

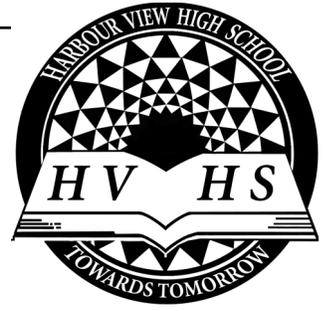


# HARBOUR VIEWS

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"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending." - Maria Robinson



## Welcome back to HVHS!

### From your SRC president

By Tom Delaney

Hey Vikings!!

Welcome back to HVHS, and to all you grade nine students - welcome to Harbour View High School. We hope everyone had a great summer.

With the beginning of the new school year comes the return to a routine and the need to buckle down after a long, eventful summer break. This year, the SRC promises you a jam-packed year with events for everyone.

For our new Vikings, on your orientation day we will offer tours of the school, an introduction to your teachers, and activities throughout the day to help you get to know one another. It's okay to be nervous for your first day of high school, but don't let the butterflies take away the opportunity for a great day. This is a huge step for you and might seem very confusing as you try to jam your brain with as much information as possible. Don't be afraid to ask any of our volunteers or staff members any questions you may have.

The most important piece of advice I can give is to get involved in as many groups, sports, or artistic activities as possible. This will make your year much more enjoyable and is a great way to get to know students of all ages.

Have a great year, Vikings, and please feel free to come to me with any questions or thoughts you may have.

### From your Grad Class President

By Katlyn Greer

Hey Grads! Can you believe that it is now our last year of high school? We have spent approximately 13 years of our lives in school and after this year we will all be going our separate ways, doing different things, and pursuing new adventures. Yes, this year and the years to come may be filled with tears, and debt but let's enjoy our last year of high school. Let's make this year one to remember!

August 7 was our first grad event/meetup and it was at New River Beach. Everyone seemed to have fun and hopefully nobody got too burnt. We had a really good turnout with around 30 people and hopefully next time even more people will make it!

For our next grad class event we have many ideas including an outdoor movie night, so stay tuned for details. We are always looking for any ideas that you may have.

If anyone would ever like to contact me, feel free to do so on Facebook or even just stop me in the halls. I have a new homeroom this year which is now Ms Oram, so you can always pop in there! The rest of our grad class executive would also love to hear any of your ideas as well, so don't be afraid to stop them. Your vice president is Emily McMillan, secretary is Lauren Cosgrove, spirit rep is David Darrah and treasurer is Kerrie Doucette. If you are graduating this year and are not yet on the grad class Facebook page just message any of the executives and we will definitely add you in.

Get ready to have one great last year of high school!

Sept at HVHS

15th - Meet the Teacher, 5:30

16th - Picture Day

Listen for announcements regarding sports tryouts and practices or see Mr. Miller.



Interested in working on *Harbour Views*?

Come see Ms. McDonald in room 309.



## The trip of a lifetime

Text and photos submitted by Ms. Marks

From July 8-24, Hallie Bourque, Ada Vickers, Jane MacGregor, Kayla Williams and I travelled several thousand kilometers by planes, high speed train, and buses. The vast and beautiful Chinese countryside was a stark contrast to the excitement within its largest cities, whose populations dwarf that of Canada's.

Arriving in Beijing after nearly 24 hours of travel delivered a hit to our senses - the sights, sounds, smell, and heat told us we were no longer in the western world. Places such as Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, the Pearl Market and the Great Wall of China kicked this educational tour off with a bang.

As we moved very quickly by high speed train to our second location, we discovered that the Chinese culture introduced to us in Beijing differed greatly from that in Nanjing. We visited an ancient village and had our first attempt at a lazy Susan buffet style meal. We ate food that was completely foreign to us, looking and tasting nothing like the food we'd find at a Canadian Chinese restaurant.

Our large group of 40 students and four chaperones split up leaving Nanjing. Half of the group traveled North to Harbin where they experience a tiger sanctuary run by monks. The second group traveled to Changsha and took part in tours of the city, a Karaoke bar, and visited Orange Island - the birthplace of Chairman Mao, the Chinese communist revolutionary and the founding father of the People's Republic of China.



Kayla Williams, Hallie Bourque and Ms. Marks at the Great Wall.



