

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



Retakes and Proofs

If your child had their school photos retaken this year, Edge Imaging has delayed shipping these proofs until November 24 to allow families to choose delivery to the school to avoid charges associated with shipping directly to their home.



This week:

Monday

Tuesday Wellness Centre—Appt. only

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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Important dates to Remember:

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
May 5	PAC Meeting
May 14	NID— Pro-D no school
May 15	Dry Grad Carnival
May 17	Grad rehearsal UVic — tentative
May 24	Victoria Day—no school
May 27	Octa 7 ends
May 28	Octa 8 begins
May 28	R n B Night—tentative

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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

December 2, 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
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Paula Wilson
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Remaining Meeting Dates for the 2020-2021 PAC

Year:

February 3

March 3

April 7

May 5

(Election of President and Treasurer)

June 2

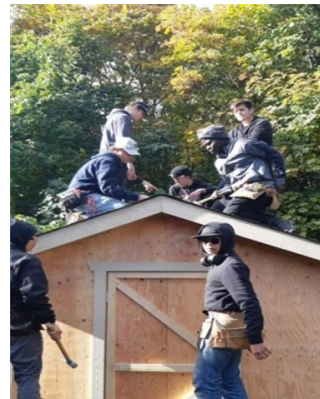


From the Admin



RBSS TASK Update

As we reach the end of another Octant this week, we took the opportunity to check in with Mr. Sorensen and the TASK program. TASK (Trades Awareness Skills and Knowledge) is a trades sampler full day program that pairs students with Camosun College instructors of various trades along with an RBSS based teacher, Mr. Sorensen to learn the fundamentals of several key trade areas.



With the program scaffolded around carpentry, students have built numerous sheds that have been sold to members of the community. The sheds allow the students to investigate many aspects of house construction and carpentry and are built at RBSS before being dismantled and re-built on the purchaser's property. There has been great uptake of sheds this year and all prebuilt structure have been sold, with orders stretching into next semesters group as well.

With sheds complete, students have moved on to electrical wiring and welding/sheet metal sections of the course. Each component having a Camosun College instructor leading the specific trade area and giving students an insight into the fundamentals of each subject. In the next several weeks the students will move onto a plumbing component before heading out on work experience placements with local companies in the trades of their choice.

There will be a spring TASK program at RBSS this year and applications are now due from students interesting in getting involved in this incredible opportunity to investigate the trades.

Inquiries please visit the Careers Department.

Around the Raven's Nest!

Royal Bay English Department



This week Block B comes to a rainy close. Here's what some of the English classes are up to at Royal Bay.

Mr. Froess' AVID 10 class used one of the last sunny fall days to go on a Walk and Talk. What better way to process the ideas and nuances of the WICOR strategies and

things read in class than out in the beauty of this community.

These past few years there have been many reasons to consider the impulses and abuses of power. Mr. Demmings' English 12 class grappled with these questions and more as they encountered the machinations of Iago in *Othello*. Engaging with the words of the Bard through acting and discussion allows students to see how the ideas of literature written centuries ago remain entirely relevant today.



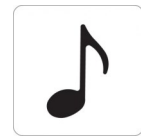
Ms. Haynes' English 9 class finished their novel study of Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* and are closing out the class with some presentations. Possibly the most despised assignment in all of school, the oral presentation emphasizes to students the skills of speaking in front of a group and learning to be an active and engaged listener.

Around the Raven's Nest! Cont.

Foods 10 learned about traditional plant medicine and wild harvesting. Students engaged in tea blending, prepared rosehip jam, and made medicinal bath salts. Students learned about consent based harvesting and Coast Salish harvesting protocols. Students harvested their own plants from our herb garden and also used sustainably grown plants from Ravenhill Herb Farm.



Royal Bay Music Department



Here is how the Royal Bay Music Department is protecting themselves from the Corona Virus! Pictured here are some of the Jazz Band 9/10 students. I'd like to give a huge thank you to Elfie Jeeves for her work designing and making bell covers for the brass sections and clarinets, plus the "aprons" for the saxes and clarinets. It was a huge amount of work to outfit all of the players in grade 9-12. Thanks also to Dorothy Chamberlain and Myrt Snowsell for helping with this and keeping us all safe.

Karen Snowsell

Teams

Congratulations Lacrosse Academy Students



Austin Krug signing his national letter of intent to play lacrosse and attend Montevello University.



