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### The Annual MYP Personal Project

BY: AALIYAH CONNOR

The personal project is back! Each year at Hugh Boyd, the grade 10s have to complete a personal project- a key part in completing the IB Middle Years Program. The project spans from the beginning of the school year until February. First, the students start by choosing a topic they are passionate about. Next, they choose a learning goal and a final product to showcase their learning throughout the project. Additionally, the students are also assigned a sponsor teacher that guides them throughout the entire process through one-on-one meetings. The sky's the limit for project ideas; whether it be about solving a murder mystery case, mental health in athletics, DIY skincare/makeup, crochet or interior design, the choice is yours and personal to you! Hence the name "Personal Project," it gets to be personal to every students' interest and potential goals for their future careers! Once the learning process and product creating part is finished, the grade 10s must write a reflection essay encasing their entire process in three paragraphs. Lastly in February, students decorate a tri-fold board showcasing everything they have created over the past months, and present it to parents, students and staff to show off what they've learned!

The personal project- while it can be a stressful time with many late nights, lots of planning and a lot of time management required, it is a great opportunity for students to delve deeper into a topic that they are passionate about or even something they've been wanting to learn more about. There truly is no limit for a topic, as long as it's personal to you, it can become a project.



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#### **One True Match**

BY: TIFFANY TARRANT

On Valentine's Day, Boyd's student council hosted a fun, interactive event called the "One True Match." It was where students could compete against others in pairs to win a movie date with one another.

Students were asked to participate in the event with either a very close friend or their significant other. There were participants from various grades, with many iconic duos and couples proving how well they knew each other.

To play, the pairs had to sit back-to-back with white boards, five pairs playing at a time. The student council representees, Jasmine Dulay and Kairavee Mulye would ask them tricky questions. These questions tested the pairs on how well they really knew each other.

Some examples of questions they were asked are, "What is their middle name," "What is their dream car," "Who is their favorite teacher," and many more. These questions may have these friends wondering if the person behind them is really their one true match.

One partner would write down their answer to the question, while the other one would write what they thought their partner's answer was. After a few rounds the roles would reverse. The winner of this activity was decided by which pair could guess each other's preference the most times.

After going through 10 pairs, only 3 made it to the final round. But to change it up, the questions were asked "who's most likely to" style. This really tested the contestants to see if they could agree on the same decision, still back-to-back. How they played was by each pair holding one of their own shoes, and one from their partner.

When asked a question, the participant had to raise up the shoe of the person they believed the answer applied to more. Some examples of questions asked are, "Who's most likely to get arrested?" or "Who's most likely to show up late to an event?"

The winner was decided by which pair could guess the same partner the most times. Congratulations to Kyan and Caileigh who truly proved their friendship! This event was incredibly fun to watch, and a job well done by our very own student council.



### Untold Narrative: Exploring the Essence of Our Fashion Brand and Its Philosophical Journey



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#### A Celebration of Music: King Charles III The 2023 Grammy Awards

**BY: AALIYAH CONNOR** 



On February 4th, the 66th annual Grammy Awards were hosted by comedian and talk show host, Trevor Noah in Los Angeles. Similar to the Oscar awards, the Grammy awards are presented to composers, singers and songwriters for their accomplishments in the 2023 year.

With many diverse categories in all kinds of genres, there were plenty of awards to be won, and this year was full of surprises, first time wins, ana record-breaking moment. This year, women dominated each category with artists such as SZA, Taylor Swift, Billie Eilish, Miley Cyrus to name a few, claiming wins in the major categories like "Best Pop Performance," "Best New Artist," and "Song of the Year." First time grammy-winners like Victoria Monet for "Best New Artist", Miley Cyrus for "Pop Performance" and Tyla for "Best African Music Performance," all women again, triumphed. Taylor Swift was quite a big part of the night; she gave her fans a big surprise by announcing her next album release called "The Tortured Poets Department" following her first Grammy of the night. And to top it all off for her, Taylor's album "Midnights" won as "Album of the Year" making her the first ever person to win the "Album of the Year" Grammy 4 times. Another major surprise was the shocking appearance of singing sensation Celine

Dion, who presented the final award of the night with her son, amid dealing with Stiff Person Syndrome. Due to her condition, she had to cancel her tour and hadn't been seen out in public for quite some time. The Grammy Awards are meant to celebrate and uplift artists in all sorts of genres and that's exactly what this year's Grammy awards did. The 2024 Grammys were definitely one to remember.

**BY: KASHISH PUNJABI** 



On February 5th, Buckingham Palace announced that the 75 year old King Charles III has been diagnosed with a "form of cancer". However, they have not specified the stage or type of cancer. He will be stepping back from his public duties and having his full attention undergoing treatment. The Palace says he had been admitted at London Hospital about a month ago for a prostate procedure. The King remains very positive about his treatment and looks forward to returning to full public duty as soon as possible.

