

Thomas Haney Secondary School

# FEBRUARY 2024

February 1st, 2024

## A few highlights from January:

A huge shoutout to those who did meaningful & awesome things in January:

- Mr. Litt and the MANY staff who helped out for the Wake-A-Thon. Over 300 students enjoyed a night at school participating in a variety of activities including a concert, hot wings, ice cream bowls, dodgeball, inflatable bouncy games, and so much more!

## Emmy Wang - FINALIST for prestigious Loran Scholarship



Out of a pool of more than 5,200 applicants, Emmy is one of the final 12 students selected as Loran Finalists for the class of 2024 from across Canada. Emmy has demonstrated the drive to step up in the face of challenges and positively impact the community.

We know that such promising young people have the power to change the future for the better—they just need a launchpad and opportunities to grow. This is precisely what the Loran Scholarship offers: an enrichment program of leadership development and diverse learning experiences that equip them to create positive change over the course of their lifetimes.

Good luck to Emmy as she travels to Toronto at the end of February. In Toronto Emmy will be in the final selection process to be chosen as a Loran Award winner. The Loran Award is a four-year leadership enrichment program consisting of summer work experiences, mentorship, scholar gatherings, an annual living stipend, and a tuition waiver at one of 25 university partners.

## Student-Led Conferences

On Thursday February 8th, there will be no school as we will be hosting Student-Led Conferences. Appointments are now available for booking on the [Parent Portal](#). Parents are encouraged to stagger their bookings, as the 5 minute time slots will not allow for much time to locate the next teacher. Grade 8 parents are reminded to connect with the current rotation (Rotation 3) teachers for the Grade 8 electives.

Parents and students are reminded to use the main doors as we will have students available to greet and answer any questions!

## ThunderTech Robotics - Canadian Pacific Regionals in Victoria

Our ThunderTech Robotics team will be participating in the FIRST Robotics Canadian Pacific Regional event from Feb. 28th - March 2nd in Victoria. This event features robotics teams from across Canada and the US, Mexico, Taipei, China, Brazil. The team website can be found [here](#). Our team consists of 12 students, ranging from grade 8 through 12, who are currently working on the robot that will compete in the competition.



## THSS SIGHTLINE THEATRE PRESENTS – CLUE!



The Thomas Haney Sightline Theatre Company would love for you to join us for our production of CLUE: On Stage.

Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, Clue: On Stage is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The tale begins at a remote mansion, where we meet 6 mysterious guests as they assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Led by Wadsworth, the butler, Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock and Colonel Mustard race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. Clue: On Stage is the comedy whodunit that will leave both cult fans and newcomers in stitches as they try to figure out...WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT!

Tickets are on sale daily at lunch!!

**\*\*Content Warning for Younger Audiences:** The play has broad physical comedy, sexual innuendo, 6 on-stage murders with 6 different weapons, mild profanity, and alcohol consumption on stage. Target audience from the publishing company is 11+.

## Graduation Information

**Class of  
2024**

**Grad Photo Retakes (February 12th)** - visit the Mountainwest Photography website to book an appointment: <https://www.mountainwest.ca/grad-photos>

For yearbook photos and grad composite photos only, call to book your appointment: 1-888-644-4494 or email [help@mountainwest.ca](mailto:help@mountainwest.ca)

**Winter Formal (Feb. 15th) 6:30 pm** - Tickets on sale this week

**Grad (Student) Meeting - Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am (Y Block)**

**Graduation Ceremony (Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>)** - at Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

**Graduation Banquet (Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>)** - at Meadow Gardens Golf Course

**Dry Grad (Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> - Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>)** - at Thomas Haney

## Important February Dates

- February 1<sup>st</sup>: Online Student-Led Conference Appointments open 3:30 pm
- February 8<sup>th</sup>: Student-Led Conferences 1:00 - 4:00 pm & 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- February 8<sup>th</sup>: PAC ZOOM Meeting at 7:00 pm. Link:  
<https://sd42.zoom.us/j/61942494012?pwd=eU9uQjIWMWRjN1hLVmVMcEdraWRVdz09>  
(Meeting I.D: 619 4249 4012 Password: 627342)
- February 12<sup>th</sup>: Late start; TA starts at 9:30 am
- February 12<sup>th</sup>: Grad Photo Retakes. Book here: <https://www.mountainwest.ca/grad-photos>
- February 15<sup>th</sup>: Winter Formal (Gr 11/12) 6:30 - 10:00 pm
- February 16 - 21<sup>st</sup>: Jasper Student Trip
- February 19<sup>th</sup>: Family Day – schools are closed
- February 20<sup>th</sup>: Non-Instructional Day - no school for students
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>: Clue – Sightlines Theatre presents Clue
- February 26<sup>th</sup>: Grad Meeting #2 (10:00 am / Y Block)
- February 28<sup>th</sup>: March 2nd - Robotics Pacific Regionals (Victoria)

## Key Contacts

The following list is of counsellors and administrators and their grades:

- **Administration**
  - Mr. Rowell (Principal - Grade 12s)
    - [Darren.Rowell@sd42.ca](mailto:Darren.Rowell@sd42.ca)
  - Ms. Kania (Vice Principal - Gr. 8 &10s)
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- **Counsellors**
  - Mr. Grill (Counsellor - Gr. 9, 11 & 12s M-Z)
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Please do not hesitate to email [Darren.Rowell@sd42.ca](mailto:Darren.Rowell@sd42.ca) if you need further information or have any questions.

Sincerely,  
**Darren Rowell**  
Principal, Thomas Haney Secondary School

