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AND MORE!

"ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS BUT NOT NEARLY AS OFTEN"
-MARK TWAIN

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Remembrance Day:

by Irwin Lee







From top to bottom:
-Ms. Poon speaks at the Remembrance Day ceremony
-Student cadets Max Geyser, Aaden Chew, Winnie Lin, Cherrie Lin, Defne Salan, and Andy Pan stand in formation
-Mr. Burrows conducts the student band
(Kaleeq Miranda)

Before we begin, we would like to thank the Leadership, AV, Art, Drama classes, Concert Band, Cadets, staff, and everyone for making a respectful moment in commemoration for our veterans, who served their country with honour.

On the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, we honoured the Canadian soldiers who had served in line of duty, and the ceasefire that brought World War One to an end. For 2 minutes, as a display of respect, dignity, and honour, Canadians nationwide paused to silently reflect on the soldiers who had lost their lives as a result of war. From the ruin of battle, it was red poppies that flourished, thus honoured as a symbol of resilience, and worn today as close to the heart as a quiet pledge to never forget.

Annually, Hugh Boyd Secondary hosts a ceremonial performance that shares that moment of peace with the entire student body, a presentation to show our respect towards veterans before us.

Once more, we would like to thank everyone for the respect given at the presentation this year, and we hope to inspire future generations going forwards! Lest we forget.

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Teacher Interview: Mr. Mok

by Elsie Tyler

Mr. Mok is Hugh Boyd's newest English and Japanese teacher. The high school Mr. Mok attended was Burnett Secondary. He has been teaching for three years at McNair Secondary School and the Richmond Adult Education Centre.

He attended the University of British Columbia (UBC), where he studied English. Mr. Mok is currently teaching Japanese 9 and 10, Japanese 11 and 12, New Media 11, and English 9 and 10.

One unique teaching method Mr. Mok uses is starting each lesson with a "Word of the Day," where he teaches his class a new word. He says this is a great way for students to learn and expand their vocabulary. He also sets aside a couple of minutes each day for silent reading to encourage students to read more.

Mr. Mok enjoys many forms of poetry and other types of literature. He speaks both Japanese and English fluently. His favourite snack is a bowl of cherry tomatoes, and his favourite sport is the popular first choice: volleyball! Thank you for reading this week's edition of the paper. Have a great week, Hawks!

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Bilingual Debate Club

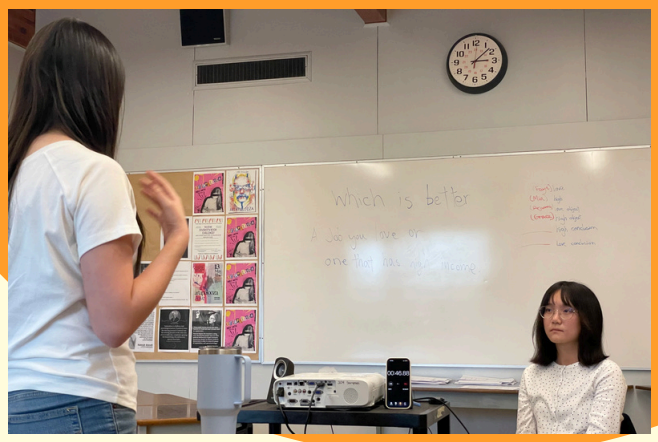
by Tia Tsao

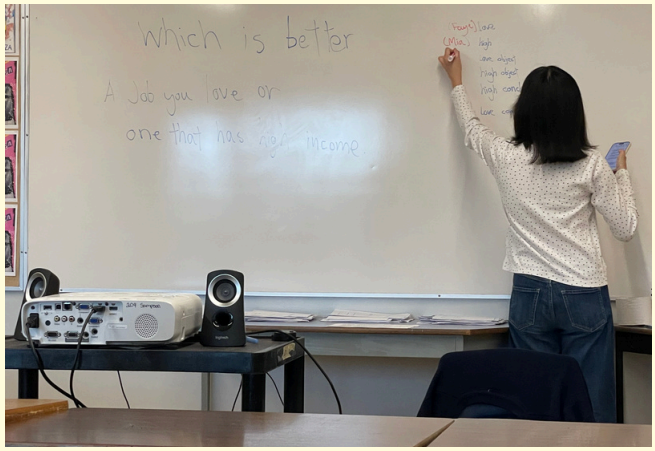
As Clubs Day at Boyd passes without a hitch, a new club is spotted within the crowd! The Bilingual Debate Club, founded by Faye Lui, is a space for both native and ELL speakers of all skill levels! Meetings are held every Thursday from 3PM-4:15PM in Mr. Smythe's room, Room 209.

