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A Recap of the First Sean Berda Memorial Tournament

BY: AZAYDA DHANOA



Throughout the week of January 11th to 13th, Hugh Boyd hosted its first tournament in a while, dedicated to honouring the memory of former P.E. and Math teacher, Mr. Sean Berda, who passed away spring of 2023. Leading up to this significant week, students shared their favorite memories with Mr. Berda. He was a kind soul, always open to talk to his students with his undivided attention. All the written tributes were displayed in the gym for people to read and remember. At the end of the tournament's, these heartfelt messages were presented to the Berda family.

The senior tournament featured boys and girls teams from Cambie, Burnett, Frank Hurt, Hugh Boyd, Richmond Christian, and Palmer. Games were held throughout the week, spanning from 1 pm to 7 pm. Classes scheduled during game times would come

down to the gym to witness and support this memorial tournament in honour of Mr. Berda. Remarkably, the Hugh Boyd senior girls' team placed first in the tournament, with #6 Stephanie Sofikitis being recognized as the player of the game and the tournament. Meanwhile, the Frank Hurt senior boys' team claimed the top spot in the boys' division, and Boyd placed a worthy second place. Congratulation to Brian Chen, who was named the first Sean Berda MVP and given a plaque to commemorate his hard work and dedication for the team.

Throughout the games, a diverse audience, including staff, alumni, students from different schools, Hugh Boyd students, and their families, came out to watch and support. This tournament provided everyone involved a memorable experience to celebrate and remember Mr. Berda.

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Madame Liu's Journey at Boyd

BY: PAUL DELOS REYES

Madame Liu has been teaching at Boyd for six years as a French teacher, teaching all grades in the first semester of the school year. Madame has had an incredible teaching career, as she has traveled through many schools in Richmond, placing Boyd as her latest destination.

After working at McNair Secondary for 28 years, she retired but helped out at McMath Secondary for a while.

Eventually, Madame received a call from Boyd, who was seeking help in their French department for a few months. She decided to stay with us at Boyd, months turning into six years since then.

It is evident that she loved this school. She enjoys everything there is to see at this close-knit community, quoting, "I love the staff, I love the teachers, the kids, the students, everything about the school." Students truly motivate her, and she genuinely enjoys her students in how they learn, discuss, and socialize. "Just being with you guys, giving me so much energy, like, you guys fuel my life.

During the second semester, when not teaching, she travels to many places such as Paris and Hawaii. As Madame Liu always says, "Work hard and play hard." While she is an incredible teacher and quite loved in our school community, she also knows how to enjoy her personal time for the other half of the year.

Teaching indeed is a dedication and Madame shows us this with her spirit and love for the students. She best describes the teachers that not only teach because they are required to, but also because they have a passion for it. It is a calling. They listen to students, support them, and be their mentors to prepare them for their future outside the classroom.

A Semester Switch

BY: VALENTINA YEP



As we settle out of winter break refreshed and relaxed back into our school routine, a new semester is slowly coming up within the next week. The weeks after the break are always the busiest as not only are students stressed for any end of semester assignments, but teachers are scrambling with report cards and retests as well. As Gr. 11 student Alyssa Quon says, **"I definitely feel stressed as the semester is coming to an end. Many of my tests and assignments are due on the same day, and I find it challenging to organize and balance my schedule."** This is also a crucial time for the counselors; they will most definitely be stressing over all of the student schedules they may have to fix and rearrange over the next week.

To prepare everyone for the new semester, here are some tips and tricks to make the transition a little easier. Make sure to keep organized. Set reminders on your phone or a calendar that you keep close to you. Having a planner handy is a great tool for students to keep track of assignments, or just to not fall behind on anything. Also, start to clean out your binders and backpack for the new semester. Empty out any assignments from the previous semester, and any loose assignments in your bag. If you still have notes on used lined paper in your binder, empty those out as well for a fresh start. Take advantage of the long weekend ahead and make sure to stock up on new pens, pencils, or anything else you may need to get you ready for the semester. Most importantly, keep a positive attitude and get excited as we enter the warmer season of our school year!

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Arctic Outflow in Richmond

BY: TIFFANY TARRANT

After a long wait, snow has finally arrived in Richmond, catching us off guard with unexpectedly freezing temperatures. The initial snowfall this year was strong, bringing heavy snow to British Columbia since last week. These unprecedented temperatures are sending a chill through the community, with the recent low hitting -13°C and a high of -1.8°C , leaving many grappling with the ice and snow.

The delay has caught numerous people unprepared for the sudden and record-breaking cold temperatures. The roads have turned into icy hazards, causing traffic jams and car pile-ups.

British Columbia, with its diverse terrain and vegetation, has many microclimates. This is one of the major contributing factors to its notably moist air, making the cold feel even more biting. Nevertheless, we are fortunate compared to other provinces that experience more severe weather. To aid those without shelter from the cold, BC housing shelters are opening their doors to provide warmth.

However, this weather definitely comes with its drawbacks. The plummeting temperatures have led to an increase in reports of frostbite and hypothermia. It's crucial to stay warm, as exposed skin can lead to hypothermia or frostbite in minutes. Be sure to bundle up well!

After an entire December without snow, the arrival of snow is a welcome sight. Hopefully, everyone can find joy in this seasonal weather, whether it's through sledding, snowball fights, or cozying up by the fire with a good book. Stay safe out there!

