

This Week in the Raven's Nest



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January 25 – January 29, 2021

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



Contact Information

It is important for the school to have current and accurate email and phone numbers for all parents/guardians, as well as emergency contact people in the instance that we cannot reach a parent or guardian. Please ensure that contact details are up to date in the Parent Portal (<http://royalbay.web.sd62.bc.ca/parents/my-education-bc/>) and contact office staff with changes at royalbay@sd62.bc.ca . **It is also imperative that all families have a pick-up plan for their children in case of road closures, inclement weather, or emergency.**

This week :

Monday
Tuesday Wellness Centre—Appt. only
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday Semester 1 Ends

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Important dates to Remember:

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— no school
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—tentative
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
June 3	Report cards published— My Ed
June 3	Year End Music Concert—tentative
June 9-10	RBSS Spring Dance Performances—tentative
June 16	Year End Dance Show—tentative
June 18	Prom—tentative
June 28	Octa 8 Ends
June 29	Last Day of school

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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

February 3, 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*

Remaining Meeting Dates for the 2020-2021 PAC Year :

March 3

April 7

May 5

(Election of President and Treasurer)

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
PAC email: royalbaypac@gmail.com



RBSS PAC Fundraising

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

From the Admin

Royal Bay Secondary has undergone a process of formal culture building in the last year with the creation of a new crest and motto. The inclusive rainbow crosswalk initiative project is an important aspect in this process. Our goal is to ensure that all students in our school community feel welcomed and represented. The inclusive rainbow flag design incorporates the traditional pride flag, along with the trans flag and stripes for people of colour. Inclusion and creating safe spaces are key goals for our school and our district as a whole and we see this project as a direct reflection of these goals.

With hard work and collaboration (our wonderful RBSS PAC has donated \$1000) we are almost ready to start the project. Once the weather settles and painting can begin, SD 62 Facilities and RBSS students will get busy.

Like so many student lead initiatives in the school, our students want to be directly involved in the organizing, painting and publicity related to this undertaking. Including students in the process builds capacity, a sense of ownership and empowerment that can only occur when we involve students in the process.

This has been a difficult year for our students, and particularly for our grads who have been the leaders of this project. So many of the community building opportunities that we typically see at school, have not been possible. We see this project as an opportunity to provide our students with connection to a legacy project that they can feel proud of.



Around the Raven's Nest!



RBSS Theatre Performance Company and Production Crew Update

Due to COVID 19 restrictions which doesn't allow for large-scale gatherings, the Black Wing Theatre Company had to pivot their performance this year and are instead creating a documentary musical film entitled *Generation Next*. During their octa in November/December, students had the experience of recording themselves singing and then filming their singing (actually lip syncing,) dancing, and acting—which gave the actors and the production crew real life Film and TV set experience. More information on the film's release will be available in April. A big thank you to Mr. Larson who is our Director of Photography.

**Please note that these pictures were taken during Performance Company's octa where they were not required to wear masks as they were in the same cohort. As an added safety precaution, every student wore a mask when the camera wasn't rolling.*



Around the Raven's Nest! Cont.

ROYAL BAY PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The entire PE department has been hard at work having students complete the sit & reach test, a flexed arm hang, the rope climb, a 12 minute run...did we have you going there for a minute? Don't worry, those fitness tests aren't what we do at Royal Bay!. Luckily, our PE teachers have been busy focusing on what matters: having fun and getting our students active. Here's what we've been up to:

Sports Performance Basketball

led by Mr. Harrington and Mr. Steadman, has students working on their basketball skills in a fast-paced, competitive, and fun setting.



Sports Performance Volleyball

Mrs. MacKinnon has students hitting spikes, receiving serves, and working on any/all skills related to this sport in a fun and engaging environment.

Fitness & Conditioning, Multi-Sport, and Active Living

...took place with Mr. Schwertfeger and Mr. Sundher allowing our senior students to stay active and get their minds off their academics!

Finally, Mr. Hobson and Mr. Harris have been leading the charge with our grade 9 and 10 PE students. These students have been exposed to short 3 day units of activity, and were excited beyond belief to find out they didn't have time to dance this year! Don't worry, there's always next year though!!



Check out the courses we offer! In addition to **PE 9 and PE 10** (PE 10 is a graduation requirement), there are many different electives that allow students to get active daily.

Grade 9

Sport Performance Volleyball
Sport Performance Basketball

Grade 10-12

Sport Performance Volleyball
Sport Performance Basketball
Sport Performance Futsal
Sports & Recreation (11-12)
Fitness & Conditioning
Cross-Training
Active Living

This and That

Spirit Wear is Here!

Purchase using the [school cash online system](#) (print receipt)
or

Bring cash or cheque (payable to SD62) to the office

Bring your receipt to the School Store on Wednesdays from:
11:40-12 or 12:20-12:40
to pick up your purchase



Hoodies (S, M, L, XL, XXL) \$40



Crest/Motto Option



Bistro Mug \$10



T-shirt \$10



Raven Option



<https://www.schoolcashionline.com>

January 25-29, 2021

All Grade 11s who have not yet completed the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment are scheduled to write the assessments during these dates.





