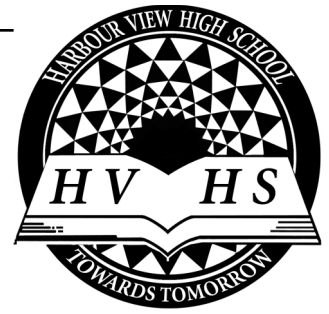




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"The secret of getting ahead is getting started."
- Sally Berger

HV opens new-to-you prom dress boutique

By Georgia Anderson

This year, as a way for HVHS to continue being as environmentally conscious as possible, Mrs. Kennedy, with help from some amazing student volunteers, has organized a second-hand prom dress shop here at the school. With some dresses being donated from previous grads and lots being donated from second hand stores that don't sell prom dresses, there really is something there for everyone.



In 2022, buying second-hand is a fantastic way to do your part in the climate crisis, and the shop makes that super easy! Audrey Cho, a grade 10 student who has put many hours into making sure the shop is all ready and everything is running smoothly, filled me in on all the details.

"The prom dress shop has been open since the first week back from March break and it will stay open for a few weeks. However, if someone is in need of a dress, they will still be here at the school to look. There is no cost for the dresses, however donations are gladly accepted so we can improve the shop for years to come. Dress donations are also welcome. In total we have around 100 dresses."

And, in true Viking fashion, the prom dress shop is fun for everyone, even those not attending prom. Audrey told me that her favourite part of the prom dress shop is looking through all the dresses because it's always so cool to open up the dress bag and reveal what's inside.

"Because they're so squished up inside you never know what the style will be or the colour so it's really exciting and definitely my favourite part."

If this sounds intriguing to you, you can go to the costume room (in the auditorium, the first door on the right side of the stage) to get a closer look at all the work Mrs. Kennedy and many others have put into the shop and of course, see the dresses themselves.

Looking for a prom dress??
Want to be environmentally responsible?

Come visit the HVHS prom shop!!
We have approximately 65 "new to us" prom dresses on the way!!! We will be setting up a prom dress shop the week after March Break! The dresses will be FREE! We will accept donations but they are not required! All donations will be put back into the prom shop to keep it going for years to come! Watch for more info after the break!!

It is in the costume room and will be open every lunch hour the week of March 14-18, then by appointment after that! There are lots of dresses in all sizes and styles - some new & some gently used.

Keep an eye out for more info after the March break!!

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Newsies, the smash hit Broadway musical, could actually explain a lot about what is going on in today's society. Prices are increasing, it's spring, and this is a newspaper you are reading. There is something so inexplicably spring-like about holding a freshly printed newspaper in your hands, maybe it's the fresh air finally filling your lungs or the rain dampening your work as you walk to the bus, either way spring is newspaper season.

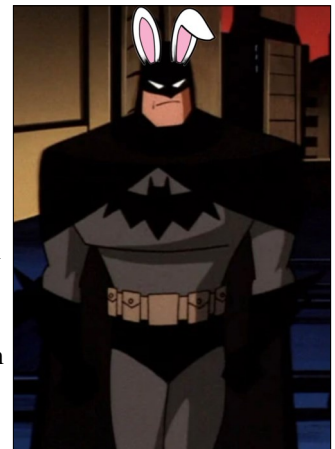
Gone are the slush covered halls, and salt coated lockers; instead it is now a time of sun-filled days and a cool breeze to feed your soul with some article ideas. If you have any, please do not hesitate to visit our local superhero Ms. McDonald who fixes all the very strange mistakes we manage to make while editing the newspaper. Walking around with a printed copy of your work is really something special and it is national walking season - so get to it.

Spring has notably been deemed a time of new beginnings, and it feels like a good time to learn how to correctly spell 'beginnings' without using spellcheck; however, spring can also mean that it is time to fuel your soul with some care after the brutal months spent in lockdown and yucky weather. You did it! You fought yet another long winter in

the school year. One of the best ways to rejuvenate yourself after the winter months is to sleep, although now that the spring equinox has just occurred, it is always light out and the sun will shine on you for most hours of the day making it very impossible to sleep. This is our tenth reason why spring can sometimes be the worst season ever.

