

This Week in the Raven's Nest



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We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories of the Coast Salish, specifically Esquimalt Nation and Songhees Nation on which Royal Bay Secondary is built, and the nations that SD62 works with, Beecher Bay SCIA'NEW Nation, T'Sou-ke Nation, and Nuu-chah-nulth Pacheedaht Nation to the west.

We recognize the territory, the First Nations peoples, and thank them for sharing this beautiful land. Hych'ka – Coast Salish Kleco Kleco – Nuu-chah-nulth



Information on COVID—19 can be found on the school district link below.

<https://www.sd62.bc.ca/covid-19>

This week:

Monday NID—Pro D Day— no on-line classes in session

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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Dear RBSS Families;

First, thank you for your patience as our staff took on the challenge to learn and plan how to support learning in a home environment; clearly it is drastically different than teaching/learning in a school environment. Also, thank you for taking on the challenge of supporting your child at home each and every day during this pandemic. Parents are the first educators of their children and that is apparent more than ever. I am sure it has been a time that has been rewarding, challenging, fun, time consuming and at times exhausting and frustrating. If you are feeling uncertain about this type of education, you are not alone – we are all going through this together. Celebrate the successes and don't worry when things aren't going the way you had hoped or planned. All students learn at different rates and in different ways, so stay focused on what is going well.

I am incredibly proud of the staff with how hard they have worked to understand “continuity of learning”, partaking in necessary professional development, and planning activities, lessons, projects, websites and google classrooms for their students. Their dedication and enthusiasm for this new challenge speaks volumes about their commitment to your children and our community. Staff are settling into this new way of teaching and learning as I suspect you are too. The staff have shared with me that they do miss seeing the children face to face in the school setting. We all look forward to a time when we are back together in one place.

As I mentioned in my last report home – students are the glue that hold a school together and we are definitely impacted by their absence from our school classrooms. Lots of changes have taken place over the last couple of weeks and we seem to be adjusting and making progress. We have made great strides in the continuity of learning, while many issues are still up in the air. Like you, we are waiting for provincial/federal decisions about what the rest of the year will look like.

Over the last two weeks we have distributed tech to families that indicated the need and returned many cherished instruments to students. Our hope is that this makes the distance easier. In partnership with our district, we are in the process of creating a comprehensive plan to return student materials in the event that we aren't returning to school over the coming weeks.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work by many of our district staff, led by Paul Block our Assistant Superintendent, in supporting the Essential Workers Program. SD62 has three sites operating around the district to support the school age children of those workers so that they can continue to care for and support our communities during this time. Many of our staff have also made themselves available to support these programs.

Communication and feedback between the students, yourselves and your child's teacher is going to be very important as we move forward. The course plans will evolve over time as teachers become more familiar with our new approach to supporting student learning remotely and fully understand what can and cannot be completed by students at home. There are going to be bumps along the way, this is new to all of us, but with constructive dialogue between students, families and teachers we can experience success in a variety of ways.

Please know as we receive regular updates and information, we will be quick to share it with you. A reminder to check the [District](#) and our <http://royalbay.web.sd62.bc.ca/> school website for updates. We appreciate your continued support for both your children and our staff.

Information

Mid-term Report Cards will be published on the afternoon of April 24th via the MyEd portal. This report is a “snapshot” of the learning students have completed or demonstrated since the beginning of the 2nd semester. Remember to log in to the MyEd portal <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do> to review the report card. Directions on how to reset your password are located on our website. If you have any questions, please contact the subject teacher via email.

Grads continue to check the RBSS website for information and updates.

We know that many of you are feeling concerned about graduation ceremonies and events will look like. We have started many proud traditions at RBSS extend beyond the ceremony that recognize the communities' role in getting our students to graduation. These are events that are very important to students and families alike – I would like to ensure you that we are aware of this and are making plans to recognize this achievement in some capacity. We are still waiting for more information from provincial health authorities before we can move forward with planning, and appreciate your patience. Our Grad Council continues to connect with Mr. Burgess and Mr. Lait and may wish to share ideas they have in the event that we need to look at altering the way our graduates end their year. While it is too early to predict what events will look like, will continue to look very closely at what unfolds over the next while. I would also like to strongly encourage our grads to look at all available scholarships which can be found on the scholarship weebly and on the RBSS website.

Grads 2020 – stay connected with one another and encourage your friends and peers to finish strong.

For other resources and information, please check out our District's [Healthy Schools, Healthy People](#) page. Also please check out <https://www.sd62.bc.ca/covid-19> for additional information.

Finally, a huge thanks to our Custodial and Clerical teams for their continued and dedicated support.

Please continue to be safe and practice social distancing. All the best to you and your family, RBSS misses you,

Mike Huck



Are you interested in Trades?



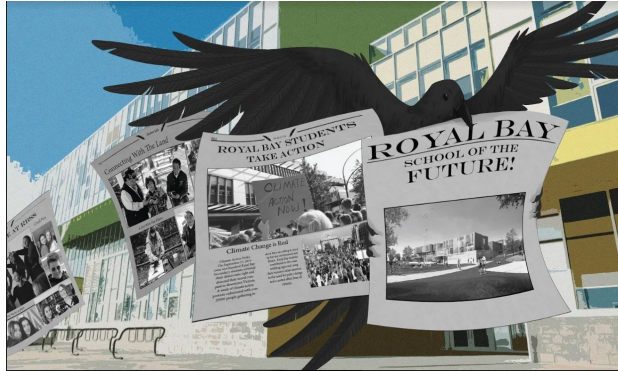
The Trades Awareness (TASK) is a “hands on “ program and is offered in partnership with Camosun College. TASK exposes interested students to various construction and mechanical trades as they explore units in carpentry, electrical, plumbing and metal trades. The program also provided students with industry certifications (eg. First Aid, Safety Star, WHMIS and Fall

Arrest) that employers would be looking for when hiring entry-level employees. Work experience is also a key component of the TASK program and give students an opportunity to develop employability skills which may lead to a paid job and an apprenticeship. Classes and training will take place at Royal Bay Secondary School, Camosun College and offsite depending on the projects.