Quebec Cellphone Ban in Schools

BY: CELINE EPKENS

Since the return from winter break, students in Quebec have been prohibited from using cell phones in their classrooms. Quebec is the second province to enforce this new rule, following Ontario. The objective of this measure is to minimize distractions for students during class while still allowing teachers the flexibility to permit phone usage for specific educational purposes. This ban applies to both primary and secondary schools. Prior to the ban, many Quebec schools already had rules in place limiting the use of cell phones in classrooms. The call for a complete ban was instigated by child advocates who argue that stricter restrictions would be in the best interest of students.



During a press conference, the Minister of Education of Quebec, Bernard Drainville, stated, "Cell phones are taking up more and more space in the lives of our young people. What we want is for our children to be 100% concentrated on their classes." The ban is intended to enhance the social and academic performance of all students and is supported by teachers, parents, and politicians throughout Quebec.

Christine Sinclair's Journey from Fame to Retirement

BY: ANAYA KOONER AND ADRIANA VERKADE



On December 5th, 2023, Rogers arena (that day known as “Christine Sinclair Arena” or CSA for short) people from all over the world joined together to celebrate Christine Sinclairs’ legendary retirement. Christine Sinclair has influenced women's soccer through her successes and leadership for many years now. She’s an inspiration to many females across the world and has advocated for causes in various ways. Along with her two close friends in the soccer community, Sophie Schmidt and Erin McLeod, she finally after more than two decades has retired from soccer but will continue to play with one of her soccer groups until the season is over.

Her accomplishments include being an Olympic gold medalist, a two-time Olympic bronze medalist, a CONCACAF champion, and a 14-time Canadian Soccer Player of the Year award winner. She has made 190 goals in international competitions, played in more than 310 international games, and had 54 assists.

Sophie Schmidt is a personal soccer player who joined the Canada team in 2005 and has now retired in 2023. She is a four-time olympian who won gold at Tokyo 2020. Schmidt made her debut in the Canadian youth program in 2003 as a 14-year-old girl. The next year she competed at the FIFA U-19 Women’s World Cup. Schmidt debuted for the senior national team as a 16-year-old in April 2005 but continued to play with the U-20 team at the 2006 FIFA U-20 World Cup, as well as the CONCACAF Women’s U-20 Championships in 2006 and 2008 winning silver and gold, respectively. Schmidt has competed in four editions of the FIFA Women’s World Cup in 2007, 2011, 2015, and 2019. She also won a gold medal with Canada at the 2011 Pan Am Games in Guadalajara.

Overall, Christine and Schmidt will forever be a legend in all our hearts, and they will be known throughout this sport’s history. They continue to inspire and motivate women of all ages. Thank you Christine Sinclair!

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The 2024 Golden Globes Award Show

BY: AALIYAH CONNOR

On January 7th, the 81st annual Golden Globe Awards were presented in Los Angeles, hosted by comedian Jo Koy. This award-similar to the Oscar and Emmy awards, are presented to actors, actresses and directors alike for their accomplishments on their hit motion pictures and series in the 2023 year. While these award shows are created to uplift and celebrate the media of the past year, controversial events always occur, especially among celebrities. In this case, the host himself, Jo Koy, got himself into the line of fire with “jokes” about Taylor Swift and the Barbie movie which sent the internet into a frenzy.



This year, big movie hits like “Barbie,” “Oppenheimer,” and TV series like “Succession,” and “Beef,” won several Golden Globes in categories such as Best Picture, Cinematic and Box Office Achievements, and Best Drama TV Series. A big milestone was also achieved for the Indigenous Peoples’ community as Lily Gladstone made history and was the first Indigenous person to win a Golden Globe award. She scored in the category “Best Actress in a Drama Motion Picture” for her performance in the movie “Killers of the Flower Moon.” Her acceptance speech sent a powerful message as she shared a greeting in Blackfeet, her mother tongue and a language only spoken by a few thousand people. It was a shocking moment for the audience when it was revealed by Gladstone that “native actors used to speak their lines in English and then the sound mixers would run them backwards to accomplish native languages on camera.” This win for the Indigenous community is a huge step up from Hollywood’s dark past, bringing and promoting change in the movie-making industry.

Review: Wonka

BY: ADRIANA VERKADE

On December 15th, 2023, a new twist on the original Ronald Dahl book, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, was published in theatres. This version was produced through the perspective of Wonka himself and tells the audience how he became such a popular name by making and selling special treats from his chocolate factory. This family friendly musical stars Timothée Chalamet as “Wonka”, Hugh Grant as an oompa-loompa, Calah Lane as “Noodle”, Wonka’s companion, and many other famous actors. With only a dream and a box of ingredients, Wonka finds that his dreams are achievable to change the world and the history of chocolate. With catchy tunes and a big plot twist, Wonka is most simply the best family friendly movie.

Artist of the Week

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Hannah Xie

I've been drawing ever since I can remember. But as I grow older, I've been exposed to a wider variety of art mediums and styles. Although I enjoy most art styles and mediums (drawing, sketching, acrylic, pencil crayons, etc.), lately I've been getting really into pottery and digital art. I enjoy doing art because it's so rewarding to be able to create something amazing with my own two hands. I love being able to take a step back and just appreciate what I've accomplished. It makes me go, "wow, I just did that". There are also several artists online that inspire me, but I also get inspired from the people around me.



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