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

GIVE ME



LIBERTY

OR GIVE ME DEATH

A WORD AFTER A WORD AFTER A WORD IS POWER.

—Margaret Atwood

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

—Stephen King.



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SKILLS CANADA

BY: VALENTINA YEP

Skills BC Canada helps youth by guiding them toward careers in trades and technology. To support and develop these skills, Skills BC organized an annual event called 'Skills Day', which features competitions designed to help participants succeed in these fields. The event highlights the talents of each individual and encourages them to push their limits. Every year, the competitions cover various hands-on trades. This year, the categories include graphic design, photography, video production, and public speaking. The Central Lower Mainland competition for these categories took place at Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU). The winners of the competitions will move on to the provincial competitions, and those who win at the provincial level will have the opportunity to compete nationally, representing their skills against others from. Congratulations to Cassandra Lau who won in photography, and Kayla Imoo and Jenny Easter who placed first for video production!



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PIE IN THE FACE

BY: TIFFANY TARRANT

The student council hosted a “pie in the face fundraiser” on February 26th. They collected donations for each of their executive members, seeing which executive(s) for each grade would raise the most money.

On February 26th at lunch in the lounge, the student council executives that raised the most money got pied in the face in front of the school. The executives who got pied were Arast, Flora, Iliana, Eliana, and Shanar, along with Mr. Yong. Arast raised the most at \$97.70, earning him two pies in the face!

In total, we raised \$300! All donations collected in this fundraiser went towards anti-bullying efforts to make schools a safer place for all students. Thank you to all the students who donated and supported this fun and meaningful cause!



JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

BY: ANAYA KOONER

Cindy Liang and Regina Tsang, two dedicated students from Hugh Boyd Secondary, recently participated in the prestigious UBC 37th Japanese Speech Contest, an annual event designed to encourage high school students to showcase their proficiency in Japanese language and culture. Both Cindy and Regina, who have been passionate about learning Japanese for several years, spent months preparing for this event. Under the guidance of their Japanese teacher, they honed their language skills, worked on perfecting their speeches, and practiced their delivery in front of classmates.

Their participation not only highlighted their personal dedication but also brought recognition to Hugh Boyd’s language program. By engaging with the larger community of students passionate about Japanese, Cindy and Regina not only deepened their own appreciation of the language but also set an inspiring example for others at their school to pursue similar challenges and experiences.



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COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

BY: PAUL DELOS REYES

The Coldest Night of the Year is an annual fundraising event held every February where participants walk two to five kilometres to raise money. This money goes towards charities which according to their website, “serve people going through hurt, hunger, and homelessness.” Ever since it started in 2011, the Coldest Night of the Year has raised over \$75,000,000 dollars in total. Here in Richmond, Coldest Night of the Year is organized by the Chimo Community Service Society which focuses on giving people access to justice, care, and housing.

The Coldest Night of the Year is a chance for participants to exit the comfort, warmth, and safety of their homes and see through the eyes of the less fortunate by walking through the cold, dark February night. Although this is not a new idea, by taking this concept and building upon it, organizers of the event have raised millions of dollars for charities. This year, around forty thousand people walked the event, raising 145,000,00 dollars.

Recently, fifteen members of our school’s Interact club participated in this event on February 22nd. They walked as a team, and they managed to raise around 600 dollars. The people who walked the five kilometers route were Mr. Aura, Mia Chen, Zeah Castillo, Chloe Ray, Maya Flores Jacobo, Andy Li, Janice Xie, Samantha Chu, Julia Garcia, Shanar Zarjampour , Ajeet Athwal, Stacey Chung, Cora Fahlman, Hana Higuchi, and Leah Andersen. These fifteen students worked hard to raise this money; we should appreciate these efforts as a community. Check out <https://cnoy.org/home> for more information on how to participate, donate, and fundraise.



