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Spring Athletics at Boyd

BY: PAUL DELOS REYES



With the new season coming, there will be more things to do to get involved in our school community. One of the best options to stay active and increase participation is through our athletics. With Boyd's extensive selection of sport teams to join, there is something for everyone.

Hugh Boyd's ultimate frisbee team had recently held tryouts in the last weeks of February. The season is starting off looking quite promising, with the tryouts being heavily packed, even after some snowfall. They are coached by math and web development teacher, Mr. Chan, as well as Boyd alumni, Chloe Lau and Justin Orpilla.

The rugby team at Boyd, coached by drama teacher Mr. Knight is hard at work, as the team's serious dedication to the sport is starting to show. This is the first time that rugby has been introduced on Boyd grounds and students are excited to see the players' skills through this exciting game. With joint efforts with McMath players, the team is expecting a successful season and a time to remember.

Another team quite adored by the Boyd community is the golf team, a prestigious yet welcoming sport. However, previous experience is required to take part of this team. Golf is a great way to connect with new people. It requires great skill and precision, but no matter the results, it teaches athletes a valuable lesson of strong disciplines, good work ethics, and the importance of growth.

Boyd's badminton team has also recently held their tryouts from February 27 to March 1. No matter your level, students were encouraged to try out. Boyd provides a fun, yet competitive badminton experience. Make sure to consider the badminton club this season.

For more details, you can always go to the athletics board for sign ups, rosters, and updates. You could also contact Mrs. Maika, Boyd's athletic director who is in charge of running the Athletics Council. There are many more options to choose from. Pursue your interests and most importantly, have fun. Go Trojans!

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Teacher Interview: Ms. Farah

BY: AZAYDA DHANOA

Ms. Farah is a fairly new teacher at Hugh Boyd that just joined our Boyd community this year. She has taught at several different schools in the lower mainland previously. Some of Ms. Farah's many areas of expertise are teaching career life education for our grade 10s, the IB personal project, and helping out in the resource classrooms. This was the first year Ms. Farah guided the grade 10s at Hugh Boyd through the journey of their personal projects. Although this may have been the first year she took the lead like no other, as she started off participating as a sponsor teacher at another school in Vancouver with four students under her wing. This was a very drastic change going from helping four students through their projects to 145 students. Ms. Farah put on a strong front and showed no struggles taking on this challenge. It was no doubt that this was a new experience and definitely challenging at times to make sure everyone was on track, as well as to ensure everyone's needs were being met. Nearing the end of the project, she described how rewarding it was to see the final products. Ms. Farah explained she had lots of fun leading the grade 10s through this stressful journey. The philosophy of the IB program education is what lured Ms. Farah into getting an IB degree. With this IB degree she can teach in 150 countries all around the world. Prior to her interest in education, she was in business school and also almost went into the medical field. Instead she chose to pursue her interest in teaching adolescents. Ms. Farah taught at an IB school in Vancouver with Mrs. Oner (another resource teacher at Hugh Boyd) before teaching in Richmond. She even taught at the elementary school "Homma" before Mrs Oner convinced her to teach at Hugh Boyd. She took a slight break from teaching teenagers but with no time, missed supporting them and came to Hugh Boyd. Ms. Farah taught MYP French at an IB school in Vancouver, similar to French immersion. She is a woman of many talents and hidden skills. She can speak three languages fluently; French, Arabic, and English. She has won many awards like an excellence award in teaching. Ms. Farah has created such a positive impression during her first six months here at boyd, and is always open to supporting any of the students in the Trojan community when needed. Her coworkers, and previous students speak nothing but highly of her. In the end, Ms Farah is a very talented, well rounded woman that will continue to help her students thrive in all aspects.



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Pie in the Face

BY: TIFFANY TARRANT

On Tuesday, March 5th, Boyd's Student Council hosted an exciting event called Pie in the Face. It was a grade wars fundraiser to see which grade could raise the most money for a good cause.

The fundraiser was for the Black Legal Action Center, also known as the "BLAC." They are a non-profit organization that engages in advocacy, community development, law reform, test case litigation, public legal education, and more.

The fundraiser went very well, and they raised a grand total of \$413.35. But since this was also a grade wars event, the Student Council made it a contest with a hilarious, entertaining reward. The three grades that donated the most money would get to see their grade representees get pied in the face.

