

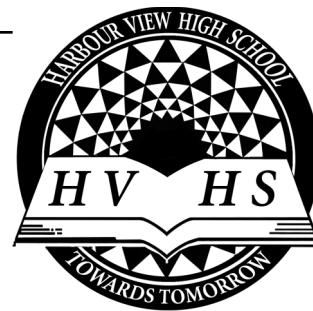


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“Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.” — Voltaire



HVHS students wear orange in remembrance



Photos contributed by Audrey Cho

Harbour View students marked the first National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on Sept 30 with activities designed to generate discussion and reflection, and a walk along Douglas Avenue at noon. “The day honours the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.” Wearing orange “opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. A discussion all Canadians can tune into and create bridges with each other for reconciliation. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on.”

Visit <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/> for more information.

October at HVHS
Happy Thanksgiving!
There is no school on
October 11th.



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By Liana Baxter

Welcome back 2022 grads! As we get back into the routine of full-time school this year, your grad executive is planning many fun events for this fall. Your executive this year wants you to have the best year possible. Let us introduce ourselves: our President, Luc Levesque; VP General, Ruhamma Zaheeb; VP Administration, Liana Baxter; VP Finance, Katherine Casey; External Communications, Ainsley Clark and Internal Communications, Thomas Patstone. It was great to see a lot of you at our first event, grad fro-yo! Make sure to check out our bulletin board on the stairs by the vending machines and listen to the announcements for information on future events.

We got word that Photography Flewwelling Grad Portraits will be taken here at the school November 1st - 4th. A studio will be set up here and will follow all Covid guidelines for distancing and mask usage when possible. Grads can sign up for their portrait time outside of Mrs. Lyon's classroom, Room 321.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Lyon or the studio directly. Information about what to wear and what to bring to your sitting will be provided in Homeroom in the coming weeks, so stay tuned! Sitting fees (cash please) are as follows:

6 poses - \$25

9 poses - \$30

*Please note: this covers the sitting fee and a color print-out of grad portrait proofs. Photo package information can be found on the Photography Flewwelling website.

Meet your 2021-22 Grad Class Executive

Back L-R: Thomas Patstone: VP Internal Communications & Spirit,
Luc Levesque: President

Front L-R: Ainsley Clark: VP External Communications, Liana Baxter: VP Admin, Ruhamma Zaheeb: VP General, Katherine Casey: VP Finance



Grads enjoyed some FroYo. L-R: Thomas Patstone, Ainsley Clark, Katherine Casey, Ruhamma Zaheeb, Jillian Billingsly, Ashlyn Renton

We asked you



By Olivia Jordan

Has it been an easy transition for you to go from half time to full time school?



Violet McDonald

“It is a little bit confusing, but it is overall better with full time.”



Ben Prowse

“It’s kinda difficult to switch because we started high school halftime.”



Emma Cormier

“Yes, it’s pretty easy because I get to see all my friends again, and that makes it less stressful.”



Joanna Jackson

“Yes, I find it is easier to be in a constant routine.”



Left:

Megan Marino

“Yeah, because I get to be with the rest of my friends.”

Right:

Ainsley Clark

“Oh yeah.”



Harbour View welcomes international students



Students from eleven countries are studying here at Harbour View this year. Having international students at our school is a wonderful opportunity for YOU to learn about other cultures and countries.

For information on how you can connect with our international students through our Student Ambassadors, please see Ms. Oram.

Meet our newest Vikings

Hockey's loss is Harbour View's gain
Story and photo by Paige MacDonald

Like many other young Canadian male hockey players, Harbour View High School Physical Education teacher Colin McSween's dream was to play in the NHL. He soon figured out that few athletes make it and decided to become a teacher.



"I became a teacher because when I was younger, I always liked coaching sports. I always liked to take my experience and knowledge and help other people get better," said McSween. "So, when I was thinking about what would be a good job for me, or something I would be good at, teaching was a natural calling."

Growing up, he had a hockey coach who inspired him. McSween saw the respect people gave the coach and wanted that for himself. The coach was also one of his teachers, and that's where his passion for teaching started. He has always loved science because he was an athlete growing up and

liked to learn new things about the human body. He put his love for coaching and science together and became a teacher.

"I always liked to take my experience and knowledge and help other people get better."

This drove McSween to follow his passion of spreading his knowledge and helping younger people achieve their goals.

Teaching around the world

Story and photo by Alex Wilkes

Mr. Webb is easy to spot in a crowd. However, most who go to this school do not even know his name. Mr. Sam Webb has been an inspiration for many students by being the friendly face they need in an unfamiliar environment. Webb teaches English to international students, and those for which English is not their native language.