Regardless of the poor choices the season of spring has picked when creating its identity, it is extremely nice to want to go outside again. Remember - vampires do exist and not everybody can go out into the sunlight. Speaking of vampires, we have lots of articles about Robert Pattison, and by that sentence I mean we have one about the new Batman movie and another about climate action—personally I believe Batman would be a very big fan of people who care about climate action. Alongside our Batman article, we also have a book review written by two losers whom you should never associate with, our fabulous sports issue, and an amazing article about Ms. Sander-son who has had some troubles with band and covid the past few years. If anybody is truly as cool as Batman, it is us, but second to us it is our staff writers.

Now that we have established the fact that Batman does not enjoy spring let us be a negative Nelson and talk about the worst holiday ever invented: Easter—no wait sorry exam prep time. So, fun fact, school usually ends around the same time the summer season starts; therefore, exam prep time is usually in spring. Exam prep is hard and no fun. We suggest that if you are sad because you are studying for an exam, please read *Harbour Views* instead.



Happy Spring!

Emily and Ella



VIKING SPORTS

By Georgia Anderson

Sports are back and better than ever here at HVHS. With school having a delayed opening after winter break, and the threat of Covid still lingering over our shoulders, the athletic directors made sure we still had great end to the winter sports season and a fantastic start to spring sports. Lots has happened in the past couple of months, so let's get into it.

After a long season of delays, cancellations, some losses and lots of wins, the basketball season closed with a bang on February 25th. East-West, the annual basketball/spirit event against Simonds High School returned. The last East-West was held in December 2019, so there was a lot to look forward to. HVHS hosted this year and you know the athletic directors pulled out all the stops to make this event amazing.

"We were very excited to hear we were finally able to host this big event once again," said Jessica Palmer, the assistant athletic director. "East West has been an annual event here at HVHS that, due to Covid, our current students have missed out on. These events bring out our strong school spirit, something we need most during these difficult times. Knowing the risk of Covid was still around, the chance of the event being canceled was substantial."

Even though HVHS is known for our fantastic school spirit, there were many obstacles to get over before we could show just how much spirit the Vikings have.

"There was a Covid outbreak throughout the sports teams, and it was a worry that the players would not be back in time for the scheduled date. Luckily, all teams had enough players for the event to run smoothly," Jessica explained.

Thanks to the outstanding efforts by the athletic directors, staff and SRC of HV, we were able to have an amazing day with a pep rally during periods 4 and 5, a sign making party, and then bus rides over to TD Station where East-West was held this year.

First up was the girls team. They were able to maintain a slight lead throughout the game against the Seabees. They finished with a 52-41 win over Simonds. Then the boys varsity team played. An exciting back and forth game resulted in an excruciatingly stressful last minute, with the boys eventually losing a close game 75-73. The spirit of both the teams and all the Vikings who came out to watch was immaculate. Congratulations to all the graduating players and all the basketball teams on a fantastic end to their season!



Basketball wasn't the only season that came to a close this past month. Both the swim team and the cheerleading team's seasons are over as we now make way for spring sports. The swim team finished off their season with some swimmers making it to provincials held at SJHS on February 26th. The cheer season wrapped up earlier this month after a 5-month long season. Both rugby and volleyball seasons have both started, and rowing season will be starting very soon. There's always lots happening for sports here at HV, so remember to listen to the announcements for anything coming up.

Another big thank you to the athletic directors, as they've been doing an amazing job with sports this year, despite varying levels of restrictions.

"As a group we (the athletic directors) have learned to adapt to the restrictions and adjust our plan accordingly. This usually meant we had to do everything twice so everyone was able to social distance and modify our plan as frequently as the restrictions were changing.

The difficult circumstances through Covid-19 has helped our team to come together and work through the obstacles thrown our way," Jessica said.

They've certainly not let Covid get the best of them, and I know I can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings for sports here at HVHS.

Ms. Sanderson talks all things musical

By Ella Baxter

Exclusive interview with Ms. Sanderson, Harbour View's amazing band teacher. She talks about the struggles this past year and how she plans to move forward this semester.

Question: What were some problems at the start of the school year that you had to work around?

