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In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can. - Michael Korda



Holocaust survivor speaks at HVHS

By Mandie Lepper

On April 28, 2009, Elly Gotz spoke to an assembly of students about his experiences during the Holocaust.

Mr. Gotz was born in Kovno, Lithuania. By the time he was five, he could speak four languages: Yiddish, Russian, German and Lithuanian. The beginning of his life was normal and happy; his father was a book keeper and his mother was a nurse before deciding to stay home and take care of her family. All was well until the beginning of the war.

Jewish people were not allowed to walk on the street but in the gutter, and they had to wear a yellow Star of David. Later, he and his family along with the other Jewish people of his community were sent to a very crowded ghetto. There was no school and it was guarded along the perimeter. The Nazis demanded all valuables under threat of death and everyone also had to hand over all their books. Gotz remained in the Kovno Ghetto from 1941-1944.

Mr. Gotz was educated by the large book collection that he and his family had hidden. They convinced the Nazis to allow them to build a school, where Elly learned to become a locksmith. Later, when he turned fifteen, instead of being relegated to slave labor he got to teach the kids at the school about locks. He had to work twelve hours a day.

The Nazis killed ten thousand people from their ghetto and then later rounded up three thousand more children, who were also killed. He and his father were sent to the concentration camp and he was separated from his mother and his aunt.

The concentration camp they were sent to was Dachau in Munich, Germany. At the concentration



(Photo by Joseph P.O. Comeau)

camp, they were infested with lice and their only possessions were an aluminum bowl and a spoon. When Mr.Gotz and his father were liberated on April 29, 1945 he was sixteen and six feet tall, but only weighed seventy pounds. His father only weighed sixty five.

Six months later, he and his father were reunited with his mother and his aunt

I felt mesmerized by his words and horrified at the subject. I've heard about what happened during the Holocaust but I'd never heard someone talk about their own personal experience, and I found that had more of an impact on me. The part that stood out to me most would probably be the number of killings and how a group of people was able to get away with that. The loss of all those innocent lives made me very, very sad. Something else that stood out, but was less depressing, was the part about Mr. Gotz' love of books, mainly because of my own love for books. Overall, it was an incredible experience.

May at HVHS

- 4th 8th Spring-a-polooza
- 6th 12th AP Exams
- 7th 9th Provincial Drama Festival in Fredericton
- 14th PISA Exams
- 15th NBTA AGM
- 18th Victoria Day
- 22nd Relay for Life

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Happy "Bard-Day", William!

Students celebrate Shakespeare's birthday with a week of activities

Treading the boards with the Bard

By Brittany Cormier and Abigail Hudson

Shakespearean plays were meant to be seen and not read.

To help grade nine students better understand Shakespeare's work, the English department of HVHS brought in professional actor Tim Turnell for an actor's workshop. A group of 18 students spent a week with Tim learning a bit about how plays were staged during Shakespeare's day. These grade nine students also worked on a piece to perform on stage at an assembly to honour Shakespeare's birth. This was a great experience for all who participated.

"We got to learn new stuff about Shakespeare," says Jeremy Plume. "Tim showed us how to stage fight, too."

We were very thankful to have Tim come to our school and teach us about Shakespeare and acting. He showed us how natural it is to speak in iambic pentameter, and made us see how exciting Shakespeare's plays are when they are brought to life.

"Tim inspired me to act. He showed me how to come out of my shell," says Chris Hobart. "I have a new perspective on Shakespeare now. This experience was fun."

In such a short time there were so many acting skills learned. We learned about projecting our voices and following Shakespeare's lines, not to the end of the line but to a natural pause. We all had a blast shouting out death cries from various plays. Tim put together a really active script that was a medley of scenes from Macbeth and Hamlet. We always thought those plays would be really complicated, but when Tim told us the stories and we acted them out it was really clear. We can't wait to study those plays in more depth in later grades.

"Shakespeare is not what everyone thinks it is. It is actually fun, although it's a lot of hard work to put on a performance," says Cody Cooper. "In the end, though, it's all worth it."



Students made masks during the week-long celebration of Shakespeare's birthday. (Photo by Mrs. McGrath)





An assembly was held on April 23rd to honour Shakespeare's birthday. The assembly included a sock puppet show, sonnet readings (including the sonnet found on page 4) a fencing demonstration and a visit from the Bard himself, as played by Mr. McFarlane. Several prizes were also handed out during the assembly. Students were treated to birthday cake donated by the West Side Sobeys.



HONK! is a 'quacking' success

By Sarah Reed

Harbour View High School was proud to present, *Honk!*, April 22-25 at the Harbour View High theatre. Based on Hans Christian Andersen's "The Ugly Duckling" the story follows a misfit duckling named Ugly as he searches for his mother. Along the way he meets a number of different characters, and unknowingly goes on a journey of self discovery.

