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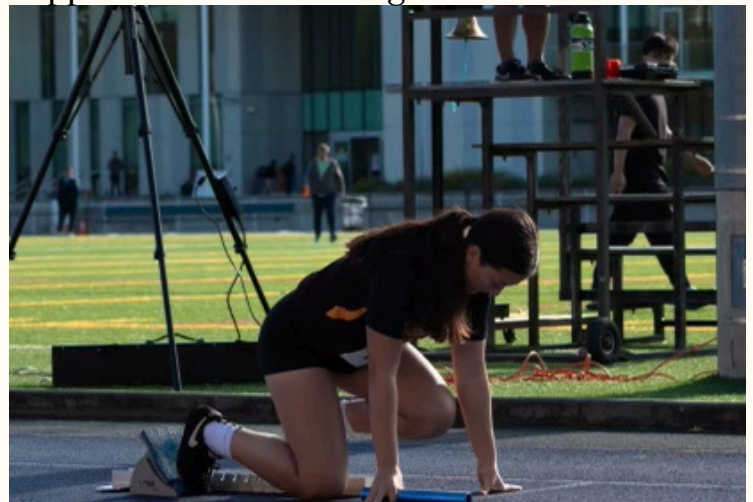


As summer is approaching, it's the perfect time to get outside and break a sweat playing sports. One sport that is fun, interactive, and a great way to get some exercise is ultimate frisbee. Hugh Boyd's ultimate team's 2024 season is coming to an end. This team is a grade 8-12 co-ed team, led by co-captains Kaylie Lau and Frank Guo, who are both in Grade 11. Additionally, the team is coached and run by math and web development teacher Mr. Chan. The assistant coaches, both in college, are Chloe Lau and Justin Orpilla. Also helping out the team are the managers who are all in Grade 11: Chloe Lam, Chloe Tsang, and Cassandra Lau, who also is the team's photographer. Boyd's team was the only AA team in Richmond, giving them a chance to make it to playoffs before, placing third and also making it to the provincials. The season had started quite slow for the team with having no regular season games won. However in their last game of the season, the team snagged Boyd the win for their last game. Congratulations to Terrance Hart and Kairavee Mulye who won MVP for their outstanding work during this game. This game was quite memorable for the team as Charlie Varju, the only Gr. 12 was able to have a victorious finish with the season. He also has contributed largely to other games in the season, and despite not winning, he still manages to be a MVP for the team.

Track and Field

BY: CELINE EPKENS

On May 14 and 15 at North Delta Secondary School, the South Fraser Championship track meet brought together student athletes from local schools all across BC. Known for the competitive spirit and excitement it brings to all its participants, the event highlights the hard work and efforts that student athletes consistently put into their sports. Many of these dedicated athletes have spent months training for their events, and their dedication is clearly demonstrated through each of their impressive performances. Reaching this point is undeniably not an easy feat, as only the top three individuals for each event from Richmond may qualify for South Fraser's. With hours of practice and strong commitment, three students from Hugh Boyd were able to secure spots in provincials. Tenth graders Emily and Kouken qualified for high jump and 1500 and 3000 metres steeplechase, respectively. Jet in grade 11 qualified for both race walk and steeplechase. The student community wishes the best of luck to these three talented athletes as they proceed to provincials, which will be held in Nanaimo from June 6 to 8. Hugh Boyd takes immense pride in all of our track stars as they display sportsmanship, community, and support in each other's growth.



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Boat Cruise '24

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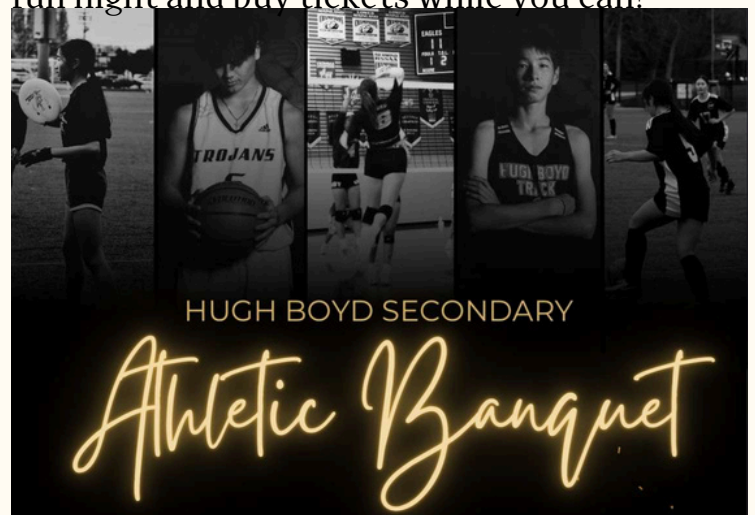


Hugh Boyd's annual boat cruise for the graduating grade twelve students was held on Thursday, May 16th. Grad boat cruises are a popular tradition for high school graduates as it is a fun way to celebrate the time they spent together through the past five years. This event normally takes place on a large boat on the harbour in downtown Vancouver, where students can socialize, and create lasting memories with their friends. The gracious staff made this night even more special as a variety of snacks were offered, creative mocktails were made, and an incredible DJ put on the latest hits lighting up the dance floor. Normally, each student is allowed to bring a plus one, either a Gr. 11 or a Gr. 12 from another school. Due to sudden price increases this year, Gr. 11s were encouraged to attend to help with the costs. With both the Gr. 11 and 12s, the night was made even more fun as both grades had an incredible time together. Many of the Gr.12s this year are close with the younger grade so this event was definitely a memorable moment for all students. The cruise traveled around Canada Place, offering stunning views of the city skyline, sunset, and surrounding waters. It was certainly a memorable night for the grads to come together before they embark on future endeavours.