Ms. Sanderson: There were lots. The first couple weeks we were able to play inside, close together but there's just been a lot of changes. We were then allowed to play inside separated, then probably three weeks into the school year they said no playing inside. So, we had three grade 9 classes and three grade 10 classes that would take all the band stuff, all the chairs, all the stands, all the percussion stuff outside for class then we would play and bring it all back in, which is obviously not ideal.

Question: How did playing outside turn out for the classes last semester?

Ms. Sanderson: I would say with the grade 10 it went quite well because they had an idea what band was already. So, they understood what we were doing. But it's hard because we can't hear each other well. You can't hear yourself, there's wind, there's wasps. It's cold and it just takes a lot of time, we could be playing, except we're having to move stuff outside. With the nines it was very challenging because that was their introduction to the band program. They only really played their instruments up until just after the strike in November because once we came from the strike it was too cold to play outside. So they only ever played outside and not for very long.

Question: How are you planning to proceed with the band program this semester since some restrictions have been lifted? Are there any plans for a concert in the future?

Ms. Sanderson: Definitely plans for a concert. I keep trying to be optimistic. We're super lucky that we have the band room that we have. It's big, so we can fit quite a few students in here and still have them separated and meet the guidelines. We're also getting instrument masks delivered to us from the district free of charge. So those are basically cloth that will go over the openings of instruments to help prevent spread of aerosols. So that would mean that we could actually sit a little closer together because even though we're all in the same room, with some players being as far as 50 feet apart, it's hard to play together. So, we're hoping that will get us to move closer together. I'm just optimistic with the way restrictions are going in other provinces and I hope even by the end of April we will be closer together and be able to have a concert even if it's 50% capacity in the auditorium. So definitely planning concerts for sure.



Climate Action Update

By Joanna Jackson

On Wednesday, February 9th, the Climate Action group arranged a meeting to help educate students on how society is endangering marine life in our area. We met with Dr. Gina Lonati while she focused specifically on the Northern Right Whales in the Bay of Fundy.

Students learned about how this species is being affected and were given resources to further educate themselves on this situation. Dr. Lonati takes an extensive look into the causes of their endangerment and gives students an idea of what changes can be made in the future.

If you're looking to educate yourself further, you can check out Dr. Lonati's website (<http://blogs.unb.ca/research/2020/12/lonati-davies-hynes-whales.php>), as it gives an inside look at her research projects. This is a subject that everyone should take some time out of their day to check out.

If you're interested in joining the group that organizes activities such as this, listen to the announcements for information on Climate Action Group meetings, and feel free to join us anytime!





Beyond The Last Page



By Ella Melvin

Elatsoe by Darcie Little Badger is a magical realism novel. It includes aspects of mystery, teen struggles, and magic. It also has good representation for many under-represented people in young adult novels. The novel focuses on Elatsoe, an Lipan Apache girl, who has received the gift of raising the dead. This gift has been passed down through generations of her family and throughout the book she learns more about her gift and the power it holds.

The world in this novel is heavily based on our own, but with magic engrained. It is set in America, and life is like our own for Ellie. She is 18 years old and in her last year of high school. She is deciding on university and discovering what her future will hold. Her life is very relatable in that sense, but she also has the magical ability to raise the dead. Throughout the novel she reflects on her ancestors, specifically her six-great grandmother, and the lessons they can teach her. Much of Ellie's knowledge and magic come from indigenous stories and history. The magic of the world comes from the legends of people, some indigenous some not. This magic and the stories it come from adds a rich world-building aspect to the novel. The author is clear with the rules and history surrounding magic and makes it easy to follow and understand their world.

A refreshing part of this novel was its lack of main romance. I find in many books an author will try to include a romance even when it does not belong, and it takes away from the main point of the story. That is not the case in this story. There is a platonic friendship at the forefront of the story, and it never is hinted at becoming a romance. Ellie herself is asexual. The story keeps the focus on family and the struggles of loss. It is a story that focuses on indigenous stories and does not glaze over the hurt and brutality towards them in the past. It is a story about family, friends, and discovering yourself.