The cast and crew of this production did an amazing job, and put on an enjoyable show for the whole family. The plot of the story was easy for the audience to understand, and the bright and colorful costumes were not only attention grabbing, but also made it simple to distinguish what animal everyone was playing.

The students of Harbour View were perfectly cast for their roles and brought each character to life, while at the same time adding their own personal touch to the character. The hard work and determination that the students put into perfecting everything about their characters, down to the facial expressions, was evident during the entire play.

The loving and caring mother duck, Ida (Amber Carroll), the sarcastic and witty father duck, Drake (Tristan Johnson), the mischievous and cunning Cat (Kory Fulton), and of course the innocent and compassionate little duckling, Ugly (Jeremy Myshrall) are just a few of the characters that helped make this musical so wonderful.

This modernized version of "The Ugly Duckling", once again reminds people not to judge a book by its cover and that it is what's on the inside that counts.

Harbour View High School's production of *Honk!* was a heartwarming story full laughs, tears, and everything in between, and it may just be one of Harbour View's most successful plays yet.

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We asked you: What's your favourite class and why?

Photos and Interviews by: Fiona Milne & Sarah Reed



REBECCA AUCOIN Instrumental music: I like to be creative, and Ms. Sanderson is an awesome teacher!



ALEX BARRETT Leadership: You get to feel like part of the school.





DARHYL BALEMANS Art, because I enjoy drawing. CELINA STUBBS Outdoor Pursuits because I don't have to sit in class; I get to go outside and do things.



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Modern History: It's very interesting and there is always so much to learn.

Shall I compare thee to a rugby game?



Nothing else compares to a rugby game It is not hockey with its puck and stick If you do not like rugby you are lame In basketball you dribble but don't kick. Rugby is a sport for the strong and tough Unlike ping pong with its tiny ball and net Rugby's a game for those who like it rough Sports like golf and basketball aren't a threat. Rugby has cool terms like hooker and scrum Not silly words like bogie and birdie. Come downfield and we'll knock you on your bum When you get back up, you'll be all dirty. You may not understand a maul or ruck All you need to know is it ends in a smuck.

This sonnet was written by Grade Nine students Brady Hooley, Cruise Goddard and Josh Graham as part of Shakespeare's birthday celebrations held at HVHS April 20-23. HVHS took part in 20th annual RugbyFest held at RNS April24-26. RugbyFest is a weekend tournament with 40 teams taking part on 5 pitches at RNS. Both boys' and girls' teams compete, some coming from as far away as Calgary and Quebec. It serves as an opening for the high school rugby season in New Brunswick with many local teams competing and taking a look at future opponents.

Harbour View came out of the 2009 competition with a won/tied/lost record of 1/1/2 - and a huge gain in experience. The games were played in warm sunshine and all agreed it was a great event.

(RugbyFest info submitted by Mr. Bidgood. Photo by Mrs. Doucette)

Four HVHS girls help team win provincials

On March 21-22, four Harbour View basketball players participated in the Juvenile Provincials in Fredricton. Although Kaylee Kilpatrick, Emily Thomas, Katie Couglan and Sherry Ring are all members of the High School basketball team, for this event they were playing for the Saint John Vikings, a team comprised of players from all over the city.

"At the end of our school season we learned about this other opportunity to play and the four of us decided we'd continue playing," says Kaylee. The newly formed team practiced about once a week under coaches Cathy Kilpatrick (HVHS) and Lynn Roberts (St. Malachy's)

All the hard work paid off. The team beat four other teams in the round-robin tournament. Ultimately the Vikings ended up playing against Fredericton in the finals, a game which they won 84-81. This win earned them the title of Juve-nile Provincial Team Champs.

"I've been playing basketball pretty well since I could walk because my mother was always coaching and my brother was always playing so I was always at the gym," says Kaylee.

Kaylee was recently chosen for a spot on the New Brunswick Team for the Canada Summer Games which will be held in PEI this August.



L-R Katie Coughlan, Emily Thomas, Kaylee Kilpatrick, Sherry Ring (Photo by Josh Bradley)

Read a good book lately?

STORMBREAKER

Author: Anthony Horowitz

Alex Rider is a British 14 year-old boy who is taken care of by his uncle who is a banker. When Alex's uncle dies in a car accident, he decides to investigate only to find out his uncle's secret and get tangled up in the crazy world of the British Secret Service.

There's only one word to describe this book -- thrilling! It's full of action and the way that Horowitz describes it makes it so much more exciting. Definitely a book impossible to "put down" because at the end of every chapter it leaves you with a "cliff hanger" so you're forced to read more. The only flaw of this book is it is a short read. So if you are looking for a good book filled with excitement, look no further than Stormbreaker.

