



# May 2024

May 1st, 2024

## A few highlights from April:



**Thunderfest** - Shout out to Ms. Berg & her Leadership students for a hugely successful Thunderfest! It was a fun, well-organized family event that raised over \$2,500 for The Foundry. This was a very positive school and community event!



**ConnVict2024** - Shout out to our Connections 11 teachers for taking 60+ students on a whirlwind trip to Vancouver Island. They had a guided tour of the parliament building by Keith Baldrey, and time with our MLAs (D'Eith & Beare), time on Stz'uminus First Nation and met with a

Business Development Officer and talked about the reconciliation agreement they have with the province.



**The Interceptors** - Shout out to Ms. Carruthers for organizing the screening of The Interceptors, a documentary about a diverse group of inspiring individuals who are rising up to support food security in British Columbia. It was a packed house, and our students had great questions and positive responses for the filmmaker.



**International Food Festival** - Shout out to our Languages Department for hosting a delicious International Food Festival with sweet and savoury dishes from around the world.



Our Equestrian Academy students attended the CanAm Equine Expo in Chilliwack where there were a multitude of vendors, over 30 Educational Seminars and Clinics, and an equine breed showcase. In the centre photo, students are in the English Great Hall attending the Haiku Death Match. The event opened with our teachers going head to head in haiku battles and that was followed by student haiku battles and student voting to determine the Haiku Death Match champion. In the picture on the right, Ms. Brema brought a special guest for her Drama classes, a stunt coordinator who worked with students preparing for the upcoming production of *Mean Girls*, which opens this month. The students are learning to fall in a realistic manner without hurting themselves.



## Spring Sports

In the photos above we had our Senior Badminton team competing in the District Championships. Our golfers at Golden Eagle Golf Course playing on a beautiful afternoon. Jerome Teodocio ran in the Jr. 100m final at the Nick Wilkes Track Meet, and our Senior Girls' soccer team is pictured after a 4-3 win vs Garibaldi, which featured 3 goals from Zoe Black to help secure the victory!

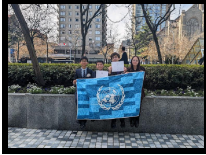
## Student Success

Shout out to Maya Fread (Gr. 10) who entered the French for the Future 2023-2024 National Essay Contest and won a \$12,000 scholarship for the University of Montreal for her essay in French titled, "La Contorsion." Congratulations Maya!



-Shout out to Tegan Harnett (Gr. 11) who represented Canada recently in Columbia at the Pan Am Softball Championships as part of the U18 Canadian team. She is an awesome student athlete who started as shortstop and helped lead Canada to a Silver Medal.

-Shout out to Model United Nations award winners from the recent Canadian High School Model United Nation (CAHSMUN 2024) in Vancouver



April 12th - April 14th, 2024. Matvey Okoneshnikov (Best Delegate) and Axel Zakaria (Best Research Paper). Thanks to Chris Connolly for bringing the THSS delegation to Vancouver for the weekend.

## Upcoming Events:



### Art Gala May 16th

**5:00 - 8:00 pm** - The Art Gala will feature incredible student art, both 2D and 3D, as well as digital art. Our Teaching Kitchen will provide some snacks and coffee for visitors viewing the art.

### Mean Girls - Theatre Production

THSS Sightlines Theatre presents a musical theatre production of Mean Girls which opens May 28 at 7:00 pm and has shows May 29, 30, 31, and June 1. Come and enjoy a great night of performances! More information to follow.



### Graduation Information

**Grad Meeting for Students (Monday, May 13)** - 10:00 am Rotunda

**Grad Breakfast and Mandatory Rehearsal (Thursday, May 30)** - in the Rotunda and Gym

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

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

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

**GRAD FEES:** Students should have PAID all fees for Grad Ceremony, Grad Banquet and Dry Grad. All payment information is on the portal (<https://parents.sd42.ca/>). See Mr. Rowell if you require further information.

**GRAD GUESTS:** Students who would like to bring a guest to our grad events must have a signed guest form submitted by May 3rd. Grad quests must pay for the banquet and/or dry grad fee as well. See Mr. Rowell if you require further information.

**THSS Photography “Vanity Fair Style Portraits”:** Our photo department at THSS is once again providing grads (and parents of grads) a Vanity Fair inspired Grad Portrait session between June 3 - 21 in our photo studio. These can be individual, couples or groups. To book a session, message Mr. Dickin ([randy\\_dickin@sd42.ca](mailto:randy_dickin@sd42.ca)) or Mr. Goodman ([todd\\_goodman@sd42.ca](mailto:todd_goodman@sd42.ca)).

### Important Dates:

- Monday, May 6 - Late start. TA is at 9:30 am
- Wednesday, May 8 - Rocklisk Trip to Seattle
- Thursday, May 9th (7:00 pm) - PAC Meeting
- Wednesday, May 15th - Professional Development Day (no school)
- Thursday May 16th (5:00 - 8:00 pm) - Art Gala
- Tuesday, May 21st - Aboriginal Education Awards (District)
- Wednesday, May 22nd - Grade 7 Day (no school for grade 8s)
- Thursday, May 23rd - Jesse Miller Social Media Presentation
- Monday, May 27th - ICBC Presentation (Senior Students)
- Tuesday, May 28th - Mean Girls (Musical Theatre Production) OPENS
- Thursday, May 30th (7:30 am) - Grad Breakfast & Rehearsal
- Thursday, June 6th - Graduation Ceremony (7:00 pm) - at Queen Elizabeth Theatre. Grads arrive by 6:00 pm.
- Friday, June 7th - Graduation Banquet (doors open at 6:00pm) at Meadow Gardens Golf Course
- Friday, June 7th - Saturday June 8th - Dry Grad - at Thomas Haney

### **Key Contacts**

The following is a list of Counsellors and Administrators and their grade levels:

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Sincerely,

*Darren Rowell*

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