The next stop brought us together as a large group again. Guiyang is a city of beauty with its peaked mountains and cleaner air allowing us to see glimpses of the sun for the first time on our travels. Here we visited an awesome ancient village where you could purchase anything from fine jewels to wooden knickknacks. One of the greatest adventures for many of our students was the fish pedicure. (Yes, you read correctly.) A dozen or so tanks each filled with kissing fish were waiting for our dry, scaly, tired feet to plunge into the water so the fish could go to work and clean up our rough skin. The students, ladies and gentlemen alike, enjoyed the best 30 minute pedicure they had ever had for approximately six Canadian dollars.

Our final stop was Hong Kong. This beautiful city was returned to China in 1997 from British rule; however, it still shows many signs of its time under colonization. Hong Kong is a capitalist city, unlike the rest of China. We spent less than 24 hours there, yet we were able to make the best of our short amount of time. The bustling nighttime was a great hit, as was our Cantonese meal. Victoria Peak allowed us to see the amazing Hong Kong skyline at night. Very few of us left the Hong Kong Harbour, also known as The Pearl of the Orient, with taking a selfie in front of its amazing backdrop. (At the har-

bour front we also had the opportunity to have our pictures taken with Bruce Lee's statue.)

What I think I saw most clearly throughout this trip was the kindness, generosity, and friendship that was delivered to us by the students and staff at each CCSC campus. I think students will agree that they not only learned a lot about a new culture, crushed stereotypes of Chinese and Canadian people, and found out just how strong and capable they were of tolerating, at times, physical, mental, and emotional unknowns. The gains from some of those unknowns, by stepping out of their box are astronomical to the spirits of the students. If you think this trip is for you talk to one of the students who took part this year.





During the summer break one of our Lady Vikings represented New Brunswick/PEI in the Canadian Pony Club National Dressage Competition in Olds, Alberta from July 15-19th. Makayla Crandlemere finished 4th overall in Canada for Training Level against 10 riders in her division from all across Canada.

(Submitted by Mrs. MacGregor and Mrs. Crandlemere)

A trip is being planned to Greece on the March Break of 2016. We'll be visiting historic sites like the Acropolis, the Parthenon, the temple of Athena Nike and the Oracle of Delphi. We'll stop at the Corinth Canal, visit Olympia, the site of the first Olympic games, and do some shopping in Athens.

See Mrs. Pitman in room 322, or Ms. Oram in Room 325 for further information.

For pricing information, go to [eftours.ca](http://eftours.ca) and search the tour number 1752208ZD



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# Poetry Pond—*With Bri & Sam*

High school isn't the end  
When your fingers are bruised from writing,  
And your mind hurts from studying,  
When you're so stressed that you're calm,  
And your only purpose seems to be passing,  
When you feel like you're alone,  
And you're giving up home,  
Hold on for fifteen seconds.  
Make it through,  
Then keep fighting.  
Screw taking it day at a time,  
take it fifteen seconds and make it into fifteen years.  
- Unknown



Brianne Durant and Sam Arthurs pictured with Shane Koyczan. (Photo submitted by Brianne Durant)

Who we are—

Hello all you Vikings with a passion for Poe : welcome to the Poetry Pond. We are Bri and Sam, two senior students, and aspiring poets. We are both members of HVHS's very own Poetry Club. I'm Bri and I began my poetic career in seventh grade when my love for Justin Bieber was at its peak. It was a love far too strong to contain. In desperation to express my true feelings, I picked up a pen and began to write ode after ode for Bieber himself. Fortunately since then, my embarrassing infatuation has perished and I have now grown into a twice published poet.

Sam is a familiar face around the halls of our humble home and she's also our 2015-2016 Viking Spirt rep. Her love for poetry started from the bottom and she has also been published poet in the literary magazine *The Write Stuff*. Together our nights consist of a spoken word playlist on repeat and copious amounts of caffeine. We have decided to create this monthly page to share our ever growing love for the art of poetry, as well as showcase aspiring poets within the walls of Harbour View.

We are looking for any Vikings who walk the path of imagination, whose boundless ideas bloom from the tiniest of buds. If you have a passion for the art of poetry and would like to have your work showcased in an issue of Harbour Views, please come see Sam or me personally in room 307 (Ms.Marks) or submit a piece to us at [hvhs-poetrypond@gmail.com](mailto:hvhs-poetrypond@gmail.com). All forms and styles of poetry will be considered.

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