Each grade raised quite a lot throughout the course of the week. The two grades that were saved from getting pied, placing last in this grade wars event are the grade nines with a total of \$16.70, and the grade elevens with donations of \$23.70. In third place, were the grade tens, who donated \$58.30.

With a big jump, the grade twelves donated \$118.90 to the cause! And in first place was the grade eights with a total of \$125.75!

The grade ten representatives were pied first. It gave everyone a good laugh! The grade twelves were next, which included the executives, treasurer, secretary, PR and our co-presidents Jasmine Dulay and Hannah Luong.

Last was the grade eights, and the crowd was very excited! The grade eight executives had lots of cheers and laughs from their friends.

This was a very fun and interactive event. As it has become a Boyd Tradition, this year was another successful run with an impressive end result for a good cause.



Rabbitats

BY: KASHISH PUNJABI



Based in Richmond, the Rabbitats Rescue Society is a 100% volunteer-driven non-profit charity organization dedicated to assisting and raising awareness about abandoned, homeless or feral rabbits. Through the efforts of Rabbitats volunteers, large numbers of abandoned rabbits find refuge in safe sanctuaries with proper care, established in collaboration with animal shelters, pet rescues, institutions, or private land. Rabbitat's main objective is to combat the devastatingly common abandonment, neglect, selling, and unnecessary killing of rabbits. The organization emphasizes the belief that all animals, including rabbits, should be adopted rather than sold, and that all transactions involving animals be guided only with proper education. They advocate for adequate laws, enforcements, and fines to discourage such pet dumping.

In a recent collaboration, the Bunny Cafe in Vancouver has partnered with Rabbitats to create a healing space where animal-lovers can have the opportunity to meet and play with adoptable bunnies. For those interested, the adoption process involves first booking a visit to meet the bunnies, applying to adopt, an interview with one of the cafe's staff, and scheduling an adoption day to bring a furry friend home. Rabbitats and their volunteers, through tireless efforts and endless devotion, not only provide a sanctuary for abandoned rabbits, but also actively work towards spreading awareness around their community. Whether you're looking for a furry companion to take home, or simply want to hang out with some cute bunnies, consider visiting the cafe and supporting their charitable organization!

Evan Dunfee

BY: ADRIANA VERKADE

Evan Dunfee wins gold at the 20- kilometre race walk in Australia.

Have you ever spotted Evan Dunfee race walking around Richmond? Well, Richmond's Olympic bronze medallist (2020, Tokyo), Evan Dunfee, recently won first place at the 20km Australian and Oceania race walk competition. Clocking in at an impressive time of 1:19:23, Dunfee marks not only his second fastest time in his career, but also his first victory in an international 20km race walk.

This win follows Dunfee's first success in Australia, when he set yet another national record during the Australia Capital Territory State Championships. In the recent competition, Dunfee crossed the finish line with a remarkable lead of 29 seconds ahead of local Australian race walker, Kyle Swan, who completed the race at 1:19:52.

With the 50km race walk for men no longer part of in the Olympics due to gender equality considerations, Dunfee is now focused on excelling in the 20km distance. As he diligently practices for future competitions, including the possibility of the Olympics, we eagerly anticipate his continued success.

Let's all rally behind Evan Dunfee, our bronze medalist, and offer our support and greeting next time we see him!



Olivia Rodrigo: GUTS World Tour

BY: CELINE EPKENS

Olivia Rodrigo, is an American singer, song-writer, and actress. She first rose to fame during her starring role on the Disney TV show “High School Musical,” Ss she continued her music career, her success majorly progressed. With her song “Drivers



License,” Rodrigo became the youngest solo artist ever to debut atop the Billboard Hot 100, while also breaking the Spotify record for most plays in a single week. In addition to these achievements, she won three Grammy awards, including the titles - “Best New Artist,” “Best Pop Vocal Album,” and “Best Pop Solo Performance.” Olivia Rodrigo released her second album “Guts” on September 8th, 2023, containing twelve tracks. Rodrigo announced the first set



of dates from the Guts World Tour five days after she released the album. On tour, she is visiting the United States, Canada, Ireland, England, Scotland, Belgium, Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, France, Spain, and Portugal. Her tour began on February 23rd, and her last show will be August 17th, 2024. Rodrigo will be performing in Vancouver at Rogers Arena on August 9th. Ticketmaster has not yet released tickets for sale, so if you are hoping to see Olivia live at Rogers Arena, stay tuned for when they are available. Act fast, as her shows are in high demand and tickets may sell out fast!

