


Rick Hansen Secondary

March 2010 

Principal's Message

At this time, semester two is well under way and students have had an opportunity to get to know their teachers and classroom expectations. I encourage students to seek assistance from their teachers when needed and take advantage of lunch time and after school assistance provided by many of our staff members. A key contributor to student success is consistent attendance. We encourage parents to monitor their child's attendance and communicate with teachers regarding extended absences due to illness.

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By now, all students have had an opportunity to select their courses for next year. We encourage you to discuss these selections and contact our counselors if you have any questions or concerns. By the end of March, students will have had an opportunity to verify their course selections and make necessary adjustments by making an appointment with either Mr. Bergen or Ms. Fawcett.

Dry Grad Parent Volunteers Needed:

As we move into Spring, grade 12 students begin to feel the excitement of upcoming events such as convocation, prom and dry grad. Dry grad, is a parent driven event which provides students with a safe, drug and alcohol-free environment to celebrate their graduation. As you know, the success of events such as Dry Grad depend on the involvement of parent volunteers. At this time, the Parent Dry Grad committee is concerned with the low numbers of parent volunteers at monthly dry grad meetings. The parent Dry Grad committee is worried that without sufficient parental involvement, dry grad activities may have to be altered significantly. The next dry grad parent meeting will be held on April 6th at 7:00 pm in the Library. The parent committee is seeking your involvement and/or assistance in making this year's dry grad event a success.

Julie Rousseau
Principal

Man in Motion celebrates 25th anniversary

Vice-
Principals

Mr. M.
Pearson

Mr. G.
Davies

The 25th anniversary of Rick Hansen's Man in Motion tour was kicked off on Sunday, March 21 at the Blousson Spinal Cord Centre.

In the spirit of the original Tour, Rick proudly announced the creation of the [<http://www.rickhanseninstitute.org/>] **Rick Hansen Institute (RHI)**, which is positioned to grow globally through the 25th Anniversary. RHI will connect people and countries around the world in order to make significant contributions towards SCI research and care. The Rick Hansen Foundation will support RHI and will launch an ambitious more-than-\$200M 25th Anniversary campaign to generate resources for the Institute and other innovations that support the cause. We look forward to the second leg of his tour when Rick will travel throughout Canada and return to BC in September 2011. We hope one of his final stops will be here at the school where staff, students and parents can continue to be inspired by his vision of making a difference for people with spinal chord injuries.



Calendar of Events

Thur. Apr. 1	Sr Rugby @ Abby Girls Rugby vs RBSS
Fri. Apr. 2	Good Friday - no classes in session
Mon. Apr. 5	Easter Monday - no classes in session
Tues. Apr. 6	Grad Parent Meeting - 7:00 pm - Library
Wed. Apr. 7	Euclid Math Competition
Thur. Apr. 8	Girls Rugby vs Elgin Park
Mon. Apr. 12	Jr Rugby vs WJM - 3:15
Tues. Apr. 13	PAC Meeting - 12:30
Wed. Apr. 14	Jr Rugby @ RBSS - 3:15
Thur. Apr. 15	Sr Rugby @ Gleneagles Girls Rugby vs Clayton Heights School Dance
Mon. Apr. 19	Jr Rugby vs Yale - 3:15
Wed. Apr. 21	Jr Rugby vs Aldergrove - 3:15 Report Card Distribution Band/choir trip to Kelowna/Kamloops (21-24)
Thur. Apr. 22	Parent/Teacher conferences 5:30-8:00
Fri. Apr. 23	No classes in session
Mon. Apr. 26	Jr Rugby vs Brookwood
Fri. Apr. 30	Sr Rugby @ Yale 7's

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Online Research Site

An on-line research site has been developed by School District #34 for all teachers and students to use.

It can be accessed at: <http://sd34research.com>



Rick Hansen Golf

Students who want to learn or already have a love of the game are invited to Valley Golf Center every Wednesday. Mr. Weinkauff is organizing sessions weekly at Valley Golf Center on Gladwin Road which will include practice on the range and 9 holes of golf. For further information regarding costs, equipment and times please contact Mr. Weinkauff.



Graduation Highlights



Prom Guest Approval

Prom Guest approval forms are due in the main office by **April 15**. All approval forms are subject to administrative approval. Some requests may require administrative interviews.

To the parents of gr. 9-11 students

Planning is underway for our graduation ceremony. The grad parents are busy planning dry grad. Gr. 9-11 parent helpers are needed for planning and hosting the convocation ceremony. If you can help on May 28, either all day or in the evening, please contact Michael Hendricks (michael_hendricks@sd34.bc.ca) or the main office if you can volunteer your time to help with grad.

