



THOMAS HANEY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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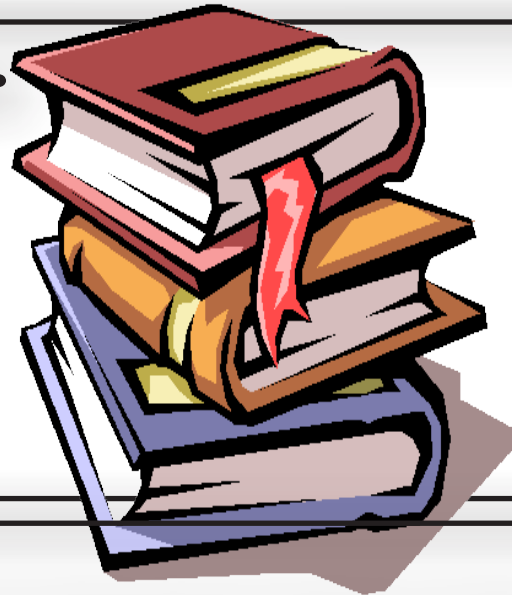
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DATES TO REMEMBER....

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NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Sean Nosek

Welcome back from what I hope was a great summer break! This year Thomas Haney will celebrate our 20th year! We are very excited about reaching this landmark and plan to mark the occasion in various ways over the course of the year. As always we will do our best to ensure we provide a vast array of rich opportunities for our students. Remember that students who feel connected to their school are far more likely to experience success. For this reason, I ask that you encourage your sons and daughters to become involved in the life of our school. Have them consider playing on a team, or joining a club or committee. The whole school benefits from this type of involvement. Thomas Haney is renowned for its positive school culture and our unique model. We receive worldwide attention for what we do at THSS and we will once again tour educators and policymakers from places as far away as Australia and Japan this school year. Just this past July, Education Minister George Abbott came by to see what all the buzz is about, and he expressed that he was very impressed by what he saw and heard about our school and its "personalized" approach.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our grade eights as well as our new students and parents. I am sure you will discover that Thomas Haney is a special school with much to offer. Please be sure to take note of our weekly schedule, and do your part to ensure that students arrive on time and ready to learn.

As Principal, I am fortunate to have a great admin team. Darren Rowell continues in his role as Vice Principal. Joining our team this year from PMSS is Vice Principal Patricia Giesinger, who is excited to become a part of the THSS community. We are also lucky to have an outstanding staff, including our office staff: Administrative Coordinator, Rebecca Knuttila; Records Clerk, Debbie Davis; Accounts Clerk Sandra Shamro; and Yvonne Murray on reception.

We say goodbye and "thanks" to the following THSS teachers who were on temporary contracts: Imran Ishani, Tracy Hunter, Gemma Kieft, Anton Donkersloot, Scott McCafferty, and Kate Easby. A sad farewell to a permanent teacher at THSS, Tara Tait as she continues teaching in an elementary school this school year, many students and staff will miss her. Teachers joining THSS this year include: Krystle Kalani (English/French), and Mike DeVita (Science/Math). Back from leave we welcome: Michelle Szakos, Trish Wilkie, Sandra Gadsby, and Kevin Mahal.

Looking forward to great year!

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

TA lists for all students will be posted on the front doors of the school by the end of the day, Fri. Sept. 2nd. Tues. Sept. 6 will be the first day of school from 9am-12pm, for new students to THSS and 10am-12pm for all other students. All students report to their TA teacher for the duration of the day. During this time TA's will be collecting student fees, assign lockers, issue student planners, handout and review their new timetables and bell schedule, etc. Textbook sign out will be done during the first week of school, if students have any outstanding textbooks, they must be returned. All students are to bring their school supplies on the first day of school as well as their cheque for student fees made payable to THSS, and a separate post-dated cheque for June 30, 2012 for \$50, which will only be cashed if students have textbooks not returned (***please make note of your son or daughter's name on all cheques***). If a student will be absent during the first week of school, please contact the school office as these initial days are important for determining enrolment numbers.

STUDENT FEES

Please bring first day of school:

Student Planner Fee - \$28.00 (***additional siblings \$15.00***) This payment supports student activities in the school and also includes the cost of our specially designed planner. If the planner is lost during the year, it needs to be replaced at a cost of \$10.00. All students are required to have a completed planner with them throughout the day.

Locks - \$6.00 School issued locks must be purchased through the school to avoid locks having to be cut and students forgetting combinations. It is important to have a second lock if you are taking PE and you should never have a key lock unless recommended by your teacher. Students can keep and recycle their locks for all school years.