(Reviewed by Travis Parker, Grade 11)

POINT BLANK

Author: Anthony Horowitz

This book is part of a series of books all about a spy teenager named Alex Rider who, in every book, has a different mission from a spy agency called MI6. In this book Alex goes undercover as a problem child and visits the Academy at Point Blank. Little does he know that there is more than "helping people" going on at the Academy. I recommend this book to anyone who likes action/ adventure or spy stories.

(Reviewed by Stacie Smith, Grade 9)

Grad Class News

By Laura Morrison

The Harbour View High School Grad Class has a few upcoming events in an effort to raise money to help cover the expenses of prom and safe grad.

We are having an auction on Friday, May 8th at 6:00pm at the Aquarius. Everyone is welcome and all of the proceeds go towards prom. We have received many donations from local businesses and we are very grateful for their generous contributions. We are still looking for donations so if there is anyone willing to help us out you can contact the teacher supervisor, Ms. Oram. There is something for everyone so we encourage everyone to join us.

To kick off the spring season there will be a BBQ for all of the grads outside the school in May and we will have a Bring Your Own Banana sundae event at lunch. Listen to the announcements in the mornings for further details.

JOB FEST prepares students for life after High School

By: Rachelle Bastarache

On April 16, 400 students from all across southern New Brunswick gathered at JobFest held at the Saint John Trade and Convention Center. JobFest is sponsored by School Districts 6, 8, and 10, J.D. Irving Ltd. and the N.B. Department of Post-Secondary Education and Training. The event is organized to improve students' employability skills. Harbour View High School had 40 students in attendance, and all were surprisingly pleased with the feedback they received from prospective employers.

"Students participated in mock job interviews to practice their interview skills and were given feedback on their resumes and cover letters," said Mr. Shave, HVHS Guidance Counsellor.

"I liked the interview, because I have never been in that situation before," admitted Alex McCollum, a grade 11 student who attended this year's event. "All the interviewers were really nice about everything and they gave us all useful tips."

The event was a full school day, and included workshop sessions in Health and Safety, the six post-secondary destinations and many other important topics that will prove useful in the coming years. All students selected a mock job position and were interviewed throughout the day for their selected roles. Each booth chose a winner from all the interviews they conducted. Winners included two students from our school, Brittany Olsen and Michael Scott.



WHY: "Book-talk" and free lunch with friends, Wednesday, May 27th.

A Message from the SJVS/HVHS Alumni

Mark your calendars now for July 31st 2010!

An All Class Reunion for all former students of Saint John Vocational School/Harbour View High School will be held on Saturday, July 31st 2010.

A steering committee has been selected, the date chosen and plans are now underway to prepare an exciting one day reunion, packed full of activities from early morning to late evening.

The Thistle St. Andrew's Curling Club has been booked for dinner on Saturday evening catered by Jeremiah's.

We would encourage you to get in touch with your former class mates and plan a class get together on either Friday, July 30th or Sunday, August 1st. Next year will be the 10th anniversary year for the Harbour View High School Class of 2000 and what a wonderful opportunity to combine this special anniversary with the all class reunion.

Further information regarding registration, program, etc. will follow. Keep watching our website at

http://www.sjvshvhsalumni.hrbrview.com

Co-chairpersons for the 2010 All Class Reunion

Sandra Friars – <u>sfriars@nb.sympatico.ca</u>

Joanne Braman – 636-8907

Storage barns under construction



(Photo by Mrs. Doucette)

One of the courses offered here at HVHS is Framing and Sheathing. It is a course where students learn the basics of the construction industry, namely the framing and closing in of a building as well as the associated safety and mechanical aspects.

The barns built at HVHS are a cost effective alternative to the ones normally sold by retailers in the area. They are often constructed from cedar and or seconds lumber; nonetheless, the finished product is an attractive, unique shed that fulfills the needs of the individuals who order them.

If you have any questions about the program or the sheds themselves, please feel free to contact Mr. Brad Fisher at the school or by email: brad.fisher@nbed.nb.ca.

HVHS Student Visits Toronto for National Youth Forum

By Joseph P.O. Comeau

Day 1

I flew to Toronto to attend this year's National Youth Forum (NYF). The purpose of this event is to brand Canada, which means talking about ways to make Canada appealing to foreign investors.

Day 2

Today I met the other members of my team. I was teamed up with students from B.C. Saskatchewan and NB. Our first task was to sell daffodils for the Canadian Cancer Society. This project raised \$8000. The purpose of the exercise was to see action at work. We met Terry Clifford, the founder of Global Vision Canada. He presented our first major assignment of the week. I was lucky enough to have lunch with Terry today which was great because I got to speak to him about Global Vision.