He says that his title is mentor as apposed to teacher and he helps the international students who don't have the best of English learn the language and understand how the Canadian high school system works.

"Sometimes it's difficult for a student to have that adult they can talk to," says Webb, "and for international students, typically it's me."

However, before he was helping the students at Harbour View High School, he was living in England, studying for a degree in History and a master's in International Politics. One day, a friend of his mentioned he was teaching English in South Korea. Webb's love for travel and interest in the world kicked in. Webb applied for a job that changes his life.

He described the first year as very "daunting," but soon he realized that he loved teaching. Later he would go on to teach in Thailand, Japan before returning to Korea.

Later, after wanting to come back to the "European" lifestyle, he moved to Quispamsis with his wife and started teaching at Harbour View in September 2019.

After teaching here for a couple years, Webb intends to go back to university and earn a BEd so that he may work here full time.

"I really enjoy Harbour View," Webb says. "I don't know how students see it, but as someone who works on the inside you can tell there is a lot of kindness here."

Librarian making changes
Story and Photo by Ash Perry

Melanie Hooley, the new librarian at Harbour View High School, has plans for change and is making it happen. Ms. Hooley transferred from Simonds High School and is bringing with her new ideas to make the environment of our library into a fun and inviting space for all students,

"I like people to have fun. I believe libraries should be fun," Ms. Hooley said.

She has already begun to weed through and decommission some of the out-dated and ripped books. She is taking student request trying to get the books Harbour View students want to read. The library's budget will go towards "books that will be of high interest for the students," she said.



Ms. Hooley hopes to use her personal passion for reading and her love for books to help students find the perfect-fit book for them. Helping students find a good book to read is important to her and one of the reasons she loves her job as a librarian.

"I'll have students come into the library and they'll tell me they don't like to read; I take that almost as a challenge," she says. "There's always good books out there."



More than just a teacher

Story and photo by
Hannah Vautour

Accomplished athlete and math enthusiast are just a few of the many words to describe Mr. Van Snick, one of the newest teachers at Harbour View High School. Being relatable, makes Mr. Van Snick easily approachable and allows him to connect and understand his students better.

“I’m very well rounded, so it doesn’t matter what your personality is, you can come to me with any issue and I most likely can relate to it,” said Mr. Van Snick



Mr. Van Snick’s love for math started in his teens. Balancing both sports and academics has helped him gain notable leadership skills.

Mr. Van Snick grew up playing many different sports, but the one he gravitated to the most is baseball. At the age of only 17, Mr. Van Snick competed in the 2013 Canada Games held in Quebec. He continues to play baseball in the men’s league here in Saint John.

“Due dates and having things organized in my classroom goes hand and hand with all the athletic characteristics; it also helps you connect with students,” said Mr. Van Snick

Whether you need help in the classroom or tips for the field, Mr. Van Snick is someone you can easily seek advice from.

Meet Mr. Jordan

What subjects will you be teaching at HVHS?

I will be teaching Science 9, Entrepreneurship 110, and Mill & Cabinet 120 first semester this year. I am unsure what I will be teaching for second semester.

What can students expect in your classroom?

Students can expect a very approachable and easy-going teacher; however, that doesn’t mean that my students should feel like it will be a “free for all” in my class. I am a strong advocate for giving respect to students in all areas of the classroom (answering questions, reading out loud, and listening attentively as students speak) and expect the same in return from the students to me when I am teaching.

What is one thing students might be surprised to learn about you?

One thing my students might be surprised to learn about me is that I didn’t decide I wanted to be a high school teacher until after I graduated university. Once I started university, I aspired of getting my masters in exercise physiology and one day hoped to be a researcher/professor in that field. When that option wasn’t available to me after graduation due to lack of research in that field, I knew that I still wanted to be an educator and decided to get my education degree and maybe revisit that original goal later in life.

What advice do you have for students to help them have a positive high school experience?

My advice for students would be to get involved as much as possible. Being in a big school with a large student population, it can be easy to get into a routine that feels safe and comfortable for you and before you know it, four years have passed and you’re graduating. I think that jumping out of that comfort zone and joining a club, trying out for a sports team, or getting involved in SRC is a great way to make new friends, discover new interests, and make the most of your high school experience with everything that HVHS has to offer.

