



A few highlights from November:



Remembrance Day Ceremony

Wednesday, November 8th, we had an all-school Remembrance Day assembly. We were fortunate to have many students play key roles: Roz Golshani sang O'Canada, Ryan Crowe read "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae, and Savannah Van Dijk performed the Last Post on trumpet. For the second year, we were fortunate to have a special presenter: Chief Warrant Officer Gerald Colgan, 3rd Canadian Division Deputy Sergeant-Major. He has served in the Canadian Armed Forces for 27 years and was deployed on operations in Afghanistan in 2008 and 2009. Remembrance Day assemblies are important and help us learn from the lessons of history, and to promote tolerance, unity, and empathy. It is important to be mindful of the sacrifices made by generations before us and work towards a better future where such sacrifices are no longer necessary.

Teaching Kitchen

The teaching kitchen makes incredible meals and uses many locally sourced and organic products. Pictured above was a delicious and spicy Korean dish called Bibimbap. Not only is our food prepared by students, it also allows students to sample food from around the globe. November also featured fresh oysters which students learned to shuck and sample. It included a lunchtime oyster eating contest which was won by Mr. Cariss and Mr. Connolly. Students learned that oysters are an acquired taste! The teaching kitchen is also supported by local producers such as Ponderosa Mushrooms, who are located in Maple Ridge. Jim from Ponderosa did a presentation on the wide variety of mushrooms they produce and ship across Canada, and Chef Carruthers made some delicious mushroom meals.

Peak Pod at Stanley Park

Our grade 8 Peak Pod, as well as doing their academic classes with Mr. Franco, Ms. Brown and Mr. Carriss, have been training hard. Pictured above is the day they ran around the Stanley Park Seawall which is always a challenging 10km run but was made

longer as portions of the Seawall were closed and students had to run closer to 13km!! Their next adventure will be the Coquitlam Crunch hike.

Governor General's Bronze Medal - Lukas Gawehns-Hoggan (2022-23)

Congratulations to Lukas Gawehns-Hoggan, a THSS 2023 graduate who earned the Governor General's Academic Medal! The Governor General's Academic Bronze Medal is awarded to the student graduating with the highest grade point average each year from every school in Canada. Lukas was also selected by his peers as the 2023 graduation valedictorian. Lukas is currently studying sciences at Thompson Rivers University. Most importantly, Lukas embodied what we hope for in all our graduating students - he worked hard, achieved excellence, was involved in leadership and made significant contributions to our school community. We wish Lukas continued success at TRU.

THSS Craft Fair



A long-standing tradition returned to Thomas Haney, The Happening Craft Fair. The return featured over 100 vendors and was planned, organized and run by a student team led by grade 11 student Reece Reichelt. Planning an event of this magnitude is a massive endeavour and we are so happy to have it return to Thomas Haney and even happier that it is a student-run

event! Be sure to mark your calendar for next year's Craft Fair at the end of November.

Class of 2024

Graduation Information

Graduation Deposits (\$50) Due December 15th. The deposit is the students' declaration that they will be participating in our Graduation Ceremony Thursday, June 6th at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. With the deposit we purchase the Cap and Gown for each student, which are keeper items for each grad. Payments can be made on the [parent portal](#), or cash or cheque made out to Thomas Haney Secondary can be brought to the school office.

Grad Photos are taking place at Thomas Haney after school and in the evening during the week of Dec. 4th to 8th. Students must book a portrait appointment with Mountainwest on their [website](#). There is a \$35 sitting fee payable to Mountainwest and students have the opportunity to purchase a full grad photo package. This cap and

gown picture is also used for the school yearbook and the graduation composite that is in the school hallways featuring every grad class since 1993. All grads will receive a copy of the class composite at their graduation ceremony. For students who do not plan on purchasing the photo package, they can book a free sitting appointment for a grad photo just for the yearbook and graduation composite by contacting Mountainwest directly at 1-888-644-4494 or by emailing help@mountainwest.ca. If there are questions, please have students contact and meet with Mr. Rowell at school.

Important December Dates

- Dec. 4th-8th - Grad Photos by Mountainwest (Appointment Required)
- Dec. 6th - Winter Music Concert at 7:00pm in the rotunda (Mr. Burns)
- Dec. 7th - Report Cards LIVE and viewable on [MyClass](#). If you cannot log in, email myclass@sd42.ca
- Dec. 11th - Peak Pod at Coquitlam Crunch (Mr. Carriss, Mr. Franco & Ms. Brown)
- Dec. 13th - Elf - The Musical Field Trip (Ms. Brema & Mr. Williams)
- Dec. 14th - Winter Showcase in Theatre - 6:30pm (Ms. Brema & Mr. Burns)
- Dec. 22nd - LAST day of school before Winter Break
- January 8th (MONDAY) - School OPENS after Winter Break

Key Contacts

The following list of counsellors and administrators and their grade levels are listed below:

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Please do not hesitate to email Darren_Rowell@sd42.ca if you need further information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Darren Rowell
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