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Avatar: The Last Airbender Tv Series Review

BY: VALENTINA YEP

Since its debut two decades ago, Avatar: The Last Airbender has been a fan favorite animated franchise for many. The show is set in a fantasy world divided into four kingdoms amidst an unceasing war, with each kingdom defined by its respective element: fire, water, earth, and air. The elements are wielded by “benders,” individuals that possess the power of their element and utilize it to their will. The show centers around a character capable of wielding all four elements, the Avatar, destined to bring an end to the ongoing war.

Following the show’s finale, fans built high anticipation for Netflix’s live-action adaptation of the beloved series. However, some skeptics couldn’t help but recall the terribly-rated live action movie by M. Night Shyamalan from fourteen years prior. Concerns over the show’s quality deepened when the original creators, Micheal Dante DiMartino and Bryan Konietzko, initially announced as producers for the live action, departed the project a few years back.

Despite some skepticism, the live-action debut was worth the anticipation. The first episode sets off the show with a peek into Aang’s past before he becomes the Avatar, living humbly as an Air Nomad. The longstanding world harmony soon breaks as the power-crazed Fire Nation, led by Lord Sozin, initiates war against the Water Tribes, Earth Kingdom, and Air Nomads. Through breathtaking CGI and special effects, the production beautifully revisits the time before Aang goes missing, providing a nostalgic experience for long-time fans, and a gripping experience for newcomers. As the story progresses, two new central characters join Aang on his quest to save the world: Katara, the only waterbender in the Southern Water Tribe, and Sokka, her overprotective older brother. The main antagonist and banished prince of the Fire Nation, Zuko, is later introduced, chasing after the main protagonists.

Although the show was an overall success, some shortcomings were evident. The introduction of Freedom Fighter Jet alongside Omashu felt rushed, and the series stripped Sokka of the comical relief that he brought to the original series. The expert production however, is undeniable, showcased through moments like the introduction of the Kyoshi Warriors, and the final battle between the Northern Water Tribe and the Fire Nation. The acting was spectacular as well, exemplified by Elizabeth Lu’s performance as the cunning Princess Azula and Daniel Dae Kim’s ruthless Lord Ozai that brought the Fire Nation to life.

Overall, the Avatar: The Last Airbender is an undoubtedly enjoyable show to both revisit as a long-time fan and experience as a first-time viewer. It not only successfully captured the essence of the beloved animated series, but also introduced new elements to keep fans on their toes. With its stunning CGI, effective storytelling, and expert acting performances, the live-action serves as a worthy addition to the Avatar franchise.



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An Out-of-this World Release; Saturn by SZA

BY: AALIYAH CONNOR

Solána Imani Rowe, known more famously as SZA, unexpectedly dropped a new single on February 22, 2024. Titled “Saturn,” this song is likely going to be part of her unreleased album “Lana” which is rumoured to be released sometime this year. The album is said to be a deluxe version of her most recent album, “SOS” which debuted in late 2022. SZA’s “Saturn” was first performed during a Mastercard commercial during the 2024 Grammys, where she sang it live and was released just weeks later. In the verses, she sings about wanting more out of life and how it has become a tiresome pattern of the same thing over and over. In the chorus, she expresses how life is better on Saturn and how she wants to break the pattern of the boring everyday life she lives in today. Many people loved the mixed and produced version of Saturn, however, other people preferred the live version of it and asked for her to release it instead. SZA did not disappoint; later on that day, she released the Saturn Pack- which features the original, live, sped-up, acapella, and even instrumental versions of the song. Although this is just a glimpse into what her new album could potentially entail, based on her previous albums and release of Saturn, SZA will not disappoint her fans.

Samantha Langan

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With an interest in interior design, Sam explores her biracial identity by combining Western and Japanese furniture styles into one piece. By incorporating magnets, the furniture is fully customizable. Her couch pieces were made with care, meticulously cutting and glueing popsicle sticks together before sanding them smooth. Sam also expands her range of work and delves into the world of digital art, exploring different styles.