Grade Wars: Musical Chairs

BY: KAIRAVEE MULYE

This year, Hugh Boyd had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs. Maika as our new Athletic Director. With her drive for change and passion for athletics, the 2023-2024 school year has been an excellent year for all sports teams. New sports including tennis, rugby, pickleball, and wrestling have been introduced this year creating a diverse roster for students to pick from. As the school year comes to an end, it is time to acknowledge the talented athletes, coaches, and managers at Boyd. Join us on June 13th as our school hosts the first ever Athletic Banquet. Throughout the night, dinner will be served, draw prizes will be won, and 50+ awards will be given out to outstanding athletes from each and every team. This banquet is an important night to recognize student athletes as they balance the pressure of school simultaneously with the ongoing commitment to the seasons. Additionally, the banquet gives a chance to acknowledge the hard work and countless hours that managers and coaches have given to the teams. If you have participated in a team this year or want to support the athletic council, tickets are now for sale on school cash online and are being sold in the lounge for \$25 until May 31st. Don't miss out on this fun night and buy tickets while you can!



A Once in a Lifetime Sight- The Northern Lights in Richmond

BY: AALIYAH CONNOR

There have been a number of solar storms in the past week, however, on Friday May 10th, a major solar storm hit the earth. This solar storm was said to be the strongest one in over two decades and it produced a stunning aurora in the sky that was visible to the human eye.

An Aurora Borealis- also known as the Northern Lights, is a natural light displayed in the sky at night and it is caused by the sun. The sun produces solar wind and when that solar wind comes into contact with the oxygen and nitrogen from Earth's atmosphere, it creates energy. That energy is what produces the colourful halos, known as auroras.

From around 11pm on Friday until around 5am the following morning, hues of green, red, and purple filled the sky and were spotted here in the Lower Mainland, as well as in many states in the US and all across Europe! The best way to view the Aurora was in a dark, open area away from city lights and other light pollution. A lot of people were unaware of the aurora and unfortunately slept right through the beautiful display. Research had suggested there may have been chances of potential sightings of the aurora on Saturday night, but unfortunately from the Lower Mainland nothing could be seen. A disappointing evening for those who missed Friday night's display or for those who wanted to experience it again.

If you did miss the Aurora Borealis this time around, there are plenty of places to travel around the world with high chances of Aurora sightings such as Iceland, Norway, Greenland and even Northern Canada!



BC Wildfires

BY: TIFFANY TARRANT

Wildfire season in British Columbia has arrived, bringing with it the devastating, yet familiar aftermath. BC has experienced a significant uptick in wildfire activity since May of this year. With the intense fires of 2023 that consumed approximately 18 million acres of land, this year is expected to follow with another challenging season as spring transitions to summer.

Our already parched forests are bound to become even more susceptible to a rapid spread of fires this summer. As the frequency and scale of fires continues to rise, alongside increasing numbers of communities at risk, fire officials are prioritizing community preparedness. Residents are urged to familiarize themselves with emergency kit usage, grab and go bags, proper storage of flammable materials, evacuation procedures, and clearing of flammable debris around their homes. Comprehensive guidelines on wildfire safety and preparation can be found on the FireSmart Canada website.

A major contributor to the escalation of these wildfires is climate change. BC experienced more extensive burning from 2017 to 2023 than in the past 58 years. Rising global temperatures are exacerbating drought conditions, rendering our vegetation drier and more flammable. The warmer temperatures have also caused extended wildfire seasons and an increased frequency of lightning strikes, another significant fire hazard. The combination of both increased fire hazards and drought conditions will undoubtedly cause fires to rage longer and more destructive than ever before, unless we take action against global warming.

Wildfires are catastrophic disasters that have a profound and lasting impact on our communities.. It is up to us to take proactive measures to mitigate their potential and prevent their establishment. Addressing climate change, even through individual actions, makes a meaningful distance. Simple steps, from walking to school instead of driving, to using energy wisely and reducing your consumption and waste, collectively contribute to the greater good. Each action you take against global warming, no matter how small, has the potential to safeguard

Artist of the Week

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Rango Lee-Fu

Poetry is one of the oldest art forms known to humankind and possibly may have preceded language, which is pretty crazy. To me it has always been a cathartic process, like unpacking a dusty suitcase you found in the attic. It's personal. It's political. It's an opportunity to reach in and bring to out what is burning inside of you. I think everyone should try writing a poem.



No Fathers at the Funeral

The first time I found you, I was tipping my head back,
chasing the final drop of liquid high
& saw you staring at me from the emptiness of the glass.
In the distorted reflection you were the way I remembered;
crow hair ruffled messy, that haunted, distant look,
& alive.
Up until then I only pictured you dead.
You looked at me grim, as if watching a teenager vomit all over your doorstep, as if you knew I wouldn't
forgive the cold kiss of the knife, that day
on the mountain. I angled the glass; wanted to ask you the
avalanche of questions clotting up in my throat,
but the room was empty & I was alone.

I found you again during my first attempt; Robin William's style,
slumped against my closet door with a killer headache
hammering against my skull. I had no suicide note left for mom, only a quarter-empty bottle of Tylenol bearing witness to the scene.
I was delirious from that headache, & half-dreaming, half-hallucinating your deus ex machina redemption: kicking down my bedroom door & rocketing down to the ER with me in the backseat of your Jeep.
Mind hazy, I dialed your number after, for the first time in a decade probably,
only to speak into the grave of your voicemail.

I want to imagine you picking me up drunk from a highschool house party or after a breakdown in that janky old SUV. Windows down, you'd invite me into the shotgun seat without a scolding comment. You would call me your son—maybe even let me pick the music.