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THE POWER IS THE PEOPLE

I WRITE ONLY BECAUSE THERE IS A VOICE WITHIN ME THAT WILL NOT BE STILLED

WORDS ARE POWERFUL. THEY CAN CREATE OR THEY CAN DESTROY. SO CHOOSE YOUR WORDS WISELY.

DESCRIPTION BEGINS IN THE WRITER'S IMAGINATION BUT SHOULD FINISH IN THE READER'S

-Stephen King.

GIVE ME



LIBERTY

OR GIVE ME DEATH

A WORD AFTER A WORD AFTER A WORD IS POWER.

-Margaret Atwood



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WRESTLING

BY: PAUL DELOS REYES

Hugh Boyd hosted their very first wrestling match on the 16th! Boyd's wrestling team competed against Burnett, McNeil, and McMath. It went very well, with many friends, family, and classmates coming out to watch and support the wrestlers.

The wrestling team consisted of students from grades 10 to 12, and they all did an incredibly good job, winning almost all their matches. Proved to be an incredible feat, wrestling is not for the faint-hearted. It requires hard work, dedication, and confidence, all of which these students have demonstrated.

There were a lot of students who came out to watch and support their fellow Hawks. The crowd was very encouraging and motivating during the matches. It's great to see students supporting each other!

The wrestler's hard work really paid off during the tournament, and we hope to see more of the wrestling team in the coming months! Go Hawks!



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AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. SMYTHE

BY: AZAYDA DHANOA

Mr. Smythe, an art teacher who has just recently started teaching law at Hugh Boyd, has become a great asset to our wonderful team of teachers.

Mr. Smythe has been teaching for six years, four of them being at Hugh Boyd. He has also taught at other schools previously, such as Mcmath and Cambie. Mr. Smythe's first year of teaching was an uphill battle, trying to navigate how to educate in an online school system during COVID-19. He explains his biggest accomplishment in teaching was learning how to steer through remote teaching while also figuring out how to teach!

Additionally, working side by side with the Hugh Boyd moniker committee, he helped create a new inclusive mascot for our school which was officially changed from the Trojan to a Hawk.

As Mr. Smythe has travelled all across the world to at least fifty countries, he explains that hearing from students who are off travelling the world and studying abroad is very rewarding for him to hear as a teacher. He spent his twenties travelling the world and collecting university degrees. One of the schools he attended was Dalhousie Law School, which helped encourage him to teach law to high school students. Though he had experience teaching law at Cambie, this is his first year teaching law at Hugh Boyd, which he explains is going successfully!

Lastly, Mr. Smythe is big on experience and travelling the world, he goes on huge trips over summer break. Every year he bounces from city to city and country to country, seeing the world at his own pace. Did you know he also used to live and teach in Bangkok, Thailand?!?

Mr. Smythe is a person full of lots of knowledge to share in our school with our students. He has gone through many experiences worldwide that not a lot of people can say they have completed. We are very lucky to have Mr. Smythe teaching at our school, and he will continue to share his experiences, passion, and knowledge!



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NEW YEARS IN VANCOUVER

BY: ANAYA KOONER

New Year's in Vancouver is a magical experience, blending the city's natural beauty with vibrant festivities. Nestled between the mountains and ocean, Vancouver comes alive with celebrations that cater to diverse tastes and traditions.

One of the city's most iconic events is the New Year's Eve fireworks at Canada Place. Crowds gather along the waterfront to enjoy dazzling pyrotechnic displays synchronized to music, lighting the night sky with brilliant colours. While families can attend the earlier fireworks session, the midnight show attracts revellers looking to start the new year in style.

Vancouver's Polar Bear Swim is a cherished tradition for those who prefer a more active celebration. Every January 1st, thousands brave the icy waters of English Bay, welcoming the new year with a refreshing plunge while dressed in creative costumes.

Nightlife enthusiasts can explore various options, from elegant dinners at waterfront restaurants to lively parties at clubs and bars across the city. The Vancouver Convention Centre often hosts glamorous galas featuring live music, dancing, and champagne toasts.

