



HARBOUR VIEWS

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"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."
- L.M. Montgomery



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**HARBOUR VIEW HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS**


GUYS AND Dolls

A MUSICAL FABLE OF BROADWAY
Based on a Story and Characters of Damon Runyon

Music and Lyrics by **FRANK LOESSER**
Book by **JOSWERLING and ABE BURROWS**

**OCTOBER 9, 10, 11
7:30PM**

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Guys and Dolls is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

For more information about *Guys and Dolls*, turn to page 5.

For information about HV/Voc's centennial celebration,
turn to page 8!

October at HV

- 1 & 2—Picture Days**
- 9-11—Guys & Dolls**
- 13—Thanksgiving**
- 10 & 24th Pilot/No School**
- 27-31 Grad Photos**
- 29—Pumpkin Carving**
- 30th Haunted House**

Hey Vikings! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer break. The back-to-school season is one of my favourite times of year. I love being able to see my friends every day and being involved in extra-curriculars.

I joined Harbour Views two years ago. I have always loved to write, so when I found out HVHS had a school newspaper, I was eager to join. For my first year as a columnist, I wrote a 'Trends of the Month' column. Every month I would recap different trends. I wrote about all kinds of things from fashion to sports, and even music trends. Then I had the chance to apply for an editorial position, which is how I became junior editor last year.

In grade ten, I shadowed Grace Brown and Iris Metcalfe (former co-editors,) so I could learn how to run the paper when they graduated. I still wrote a column, 'Teacher Spotlight,' and helped to edit some columns to get some practice.

This year I am the editor with Shayla Tracey as my trusty junior editor. I am beyond thankful for the opportunity, and I am so excited to be able to publish this paper alongside an amazing team of writers.

If you are interested in joining the newspaper, I hope my story inspires you. Make sure to listen to the announcements for our next meeting or feel free to message me or Ms. McDonald over teams.



A Note From Your Editors

By Hannah Brezynski

By Shayla Tracey

Hello Vikings, welcome back to Harbour View! As we move into the new school year, I'm once again ready to be in "school mode," since I am not very active schedule-wise throughout summer break. School can feel like a lot, especially in the first month or two. That's why I am hopeful about the new pilot program this year.

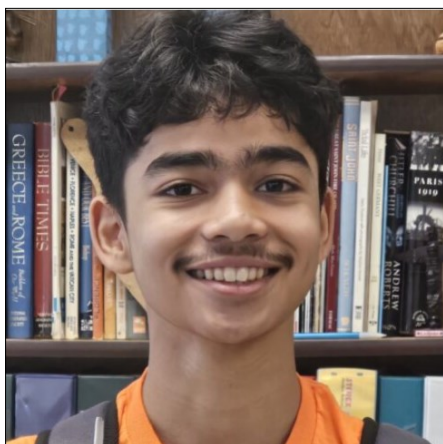
Back when I lived in Edmonton, my old school district had a similar schedule, the only difference is we ended school later in June. I feel it was very helpful for students to have more days off, and while my lived experience is

not as applicable to this (I was in elementary school,) I still think it was beneficial. I will not deny that it gives us less days to learn, especially for AP classes; however, just not having to be up as early as usual is already serving us well, in my opinion. Even if I spend a pilot day doing lots of work, having more flexibility in my schedule in the morning gives me a good break, and by extension, can make me perform more efficiently. Pilot days also give us more time to catch up on homework. The pilot days are like a lifeboat in the rough seas of homework. School can be overwhelming, especially if you have other commitments outside of school.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying homework is a bad thing; it is usually quite helpful for revision and studying. But I won't deny that it sometimes feels like a huge slab of stone that's crushing you, especially if you're hyper worried about school all the time, like me. Procrastination often feels like the best option, even when it just worsens the problem. However, the pilot days are a breath of fresh air, a crane lifting the stone slightly off. One extra day of just being able to be a bit lazier and catch up on assignments will work wonders, in my opinion.

Meet your new grade 9 rep:

Saifullah Niazi



"I ran for grade 9 rep because I want to make a name for myself and leave an impact on the school. And what better way to do that than run for SRC."

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Are you interested in writing for *Harbour Views*? Drop and see Ms. McDonald in Room 307 or listen for announcements and come to our next meeting.