PINK SHIRT DAY

BY: CELINE EPKENS

Pink Shirt Day, celebrated annually on the last wednesday of February, began as a protest against bullying to promote kindness, empathy, and inclusion. The movement was born in 2007 in Nova Scotia, when two twelfth grade students witnessed a ninth grade peer being bullied for wearing a pink shirt on the first day of school. By buying and distributing pink shirts to be worn by their classmates, they organized a campaign to encourage other students to take a stand against bullying. Through just a simple act, lives were moved, and an entire cause was sparked to life. Ever since, Pink Shirt Day has grown into a world wide initiative with millions of people taking part in it each year.

The event now raises money for anti-bullying programs and spreads awareness about the major issue of bullying in schools, homes, workplaces, and online. In British Columbia, the CKNW Kids' Fund plays a key role in supporting Pink Shirt Day. For over 75 years, this charitable organization has helped children in need by providing specialized medical equipment, mental health programs, and education support. Proceeds from the Kids' Fund go directly to these programs, ensuring that children receive the resources they need to thrive. Their mission aligns with Pink Shirt Day's message of compassion, unity, and empowerment. By wearing pink and supporting organizations like the CKNW Kids' Fund, individuals can help create a future where kindness replaces bullying.



OSCARS 2025

BY: AALIYAH CONNOR

On March 2nd, Conan O'Brien hosted the 97th Academy Awards in Los Angeles, California. Actors, actresses and directors alike came together to celebrate the achievements of the hottest movies in 2024 like Wicked, Anora, The Brutalist, Emilia Pérez and more!

The night started off with an incredible opening performance of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" by Ariana Grande followed with "Defying Gravity" with her "Wicked" co-star Cynthia Erivo. But the night was only just getting started and there were plenty of awards to hand out. This year's award show was one to remember- especially for the two movies that swept up the top awards. To many people's surprise, comedy-drama film "Anora" swept at the Academy awards, winning 5 awards overall in almost all of the top awards like Best Picture, Best Director, Best Original Screenplay, Best Editing, and Mikey Madison won as Best Actress for her lead role in the film. The Brutalist has also had a good run this year winning three Golden Globes and an Academy Award as Adrien Brody won Best Actor for his role in the movie.

While not every single movie or person won an award that night, it doesn't downplay that there were some amazing movies released in the past year and hopefully there will be some more amazing movies to come this year!



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DRAKE AND PARTYNEXTDOOR ALBUM: OVO SOUND REVIEW

BY: KASHISH PUNJABI

The popular artists Drake and PartyNextDoor released their collaborative album “Some \$exy \$ongs 4 U” on February 14th or, Valentine’s Day. Overall, the album is 73 minutes including 21 songs.

The album was first announced on August 2nd, 2024 during PartyNextDoor’s “Sorry But I’m Outside” Tour in Toronto. Drake made a surprise appearance as a special guest, telling the crowd that the duo had been working on something new, eventually dropping in winter. Upon the release, it earned over 56.6 million streams on Spotify’s global chart, with an average of 2.5 million streams per song. It currently holds the second-highest streaming debut of the year, just behind the Weeknd’s album “Hurry Up Tomorrow”, which took the top spot.



Artist Of The Week

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Katherine Wong @katrines_cosplays

“I originally got into cosplay in grade 7 for a Halloween costume. I wanted to dress up as Sans from Undertale, but I knew I couldn't buy something like that, so I decided to make it myself by putting together clothes I had and making a dragon skull prop. This overtime made me fall in love with cosplay, but primarily the prop aspect. But in grade 10, that changed when I decided to sew a cosplay for my personal project. That was my first time ever really sewing clothes and when I look back, they were badly made, but that was the starting point to where I am now! Since then I have sewn almost all of my cosplays and go to conventions to show them off. I've also started entering cosplay competitions for my craftsmanship and I have entered one for the 22nd.”



Our Description:

Carefully crafting each cosplay, Katherine spends an immense amount of effort and time to ensure none of the parts breaks. Winning the "Best Solo Costume" category in 2023's Hugh Boyd Halloween Fashion Show, she continues to create cosplays and enter into contests for fun.