

Rick Hansen Secondary

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Welcome back to an exciting year at the home of the Hurricanes. Hurricane leadership students kicked off the year with amazing spirit and hoopla on opening day. The excitement continued last week as Hansen and Reimer students hosted an opening ceremony for Cops for Cancer. Students and staff contributed to the donations which resulted in \$1143 for a great cause. Students have now settled in with their new courses and staff are focused on instruction for success. Our rich culture and traditions continue to support students which is evident in the positive tone in the school.

Parents have been instrumental in the development of Hansen. We invite our current parents and new parents to drop by the school at anytime to visit the office staff and counsellors. Our mandate is to jointly work with you to support your son/daughter in their educational pursuits.

Welcome aboard to our new staff members:

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| Mr. Eric Bankes | Technology |
| Ms. Sarah Costa | First Nations |
| Ms. Nadine Johnson | Teacher Aide |
| Ms. Jas Khakh | Teacher Aide |
| Ms. Pauline Moss | Teacher Aide |
| Mr. Ian Newton | Science |
| Ms. Julie Rousseau | Vice-Principal |
| Ms. Jaspreet Sharma | Library Tech. |
| Mr. Matthew Smiley | Teacher Aide (until Oct. 31) |
| Ms. Shawna Tarras | Languages |

Welcome back, Mrs. Much, returning to the Science department after a one year educational leave.

Parent Dinner - October 21

Vice-
Principals

Mr. M.
Pearson

Mrs. J.
Rousseau

Rick Hansen Secondary will host its annual Parent Dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 6:30 pm featuring a special guest speaker. A great opportunity to see the programs we offer. Please contact Maureen at 604-864-0011 (local 1999) or email: maureen_zuest@sd34.bc.ca if you plan to attend.

Thanksgiving Food Drive



Until October 6th, Hurricane Council will be collecting non-perishable food and money donations from students during their Block C classes. All donations will go to the Abbotsford Food Bank to provide Thanksgiving dinner to those in need in our community. The Block C classes that collect the most money and food donations will win a pizza party! Let's all work together to give something back to our community.



Calendar of Events

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| Thursday, Oct. 1 | School Dance |
| Friday, Oct. 2 | Jr G VB vs SJB - 3:30 pm Hall of Fame Celebration |
| Tuesday, Oct. 6 | Sr FB vs Seaquam - 3:45 pm Grad Parent Mtg. - 7:00 pm - Library |
| Wednesday, Oct. 7 | Jr G VB vs ATSS - 3:30 Sr G VB vs Mtn 6:00 pm / Poppy 8:00 pm |
| Thursday, Oct. 8 | Jr FB @ Handsworth - 3:30 pm |
| Friday, Oct. 9 | Jr G VB @ MEI - 3:30 pm |
| Monday, Oct. 12 | Sr FB @ Hugh Boyd |
| Tuesday, Oct. 13 | Thanksgiving Day - no classes in session PAC Mtg. - 12:30 pm - Dining room |
| Wednesday, Oct. 14 | Jr G VB vs BTM - 3:30 pm Sr G VB @ Mountain 6:00 pm |
| Thursday, Oct. 15 | Picture Retakes Jr FB vs Pitt Meadows - 3:45 pm |
| Friday, Oct. 16 | Jr G VB @ WJM - 3:30 pm |
| Tuesday, Oct. 20 | X-Country @ Aldergrove Lake Sr FB vs Abby - 3:00 pm |
| Wednesday, Oct. 21 | Jr G VB @ SJB - 3:30 pm Sr G VB vs Aldergrove @ MEI - 7:00 pm |
| Thursday, Oct. 22 | Hurricane Bell Schedule / Assembly Parent Dinner Meeting - 6:30 pm |
| Friday, Oct. 23 | Jr FB @ Langley - 3:30 pm X-Country @ Hope Golf Club |
| Tuesday, Oct. 27 | Jr G VB @ ATSS - 3:30 pm No classes in session |
| Wednesday, Oct. 28 | Sr FB vs Sands - 2:30 pm |
| Thursday, Oct. 29 | Jr G VB vs MEI - 3:30 pm |
| Friday, Oct. 30 | Sr G VB vs Poppy @ Mtn - 7:00 pm Jr FB @ Mission - 3:00 pm |
| | Jr G VB @ BTM - 3:30 pm |
| | Sr FB vs Langley - 3:30 pm |

We're on the Web!
Visit us @
www.rickhansenssecondary.com



Grad 2009

Let's make 2010 Graduation special!!
We look forward to seeing many parents at the Grad Parent Meeting on
Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7:00 pm in the Library.

Yearbooks!!

Yearbook 2009/10 orders have begun!
Order your yearbook today for the early bird price of only \$45.
The deadline for early bird pricing ends Oct. 21. See Barb in the office to place your
order.



Apprenticeship Opportunity

There is a great opportunity for any student wishing to pursue a career in a trade. These students can get a head start on their trades training while still in high school. They can gain 16 credits, make money while in school, and earn a \$1000 scholarship. Please see Mr. Fedrau in the Counselling Center for more details.

There is no future in crime

If you, or someone you know, is involved in criminal activity, we can help

Abbotsford Police Department
Youth Help Line

604-864-4787

24/7 help for kids who want out



Great Opportunity to Visit Japan or Study in Japan

Four students from Rick Hansen (Naomi Polk, Patrick Proudfoot, Torey Warne-Lang, and Greg Tillack) are studying in Japan as exchange students for this semester. Greg is in grade 12, and the other three are in grade 11. They are attending high schools in different cities in Japan, staying with different host families. During the selecting process conducted by Global Partners (Canadian non-profit organization), all of them demonstrated strong interest in Japanese culture and language. They impressed all the judges with their knowledge and positive attitudes. From all over Canada, nine high school students were selected, and four of them are from Hansen, which is remarkable!

To become an exchange student for the short term, Japanese language skill is not a requirement. This means anyone can apply for this program, even if you are not taking a Japanese course. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore the Japanese culture. And yes, you can try authentic sushi!

If you are interested in this program, please email Mrs. Fisher at terumi_fisher@sd34.bc.ca. There will be a presentation by Global Partners sometime soon.

Also, there is another way to visit Japan. Every second year, Hansen students travel to Japan on a field trip. Our next Japan trip will be in the spring break of 2011. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Fisher at the email address above.

"Gambatte!" ("Go for it!" in Japanese.)



Global Awareness Club

Global Awareness is excited to announce our participation in the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up -- building community and restoring ecosystems. Participants received a certificate of completion useful for resumes. We thank parents, friends, and anyone in the community who joined with us on Tuesday, 22nd September from 2:45- 4:00 pm at Fishtrap Creek.



Activity & Grad Fee Collection

Activity and grad fee collection will take place during the weeks of Oct. 13-22. Invoices will be sent home with students in early October.

RHSS Library Connecting Students to the Books



Best Reader of the Month Contest

1. Whoever reads the most books every month will be awarded as **Best Reader of the Month?** & will get a gift certificate.
2. There will also be a reading contest for students and staff, who will read one or more novels in a month. Will get to put there name in the draw and can win a **prize**. Remember to pick up your draw slip from the library.
3. At the end of the year whoever reads the most books will get **an award**.

So Keep Reading & Keep Winning

Books open the doors to discovery