The city's diverse cultural scene uniquely enriches New Year's celebrations.

Communities host traditional events, such as Chinese lion dances and First Nations ceremonies, offering a chance to reflect on the past year and embrace new beginnings. Whether you're looking for a tranquil evening to enjoy the city's stunning views or a night of dancing and fireworks, Vancouver offers something for everyone, making New Year's an unforgettable experience in this vibrant coastal metropolis.



STOLEN CROSSES

BY: PAUL DELOS REYES



One Thursday morning, Vernon "Shane" Moses went to Number 4 road to spend time at the memorials of his two children Jess and Shane, who both passed away in a car accident in May 2012. He arrived only to find that one of the crosses at the memorial area was removed and replaced by a much smaller, wooden cross.

The person who carried out this truly heinous act is unknown. "When I rode up and I saw that Jess's cross was not there, I was in shock. I was just flabbergasted," Mr. Moses said. He added, "I don't know when it was taken out of the ground, in the last couple months or so, but whoever took it needs to either give it back or put it back." We send our condolences to the people affected by this.

CANADA'S IMMIGRATION LAWS

BY: KASHISH PUNJABI

In recent months, Canada has introduced significant changes to its immigration laws, as the federal government looks to balance immigration levels with domestic pressures facing Canadians. As a result of this, the IRCC (Immigrants, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada) has decided to reduce the number of Non permanent residents (NPRs) in Canada, which includes bringing the number of work and study permit holders down from 7% to 5% of Canada's total population by 2026.

“As part of our efforts for temporary residents to transition to permanent residency, we will have more domestic draws for us and ask provinces and territories taking part in the Provincial Nominee Program to do the same with their allocations,” said the Immigration Minister, Marc Miller on March 21st, 2024.

From 2025 to 2027, Canada will be bringing a total of 1.1 million new permanent residents (PRs). A 21% drop from previous years. The government said the plan “will pause population growth in the short term to achieve well-managed, sustainable growth in the long term”.



TRUDEAU'S RESIGNATION

BY: PAUL DELOS-REYES

Under growing unpopularity, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has decided to give up his position as Canada's leader. He intends to resign when the meticulous process of selecting the Liberals' new party leader is completed on or before the general election on October 20. Some potential candidates include former Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland, former Central Banker Mark Carney, Minister of Innovation François-Philippe Champagne, former BC Premier Christy Clark, Foreign Minister Mélanie Joly, MP Chandra Arya, and Frank Baylis. All of them seem like a much-needed upgrade from Trudeau. Leader of the Conservatives, Pierre Poilievre commented, “Nothing has changed,” following up with, “Every Liberal MP and Leadership contender supported EVERYTHING Trudeau did for 9 years, and now they want to trick voters by swapping in another Liberal face to keep ripping off Canadians for another 4 years, just like Justin.”

Another factor that influenced his decision was the potential threat of American President Donald Trump imposing taxes on imported Canadian goods. The previously mentioned Chrystia Freeland criticized Trudeau for not taking the proper steps towards mitigating this risk. The Liberal Party is hoping that choosing a new leader will get them out of political tensions, however, this depends on whether they win the election or not.

Currently, the Conservatives are in the lead by around twenty percent according to national polling averages. According to election simulations run by CBC, Poilievre has a near ninety-nine percent chance of winning. Anything could happen at this point, and Canada looks like it has a bright future to come.

LOS ANGELES FIRES

BY: CELINE EPKENS

While first responders and firefighters grapple with the wildfires as they tear through Los Angeles, citizens and families scramble to safety. Southern California is currently facing multiple wildfires, with the most significant being the Palisades fire. Since January 11, the fire has expanded to over 23,000 acres of the Palisade neighbourhood, forcing approximately 30,000 residents to evacuate their homes, and threatening more than 13,000 structures. This disaster has sadly claimed the lives of at least 27 individuals so far, and 36 others have been reported as missing.