Yearbooks - The price for the 2011-2012 THSS Yearbook will be \$50.00 This will be a very special keepsake, and we have sold out over the last four years. Don't miss out, order your yearbook early!!

One cheque (made payable to THSS) can include all three items (yearbook, planner, lock). See sample below:

Student Fees	\$28.00
Lock	\$ 6.00
Yearbook (optional)	\$50.00

One cheque \$50 made payable to THSS post-dated June 30, 2012 to be cashed only in the event your son/daughter's textbooks are not returned.



LATES/ABSCENCES

Parents, please report all student lates/absences by phoning the school prior to 9am. You may also let the office know any holidays, appmt's you may know ahead of time. If any student arrives to school late or needs to leave school early, it is expected that they will sign in or out in the school office. Students who leave without signing out, will be considered truant and will be subject to disciplinary action.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Students are expected to provide their own supplies for all their course work in all departments. These supplies should include;

- at least 2 large binders
- loose leaf paper/10 dividers approx.
- 4 Poster Paper (for projects)
- box of pens/pencils
- ream of white plain printer paper
- PE Strip

You may require specific supplies for courses you have signed up with and course teachers will give you that information as you meet with them.

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STUDENT PHOTOS

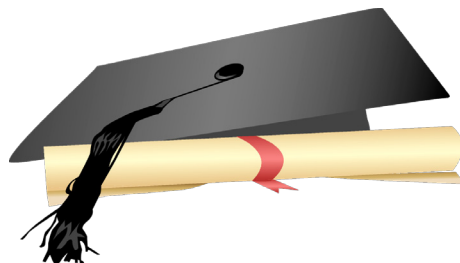
All students are required to have a student photograph taken as the student ID card produced has the student ID number bar-coded on it and is required to sign out resources from any of the kiosks or library. There is NO COST FOR THIS ID CARD as it is included in the cost of your student fees. It is also the Go Card for public transit. These photographs will be taken Thursday, September 15th. If the student misses that date, the re-take date will be October 18th. If a student or parent wishes to purchase a package of student photos, envelopes will be sent home with the information and you can make your purchase by returning the envelope with a cheque made out to Mountain West Studios or by paying cash.

AWARD CEREMONY FOR 2010-2011

THSS annual awards ceremony will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5th. You are invited to join us in honouring our very accomplished and successful students for the 2010-2011 school year.

GR. 12 PARENT'S MTG

All parents of Grade 12's are asked to attend a meeting on Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m. School staff will provide key information to parents. Many parent volunteers will be needed for the Dry Grad to take place. The ceremony will be held on Friday, June 8, 2012 at 9 a.m. in our gymnasium, followed by the Grad dinner and dance (for Grade 12's and escorts) at 5:30 p.m. at Meadow Gardens and then followed by our dry grad party here at school starting at 11:30 p.m. and running till dawn's early light. The final grad list will be determined after the May long weekend.





THSS PAC NEWS

The THSS PAC welcomes all new parents to the THSS family, and welcome back to the “seasoned” parents! We hope that you all had a good summer & we look forward to welcoming you at our first PAC meeting of the year on Tuesday 20th September (look for room number to be posted at the front entrance on that date). Our new PAC Executive was voted in at our last PAC meeting in May 2011 but due to some transfers in the summer we are still looking to fill a few openings.

We look forward to seeing you in September.

Emma Hargreaves (PAC Chair & SPC) : Virgie Stickelmann (Vice-Chair & SPC): Jennifer Hanif (Treasurer): Gail Szostek & Nikki Thiessen (Members at Large)

We are looking for volunteers to fill the positions of Secretary, DPAC Rep and another School Planning Council Member.



