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THE POWER IS THE PEOPLE

We dare not forget
that we are the
heirs of the first
revolution

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

A WORD AFTER A WORD AFTER A
WORD IS POWER.

—Margaret Atwood

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



School Community

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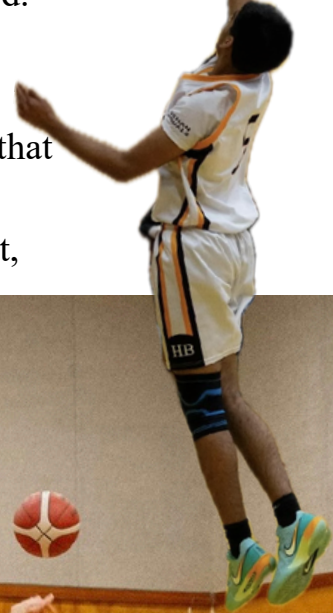
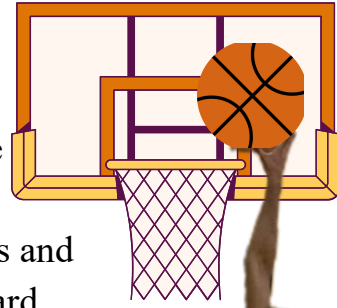
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SEAN BERDA MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

BY: EDEN BEN DAVID

This year the annual Sean Berda Memorial Basketball Tournament took place from December 11th to the 13th. This brought energy and a lively spirit of competition to Boyd while also bringing a sense of reflection to Boyd as schools and spectators gathered for a weekend whose significance went beyond the scoreboard. Held in honour of Sean Berda, the tournament continues to celebrate his lasting impact on Boyd and the local basketball community. This year's event welcomed several schools from across the Lower Mainland, in turn creating an atmosphere that was enriched with a passionate school spirit and exceptional sportsmanship. While the tournament inevitably held incredibly strong performances on the court, the deeper purpose of our event remained front and centre: remembering Sean Berda's legacy and supporting the Berda family. On the boys' side, Palmer Secondary claimed first place after a competitive tournament, with McNair Secondary finishing close behind in second. Each team demonstrated strong teamwork, discipline, and determination throughout all the games played. In the girls' division, Richmond Secondary School secured first place, while Palmer earned second, showcasing impressive skill and resilience across the tournament. Outside of competition, the tournament featured a concession stand, with proceeds going toward the Berda family. The event served as a reminder that school sports are about more than winning; they are about connection, remembrance, and community. As the Sean Berda Memorial Tournament continues to grow each year, it remains a meaningful tradition at Boyd, honouring a legacy that continues to inspire both athletes and spectators alike.



NYC Hospital Strike

BY: PAUL DELOS REYES

Since the morning of Monday, January 12, thousands of nurses from the Mount Sinai, New York Presbyterian, and Montefiore hospitals have been taking part in one of the largest nurses' strikes in the history of New York City. The nurses have continued to walk off their jobs and form pickets for over two weeks now, urging for fully funded benefits, better pay, better protection against workplace violence, and more staff to manage patients. Tensions persist between the previously mentioned hospitals' management and their employees as all three of the hospitals fail to meet their demands. While the nurses continue to strike, hospital management retaliates while still managing to continue operations. Some tactics reported by members of the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) include giving threats of job loss, closely monitoring and disciplining nurses who exercise their union rights, and spending millions of dollars on temporary replacement nurses. NYSNA has filed charges against hospital management for unfair labour practices. Members of the NYSNA are willing to bargain with hospital management to reach a fair agreement that meets their demands. However, management sees these demands as costly and unrealistic, blaming the NYSNA for the delay in negotiations. The fact that the nurses continue to strike adds on to the physical and financial toll of their work.



SHOOTING OF RENEE GOOD

BY: MACY KERR

On January 7, 2026, a fatal shooting involving a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agent and 37-year-old Renee Nicole Good occurred in a residential neighborhood of Minneapolis, Minnesota. This drew national attention and prompted ongoing investigation. Good, a U.S. citizen and mother of three, was inside her vehicle during an early-morning federal immigration enforcement operation when the encounter took place. According to federal officials, ICE agents were in the area assisting with an arrest when Good's vehicle became involved in the situation. Authorities stated that an ICE agent discharged his weapon after believing he was in immediate danger, resulting in Good being shot multiple times and later pronounced dead at the scene. Witness accounts and video footage that surfaced afterward presented differing perspectives on the moments leading up to the shooting, leading to public questions about how events unfolded and whether the use of lethal force was justified. Local officials acknowledged the seriousness of the incident and emphasized the importance of a thorough and transparent investigation. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) assumed primary responsibility for reviewing the shooting, while Minnesota state authorities assisted with evidence collection but noted they did not have full access to all investigative materials, which raised discussions about jurisdiction and oversight when federal agents are involved in use-of-force cases. In the days following the shooting, community members gathered to mourn Good and recognize her as a parent and member of the local community, while public officials urged calm as the investigation proceeded. Federal agencies stated that the shooting appeared to be an act of self-defense based on preliminary findings, though they stressed that conclusions would not be finalized until all evidence was reviewed. The incident sparked broader conversations across the country about law enforcement practices, particularly regarding federal immigration enforcement operations conducted in residential areas, as well as how fatal encounters involving officers are investigated and reviewed. While some discussions focused on accountability and transparency, others highlighted the challenges law enforcement officers face when making rapid decisions in high-risk situations. At the same time, officials from multiple levels of government reiterated that investigations are meant to establish facts rather than assign immediate blame. As of now, the case remains under federal review, and no final determination has been publicly released. The shooting of Renee Nicole Good continues to serve as a reminder of the complexity and gravity of use-of-force incidents, the importance of clear investigative processes, and the impact such events have on families, communities, and public trust in institutions.



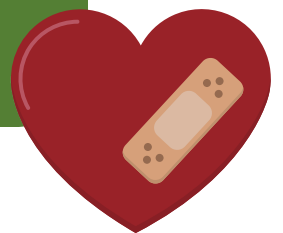
TEEN CRITICALLY INJURED IN RICHMOND HIT-AND-RUN

BY: MILA BURSAC

A 17-year-old boy named Myles Mickey is in critical condition after being struck by a vehicle in a late-night hit-and-run in Richmond earlier this month. The incident has shocked the community and sparked renewed concern about safety in busy areas of the city. Police say the crash happened around 11:30 p.m. near No. 3 Road. Officers and paramedics arrived to find the teen badly injured. He was rushed to hospital, where he remains in intensive care. Investigators believe the collision happened shortly after a disturbance in the area. At some point during the chaos, the teen was hit by a dark-coloured vehicle that did not stop. Instead of helping, the driver fled the scene. Richmond RCMP's Serious Crime Unit is now leading the investigation. They are treating the case as both a hit-and-run and a serious criminal matter. Police are asking anyone who witnessed what happened or who may have dash-cam footage from that night to come forward. The victim's family has spoken publicly about the emotional impact of the incident, describing the wait for updates is overwhelming and frightening. Community members have responded by sharing messages of support and organizing fundraisers to help the family through the recovery process. Although there have been rumours online linking the incident to Richmond Centre, Police have not confirmed that the crash happened at the mall itself. As the investigation continues, the case serves as a reminder of how quickly lives can change, and how important it is for drivers to take responsibility for their actions. Failing to remain at the scene of a crash is a serious offence under B.C. law, and police say they are determined to hold whoever is responsible and accountable.



Support Myles Mickey on his
road to recovery



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