Please contact Danielle Huculak (dhuculak@sd62.bc.ca) for more information.

Yearbook 2019-2020

Yearbook- “Don’t miss your chance to commemorate the 2019-2020 school year. This edition celebrates the Royal Bay Raven spirit of the past year and preserves the memories of friendships and events. This Yearbook will become a keepsake that students will look back on fondly for years to come. We are the future Royal Bay. Get your 2020 yearbook today.”



Grad Box- “Hey Grads, Let’s separate this year from the rest. Keep your Senior yearbook in pristine condition with the Royal Bay Grad Box. This year will be extra special for many reasons and your culminating yearbook keepsake deserves to be housed beautifully in this year's Grad Box.”

ONLY 75 GRAD BOXES
ARE
AVAILABLE
DON'T DELAY



Yearbooks and Grad Boxes can be purchased on line through school
cash on-line

<https://sd62.schoolcashonline.com>

RBSS PAC Corner

Meetings will be held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the RBSS Learning Commons.



Please join us at our next RBSS PAC meeting
TBA
Room TBD

2019/2020 PAC Executive Members:

President: Larissa Coates
Vice President: Marianne Chase
Treasurer: Salome Crowley
Secretary: Cindy Fizzard
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Just a reminder that the RBSS PAC Bursary submission date is

May 1, 2020

*Please see page 7 for scholarship submission
information.*

Parent Run Dry Grad—Carnival Refunds

We will do our best to have the refunds sent out as soon as possible. If the payments were made on school cash online the refund will be done through that system. If the payments were made by cash or cheque, a cheque will be sent in the mail.

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Scholarship Information

How do I access up-to-date information about scholarships? All scholarship/bursary donors will be contacted in the next number of days asking about how applications can be submitted and the possibility of extending deadlines. As information becomes available, it will be updated in the Weebly (<https://scholarship12dl.weebly.com/>). The school website will also have some up-to-date information as well (<http://royalbay.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/scholarships/>). If you have any additional questions, please contact Michelle Glanfield at mglanfield@sd62.bc.ca.

I do not have a printer, how do I get access to scholarship applications? We are in the process of converting all of our scholarship applications into Word documents that can be edited. Please check the PSP Scholarship Weebly regularly for updates. I do not have access to a computer/the internet.

How do I obtain paper copies of scholarship applications? Paper copies of scholarships will only be available to students who cannot access them online. In order to obtain a hard copy of a scholarship, email Michelle Glanfield to arrange for pick-up outside of the building. How do I submit a paper-based scholarship application? Paper-based applications will only be accepted if you have no other way of submitting the document. To do this, phone the school to notify the on-duty clerical that you have an application to submit. Please ensure that you secure all materials with large paper clips or bulldog clips. Do not seal the envelopes.

How do I submit the District Authority Scholarship? Complete the online version of the application and email it to Michelle Glanfield at mglanfield@sd62.bc.ca. If you are not able to submit via email, please contact Ms. Glanfield to make arrangements to drop off your application. All applications digital or paper-based for the District Authority Scholarship are due on April 23rd by noon. The evidence to support my application for the District Authority Scholarship cannot be digitized. What do I do? You can either: • upload photos of your evidence to support the application requirements, or • list the supporting documents you intended to include and explain how these documents support your application.

How do I submit the required teacher-reference for the District Authority Scholarship? Send the digital version of the teacher reference directly to the teacher who will be completing it. Teachers will submit completed references directly to Michelle Glanfield (mglanfield@sd62.bc.ca) and these will then be added to your digital or paper-based application.

Hello Grade 12's,

Don't miss out applying for the upcoming **scholarships** listed in the **Post-Secondary Preparation 12 Weebly**. Access them via the links below. Make time over Spring Break to complete and submit your applications before their due dates.

Remember, some applications need letters of reference, scholarship resumes, essay responses, or other criteria. Ensure you give yourself ample time to complete all that you need to.

<https://scholarship12dl.weebly.com/march.html>

<https://scholarship12dl.weebly.com/april.html>

<https://scholarship12dl.weebly.com/may.html>

Scholarships to Note:

District Scholarships worth **\$1250** each.

The BC Ministry of Education is offering graduating students from all 3 secondary schools in the Sooke School District at total of **116** "District Scholarships" worth **\$1250** each.

The Counselling and Careers Departments would like to work with *each* of you to help you complete your application form so we can submit as many as possible to the Ministry. Our goal is 50 applications. Help us reach it. If we are successful, we can bring in over \$60,000 in scholarships for Royal Bay's 2020 Graduating Class.

Coast Capital Standing Tall and **Youth Get It Awards** (2 valued at \$3500 each):

Sooke District Elementary and Middle School Scholarships – Due Friday, May 1st to Mrs. Glanfield in the Career Centre.

Royal Bay Secondary Scholarships – Due Friday, May 1st

If you wish to start looking for **financial aid** resources, click on this link: <https://scholarship12dl.weebly.com/financial-aid-info1.html>

Mr. Froess