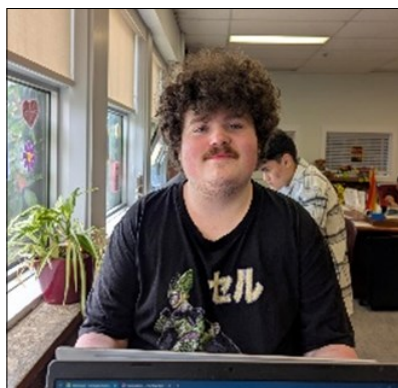


We asked you...

"What's your favourite thing about being back to school?"

Every fall, when school starts up again, there is bound to be mixed feelings. Yet, even if you'd rather be at home relaxing, there are always some things to look forward to. Personally, I'm more than happy to be back in my clubs and extra curriculars. Over the summer, I missed taking yearbook photos and practicing a song for band. Being back in school means being back to the things I enjoy being a part of. Have a great year everyone!

Interviews and photos by Madeline Wheaton



Carter Spencer

"Seeing all my friends that I haven't seen over the summer."



Anneke Gerrits

"I love that clubs and activities are starting up again."



Jess Willis & Arthur Nichols

"Grad events!"



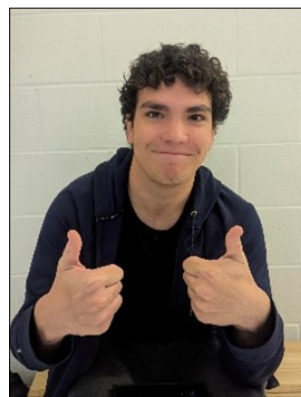
Andrea MacPhee-Bell

"Seeing my boyfriend."



Jacob Garvin

"Graduation!"



Eric Prowse

"Talking to people."

Looking for a club to join? Try one of these:

Are you looking to meet new friends and learn about other cultures? Global Connects meets at noon on Wednesday in 301.

Do you love to read? Harbour View Reads will be having their first meeting of the year on Thursday October 2nd at lunch in Room 307.

Do you play Rocket League? For more information see Mr. Walls in Room 309.



By Percidal Carroll

For fall, I've unearthed (ha! ha!) a recipe passed down from my grandmother. Chocolate frogs are a perfect combo of reasonably healthy and wildly satisfying.

For this recipe, you'll need: ½ cup milk, ½ cup butter, 2 cups white sugar, 6 T cocoa powder, 1 t vanilla, 1 cup coconut, 3 cups dry oats, and chia seeds measured with your heart. You can substitute the seeds with any other grain, the milk for any lactose-free brand, and the butter with margarine.

Mix your butter, milk, sugar, and cocoa in a medium pot (you may think you'll need a bigger pot; trust me, you won't). Put it on your stove until it boils. Stir frequently to avoid burning! Add coconut, vanilla, oats, and seeds, and take it off the burner. Quickly transfer it onto a cookie sheet lined with wax paper. Random blobs are fine, and in fact, expected. Let it chill until firm and enjoy! They should look like this.



If there are 0 - 1 catastrophes by the end and it tastes good, congratulations! You have done it!



October Playlist

- "Season Of [the](#) Witch," by Lana Del Rey
- "Stick Season," by Noah Kahan
- "Envy the Leaves," by Madison Beer
- "Breakin' Dishes," by Rihanna
- "The Roads," by Jonah Kagen
- "All Too well (Taylor's Version)," by Taylor Swift
- "A little Bit of Everything," by Lizzy McAlpine
- "Something in the Orange," by Niall Horan
- "Coffee," by beabadoobee
- "Astronomy," by Conan Gray
- "Rainy Days and Mondays," by Carpenters
- "Yellow," by Coldplay
- "Flume," by Bon Iver
- "Autumn in New York," by Billie Holiday
- "There is a Light That Never Goes Out," by The Smiths
- "Paper Bag," by Fiona Apple
- "Another One," by Mac DeMarco
- "Sunday," by The Cranberries
- "Good Looking," by Suki Waterhouse
- "Dreams," by Fleetwood Mac

Scan the code or search "Sophie Van Dyke" on Spotify to access this month's playlist.