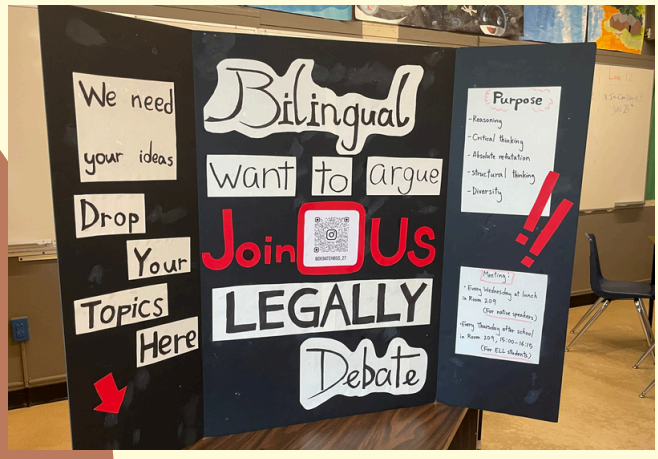
By joining the debate club, you can look forward to building language skills and strengthening public speaking. Every week, club members are given two topics the week prior (Wednesday during lunch) and are free to prepare beforehand through the use of language translation tools and/or notes.

The club president, Faye, says she previously did Chinese debate and while it's different from debate here, she hopes to improve everyone's debate skills, bring smiles to club members' faces, and have fun! In the debate club, feel free to oppose each other confidently !!

Follow @debatehbss_27 on Instagram to stay updated with debate topics!







From top to bottom:
-A debate in progress
-Preparations for an upcoming debate
-The Bilingual Debate Club's booth for Clubs Day
(Grace Xu)

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Take Your Kids to Work Day:

by Pauleena Delos Reyes



Image taken from the Students Commision of Canada's website

What if you could experience a day at your parent's or guardian's workplace? Take your kids to work day shows you just that. This event was open for all grade 9 students district wide. At that age, many will ask themselves: "What do I want to be when I grow up?" Take your kids to work day is one way to answer that question. It was a great opportunity to stop and think about what you would like to find yourself doing in the future.

On the day of the event, a parent, guardian, or sponsor would be able to bring their child to their workplace. Some activities may have included touring around the workplace, or experiencing a bit of what your parent, guardian, or sponsor does for a living. Colleagues at the workplace can also help and provide insight about the career options available in the real world. Some activities may have offered some souvenirs too! Many found themselves very invested during the variety of activities that are possible at the workplace.

The benefit of take your kids to work day is how a child can experience work life exposure, so that they could get a taste of the real world. Experiencing the new environment helps students understand the reason why the things we learn in school matter. This new connection could be able to renew a student's motivation to learn and apply skills to the real world.

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Halloween Fashion Show

by Charmaine Yeung



Halloween decorations in Steveston Village (John Siu)

On Friday, October 30, Hugh Boyd's Student Council held the annual Halloween fashion show at lunch! The audience's energy was high throughout the contest, showing support for the contestants. There were many different titles to compete for in the contest. Participants could enter as most creative costume, best group costume and the scariest costume. The winners received a basket full of candy as a prize. The winner for the most creative costume was Lara Croft (from Tomb Raider), the winner for best group costume was Gru and the Minions, and finally, the scariest costume was Laughing Jack (from the horror story of the same name). Congratulations to the winners of this year, 2026!

A lot of Boyd students went to watch the contestants show off their costumes! There was a black cat, Minions, characters from Bungo Stray Dogs, and police, and many other costumes. In this contest, there were around 2 groups and 8-10 people participating in the contest. This year's decorations included hanging spider webs, a black curtain to separate the contestants and audience, paper pumpkins stuck on the walls. The show lasted about fifteen minutes into lunch. Near the end, candies such as Skittles and chocolate were thrown into the audience. Everyone had a fun time either watching the costumes be presented, or going up and showing their costumes off to the judges.