The fault I have with this novel is the inner dialogue of Ellie. While she is 18, many of her thoughts and actions and even how she is treated makes her seem much younger. As I was reading, I kept hearing her as a 13-year-old and was forced to constantly remind myself of her age. It pulled me out of the story and interrupted the flow and my view of the characters.

While the ages do not seem to match the writing, the characters themselves are well thought-out and carry a lot of personality. Everyone had distinct traits and it was easy to keep them all straight. Even her pet ghost dog had a loveable personality that shined through. Little Badger was able to show the grief of characters and was able to show the unique way people handle it. It was especially interesting learning about the Lipan Apache customs and traditions when it came to death and what the different characters relationship was with their culture.

Overall, this book was unique and offered great representation. The dialogue was a big miss for me as I judge a book a lot on its writing, but the other aspects of this book were executed to near perfection and made up for it. It was a quick read and I highly recommend you pick it up to learn and explore a unique story. It gets 4/5 stars.

By Emily Wasson

Everything from getting ice cream and going on a road trip, to solving a murder mystery makes Darcie Little Badger's *Elatsoe* the perfect read to relax with. Ellie, or Elatsoe, is going through another summer when she stumbles upon a murder mystery; however, unlike most mystery stories Ellie can communicate with the dead and already knows the culprit-- the problem is how to prove it.

My favourite part of *Elatsoe* is its pacing. It has plenty of slow moments without a lot of action, but those moments are filled with personality and heart. The pacing plays a huge role in developing the atmosphere. Even when the plot starts to ramp up it never loses that nostalgic summer feeling because it will always take moments to discuss plans or gather information in common locations, such as when Ellie and her friend Jay were organizing information at an ice cream stand.

Throughout the story you learn lots about the magic system and how it works. *Elatsoe* has this unique way of keeping an air of mystery to its magic. It's established from the beginning that Ellie's ghost-calling is a family practice that has been passed down through generations though we never learn how it works or even how it is possible. The story also does a great job setting boundaries for the magic system. Everybody has the possibility of learning certain skills with practice, but some are strictly genetic and will fade over generations. The magic system is very natural and integrated as well, nothing ever felt out of place or overpowered.

I think by now it's obvious that I enjoyed reading *Elatsoe*. I think it will be the perfect read for the summer break and I look forward to rereading it again. It is filled with more personality and character than I ever expected from any novel. I give it five out of five stars. If you find yourself up late, bored one-night *Elatsoe* is the perfect book to reach out for. It will surprise you.



Yay or Nay



Entertainment

Double The Fun!!

Two Reviews This Month Only

By Malachi Lefurgey

I know Valentine's Day has already passed, but after you watch *Me Before You*, you won't even care. Though it is your semi-cliché romance, the story that leads up to it is something so original and breathtaking.

Emilia Clarke portrays our main character, Louisa Clarke. Louisa is the type of girl everyone loves and adores. She works at a small café where unfortunately business isn't doing so well. Sadly, she loses her job; this was the only job Louisa could get to help her parents pay their bills.

Luckily, an unexpected opportunity arises. A personal caregiver is needed for a man who has been paralyzed by a tragic car accident.

The relationship between Louisa and William Traynor, played by Sam Claflin, doesn't start out well. Williams is stubborn, wears muted colors, and is struggling to find the good in life. The exact opposite of Louisa, who is happy all the time, loves fashion and wears bright and quirky clothes.

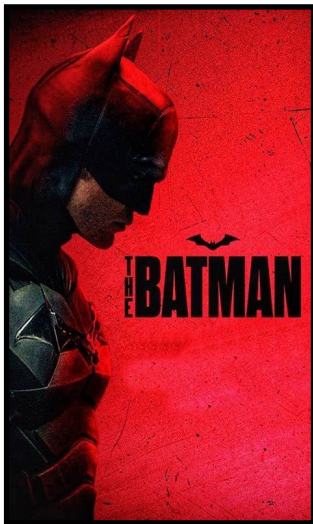
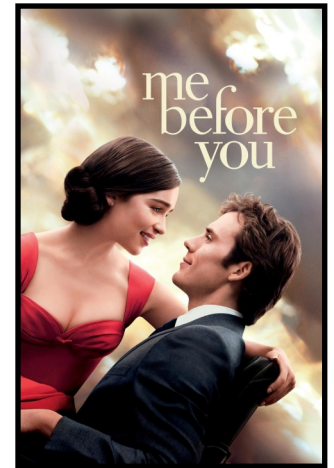
Over time, Louisa and William develop a close friendship. She discovers suddenly that William has scheduled himself to die. By using this information and her wonderful soul, Louisa hopes to influence William's decision by showing him the good in life.