Additionally to the Palisades fire, the Eaton fire in Altadena has covered around 14,000 acres, and the Hurst fire north of San Fernando, though mostly contained at 799 acres, still poses some risks. The repercussions of the fires have given way to secondary hazards, including mudslides caused by water runoff from the firefighting efforts. These incidents have raised concerns about the safety of the fire-burnt areas and the potential for more disasters. The insured losses from last week's fires exceed \$20 billion, and the total economic losses may reach \$50 billion.

The firefighters' efforts are huge, involving support from across North America and including teams from Canada, Mexico, and the Navajo Scouts. The personnel teams set up command posts around the city, providing essential services and working behind the scenes to support the extensive operations. Meanwhile, thousands of firefighters immerse themselves amongst the heat of the blaze, working tirelessly to maintain the flames. Most of the fight is from above, in planes and helicopters, where water bombs and fire retardants are dropped. Despite all this, containment of the wildfires remains a challenge due to California's dry conditions and extreme winds. Nevertheless, Californian communities exhibit resilience as they work together to aid the tragedies.



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SQUID GAMES 2

BY: VALENTINA YEP

The series that had arrived in 2021 and had quickly become one of Netflix's most viewed shows, Squid Game, released its highly anticipated season 2, which quickly gained popularity. For those who haven't watched it yet, Squid Game is a show about contestants entering a competition (mostly contestants of those who are in debt) for money by playing children's games. If you lose, you die. The show's protagonist is Seong Gi Hun (played by Lee Jung Jae), who was in debt at the start of the last season, which ended with him winning the games gaining 46.5 billion won.



Now two years later, he rejoins the games, (teaming up with detective and brother of the Frontman, Hwang Jun Ho) and intends on stopping it for good, alongside a hired team to track it down. This show started slow at first as Gi Hun created his plan to take out the frontman (coordinator of the games) with Jun Ho. The pace quickly picked up as Gi Hun entered the games once more, introducing a new face who joined the games. This season was very compelling due to the three different narratives that Captured the show. The first of which is Gi Hun playing the games, Jun Ho and Gi Hun's hired team hunting him and the location of the games down, and the newly introduced character, Kang No-eul, who showed the perspective of the guards in the games as well. Along with those three different narratives, the action inside the games was just as interesting, with the Front Man himself joining the games as 001, a parallel from season 1. The season ends with a large cliffhanger, making you want more content right away. Season 2 of Squid Game is a must-see!

Artist of the Week

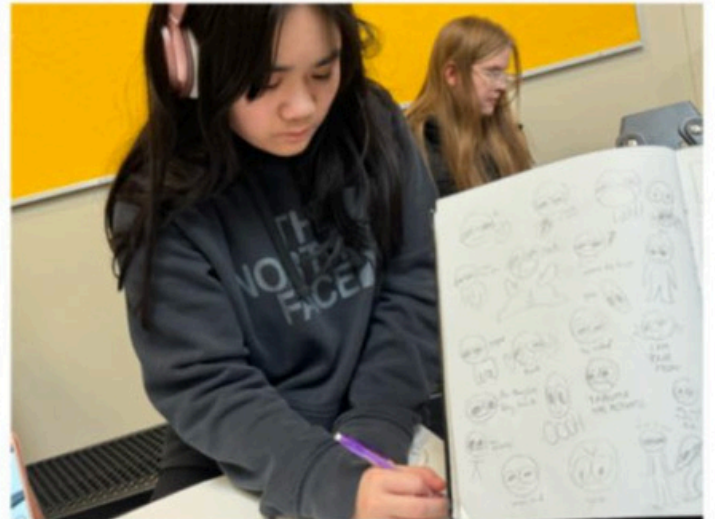
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BOYD'S CULTURE CRAWL

From December 9th till the 13th, the creative Arts departments had students display their works around the band room area. Many other students and teachers as well walked through to take pictures in those five days. There was a range of what was going on: some artists were working, some only displayed, and the music people performed. Though it was only the second annual Culture Crawl, many presented and attended this week-long event of talented students.



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