

# HIGHLANDER HAPPENINGS

GRADE 8 NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER, 2024 - VOLUME 3



## GRADE 8s!

**Your infectious spirit and energy have not dampened with the weather!**

**Here's a recap of what October was all about!**



## NOVEMBER DATES

- 8: REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLIES**
- 11: REMEMBRANCE DAY (SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION)**
- 12: PROFESSIONAL DAY (SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION)**
- 28: COLLABORATION DAY (9:30AM START)**
- 29: TERM 1 LEARNING UPDATE PUBLISHED**

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## November Highlights!

### Remembrance Day Assembly

This was our first in person assembly since 2019. Students were respectful, solemn and understood the importance of honouring those who have served our country.



## CLUBS DAY EXTRAVAGANZA!



Grade 8s: Get involved! Participate! Make new connections!  
There are 68 clubs for you to choose from!



← Claymores Pottery Club  
and Camping Club



Persian Club →

Helping Hands Club



Geology Club



Chilling Out Club →



↘ Service for Seniors Club & Peer Tutors Club



↘ Paws and Pastries Club and Chem Buddies Club



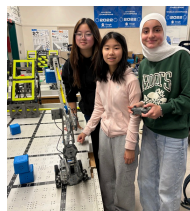
**Thank you to the amazing club leaders who went out of their way to set up their tables and provide useful information to students.**



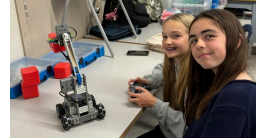
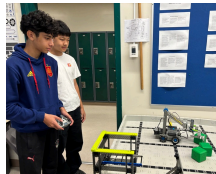
## IN THE CLASSROOM

Grade 8s demonstrating curiosity and interest in many of their classes.  
Thank you to our hard-working teachers who go out of their way to support all our learners!

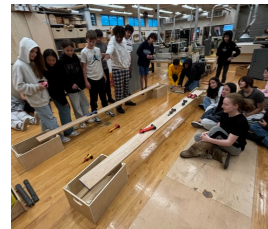
### Mr. Kirkland's Robotics 8 class



Students built and modified robots that they would remote control to complete a block stacking challenge.



### Mr. Herrington's Woodworking 8 class



Students designed, built, and painted their own race cars and competed in a car drag race to see who built the fastest or silliest design.





## ATHLETICS

Fall sports are in full swing!

Thank you to all the coaches for their time and commitment to helping our athletes participate and perform to the best of their abilities!

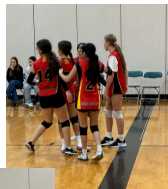
### Rugby



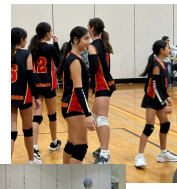
### Field Hockey



### Volleyball Red Team



### Volleyball Black Team



### Cross Country



# *Staff* SPOTLIGHT

## Ms. Krieger

**Born and raised:** Born in Vernon but grew up in West Vancouver

**Teaching assignment this year:** Office Support Clerk in the South Campus

**Favourite food:** Peanut butter



**Favourite genre of music:** New Wave 80's

**Favourite genre of books:** Mystery/Thriller

**Dream travel destination:** Norway

**Favourite sports/activities:** Camping and road trips

**Fun facts:** Lived in Hawaii in Grade 4!

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## Mr. Huang

**Born and raised:** West Vancouver and Vancouver

**Post secondary education route:**

UBC: B.Sc.in Chemistry

UBC: B.Ed

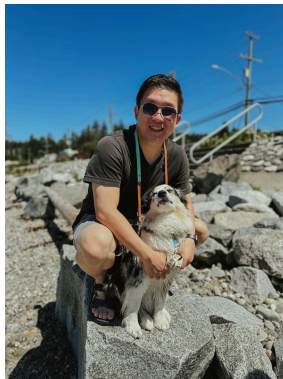
Ohio University: M.Sc. in Chemistry

**Teaching assignment this year:**

Science 8, Math 9 and IB Math 11 SL

**Favourite food:** NY striploin & prime

rib steak, fresh oysters, crab, lobsters, sashimi.



**Dream travel destination:**

Spain and Portugal b/c of their food.

Italy, Croatia, Belgium to learn their history while eating their food. Travelling must include eating the local cuisine.

**Most adventurous thing done:** I'm not very adventurous! But, at a staff event, I had to ride in a tandem bike behind Ms. Hewton. I couldn't see anything, had to trust her and believe we would survive!

**Favourite genre of music:** Hans Zimmer, the composer of Gladiator, Batman, Pirates of the Caribbean, Interstellar and Inception.

**Favourite activities:** Ultimate and hiking with my dog, Rocket. I watch a lot of TV/movies, love playing Clash of Clans and Townhill 13 without spending money.

**Fun facts:** My 4 year old mini-Australian shepherd is my fur baby, Rocket. I don't think anyone has ever been that excited to see me come home like Rocket.