

HIGHLANDER HAPPENINGS

GRADE 8 NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 2025

November is marked by Remembrance Day, and our WVSS students did a wonderful job participating respectfully in our Remembrance Day ceremony.



December dates to note

Dec. 3: Lockdown Drill (10:05am)

Dec. 15: Wonderville Evening Show | 6:00pm | Kay Meek Theatre

Dec. 16: Wonderville | 8:40am-2pm | WVSS

Dec. 19: Early Dismissal | 12:00pm

Dec. 22 - Jan. 2nd: School closed for Winter Break

Jan. 5: School opens (Regular Day 1- 1,2,3,4)

Jan. 6: Grade 7-8 Parent Information Night | 6:30pm | Kay Meek Theatre

2025

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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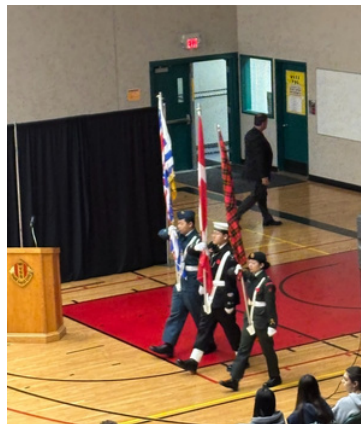


REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thank you to **Mr. Daudlin, Ms. Fulton, Ms. Hoyak, Ms. Taylor, and Mr. Zimmerman** for all the work they put into organizing a beautiful and solemn assembly.



Thank you to **Jessica Rosychuk** for doing the Land Acknowledgement and to **Airi Brett** and **Liam Corona Best** for being our MCs.



Cameron Clark laid the wreath.

Max Wang played The Last Post



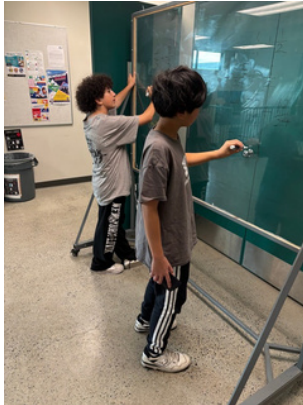
Cadets: **Kai Qi Zhou, Mathew Shim, Irene Shim, Samantha Kerr, and Ashby Lee Waugh.**



IN THE CLASSROOM

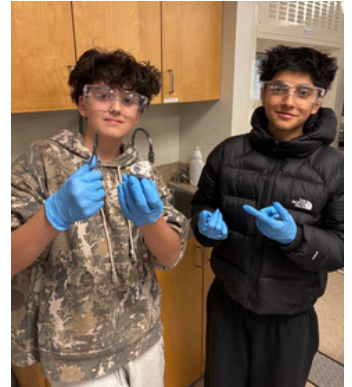
MATH

Mr. Lee's Math 8 class doing their test corrections on a board - an excellent opportunity to show their learning and improve their level of Math.



SCIENCE

Students got hands-on with their dissection of a sheep's eyeball in **Ms. Pelych's** Science class.



They placed each part onto the labeled chart with precision and focus.



FOODS

Mr. MacGillivray's class enjoys making delicious gingerbread cookies!



PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION

Grade 8s learn the fundamentals of volleyball in **Mr. Meldrum's** PHE class.



Readers Theatre Project

Ms. De Lazzer's students created a readers theatre performance of Jon Klassen's book *I Want My Hat Back* with the support of our Drama teacher **Ms. Hoyak**.



The students participated in warm up activities and learned about acting on stage in preparation for their show. The students proved themselves to be playful and capable in front of an audience of their families and friends. We look forward to performing again soon!



Staff SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Harvey

What is your role at our school?

I teach Strength and Power & Social Studies. I coach rugby and skiing.

What inspired you to become an educator?

A culmination of my experience as a student with learning disabilities and my experience playing rugby in my youth led me to become an educator. I realized the positive impact that my teachers and coaches had in my life.

What's your favorite part about working with Grade 8 students?

I love coaching grade 8 rugby because it allows me to meet some of my future students and senior rugby players while introducing them to my favourite high school past-time.

Can you share a fun fact about yourself that students might not know?

I love to bake.



What was your favorite subject when you were in Grade 8?

PE

Favourite movie?

Matilda

If you could instantly learn a new skill or talent, what would it be?

Speaking Spanish

What's one piece of advice for Grade 8s?

Take advantage of the amazing extra-curricular programs offered at WVSS. Learn to cook, change your tire, build a stool etc. You'll thank yourself later on in life.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Mexico. I love the sun, the beach, tacos, and my mom lives there!

What do you enjoy doing outside of school?

I love to run, ski, hike, cook, paint, and go bowling.

Staff SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Lee

What is your role at our school, and how long have you been here?

I teach Gr. 8, 10 and 12 Math, as well as IB Math. This is my fourth year at WVSS.

What inspired you to become an educator?

I'm a WVSS graduate and many teachers made a difference in my life, so I wanted to do the same for my students. Ms. Nam (Grade 6), Ms. Fulton (Choir), and Mr. Keary (Math) were especially influential.

Can you share a fun fact about yourself that students might not know?

Before teaching Math, I worked as a Martial Arts instructor. I have trained Taekwondo for about 14 years and taught for 6 years.

What was your favourite subject when you were in Grade 8?

Math was always my favourite subject, but I enjoyed all the Exploration courses, especially Woodworking and Textiles. Textiles 8 is the only course that I got 100% in my high school life!

Favourite book and movie?

Favourite book: *The Time Traveler's Wife*

Favourite movie is *Princess Mononoke* and it's about the humans, nature, and ambiguous nature of good and evil.



If you could instantly learn a new skill or talent, what would it be?

I love learning new languages. I was born in South Korea and raised in Canada, so I speak Korean and English fluently. I can speak some phrases in Mandarin, French, Japanese, and Farsi. If I could instantly learn a new skill, it would be to learn more languages, including sign languages.

What's one piece of advice you would give to Grade 8 students?

Be the pro-active learner! While all teachers in our school will do their best to reach out to you, it's always appreciated when students reach out to us first. Make sure you put your hands up, ask questions, find them during FIT or lunch, send emails, or even ask for more work.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Right now my travel destination is Türkiye, because I want to eat their food and ride the hot air balloon.