

This Week in the Raven's Nest



Royal Bay Secondary School

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November 2 - November 6, 2020

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



Students arriving late to class will need to go to the front doors of the school, call the office at 250-474-2377. A clerical team member will let the student in, who will then need to sign in at the office.

This week:

Monday

Tuesday Wellness Centre—Appt. only

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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Important dates to Remember:

November 4	PAC Meeting
November 11	Remembrance Day—no school
November 18	Octa 2 ends
November 19	Octa 3 starts
November 19	Early Dismissal—Learning Conferences
November 20	NID—Pro-D
November 20	Music Winter Show
November 25	Report cards published—My Ed
December 2	PAC Meeting
December 7-16	Grad Pictures
December 18	Last Day before Winter Break
December 18	Octa 3 ends
January 4	School Reopens
January 4	Octa 4 starts
January 8	Report cards published—My Ed
January 29	Semester 1 Ends
February 1	Semester 2 Begins
February 1	Octa 4 ends
February 2	Octa 5 begins
February 12	NID—Tri-District
February 15	Family Day
March 3-6	Theatre Production—TBD
March 5	Octa 5 ends
March 8	Octa 6 starts
March 12	Report cards published - My Ed
March 12	Last Day before Spring Break
March 15-26	Spring Break—no school
March 29	School Re-opens
April 2	Good Friday—no school
April 5	Easter Monday—no school
April 7	PAC Meeting
April 23	Octa 6 Ends
April 30	Report cards Published—My Ed

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RBSS PAC Corner

Meetings will be held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm via MS Teams

Please join us at our next RBSS PAC meeting

November 4, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

If you wish to attend the online meeting please contact royalbayPAC@gmail.com if you have not previously attended a meeting, all previous guests are forwarded automatically.

Thank you

2020-2021 PAC Executive Members:

President: Larissa Coates
Vice President: Marianne Chase
Treasurer: Salome Crowley
Secretary: Cindy Fizzard
SPEAC Rep (District PAC):
Paula Wilson
Communications Officer:
Marie Worden
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Remaining Meeting Dates for the 2020-2021

PAC Year:

December 2

February 3

March 3

April 7

May 5

(Election of President and Treasurer)

June 2



Message from the Principal

School Start Up and Octa 1

The RBBS Admin team is very grateful to our students, staff and family community for the all the support shown during the September start up and through our first Octa. As you know, the year has been divided up into eighths. Each class in your student's scheduled represents one eighth – A Block semester one is Octa 1, B Block semester one is Octa 2 and so on. Currently, we are in our second week of Octa 2, reports for Octa 1 were made available through MyEd on October 22. As a school and district we have had to re-plan all of our schedules and daily routines so that we can follow the strictest safety guidelines. Through all of this, our priority has been to provide the best possible educational experience for your learner. I cannot express enough how proud I am of the students' understanding of the safety and their ownership of their own responsibility in the school. It is very clear that your learners are developing into mature and caring young people.

Clearly, the school is progressing, albeit it has a different look. Our students and staff have adapted and are continuously looking for the positives as they get busy with the job of school. We are please that we can start looking at offering some of the extra-curricular activities that makes the school a special place to be. In short, we will do what can be done safely.

Now that the first Octa is complete, I want to connect with you to let you know our experiences as a school.

Octa 1, by all accounts, was very successful. Like you, we weren't really sure what to expect, but the results are very encouraging and positive.

Attendance

Throughout Octa 1, our daily attendance rate sat between 92% and 98%.

Course Completion

98% of our students satisfactorily completed their course. The remaining 2% have received "Incompletes" and have the ability to hand in assignments and complete the course.

After speaking with numerous students, staff and parents/guardians we have compiled some anecdotal information that I would also like to share.

While students, staff and parent/guardians are feeling many different emotions about school at the moment, below are some of the consistent themes.

Student Feedback

- A sense of great focus with only one class at a time to focus on
- Increased understanding and engagement; increased support from teachers; greater sense of success
- Easier to stay organized
- Social and education anxiety is down
- Enjoying smaller classes

In some cases, increased sense of safety (socially as well as feeling they are in a calm school environment)

Teacher Feedback

- Students have greater focus
- Building relationships with students & families more than they have in the past
- Negative classroom behaviours dramatically decreased
- Experimenting with new forms of assessment
- Experimenting with cross-curricular learning/collaboration
- Sense of satisfaction in being able to assist students

Enjoying smaller class sizes

Parent/Guardian Feedback

- Pleased with the smaller classes sizes in terms of safety and H&S measures
- Encouraged by the engagement and focus of their students
- Pleased that extra-curricular activities are coming back on line through a clear H&S protocol

Positive and grateful seeing their students back in school

While we recognize that this certainly isn't a perfect situation, we are encouraged with how it is progressing. Having the students back at school and breathing life back into the building has been incredible.

We hope to build these strengths through Octa 2. Please make sure that you stay in close contact with teachers and have an ongoing sense of your student's strengths, areas for growth, and ways that your student can be supported in their learning.

As we go through the year, we will keep you all updated. It has been an exceptional year, but we have exceptional students, staff and community to rely on.

Regards

Mike Huck



Grad Corner



Hello everyone,

Graduation events are an opportunity for students, their families, staff, and the community to come together to celebrate our graduating students' accomplishments and the transition from K-12 education.