Grad Corner



Grad Portrait Sitzings Retakes

February 16 and February 17, 2021

Photos Edge Imaging will be at Royal Bay Secondary February 16 and 17 to take retakes for the graduate portraits. This will be done in room 1178 (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.

Book your session TODAY!

To book your Graduation Photo Session, grab your student card and go to bookmygrad.ca. Enter your school code and student number to get started.

SCHOOL CODE:



Questions? Reach out to our experts if there's anything we can answer for you.

customercare@edgeimaging.ca OR 888.416.3343

edgeimaging.ca/graduation

GRAD CLOTHING RE-ORDER!!

If you missed ordering your Grad clothing the first time, we are offering a second opportunity to order .

There will be hoodies, 1/4 zips, & sweat pants available.

Please see pictures below for styles & colours, plus an order form.

This will only be available for 2 weeks. Put your order in ASAP!

Link to order form below.



<http://royalbay.web.sd62.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2020/10/2021-Grad-Wear-Order-Form-1.pdf>



Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians;

Our graduating students continue to show great resilience and determination in working to achieve their goals this year. We are proud of the students and are looking forward to celebrating their accomplishments at the end of the school year.

Although we remain under the direction of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), we are tentatively saving the dates June 23, 24 and maybe June 25 for Commencement 2021.

We are dependent on the PHO orders, but our tentative plans for Commencement are:

Plan A – Royal Bay theatre, groups of students only (same as last year)

Plan B – Royal Bay theatre, groups of students and a set number of guests

Plan C - larger venue, students and a set number of guests

Grad fees will be \$40, which includes cap & gown, folder (grad photo, certificate), and Grad T shirt. Grad fee payment, gown size ordering, and grad comment entry will all be done online, and more information will be coming in early February.

At this point, we are not setting a date for a dinner/dance (Prom), but we will be prepared to start planning immediately if the PHO direction indicates that this type of event might be possible.

More details will be forthcoming, but we wanted to let students and families know that we are making tentative plans for Commencement and to hold June 23, 24, and 25 in their calendars.

As you know the Grad Ceremony is not likely going to be a traditional ceremony. We will endeavor to make the best of a situation that is impacting every Canadian. I am calling on the Grad Class of 2021 to elect Valedictorians to deliver a video presentation to the Graduating Class of 2021.

The nomination process is as follows:

Criteria:

1. Provide a 500-word letter outlining what leadership/volunteer work the nominee has participated in and how their work has benefited Royal Bay and/or an outside community project.



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2. The nominee's teachers will be asked by RBSS admin to confirm the nomination, recognizing the student's work ethic and contributions to the classroom.
3. The Valedictorian nominations committee will consider the nominee's GPA in the selection process. Valedictorian by definition is a top academic student, and Royal Bay School Administration will limit the finalists based on academic achievement.

The completed Leadership letters are to be submitted to mlait@sd62.bc.ca by **12:00 noon Friday, February 12, 2021**.

Nominees who have fulfilled **ALL** the criteria will be notified **Wednesday, February 17, 2021**.

All nominations are subject to review by the Royal Bay School Administration.

Top nominees will provide a video speech that must include enough information to explain why they would be a great representative of the graduating class. The speeches will be shared with the graduating class, and voted on.

Thank you,

Martin Lait
Vice Principal
Royal Bay Secondary School



Scholarship Info



Link for the scholarship information / forms:

<https://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>
YVR Emerging Artist Scholarship	January 28, 2021
ZONTA Public Affairs Award	January 31, 2021
DB Perks & Lifesaving Society Scholarships	January 31, 2021
David C Lam TEAL Scholarship	January 31, 2021
Kin Canada Foundation Scholarship	February 1, 2021
Terry Fox Humanitarian Award	February 1, 2021
BC Excellence Scholarship	February 11, 2021
Basketball Association Scholarships	February 15, 2021
Pathway to Teacher Education	February 28, 2021
RBS Indigenous Student Award	February 28, 2021
BCCPAC Education Award	February 28, 2021
RE/MAX Quest for Excellence	March 15, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

RE: Scholarship Application Support at Royal Bay

This week I was able to visit all the grade 12 classes to check in with students about scholarships and offer tips on how to get started on applying for scholarships and bursaries, as well as how to access the many supports we offer in the school. Students were sent home with a booklet of resources intended to spark some conversations at home as well. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you and I hope you are doing well and keeping safe.

Leanne Harrington

Career Education, Work Experience and Scholarship Support

DUAL CREDIT AT ROYAL BAY

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ACCOUNTING 12 / ACCOUNTING 110

ENTREPRENEURSHIP 12 / MARKETING 110

CALCULUS 12 / MATH 100

BIOLOGY 12 / BIOLOGY 103

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WHY TAKE A DUAL CREDIT CLASS?

- Sponsored tuition
- Get a jump start on first year courses
- Most courses are university transferable
- Find success in a supported learning environment

2021-22 course offerings at Royal Bay subject to enrollment numbers.

For applications & more information, connect with your school Careers Team