2011-12 TA LIST

TEACHER	TA #	TA room
ANDRUSIW, Naomi	12	1117 *works M/W/Th
BIGGAR, Mark	6	2138
BERGEN, Elizabeth	3	2009
BURNS, Tim	34	1021
CHURKO, Brooke	18	2145 *works Tue/W/F
CLAYTON, Andrea	31	2009
COGHILL, Lisa	22	1110
CONNOLLY, Chris	13	2030
COULOMBE, Karen	44	2110
CRAWFORD, Phil	4	1065
DESJARDINS, Wil	33	1143
DEVITA, Michael	17	LIBRARY
DICKIN, Randy	41	2031
EVANS, Shelley	8	Rotunda
FERGUSON, Kathryn	1	1109
FISCHER, Heather	10	2146
FOWELL, Nina	29	1106
FRANCO, Paul	2	1110
GADSBY, Sandra	15	1054
GIESINGER, Patricia	17	LIBRARY
GODFREY, Jen	32	2137
GRANT, Steve	9	1150
HUSSEY, Steve	43	1144
LENTON, Andrew	23	1135
LOZINSKI, Gary	12	1117
MAHAL, Kevin	38	2114
KALANJ, Krystle	35	2140 *Vanderpauw
MCILROY, Ross	19	2025
MCINTOSH, Dave	14	1129
MEHRASSA, Beth	21	1136 *works M/Tue/Th/F
MJANES, Earl	37	1122
OLIVER, Joanne	24	2130
PIDHANY, Jen	40	2111
PREDDY, Deborah	18	2145 *works M/W/Th
PROCYK, Dan	39	1067
RADOM, Jeff	11	1149
ROKOSH, Kerry	30	2027
ROSENAU, Sheldon	42	1118
ROWELL	36	2034
RYAN, Lorraine	26	2145
SALL, Malkit	45	2134
SAMOUILHAN, Fran	27	2122
SCOULAR, Jamie	28	1132
SMITH, Brian	20	1133
SZAKOS, Michelle	21	1136 *works M/W/Th
TRAVIS, Janice	16	LIBRARY
VON MATT, Paul	7	1120
WILKIE, Trish	5	2025
WILLIAMS, Brian	25	1121

PARENTS

As many updates and important school events are sent out via email distribution it is crucial that we have your correct email address on file. Please call the school office with any updates!



THSS 2011 - 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit website www.thss.ca for updates

September

- 6 School OpensGRADE 8'S & NEW students TO THSS COME AT 9am-12 EXISTING THSS students COME AT 10am-12
- 15 Student Photo Day
- 20 Parents' Advisory Council, 7:00 p.m.
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- 30 Terry Fox Run. 1:30 pm

October

- 3 Newsletter Sent Home
- 5 Awards Ceremony, 1:00 p.m.
- 10 Thanksgiving Day – school closed
- 18 Photo retakes and New Students
- 18 Parents' Advisory Council, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 District Wide Pro-D Day –no classes

November

Most Courses – 5 Learning Guides Completed

- 1 Parent/Student/Teacher conferences - no classes 1-4 and 6-8pm
- 7 Newsletter Sent Home
- 7-8 Provincial exams
- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly
- 11 No Classes – Remembrance Day
- 14 Alternate Day - no classes
- 15 Parents' Advisory Council, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Post Secondary Night
- 22 **"Y"Day**
- 26-27 Arts & Crafts Fair

December

- 5 Newsletter Sent Home
- 16 1st Report Card home
- 16 THSS Annual Hoe Down
- 16 Last Day of Classes before Christmas

January

Most Courses – 10 Learning Guides Completed

- 3 School Re-opens
- 9 Newsletter Sent Home
- 16-19 Grad Photographs
- 17 Parents' Advisory Council, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Grad write-up, baby photo & parent tribute deadline.
- 20 Professional Day - THSS
- 23-27 Provincial exams

February

- 1 Semester Two Starts
- 2 Parent/Student/Teacher conferences - no classes 1-4 and 6-8pm
- 6 Newsletter sent home
- 7 Grade 7 Parent Night
- 15 Professional Day –THSS – no classes
- 16 **"Y" Day**
- 21 Parents' Advisory Council, 7:00 p.m.

March

- 5 Newsletter Sent Home
- 9 Last Day of Classes before Spring Break /2nd Report Card
- 26 School Re-opens after Spring Break
- 27 Parents' Advisory Council, 7:00 p.m.

April

Most Courses – 15 Learning Guides Completed

- 2 Newsletter Sent Home
- 6 Good Friday – school closed
- 9 Easter Monday – school closed
- 12-13 Provincial exams
- 17 Parents' Advisory Council, 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Professional Day – no classes

May

- 7 Newsletter Sent Home
- 15 Parents' Advisory Council, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Victoria Day – no classes
- 22 Professional Day – no classes
- 30 Grade 7/8 Day; current Gr. 8's work at home for the day

June

- 4 Newsletter
- 6 Grad Rehearsal/Breakfast 7:30am
- 8 Grad Ceremonies 9am/Grads come at 7am
- 8 No Classes for Gr. 8-11's in the morning; classes resume after lunch
- 13 **"Y" Day**
- 15 End of formal classes.
- 20-28 Provincial Exams
- 28 Final Report Card Issued
Year-end Newsletter
- 29 School Closes