Help is needed in the following areas:

1. Grad gown distribution (May 24-27 ... daytime at RHSS) - 4-8 helpers needed
2. Convocation set-up/ decorating (May 28 at Abbotsford Pentecostal Church ... (9:00 am to noon) - 6-10 helpers needed
3. Ticket taking/ ushering (May 28 at Abbotsford Pentecostal Church ... (4:30 pm to end of event) - 12+ helpers needed
4. Convocation clean-up (May 28 at Abbotsford Pentecostal Church ... end of event and then help unload truck at RHSS) - 10+ helpers needed
5. Gown retrieval (May 28 at Abbotsford Pentecostal Church ... end of event, approx. 30-45 min. to collect and box grad gowns) - 6+ helpers needed
6. VIP hosting (May 28 at Abbotsford Pentecostal Church ... (4:00 pm to 6:30 pm; set-up VIP lounge for guests and scholarship presenters, food/ drinks, etc.) - 2 helpers needed
7. Parking lot attendants (May 28 at Abbotsford Pentecostal Church ... (4:00 pm to end of event; help with entrance/ exit of cars in parking lot, directing traffic, etc.) - 8+ helpers needed

Convocation is a BIG event, so 30+ parent helpers are needed to ensure this event runs smoothly and is a memorable night for the grads and their guests.



BC Wrestling Provincials



Congratulations to our wrestling team for their 3rd place finish at the BC Wrestling Provincials.

And to Jasmit Phulka, for his Gold medal win in the 74 kg category and Jobanjit Phulka, for his Gold medal win in the 60 kg category.



From the Art Department

A number of RHSS grade 12 visual art and photography students will be participating in District Scholarships Monday April 19th. Displays of their work and journals will be in Seven Oaks Mall from 8 AM to 4 PM. Good luck participants.

RHSS Visual Arts will present student artworks at Seven Oaks Mall again this year. Mall Show Dates: May 18th - May 25

RHSS students will have art on display near Extra Foods and the Royal Bank. Four Student/parent volunteers are needed to assist in the display Set-up on Monday May 17th at 5:30 and again for the Mall show Take-Down Tuesday May 25th at 5:30

Reminder of the Dress Code Policy (from student agenda)

As the weather starts to improve, we would like to remind students of our dress code expectations.

Clothing and Hats

*In general, it is expected that all faculty, staff and students will dress **modestly and decently** from the perspective of a conservative adult who is working in a place of business with young adults:*

** clean and neat in appearance.*

** will not display drugs, alcohol, racial, vulgar or sexual references in word or in pictures. This includes hats, jewelry, notebooks and school bags.*

** will completely cover the midriff and shoulders and be properly buttoned up. No tops with spaghetti straps. Students who wear tops that expose cleavage will be asked to cover up or be given a shirt to cover up with.*

The wearing of baseball caps will be permitted if, and only if, the cap is a "Hurricane" cap. All other caps, as well as bandanas, or other headgear shall not be worn, be carried, or in any way visible on the Rick Hansen campus, team trips and field trips.

Non-Hurricane hats found on campus will be confiscated. Your parent may have to come in to the school to pick it up.



Student of the Month

The Kiwanis Club created the Student of the Month program to honor and encourage grade 12 students in each high school in our district who go above and beyond the regular expectations (extra-curricular, helping out around the school, cooperation etc.). The winner each month is treated to a Kiwanis dinner with their parents and the nominating teacher and also receives a recognition plaque.

Congratulations to the following winners:



December -- Mark McCutcheon

Mark McCutcheon is an outstanding example of a strong student athlete and leader. He has excelled academically taking courses like Physics and Calculus to prepare him for UBC. At the same time he has excelled in football and rugby, serving as captain and being one of the top players on both teams.



January -- Parmveer Kaler

A Force 10 student who has earned straight A's in all her classes for the last 5 years. She is very active at RHSS serving on the Hurricane Council, Global Awareness, and Soccer. Parmveer painted a beautiful legacy wall mural to commemorate graduation. She is actively involved in community volunteer work as well.



February -- Sophie Smit

Sophie is a strong academic student, achieved the highest mark on the Math 12 provincial exam (99%), with a great attitude towards her work. She helps out the International students with Math on her own time. She has great school spirit and works hard in and out of class.



March - Mandeep Nahal

Mandeep is an unsung hero at Rick Hansen. She has covered the office phones, she is a dedicated, honest, trustworthy student who has earned straight A's in her classes. She is an active member of the Hurricane Council.