Will William choose life or death? Can these two opposites possibly fall in love? Find out in the movie!

Watching this movie is an experience you will never forget. A part of me will always feel connected to it. If you're looking for a romance to captivate you from the very first scene, a movie with characters we can actually connect to, then *Me Before You* is the movie for you.

“Love, Will”

Yay, yay, yay, for me!



After hearing many great reviews on *The Batman*, I decided to give it a try. Even Taylor Swift raved about it. I was originally going to watch the movie at home, but I was out, and who doesn't like going to the theatre alone?

To begin, *The Batman* definitely had more plot than action. It didn't actually have many action scenes, but I actually liked it like that. With so many Batman movies out there, almost all of them, are just people fighting, and not a whole lot about who's behind the mask. Director Matt Reeves did an excellent job of giving us an inside look at who really is Vengeance.

Throughout the movie, I kept getting flashbacks of *Twilight*. (I know!) ...the way his hair was all over the place, how he always alone, and especially the soundtrack. The music sealed the deal for me. It reminded me of the heavy fog and rain in Forks. I also loved the people with horrible social cues.

Now, let's talk about the famous Cat Women. First, the actress they cast was amazing; I wouldn't have chosen another. Zoë Kravitz did an exceptional job. But the mask. What happened? It looked like they didn't have enough time and simply found a black beanie and cut the middle out for eyes. And really, she didn't even have it on a whole lot. I was surprised at this. The mask (to me) is the

most important part of the whole suit. It's supposed to help keep your identity safe whilst helping her looking like a baddie. My final thought was we needed so much more of her. It felt like we only got to see for mere minutes.

Robert Pattinson... What can I say? It was refreshing seeing him in a different role other than Edward Cullen. But I liked that he's still sticking to his “dark, emo” roots. Pattinson really showed us the true emotions of Batman, the anger and sadness that he feels for his parents. Constantly being alone can definitely be hard, but the way Pattinson shows how Batman pushes all his emotions away to help and protect the citizens of Gotham was a true masterpiece.

What a YAY of a movie!

We asked you



By Olivia Jordan

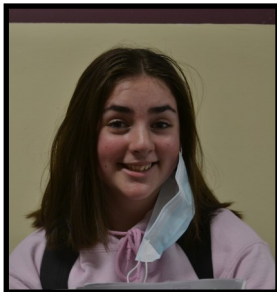
What were your plans for March Break?



Thomas Geurts
“Two things I wanted to do was to attempt to grow and expand a YouTube channel I have been working on since December 11th, 2020.”



Georgia Anderson
“I planned to be working on an essay.”



Anna Eagles

“My plans for March Break were that I was probably going to do absolutely nothing. I read my books and hung out with my sister.”



Mady Boyer

“I planned to take a few days off to spend with my family and spending a day to get my confirmation with my church.”



Alex McIvor

“I was playing hockey with the boys.”



Emma Lomax

“I just got a new car and I planned to go to PEI on a road trip.”



By Ainsley Clark

After our return from virtual learning, Grad Class was finally able to host some very fun activities for our grads. In February, grads had the opportunity to take advantage of the cold weather and had a great time skating at Lily Lake. And of course hot chocolate made the experience all the much better!

After a long wait, grads finally received their grad clothing and we look forward to seeing everyone rock their merch! We are also looking forward to kickstart our next fundraiser. We will be selling Java Moose coffee, in all varieties. Helping with this fundraiser could really benefit you in the future

We are really excited to continue having such fun activities and we look forward to seeing you!





Artists' Corner

Ava Hawkins Gr.9



Left: Kate Peacock, Gr. 10

Right: Elijah Renault Gr 9

Bottom Left: Jazmine Feight-McKim,
Gr 10

Bottom Right: Julia Carroll, Gr 10