This year we want to recognize and celebrate our graduates in a way that keeps everyone safe. In following the current guidelines from our Provincial Health Officer and our district direction, we will not be able to proceed with a **Winter Formal**. We can, however, think ahead for Commencement and other grad activities and celebrations.

Looking ahead to the spring, we will listen to the ideas the grads bring forward about what their hopes and dreams for graduation celebrations are and do the best to celebrate them safely while considering the Health Guidelines.

Thank you,

RBSS Admin Team

This and That

Purdy's Seasonal Chocolate



Buy some chocolate and support RBSS Grad and Music Program in the process. To purchase, click [here](#). Follow our '[How to Order Guide](#)' and place your order by November 25th to ensure you receive your holiday chocolates on time. Orders will be delivered to the school December 5th and will be distributed shortly after.

Thank you in advance for supporting RBSS Programs.



Numeracy Assessment for Grade 12

On Monday, November 2 and Tuesday, November 3 we are going to be writing the Numeracy Assessment for Grade 12 students that need it for graduation.

There are 2 sessions per day 9am and 12pm.

Any inquiries should be direct to Martin Lait at mlait@sd62.bc.ca



Scholarship Info

Link for the scholarship information / forms:

rbsss-scholarships.weebly.com



For more information visit the Career Commons or contact

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<u>Name of Scholarship</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
Remax Quest for Excellence Scholarship	Open Now
Schulich Leader Scholarships	January 15, 2021
Fraser MacPherson Music Scholarship	Early November
TD Scholarships for Community Leadership	November 13
Soroptomist International of Victoria Westshore	November 15

Watch this space for upcoming information about scholarships!

Reporting Periods for 2020-2021 on the 1/8th Model

Octa 2 – Oct. 16 – Nov. 18

Nov. 25 Reports published via MyEd

Octa 6 – March 8 – April 23

April 30 Reports published via MyEd

Octa 3 – Nov. 19 – Dec. 18

Jan. 8 Reports published via MyEd

Octa 7 – April 26 – May 27

June 3 Reports published via MyEd

Octa 4 – Jan. 4 – Feb. 1

Feb. 8 Reports published via MyEd

Mid way report for linear courses

Octa 8 – May 28 – June 28

June 29 Reports published via MyEd

Year End

Octa 5 – Feb. 2 – March 5

March 12 Reports published via MyEd

UVic Entrance Scholarship Recipients 2020-2021

Congratulations to the following Royal Bay Graduates on their UVic Entrance Scholarship awards

Mohamed A.

Donald & Evelyn Munro Scholarships
UVic Excellence Scholarship

Joel B.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Sarah B.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Emma C.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Makayla C.

General Undergraduate Scholarship
President's Entrance Scholarship

Dawson C.

President's Entrance Scholarship

Garrett C.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Avery C.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Emilie D.

General Undergraduate Scholarship
President's Entrance Scholarship

Aditya E.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

John F.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Makenna G.

UVic Excellence Scholarship

Kelsea G.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Gokberk G.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Taylor G.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Julina G.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Miranda H.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Keanna H.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Karis H.

50th Anniversary Science Entrance Scholarship
UVic Excellence Scholarship

Keisha H.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Rohith J.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Mathew J.

Faculty of Engineering: Dean's Entrance Scholarship
President's Entrance Scholarship

Sharon K.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Jett L.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Riley L.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Evan L.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

UVic Entrance Scholarship Recipients 2020-2021

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Carson L.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Madison L.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Taylor M.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Ellie M.

John and Myrtle Tilley Undergraduate Scholarship
President's Entrance Scholarship

Sarah M.

Clara Evelyn Wilson Scholarship
Faculty of Science Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship
President's Entrance Scholarship

Chloe M.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Kennedy M.

John and Myrtle Tilley Undergraduate Scholarship
President's Entrance Scholarship

Rachel M.

UVic Excellence Scholarship

Keith M.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Georgia M.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Patricia N.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Amelia O.

UVic Excellence Scholarship

Jaxon P.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Talia Q.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Kevin R.

Margaret Catherine Seens Scholarship
President's Entrance Scholarship

Eve R.

UVic Excellence Scholarship

Raeshia S.

UVic Excellence Scholarship

Mackenzie S.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Nicholas S.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Armaan S,

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Bryanne T.

Margaret Catherine Seens Scholarship
President's Entrance Scholarship

Bethanie T.

Butterfield Scholarship in the School of Music
University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Isabella V.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

My-Le V.

UVic Excellence Scholarship

Nakoda W.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship

Evan W.

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship



City of Victoria Youth Council

City of Victoria Youth Council has now opened registration for it's 2020/21 cohort. To register please go to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-1ubh-8hIHSjCmPKsEa3o8lnPKPJecjZv-VWTpZeCv4yVw/viewform>. **Registration is open until November 16 at 11:59 p.m.**

Youth Council offers opportunities for young people to get involved and act as young leaders in their community. They are a passionate group who take action and raise awareness about important issues in the community and share youth perspectives and experiences with Victoria City Council, City staff and citizens.

City of Victoria Youth Council is a safe place for everyone regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, or physical abilities. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, CVYC will **be hosted virtually on zoom** for the time being. CVYC is available for youth ages 14-24 who live in the City of Victoria and surrounding communities (West Shore, Saanich, Sidney, etc.)

Contact EJ Weston eweston@victoria.ca for more information