Connor Barrett signing his national letter of intent to play lacrosse and attend Mount Saint Mary's University.



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.



RBSS PAC Fund Raising

New! Fundraising. Thank you for supporting your RBSS PAC:

Cobs Bread (Westshore)—mention RBSS at time of purchase

Co-op Gas (any Peninsula location)—#134056

Coming soon ... virtual SPC discount cards. Make great stocking stuffers!



GRAD CORNER



Grad Portrait Sitzings and Yearbook Photos

Edge Imaging will be at Royal Bay Secondary December 7 - December 16 this year to take the graduate portraits. This will be done in room 1174 (located in the Neighborhood Learning Centre) using two photographers and following strict protocols approved by the BC Centre of Disease Control.

With new COVID protocols in place, all portrait bookings will be completed on line through Edge Imaging. The sitting fee will also be paid online directly to Edge Imaging when confirming the booking as cheques and cash are not able to be collected this year. Grad gowns and stoles will be provided by Edge Imaging and will be sanitized at the end of each day. The sitting fee is \$30 and will include all proofs from the session. If students do not wish to order graduate photos but want to be included in the yearbook grad photos, a \$5 fee will be charged which will include a 5x7 composite which students will receive in their grad folders. Families who may need support with these fees are asked to contact their Vice Principal of record.

Please be advised that the photos will only be taken with individual grads. No friend photos or portraits including pets of any kind will be permitted at this time as part of the COVID protocols. Should this situation change for the better, Edge Imaging has committed to opening a session in the spring to capture friend photos.

Royal Bay staff are asking students and parents to book portrait sessions opposite to their regularly scheduled classes. Students attending class in the morning session are asked to book photos in the afternoon session and vice versa. This will allow photos to occur but not impact the limited amount of time students have to complete their scheduled classes in this octant.

Students are asked to arrive to the portrait session in a mask, sanitize before their sitting and leave the room with a mask following the photo shoot. We are fortunate to be able to continue with this tradition and appreciate your understanding in following these new protocols put in place for public health.



Please watch for the link to book grad photos on the Raven's app and website!

Sooke School District
Shaping Tomorrow Today

10,000 Tonight



It's that time of year again! Royal Bay Leadership students are putting on the 10,000 Tonight food drive over the course of 2 weeks, beginning Monday, November 30th through Friday, December 11th. 10,000 Tonight is the Westshore's largest non-perishable food drive. Last year, the 3 high schools in SD62 combined to donate over 30,000 items to local food banks in the Westshore.

All food/money collected at Royal Bay is donated to the Goldstream Food Bank.

Instead of going door to door, we will be collecting food and participating in a school-wide competition to see which class (both AM and PM) can collect the most! There will be individual boxes in each classroom where students can bring items from home and add them to their class collection bin each day. Prizes will be awarded to our top 3 classes.

There are other **2 OTHER** ways the community can get involved. Spread the word!

1. Donate via School Cash Online! Tax Receipt Provided. Visit our school webpage to find the link or click directly below:

<https://sd62.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/670/137/false/true?fundDestination=10,000%20Tonight%20Food%20Drive%20-%20Royal%20Bay%20Family>

2. Visit our community drive-thru drop off!

Tuesday, December 1st & 8th/Thursday, December 3rd & 10th.

Individuals can drive by and drop off any food items in front of the school between 4-7pm.



COVID SAFE PROTOCOLS for the DRIVE THRU EVENT

-Do not drop off food at the event if you or anyone in your household has symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

-Follow the appropriate signage and wait for instruction. **You will be asked to stay in your vehicle. Please do not exit.** Our volunteers will be there to take care of your donation.

-Please ensure your items are easily accessible for our volunteers to take (i.e. somewhere in your car [ex. the trunk] where there is no contact with any of the passengers). We would like the process to be as contactless as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the Royal Bay leadership teachers.

Brian Hobson (bhobson@sd62.bc.ca)

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Scholarship Info

Link for the scholarship information / forms:

rbssscholarships.weebly.com



For more information visit the Career Commons or contact

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or

Mrs. Glanfield

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<u>Name of Scholarship</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
Remax Quest for Excellence Scholarship	Open Now
UBC Major Entrance Scholarship	December 1
Soroptomist International of Victoria Westshore	December 1
Schulich Leader Scholarships	January 15, 2021

Watch this space for upcoming information about scholarships!