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Cross-Country Provincials

by Nila Weeks

Congratulations to our courageous runners who ran at this year's BC School Sport Cross Country Provincial Championships! The season has wrapped up on an extremely high note, with our very own Hugh Boyd students giving it their all against hundreds of runners. The provincial championships took place on November 7th at Clearbrook Park in Abbotsford, hosted by Abbotsford Christian School with technical assistance from the Valley Royals Track and Field Club.



The race route contained various terrains to challenge the runners, ranging from grass fields and dirt paths to steep gravel trails. Despite worries over the weather as it had been cloudy and damp for most of the week, the trail was luckily dry and ready for the day ahead. The day was packed with good vibes, team spirit, and adrenaline. Throughout the day, athletes were encouraged to check out different tents and booths set up at the park, where they could receive custom made hoodies, grab snacks or drinks, and learn about future running opportunities.



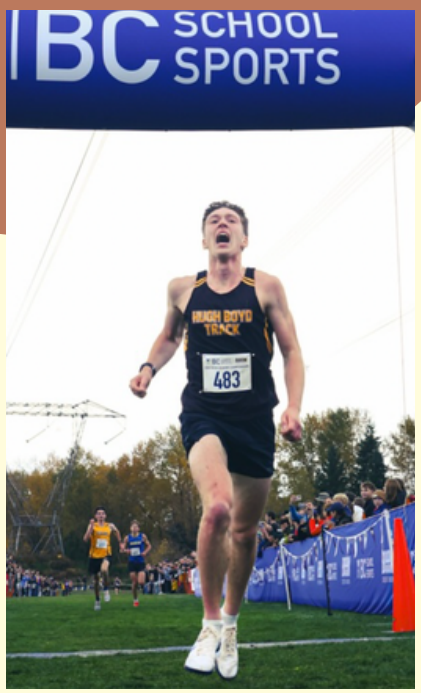
Several races in progress. (BC School Sports)

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Cross-Country Provincials (continued)

by Nila Weeks



Clayten Barstow crossing the finish line (BC School Sports)



Christina Wales running the Senior Women's AA 5km race. (@ehuttunen_photography)

Hugh Boyd athletes competed in the Senior Men's AA 5 kilometers, the Senior Women's AA 5 kilometers, and the Junior Men's 4 kilometers. Each athlete finished with astonishing times, setting new personal bests and even winning the provincial gold medal!

Clayten Barstow ran in the Senior Men's AA 5 kilometers race along with Daniel Kruk and Jake Edwards. Clayten Barstow amazed the team by winning the gold medal, finishing in first place out of 145 runners. Clayton ran 5 kilometres in just 15 minutes and 37 seconds! Daniel Kruk came 90th in 19 minutes 41 seconds, and Jake Edwards placed 139th with 22 minutes 55 seconds. Bravo to our senior runners!

In the Senior Women's AA 5 kilometer race, our very own Christina Wales and Jenny Easter finished with impressive times. Out of 141 runners, Christina Wales placed 70th by finishing in 22 minutes and 24 seconds. Jenny Easter placed 107th in 23 minutes and 49 seconds! Way to go!

In the Junior Boy's 4 kilometer race, Hugh Boyd's Leo Jouvin placed 209th out of 279 participants, running in just 16 minutes and 11 seconds!

The cross-country team at Hugh Boyd, coached excellently by Rachel Maika, have trained extremely hard throughout the season, their hard work paying off in their remarkable race times! Keep up the good work Boyd athletes, your efforts have not gone unnoticed!

