# HANEY HAPPENINGS

# THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

#### April 11

PAC meeting 7:00 pm rm. 2032

# April 12

 Equine Expo 9:00 am – 8:00 pm (Gawehns)

#### April 15

- Late Start TA 9:30-10:00
- Commercial Drive Field Trip 8:15-2:30 (Fischer, Van der Pauw)

#### April 24

 Thunderfest 4:00 -8:00 pm Rotunday/Gym

## April 26

• SS 10 Chinatown / Gastwon Walking Tour 7:30 am – 4:45 pm (Williams)

## April 27

Vancouver Island Snow to Surf field trip departs 8:30 am (Connolly, Williams)



Badminton Club returns Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in the gym, from 2:45-3:45.

Attention Languages Students: The next multicultural seminar has been posted and it is a delicious one. On Monday, April 22 during Y block, we are bringing back our International Food Festival. Sign up is in the Languages Hallway and all the information on the seminar is posted on the board. To participate, you must bring food.

Exciting news from the English Department! The Haiku Death Match is coming to the English Great Hall on Friday APRIL 19<sup>th</sup> in blocks 4 and 5! If you are interested in participating, come to the English Great Hall to sign up and find out more info!

Curious about self-care, wellness, and tech? Come see Ms. Tsang in the great hall and test out jade rollers, gua sha tools, SAD Therapy lamp and LED red light therapy. Bring friends! Please note we don't have the omnilux but have similar tech.





Grade 8/9 Girls Home Games Monday, April 15 -PITT vs. THSS Monday, April 22 GSS vs. THSS <u>Senior Girls Home Games</u> Thursday, April 18 - THSS vs. GSS Tuesday, April 23 - SRT vs. THSS Thursday, April 25 - PITT vs. THSS



Grad ceremony fee balance is now due. The \$50 deposit should have been paid in December, and the balance of \$100 is due by April 30.



Attention grade 10 & 11 students: VolunTEEN applications are open now and will be accepted via website till April 15. students must apply directly to the VolunTEEN program – APPLICATION LINK will be live at this time. Students should take time and effort to fill out applications completely, as selections will be based on applications. Apr 15 Applications CLOSE @ 0900. More information and QR code in the career centre area.

Albion Craft Fair is looking for student volunteers, on Sunday April 28th. Volunteers are needed to help setup/breakdown the tables at the event, hand out gifts, and help with parking. Students interested in volunteering can visit Mrs. Sekhon in the career centre.

The shifts are: 8:30 - 12:30 and 12:30 - 4:30

# What is a Great Hall?

A Great Hall or GH is a large work area for students. This is a unique concept only available at THSS! There may be more than one teacher there helping students. There will be seating for many students. Some Great Halls are very large and some are smaller.

In a Great Hall, there will be students from different grades. Great Halls are sometimes referred to as "work areas".

Can you name THSS' Great Halls??

#### What is an Open Block?

An open block is a block in which you are not scheduled into a class during the school day – as with Y block on Mondays. Open blocks are sometimes called 'work blocks' or 'free blocks'.

Open blocks are instructional time – this means it is time when you are supposed to be in the school building working with an adult on your course work. Even though open blocks are not "a class" these blocks are school time and require you to be present in a Great Hall.

# What do you do during a Great Hall or open block?

During a GH block or open block you are expected to work in one of the areas in our school on your course work. You need to check in with the teacher that is in the Great Hall or Open Block with you. You can check in by saying hello or by telling the teacher you are there to see them. There are many things you can do during an open block. You can take a test or do a science

lab. You can finish a textiles project or work on an English assignment. You can read a novel or watch a math video. You can do an interview or review material before a test. You can edit a piece of writing or show a teacher what you have so far and get feedback on that.

What you do in an open block is determined by your course load and your assigned work.

These blocks are designed to let you decide what you should work on. These blocks give you an opportunity to work with a teacher one-on-one. You can also work with peers on a group project or on an assignment.

#### During a Great Hall or Open block:

- o Have all necessary materials you need handouts, paper, pencils, laptop, etc
- o Minimize your distractions like devices or chatty friends
- o Set a goal for yourself at the start of the block

For instance: 'During this open block I will read 5 pages from my novel' OR 'I will ask my teacher what work I need to do this week and do that'

o Behave as you would in a class – respect the space and those around you.



April is National Poetry Month! Pop by the library and check out a poetry book from our display!

Interested in joining Manga Club or Book Club? Message Mrs. Fulgueras for details!



THSS CAFÉ

Thursday: Bimbimbap Friday" Baked Mushroom Ravioli