A guy's only doing it for his doll: *Guys and Dolls* hits the stage Oct 9-11

By Brigh Wilson

Our musical this fall is the classic *Guys & Dolls*, showing on October 9th, 10th, and 11th. The show is a romantic comedy set in the early 1940s and involving the lives of the most unlikely pairings: a high-rolling gambler and a missionary, and a showgirl dreaming of marrying her crap-game-managing fiancé. Through dialogue, dance, and song, the musical demonstrates how love comes to people in the most unexpected ways, and that there's no telling what type of doll will go for a what type of guy. The show is well-known for high energy dance numbers and lots of great songs.



Some of the "guys" rehearsing their dance number. Photo submitted by Mrs. McDevitt.

Grade 12 student Ella Coffin plays Adelaide, a show girl who has been dating her boyfriend Nathan Detroit (played by Gavin Steeves) for a decade and just can't seem to get him to commit.

"Playing a character like Miss Adelaide is both exciting and challenging. Her larger-than-life personality, humour, and drama leaves a lot of room for interpretation which has allowed me to tap into my creativity and play around a lot on stage," Ella said. "Also, having to take on her difficult musical repertoire and big dance numbers all whilst portraying her character (and learning her goofy accent) has pushed me to a whole other level as a performer. Overall, I've thoroughly enjoyed the experience and being her has taught me a lot about being on stage but, more than anything, it has been super fun!"

Although *Guys & Dolls* has been produced by Harbour View in the past (in 2015), "Every time we remount a show it's new because it's a new cast and students are coming with a fresh approach," explained Ms. Bosse. "The reciprocal reflection of art and life on the stage is ever changing," she added.

The cast has been rehearsing since mid-August and has dedicated countless hours to make the show come to life. This year, 15 Grade 9 students are part of the cast. They auditioned at the end of their grade 8 year.

"I auditioned because I feel like it's something I am good at and I knew I would fit in with other people in the musical," said Sophie LeBlanc. "The experience has been amazing because everyone has been so nice."

If you haven't bought your ticket to see the show yet, do so now; you don't want to regret missing a true masterpiece on the stage.



By Kyler Hogan

As a new school year begins, so do the clubs and sports at Harbour View. For Climate Action, this entails a new leadership team, new group members, and new fun and exciting ideas.

This year, HVHS' Climate Action leadership team includes Sophie Van Dyke and me, Kyler Hogan, as co-presidents; Sarah Smith as VP General; Anneke Gerrits as Hydroponics Coordinator; Charlotte Colpitts as Sustainable Future

Schools representative; Abbigale White as Special Events Coordinator; Mason Oram as Eco-Schools Representative; and Ryker Gerrits as the Grade 10 Representative. This team is ready to bring fun events and activities to both Climate Action group members and the school community.

One of the most exciting parts of Climate Action is the events and activities that we provide. In the past, we've had coffee houses, tree planting, a Christmas market, and so much more. And this year is no different. So far, some events you can look forward to are HV Thrifts (formerly Pop-up Shop), a monthly pop-up thrift store where you can get up to five free items, as well as another Christmas market, tree planting, nature walks, a possible trail run, and clean-ups.

If you're unsure whether you should join Climate Action, come to one of our meetings! We have meetings every other Thursday in room 325, and there are always announcements the week of our group meetings. Climate Action is a fantastic opportunity to get involved with the school and surrounding community, as well as to show your passion for the environment. We can't wait for all the fun events this year, and we hope to see you there.

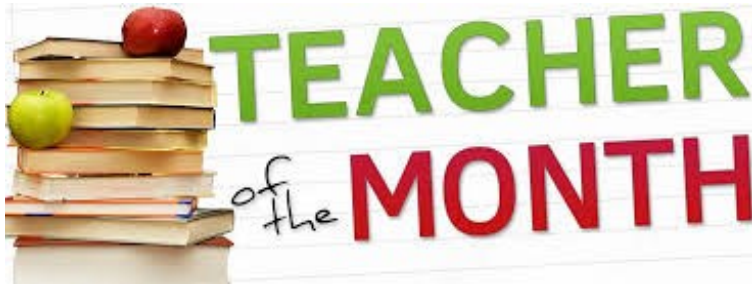


Starting off strong the football team is off to its best start since 2006. Their first win was against St Stephen, who they

Well, Vikings that's this month's recap. I hope everyone had a good summer and is ready to dive into the sports season. We have three teams already with an undefeated record, so keep it up Vikings!