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Swimming Championships

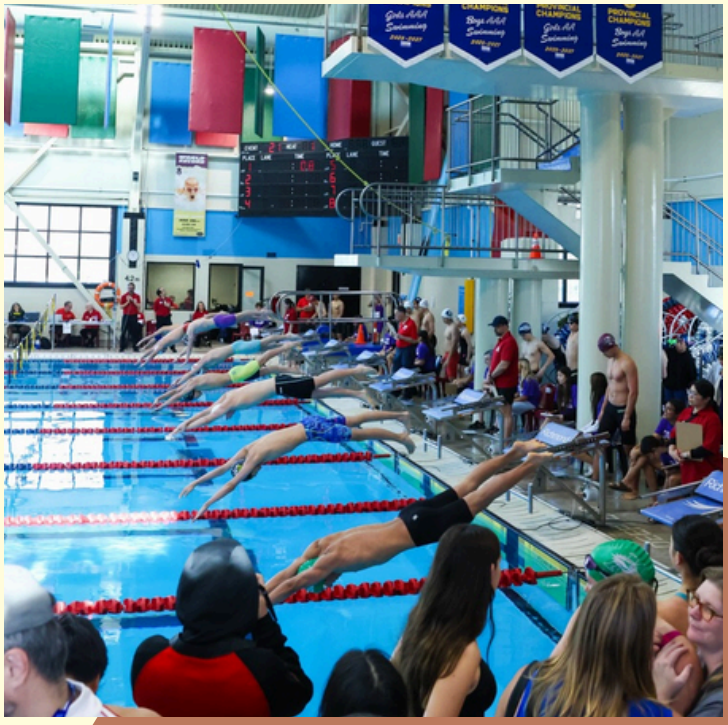
by Eevee Hallam

While the grass glitters with frost in the chilly, winter mornings, Hugh Boyd's Swimming Team has been participating in the annual BC South Fraser Zone Championships and Provincial Championships at Watermania, a popular swimming pool local to our school.

On the fifth of November, the swimming pools were packed with determined and ambitious swimmers.

Approximately six-hundred students attended the Zone Championships. Teams not only splashed water, but passion, energy and excitement, all while holding their breath underwater. Around thirty best-times were newly recorded at the meet. This is definitely a testament to the level of skill and effort these swimmers were implementing.

The Provincial Championships were held on the twentieth of November to the twenty-first, in 2026, where students from all across BC competed against each other. A few Boyd swimmers qualified for freestyle and backstroke, while some qualified for the Mixed two-hundred meter Medley Relay. We already know that everyone tried their very best, and had lots of fun.



Swimmers dive into the pool at the start of a race. (BC School Sports)

Going forward, our school's swimming season has already ended. The team will continue to work towards even more victories. It is up to their supporters to show care and cheer for them as much as possible.

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Provincial Elections

by Ella Budak

British Columbians headed to the polls on October 24, 2026, to decide who would represent their communities in the provincial legislature. With 93 electoral districts across the province, this election brought significant changes to BC's political landscape. Following the initial count, the Conservative Party took the lead in 63 ridings, while the BC NDP led in 28 and the BC Green Party in two.

The election featured three major party leaders: David Eby of the BC NDP, interim leader Lorne Doerkson of the Conservative Party, and Emily Lowan of the BC Green Party. According to preliminary results from Elections BC, the Conservatives received 48.06% of the popular vote, followed by the NDP at 37.37% and the Greens at 10.97%. Approximately 1.8 million votes were counted, with preliminary voter turnout reaching 48.14%.



From left to right: B.C. political party leaders Dallas Brodie of OneBC, Elenore Sturko of CentreBC, Lorne Doerkson of the Conservative Party of BC, Emily Lowan of the BC Green Party, and David Eby of the BC NDP. (OneBC; CBC; Government of B.C.; Conservative Party of B.C.; B.C. Green Party)

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Provincial Elections (continued)

by Ella Budak

Throughout the campaign, each party presented different plans for the province's future. The BC NDP focused on expanding healthcare services, creating more childcare spaces and supporting local businesses. The Conservatives campaigned on reducing income taxes, expanding housing
opportunities, and increasing public safety. Meanwhile, the Green Party highlighted environmental protection, affordable housing, and improvements to public transportation.

With 47 seats needed to form a majority government, the preliminary results put the Conservatives ahead of the other parties. However, final counting, including mail-in and absentee ballots, is scheduled for November 6–10.

As British Columbia prepares for its next provincial government, the election marks an important moment in the province's political history. The results will determine which party takes the lead and how its campaign promises will shape BC in the years ahead.