From intern to classroom teacher

Story and photo by Malachi Lefurgey

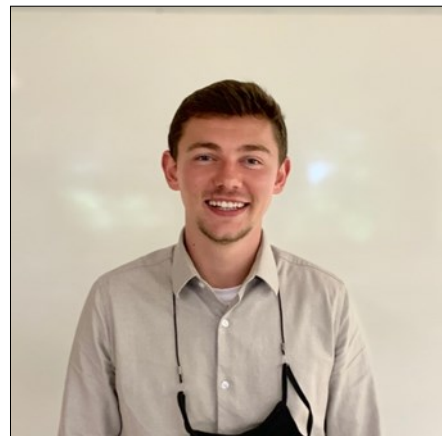
Some of you may remember Mr. Watson from last year when he was an intern for Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Titus. Prior to pursuing a career in education, Luke Watson completed his undergraduate studies at UNB Saint John thinking he would attend medical school. As a result of his passion for science and community work, he switched to a career in education.

“It was when I was working as a volunteer patient at the medical school and volunteering in a few local schools in Saint John, that I realized that teaching might be what I would like to pursue,” Watson said.

In his free time, he loves camping, hiking, and learning all about the outdoors. He’s always searching for new adventures to take part in. In Mr. Watson’s youth, he and his father would go on camping excursions together; it was on these trips that they developed an unbreakable bond.

Mr. Watson has recently begun learning to play the guitar because he found that music was an aspect of life that he had shied away from. Mr. Watson currently enjoys the music of Zach Bryan (an American singer-songwriter), an artist who inspires him to learn to play guitar, to help fill his time with a new hobby during this COVID world period.

“I think it’s better to be a jack of all trades than a master of one. Realizing that you can’t always do everything or learn everything, but why not try,” Watson said.



Put a little sunshine in your day

By Gracelynn Gaunce

The Sunshine Café may just look as though it's a regular classroom, but there is more going on inside. Over the last five years, the Sunshine Café has provided hot meals for lunch to anyone who needs it. The goal is to provide healthy meals using fresh produce from the Harbour View Garden and prepared by students, including Mrs. Gallagher's Culinary Tech classes and Mrs. Dick's Nutrition classes.

Some people don't realize the importance of the Sunshine Café - if someone forgets their lunch they don't have to worry - the Sunshine Café's got your back. The Sunshine Café is successful because it is supported by so many people within our school and in our community. Students harvest vegetables, stock shelves with donations, prepare and chop vegetables and cook soups and biscuits. Other students promote, set up or clean/ sanitize afterwards. The café appreciates our school families (TAPPS) and community organizations who donate healthy ingredients, as well as our caring administrators and staff who work hard to ensure that every student has a full stomach and is ready to learn.

The Sunshine café is a cheerful spot! If you have forgotten your lunch, then drop by! It is a warm friendly environment. You are sure to leave with a smile, a full belly and perhaps even with a new friend or a new recipe to try at home. The Sunshine Café is open every day at lunch time in room 122 and can provide you with the nutritious lunch you need!



The Chill Room (rm 129) is open EVERYDAY from 1245pm – 115pm

- Relax
- Eat lunch
- Do homework
- Sit in comfort





The Atlantic Coastal Action Program (ACAP Saint John) donated 100 trees to the school and planted them with us on Sept 22, National Tree Day! My Marine Biology 120, Coop 120, Biology 111 and Environmental Science 120 took part.

Students pictured above L-R: Ira Schmid, Danielle Cosgrove, Hannah Renault, Aidan Crowley, Brandon Montyr, Aidan Phillips



Submitted by Ms. Vickers

Our Climate Action Group was awarded a generous grant from the Saint John Community Foundation and RBC to fund student-led environmental projects. The plan for our new outdoor classroom was conceived by last year's graduates, Logan Breen and Declan Hartery, and designed and built by welding teacher, Andrew Clarke. Working around some frustrating pandemic related delays in ordering materials, our welding graduates and tech teachers toiled late into some June evenings and the class of 2021 was able to use these beautiful benches for their outdoor graduation. Thanks to their commitment and expertise, Vikings will be learning in the fresh air with a beautiful 'harbour view'. This legacy is a real credit to the class of 2021 and a wonderful addition to our school grounds.

VIKING SPORTS

By Georgia Anderson

Hey Vikings, welcome back to a new school year! We're reunited at last! If you are new to the Harbour Views sports column, no worries, so am I! My name is Georgia Anderson, and I am the new Harbour Views sports columnist. I'm in grade ten and love rowing and softball. I'm so excited to be taking the reins on this amazing column in the newspaper! This section will be your go-to for sport news, re-caps, and updates. We are very fortunate to have the chance to be doing sports this year, and we can't wait for all the amazing sporting events to come.