Prince Harry, who had quit his royal duties in 2020 following his marriage to Duchess Meghan visited his bed-ridden father. He hopes the two of them can build a better relationship with one another during these tough times. Prince William may be taking upon himself the royal duties on behalf of the King. There are no current plans to bring out the Counsellors of State. The people in this position are members of the royal family who carry out the constitutional duties of the monarch if they are unwell or abroad. The positions are currently held by Queen Camilla, Prince William, Prince Harry, and other family members including Prince Andrew and **Princess Beatrice.** 

Rishi Sunak, Britain's Prime Minister says he is thankful that the King's diagnosis was caught early. Two weeks ago, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau posted on Twitter "I, like Canadians across the country and people around the world, am thinking of His Majesty King Charles III as he undergoes treatment for cancer. We're sending him our very best wishes and hoping for a fast and full recovery." On the same day US President Joe Biden told reporters in Las Vegas he is concerned about the King's health and hopes to meet him soon

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### **Black History Month**

BY: ANAYA KOONER



Black History Month, celebrated in February, is a testament to the rich and inspirational ideas of African American heritage, resilience, and achievements. It is a time to honour the role that Black individuals have played in shaping global history and culture, despite enduring centuries of oppression and systemic racism. From Harriet Tubman's lead of slaves to freedom through the Underground Railroad to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s fight for civil rights, Black history is filled with these moving stories of triumph over adversity.

Black History Month is not just about recognizing the struggles of the past, it's also about celebrating the contributions of Black people to literature, art, politics, sports, and every other aspect of our society. It serves as a reminder that Black history is American history, and world history as a whole.

However, Black History Month is also a time for reflection and action. It prompts us to confront ongoing racial injustices and work towards a future where equality and equity are the norm. By acknowledging the achievements and struggles of Black individuals throughout history, we consequently work towards a more inclusive and just society for all. So, as we commemorate Black History Month, let us remember the past and commit ourselves to building a better, more equitable future.

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### The Super Bowl LVIII

BY: PAUL DELOS REYOS

The 58th Super Bowl has recently come to an end on February 11, 2024, when the Kansas City Chiefs reigned victorious over the San Francisco 49ers at a score of 25-22. It was the Chiefs' fourth Super Bowl appearance, as well as their third win in a five year period. The game was held at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, home of the Las Vegas Raiders. Super Bowl LVIII broke the record for the most watched broadcast in the United States since the Apollo 11 moon landing, with around two hundred million viewers. The significant viewer inflation was likely due to the presence of pop singer Taylor Swift and her massive fan following. Here in Canada, the Super Bowl was available to watch on TSN, TSN+, CTV, and DAZN.

Along with being the most-watched telecast in history, several other Super Bowl Records were broken, including the longest game, longest field goal, most career field goals, most fifty-yard field goals made in a game, most rushing yards made by a quarterback, most field goals made by both teams, and fewest kickoff returns. As a result of the Chiefs' victory, numerous sports commentators now regard them as being of "dynasty" status. In sports, this means that a team or individual is dominating in their sport for an extended period of time.

The halftime show featured a performance by popular R&B singer Usher, who showcased twelve of his songs, including "My Way," "Caught Up," and "U Don't Have to Call."

In post-victory celebrations, Kansas City hosted a victory parade, though the joyous occasion unfortunately took a devastating turn. As fans were leaving, gunfire erupted, leaving one person dead and twenty-one others injured, eleven of the victims being children. Thankfully, all the injured victims are expected to make a full recovery. The motives behind the shooting remain unclear, although authorities have detained three suspects.

Despite unfortunate events during the parade, overall, the Super Bowl was deemed successful for fans and players alike, with records broken, games won, and good times had. Will the Chiefs keep their status? Will there be a comeback? There is only one way to find out: Super Bowl LIX.



### Reviews

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#### Percy Jackson and the Olympians TV Show Review

#### BY: VALENTINA YEP

Percy Jackson and The Olympians" is a TV show adaptation of Rick Riordan's best selling book. The basic premise of the series follows twelve-year-old Percy Jackson, played by Walker Scobell, who, after yet another school expulsion, discovers his true heritage as a Son of Poseidon. Following his arrival to Camp Half Blood, Percy sets out on a quest with his best friend, the satyr Grover Underwood, played by Aryan Simhadri, and quest-mate turned friend Annabeth Chase, played by Leah Sava Jeffries, to recover Zeus' Master Bolt.

The first season of the show spans eight episodes, presenting each more interesting and engaging than the last. The show boasts



phenomenal production and spot-on acting, as the cast successfully brings the literary characters to life. Each episode was captivating and action-packed from start to end. Although some deviations from the original books are noticeable, the essence and central narrative of the story remains, and all the modified or added details to the characters and story only serve to more accurately capture the Percy Jackson universe. Some issues with pacing and dialogue are present, but they do not undermine the show as a whole.

The recently aired season finale of the show ended off the show perfectly, leaving both a satisfying conclusion to the first season and an eager anticipation for the second. Fortunately, Disney+'s recent announcement officially confirmed the show's renewal. Notably, the final episode presented also as a memorial to Lance Reddick, who played Zeus in the final episode and tragically passed away before the series debuted. Despite minor imperfections, the first season of "Percy Jackson and the Olympians" stands as a solid retelling of Rick Riordan's first novel in the series, "The Lightning Thief."

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### Jessica Lilge





### Message from the Artist

As a grade 12 student, I took art this year for the first time since grade 9. In the weeks starting out I had trouble finishing any artworks within a reasonable amount of time. Once I was introduced to charcoal I began to finish piece after piece surprisingly fast. Of all the artworks I produced I was left with two discernible series. One showcased an attempt at realistic human bodies and faces. The second played with bright colours, abstractness, and eyes. These series developed on their own. I choose not to plan ahead instead I hope for the best and commence my next drawing