

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