Even with the Covid roadblocks, we have managed to continue with all of the normal fall sports so far this year. The football team has been able to return to tackle football. They suffered a hard loss their first game of the season against St Stephen. The girl's soccer team has played two games so far this year, coming up just short both times. The boy's soccer team has fought hard in the four league games they've played, but have unfortunately lost them. The girls field hockey team played a hard-fought game in their first game of the season, tying the game 0-0. They came close, but ended up losing their second game, against Saint John High, 1-0. The baseball team has had four games this season, unfortunately losing them all.



Back L-R: Kevin Walsh (coach), Brad Jennings (coach), Becca Dunham, Casey Flanagan, Keely Flanagan, Kayly Lomax, Joanna Jackson, Shaylyn Lomax, Brooklyn Loatman, Georgia Anderson, Megan Marino, Jeff Randell (coach)
 Kneeling L-R: Launa Shand, Gracelyn Walsh, Abby Randall

The cross-country team has had two meets so far, and it's been an amazing start to the season. At their first meet in Hampton, Felicia Mortimer (gr.9) placed 1st for the junior girls and Brayden Baird (gr.11) placed 3rd for the senior boys. Felicia also placed 2nd at their second meet.

The girl's softball team finished their season with a 10-4 win over Sussex High. The team has had a phenomenal season with a near clean sweep, winning 5 out of the 6 regular season games, 3 of those games being shut out wins! A big shout out to Gracelyn Walsh, Launa Shand and Abby Randall for playing a great last game of their HVHS softball careers.

It was a pleasure playing with you girls and good luck with your future endeavors. Congratulations on an amazing season!

Another extremely important part of the HVHS athletics department is, of course, the athletic directors. Mr. Palmer leads the team of athletic directors with help from the assistant director Jessica Palmer and a very helpful team of students including Ben Timmons, Ryan LeBlanc, Eli Springthorpe, Madison Snodgrass, Jack Bailey, and Bridget Jacobson. The student athletic directors' job is to help Mr. Palmer do anything that can help the athletic department run smoothly. Their main jobs are handing out and collecting jerseys. They also keep the parents and students up to date on any sports games or news on Facebook, Instagram, and the announcements. And, once events like East-West and pep rallies are allowed again, they will be in charge of running those.

If you ever have any questions about the sports here or you need a jersey, you can find this group of students in the athletic directors' office, directly across from the boys changing room, at lunch.

New school year, new Vikings



Top Left: Lacey Ferguson and Tilly Sprague-Hay

Top right: Grace Brown and Ian Kelly

Middle: Owen Robichaud, Carter Donald, Drew Brennan

Bottom Left: Lachlan Watts, Sophia Gautier, Tala Hawkes

Bottom Right: Grade nine student Josh Sisco receives a much-coveted HV T-shirt.





Beyond The Last Page



By Ella Melvin

First, I would like to welcome all our book review readers back, and for anyone new to HVHS, or just new to reading the paper, I would like to introduce *Beyond the Last Page*, a monthly, dual perspective book review where we read books and give our opinions. Our goals are to introduce new genres to people's bookshelves, offer suggestions if you need a new book to read, and just bring our love of reading to Harbour View. I would like to add that if there is a book you think we should review, feel free to email the suggestion to me at ellmel97697@nbss.nbed.nb.ca. That email is also open to anyone who has read one of our reviewed books and wants to share their own opinions - I would love to hear from you. Now on to the review.

This month the book *Truly Devious* by Maureen Johnson is taking centre stage. This book is through and through a mystery novel. We follow a young aspiring detective named Stevie Bell who is dead set on solving an 80-year-old cold case. She gets accepted into the prestigious boarding school Ellingham Academy where the murder took place all those years ago. Little does she know while at Ellingham, not only will she have to focus on the past – the present might drum up a mystery for her as well.

Along with our aspiring detective, we have a full cast of flushed out characters all with their own unique talents and interests. There is the moody author, the fashionable engineer, the mysterious older boy, the famous vlogger, the crazy musician, and many other interesting folks that bring the story alive. No matter who you are, you can find someone in the story to relate to and find a piece of yourself in, which I always find makes the story more enjoyable.

The book is fast-paced and written in such a unique and hilarious way that it perfectly blends a serious and gripping mystery with a fun, relaxed read. The author's use of similes never fails to make me laugh, for example when she compares a tone of voice to gravy. She also had a way of creating suspense that kept me up reading late into the night. Throughout the story the author also bounces between present time and 80 years in the past (when the original murders were taking place), and while that can become confusing in some novels, this book tends to do a really good job of keeping the timelines separate.

Overall, it was a great read. It featured going back to school which is fitting for the first review of the year, and it also had a mysterious side perfect for the upcoming spooky season. It is a 4/5 for me and I recommend you give it a read.