Day 3

Today was all about networking. We talked to CANNEXUS (Canadian Career Expo) presenters about entrepreneurship. There were several keynote speakers on this day including a woman from California who gave a presentation on Green Business. My group worked together to come up with a brand. I was inspired by Ghandi's quote "Be the change you want to see in the world," and created a great slogan for our team: "Passion. Action. Change." We named our team Youth PAC.

Day 4

We presented our logo and presentation to Terry Clifford and a Foreign Officer to Canada. Everyone liked the logo that I produced in Photoshop and then we listened to CANNEXUS speakers. They talked about the LTR (Less Travelled Road). It was interesting because leaders have to be willing to go the other way and take risks. The Hearts and Minds Award was also presented on this day.

Day 5

Each team gave their CANDO presentations on their plans as a small company to help other small companies. I have a better understanding of Canadian business after this trip and that it's hard work to be a leader but the payoffs are tremendous. I was extremely grateful for this opportunity.

I received a grant from the Canadian Family Foundation to attend this event.

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Countdown to Relay for Life continues... Help Harbour View Make Cancer History!

The Relay for Life starts at 7p.m. Friday, May 22nd and runs until 7 a.m. May 23rd.

Events during the Relay include: walking track, opening ceremonies, inflatable games, swimming, gym, movies, video games, socializing, etc. Refreshments will be served throughout the event

Fundraising Goal: Over the three years, HVHS hopes to raise 50,000!

Please register as soon as possible so you won't miss all the fun!



Students and teachers at the kick off assembly held April 8th hold up signs indicating who they will be walking for at this year's Relay for Life. (Photo by Mrs. Doucette)



Matt Comeau, Josh Lannigan and Eric Makepeace gambled at the 'What happens in Vegas' semi-formal and casino which took place on April 17th. The event raised \$900 for the Relay for Life. (Photo by Mrs. Doucette)



FIVE MINUTE FILM FESTIVAL

Student filmmakers are invited to submit a school-appropriate video (on DVD) of no more than five minutes to

Mr. Carson, Room 204

The films will be shown during upcoming homeroom

assemblies.

For more info see Mr. Carson

STUDENT PROFILE - Clare Tooley

By Josh Bradley

Fifteen year old Clare Tooley does something amazing. She's a competitive horseback rider.

"I've been riding since I was four," says Clare. "I lived in Ontario until I was about four and my mom said that if we raised enough money to buy a pony, we'd move to New Brunswick and buy one and we did."

Clare competes in events like the barrel race, cattlepen and jumping events. She practices several hours a week—in an arena, in a field near her house and even on the road.



Clare and her horse, Tobi. (Photo submitted by Mrs. MacGregor)

Cattlepen is when a team of horses has to get three cows into a pen. Sound easy? Well, it's

Photo by Josh Bradley

not. Each rider has to get the cows with a number corresponding to the one they've been given into the pen without letting any of them escape.

Barrel racing consists of riding around three barrels as fast as possible. The person and horse with the fastest time wins.

Clare competes at contests all over the province, including events held at the Gagetown Fair. Clare competes every weekend during the summer months all over the province and in the other Maritime provinces. All the practice has paid off: Clare has won over 100 ribbons and medals!

Riding a horse is not without its risks, though. Clare has fallen off her horse many times and broken her arm, and sprained both her wrist and shoulder.

Describing how riding makes her feel is difficult, but one things for sure, riding is fun and a big part of Clare's life. "I've met so many great people and I can't imagine ever giving it up."

Harbour View student sweeps his way to victory



Blake Hunter, a grade 11 student, is a member of Team Barry. His rink recently attended the 2009 Atlantic Canada 17 & Under Junior Men's and Women's Curling Championship, which were held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, April 10-12. Blake's team won the event, the first time ever for a New Brunswick rink in this category. L-R Team NB, Skip - Josh Barry, Third - Chris Sleep, Second - Blake Hunter, Lead - Adam Kyle, Coach - Kevin Kyle (Photo Submitted by Dawn Hunter)

CELEBRATE THE POSITIVE....

Five great things that have happened this month!

- HONK! A fantastic production by all concerned. Congratulations to the cast, crew and teachers. We felt like we were at a Broadway show!
- 2. A huge thank you to the students who braved the nasty weather to clean up around the school on **Earth Day**.
- 3. Congratulations to teachers **Mr. Lukie** (and his wife) on the arrival of twin girls and **Mrs. LeRoy** (and her husband) on the safe arrival of her son!
- 4. Congratulations to **Kassandra Brundle**, who recently danced her way to one gold, four silver and two bronze medals at a competition in Halifax. Kassandra is a grade 10 student in Mr. Maloney's home room.
- 5. A shout-out to future Viking, Scott Mac-Gregor (son of **Mrs. MacGregor**) who recently won a silver medal in the Provincial Fencing Championships.