



A few highlights from December

December was a busy month at Thomas Haney!!

The senior Robotics classes competed in the 7th Annual Sumo Bot Competition featuring sumo bot vehicles which students designed, created and controlled in a competitive challenge. The objective was to design a sumo bot that would battle and defeat their class members' sumo bot. The competition was held in the rotunda with many staff and students watching the intense action. The junior Robotics event will be held in the Spring.



The Winter Showcase was a multidisciplinary Performing Arts evening that showcased student talent from the Music, Drama, Dance and Musical Theatre classes. Many performances had a holiday theme and there were previews of Mama Mia which runs January 24 – 25 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 and they will be sold in the rotunda at lunch starting January 9

Basketball - senior Boys competed in the Chilliwack Tournament and finished with an overtime win against the host school. The team continues to work hard and improve and will host a home tournament, the Thunder Classic - January 13-14th.



The Urban Studies classes used public transit to visit Coquitlam Centre (picture below) to learn about their future planning and many stops in downtown Vancouver concluding with the Shipyards in North Vancouver as an example of how to design a people-centred community space. Also in the pictures below is our student RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) group that greeted students with hot chocolate on a cold December morning, as well as Mr. Grill and the staff who volunteer for our twice weekly free student Breakfast program. Mr. Grill successfully applied for a \$5,000 grant from the MR Community Foundation to help support this student program.



January Happenings

Welcome aboard to Ms. Andrea Clayton who joins our school admin. team as Vice Principal replacing Mr. Tom Levesque who has been placed at Edith McDermott as Principal. Ms. Clayton will be responsible for grade 8s and 10s. We are very fortunate to have a teacher of her skill and experience to join our school leadership team.

January also begins the course selection process for next school year. The process will begin with presentations by our school counsellors, Mr. Grill & Ms. McBride. Students will then choose their courses for next year. We encourage you to have some conversations with your child to help in their planning process.

Important January Dates:

- Tuesday, Jan. 3rd - School RE-OPENS after Winter Break
- Wednesday, Jan. 4th - Grad Scholarship Info Session - 9:50-10:50am
- Monday, Jan. 9th - Grad Scholarship Info Session - 10:00-10:00am
- Monday, Jan. 9th - Grade 8 rotation 4 ends
- Monday, Jan. 9th - Grad photo retakes (sign up at www.mountainwest.ca)
- Tuesday, Jan. 10th - Grade 8 rotation 5 begins
- Thursday, Jan. 12th - Mt. Seymour ski trip 2:45 – 10:15 (Ms. Oldham)
- Monday, Jan. 16th - Collaboration Day - Late start; TA is at 9:30 am
- Wednesday, Jan. 18th - Trades info night (Rotunda)
- Monday, Jan. 23rd - Non-Instructional Day (No school for students)
- January 23rd-January 27th - Literacy 12 Assessment (ALL week)
- Tuesday, Jan. 24th: PAC meeting 7:00 pm – Room 2032
- January 24-25 - Musical Theatre presents Mama Mia! Doors open at 6:30 pm, curtain at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 and they're sold in the rotunda at lunch starting January 9
- January 26th or February 3rd - Grade 9 immunizations Consent forms were sent home in December.
- Monday, Jan. 30th - Last day of Semester 1
- Tuesday, Jan. 31st - Flex day; no classes
- Thursday, Feb. 2nd - First day of Semester 2



Mr. Page & his TA students at the world renowned jade Spirit of Haida Gwaii sculpture by British Columbia Haida artist Bill Reid located at the Vancouver Airport.

Key Contacts

The following list of Counsellors and Administrators and their grades are listed below:

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Sincerely,

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