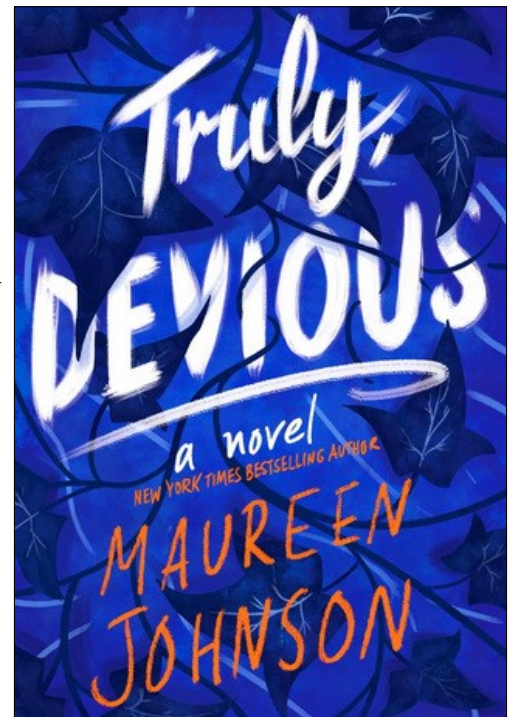
By Emily Wasson

Truly Devious is book one of Maureen Johnson's mystery trilogy. With 416 pages of text, it is a surprisingly fast read. Once you get through the bulky exposition that comes with every mystery novel, the story picks up and the next thing you know you've finished the book. The story follows Stevie Bell while synchronously following a murder that happened back in 1936 when Stevie's school first opened.

I always enjoy a mystery novel that follows two mysteries at once. It's interesting to me to read how they can connect even if one happens years in the past. Maureen Johnson does a wonderful job of making evidence pop up naturally for the murders, while still understanding that it takes skill to find them. Stevie isn't a regular kid who just stumbled upon a murder; she goes looking for it because she's curious about crime. She wants to solve the mystery right, and you can feel it eat her up inside every time she gets stuck on a clue.

One thing I didn't like about *Truly Devious* is that it had a lot of plotlines, and it really affected the writing style. Along with both mysteries, there is also a subplot about Stevie's parents, her friends Nate and Janelle, and another about this guy she likes. While it does a good job representing a school and life balance, I found it quite confusing. One point in the middle of the novel she mentions an essay that she keeps putting off and it keeps coming up when talking about her schoolwork. By the third act of the novel, the essay is never mentioned again. It wouldn't be a big deal if this happened once, but it happens multiple times where school projects and/or clues in the mysteries get dropped.

Truly Devious has a solid premise and is an enjoyable read; it just sometimes gets all jumbled. For me the inconsistent writing was a bit jarring, but didn't stop me from enjoying the first book and wanting to read the sequel. I give *Truly Devious* four out of five stars. It's a nice mystery with likable characters and a quick read!



Yay or Nay



Entertainment

By Malachi Lefurgey

Hey! Let me introduce myself. I'm Malachi. It's my first year at Harbour View (grade 11). This past July, my family and I moved from Hamilton, Ontario. I will be reviewing movies and TV shows across all streaming platforms every month.

So, let's jump right into our very first Yay or Nay.

Only Murders in the Building tells the story of three strangers who share a passion for true crime. Who through unfortunate circumstances become close friends and solve their own murder cases. As we continue through this series, we see everyone has their own secrets. But how far are they willing to go to keep those secrets hidden?

This suspenseful crime show stars Steve Martin (Charles Haden Savage), Martin Short (Oliver Putman), and Selena Gomez (Mable Mora) as the three main leads. The first three episodes of *Only Murders in the Building* debuted on the 31st of August. To keep us on our toes, they release a new episode every Tuesday. The show is set to run for ten episodes.

Personally, I believe the acting could be better. You might cringe at times and wonder, "Hold on, these are really good actors... what's happening?" However, this does not detract from the entertainment value of the film or its plot twists. Without going into too much detail, I did *not* see one plot twist coming!

If this show sounds of any interest to you, and you're really impatient, start right away! *Only Murders in the Building* is one of those shows you need to binge-watch. You're left speechless after each episode ends on a cliff-hanger.

The show is available for subscribers of Hulu or Disney Plus.

I would definitely give this a YAY.



Grade 11 student Malaki Brown (pictured left) shared his passion for turn of the century passenger liners by painting this beautiful mural of the RMS Carpathia on the wall of Dykeman's Hardware store on Adelaide St. in the North End. One Change Art instructors praised Malaki for his talent, enthusiasm, and leadership on this project.

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