Photo taken by Mr. B.
O'Connell



Interview and photo by Sarah Smith

This month I would like to shine the spotlight on a teacher whose classroom is always filled with enthusiasm.

Mr. Blakney started teaching at Harbour View last year. He has been teaching for 18 years and spent most of that time at Simonds High School, although he did spend a year teaching kindergarten in Korea. Mr. Blakney has taught courses ranging from mathematics to pathology. His favorite subject to teach is physics. Mr. Blakney's enjoyment of physics did not just start when he began teaching it.

"We had a lot of fun in physics when I was in high school," he recalled.

His students also recognize his enthusiasm.

"He's a very funny and passionate person," remarked Hannah Brezynski.

Violet Toole added, "He's good at making class entertaining."



Narrowing down a favorite experience from Harbour View to just one thing was not easy for Mr. Blakney.

"I don't know if I can pinpoint a favorite" he said. "Everything is good honestly. Maroon Mania is fun, Wellness Wednesdays are fun."

But his favorite things are talking to the staff and students. This is reflected in the way he is always willing

to help students. During many lunch hours, Mr. Blakney can be found helping catch up students who missed a day of class or just need some extra help.

The story of why Mr. Blakney decided to become a teacher is a long one, but both of his parents were teachers. He did a lot of substitute teaching before he got his Education degree. Mr. Blakney was looking for a career that would ensure he could have a lifestyle conducive to having a family.



By Madison Sweeney

October

By Paul Laurence Dunbar

October is the treasurer of the year,
And all the months pay bounty to her store;
The fields and orchards still their tribute bear,
And fill her brimming coffers more and more.

But she, with youthful lavishness,
Spends all her wealth in gaudy dress,
And decks herself in garments bold
Of scarlet, purple, red, and gold.

She heedeth not how swift the hours fly,
But smiles and sings her happy life along;
She only sees above a shining sky;
She only hears the breezes' voice in song.

Her garments trail the woodlands through,
And gather pearls of early dew
That sparkle, till the roguish Sun
Creeps up and steals them every one.

But what cares she that jewels should be lost,
When all of Nature's bounteous wealth is hers?
Though princely fortunes may have been their cost,
Not one regret her calm demeanor stirs.

Whole-hearted, happy, careless, free,
She lives her life out joyously,
Nor cares when Frost stalks o'er her way
And turns her auburn locks to gray.

October is a month of change and new beginnings; we fall back into the routines of autumn and embrace the chilly mornings. The birds begin to fly south as we begin to unpack our warm fall coats. This poem is to remind us that as quickly as autumn comes, winter comes even quicker, and we should all enjoy the beautiful colors and gems of fall. We should all embrace mother nature's rapid changes and enjoy each short fall day to come.

Our school celebrates its centennial



Grade 11 student Ella Mosher, pictured here with Mr. McDade, has a special connection to our school. Her great great grandfather was Dr. Levi Murray Curren, MLA. He laid the corner stone of Harbour View High School back on June 24th, 1925. The commemorative trowel, pictured right, has been passed down through the generations.



Here are some of the events planned to help us celebrate

Guys & Dolls in the auditorium October 9 -11

The weekend of October 11th-12th will be billed as an Alumni Homecoming.

On October 11th there will be an Alumni Social from 3-6pm at the Moosehead Small Batch Taproom. A by-donation entry will be collected to put towards alumni bursaries.

On October 12th there will be an Alumni Art and Composite Open House from 1:00 -3:00pm. Wine and cheese will be served, art historians will be on site, and there will also be a storyteller available to share some Vocational/HVHS lore.

We'd love for you to join us and share your stories of our building.

Seniors celebrate sunrise

Close to 80 seniors showed up at the school for the 6:45 sunrise on Sept 25. The students enjoyed coffee, hot chocolate and snacks.



Above L-R: Jess Willis, Arthur Nichols, Liam Snodgrass, Austin Bates, Mary Ann, Roney, Aiden Page, Cayden Downie Quwade DeBoard, Madeline Wheaton, Kearsten Sheehan

(Photo submitted by Madeline Wheaton)

Right: Ethan Clawson, Gavin Steeves, Cohen Peddle, Colby Gautreau

(Photo submitted by Charlotte Colpitts)

