THE HIGHLANDER

GRADE 8 NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026

Our Grade 8s have brought incredible energy and school spirit to WVSS this fall! From running in the Terry Fox Run to joining clubs, they are already making a fantastic mark on the Highlander community.

Halloween at WVSS



Rock band performance

3 Blind Mice

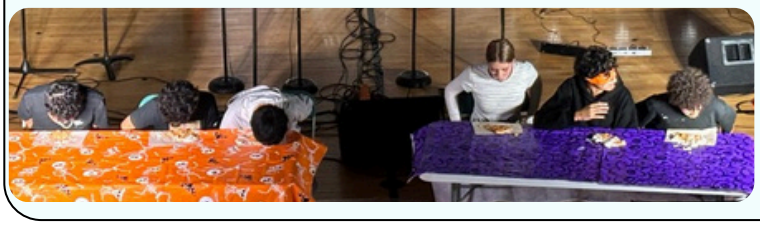




Costume contest

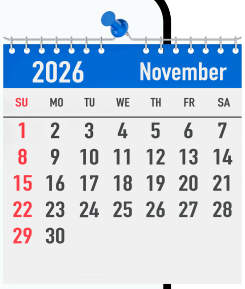


Pie-Eating Contest...and the winner is....





NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE



- Nov. 10: Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov. 11: Remembrance Day – School Closed
- Nov. 26: Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:25am)
- Nov. 27: Professional Day (Classes not in session)

OCTOBER EVENTS

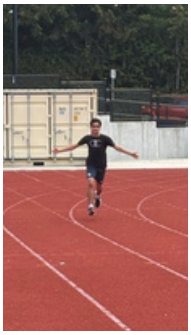
TERRY FOX RUN

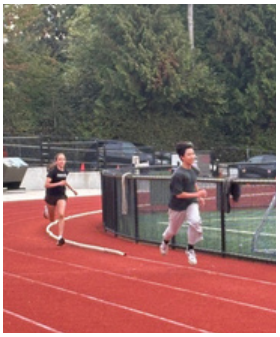
Students raced to commemorate Terry Fox's run for the cure.





Our fastest runners won prizes!









CLUBS DAY

Students were introduced to 55 clubs on October 8. Clubs are a great way to meet new people with similar interests.

























AROUND WVSS

STUDENT LIFE, ACTIVITIES, ATHLETICS, COMMUNITY

ATHLETICS

Hypatia Huang and Armita Khodabandehlou.





Many thanks to Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Dignum, and Mr. Ros for coaching the Cross-Country team.

SCIENCE CLASS

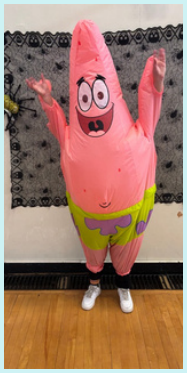
Ms. Eidnani's class discovers cellular structures and microorganisms





HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES IN SOUTH CAMPUS

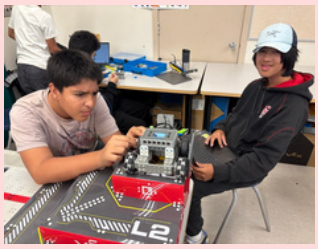
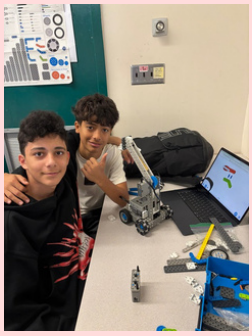
Student Council did a fantastic job organizing pumpkin painting, cookie decorating, a photo booth and a scavenger hunt for the grade 8s.

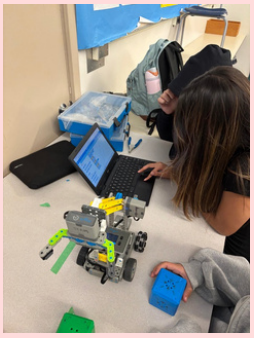
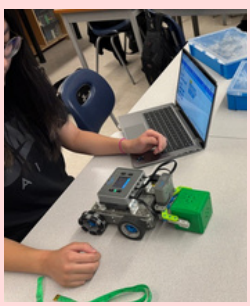





EXPLORATIONS ROTATION

Mr. Kirkland's Explorations class creates robots that move and pick up blocks.

WVSS PERFORMING ARTS FALL CONCERT

Grade 8 Orchestra with Mr. Mee







Choir, led by Ms. Fulton





Dance with Ms. Vysohlid







STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Lee

Favourite book: Any books written by Emily Giffin or Sophie Kinsella.

Favourite food: Spicy prawns – on a salad, in a taco, right out of the pan!

Favourite place you've visited: Seaside, Oregon with my entire family; it was a week of laughter and special moments.

What do you do in your spare time: Walking, fitness, baking, paddleboarding, hanging out with friends.

One piece of advice for Grade 8s: You'll get out of your high school experience what you put into it. So...get involved in sports, clubs, and other activities. Worry less about fitting in and more about finding your people!



Mr. Panah



Favourite book: *Emperor and Conqueror* series by Conn Iggulden.

Favourite movie: The Mummy (1999)

Favourite food: Ghormeh Sabzi or a full English Breakfast.

Favourite place you've visited: Preikestolen, Norway

Favourite sport in Grade 8: Basketball

One piece of advice for Grade 8s: Join clubs and teams, don't be afraid to put yourself out there and to try something new.