

# This week in The Raven's Nest



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## Winter Break Edition

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



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### This week : January 3, 2022

Monday	School is closed
Tuesday	School reopens
Wednesday	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 Dry Grad Committee Meeting @ 7:30
Thursday	Grade 9 Vaccination Clinic
Friday	

## Important dates to Remember:

Dec.17 to Jan. 3, 2022	Winter Break
January 4, 2022	School Reopens
January 5	PAC Meeting @ 6:30
January 5	Dry Grad Meeting @ 7:30
January 6	Grade 9 Immunization Clinic
January 20	Music Concert Forte! @ 7:00
February 2	PAC Meeting @ 6:30
February 7	Report Cards Published in My Ed
February 10	Jazz Alive
February 18	NID—Professional Day— no school
February 21	Family Day—no school
March 2	PAC Meeting @ 6:30
March 9 –12	Theatre Production—Pippin
March 18	Last Day before Spring Break
Mar 21 to April 1	Spring Break
April 6	PAC Meeting @ 6:30
April 7	Early Dismissal—Learning Conferences
April 8	NID—Professional Development—no school
April 15	Good Friday—no school
April 18	Easter Monday—no school
May 4	PAC Meeting @ 6:30
May 13	NID—Professional Development—no school
May 23	Victoria Day—no school
May 25	Grad Rehearsal At UVic (tentative)
June 1	PAC Meeting @ 6:30
June 5	Grad @ UVic ( tentative)
June 9	Year—End Music Concert
June 10	R & B Social (tentative)
June 16	Music Dept. Final Concert (tentative)
June 17	Prom at the Empress (tentative)
June 29	Last Day of School

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## **RBSS PAC Corner**

Meetings will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  
of each month at 6:30 pm

**Please join us at our next RBSS PAC**

**January 5 @ 6:30  
Room Learning Commons**

**Meeting Dates for 2021-2022**

**February 2  
March 2  
April 6  
May 4 (elections)  
June 1**

## **2021-2022 PAC Executive Members:**

President: Marianne Chase  
Vice President: Michelle Alexander  
Treasurer: Salome Crowley  
Secretary: Peggi-Ann Marcoux  
SPEAC Rep (District PAC): Paula Wilson  
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**Parent Dry Grad Planning Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, January 5, 2022 @ 7:30 in the  
Learning Commons**

### **RBSS PAC 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.

Hello Parents and Guardians of RBSS,

We are fast approaching the Winter Break in the schools as our last day of regular classes is this Friday, December 17th. While we want a full return to normal, the world is not yet out of the pandemic and with new variants some concerns have again increased.

We are incredibly proud of our students and staff and how they have responded to the challenges placed on them so far this school year. Despite all of the challenges, I am proud of the work that the students and staff have done and the way the students have performed this fall. We are indeed a lucky staff to be able to work each day with such a responsible and community minded group of students.

Over the last few weeks I been fortunate to witness several incredible student events;

- Soccer, Basketball and Volleyball tournaments and games
- Two incredible Winter Music Concerts put on by our Fine Arts Department
- Two awesome nights of Dance from our RBSS Dance Academy
- A great evening of Girl's and Boy's Lacrosse
- 10,000 tonight put on by our RBSS Leadership Group
- Grad Movie Night
- Winter Formal (catered by our very own Culinary Arts Classes)

## Santa's Breakfast

Over the last several weeks, these folks (students, staff and volunteers) have really injected a lot of needed life into the school. Each event was really well put together. The attention paid to safety protocols was evident from the outset, and they went off without a hitch. The students and staff did a fantastic job representing the school, and showcasing all the incredible talent that our students possess.

I can't thank these folks enough for coming together as a group to supports our students and larger community,

I also appreciate the support that parents have shown the school in its entirety. Through the efforts of staff and parents our kids have been in school, engaged in classes and with extra curricular opportunities!

Have great winter holiday. I hope that you all find time to reconnect with family and friends. See you all in the new year.

Sincerely,

Mike Huck

Principal, École Royal Bay Secondary School

# From the Library Learning Commons



## Upcoming Book Club Dates

**Fri. Jan. 14** at lunch in the Learning Commons

**Fri. Jan. 28** at lunch in the Learning Commons

**Our current book is “Kissing Doorknobs”  
by Terry Spencer Hesser**



**All are welcome!**

# Around the Raven's Nest!

## CHOOSING COURSES FOR NEXT YEAR

It's almost that time of year again!!

**Course Selections** will begin in January 2022. Each grade will be invited to an Assembly in the Theatre which will talk about Grad requirements, required courses and the vast array of electives Royal Bay has to offer.

**Next**, students will have 1-2 weeks to discuss course selection options with their parents and counsellors.

Below is the BC Graduation Sheet for the English stream.

**Finally**, each grade level will have the opportunity to choose their courses online. Classes will be called down to the Learning Commons and counsellors will be there to guide them through the process.

*BC Graduation Requirements*

GRADE 10 REQUIREMENTS	CREDITS	
<input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts 10	4	Total Credits: (min. 24)
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 10	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Science 10	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> a Math 10 _____	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical and Health Education 10	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Career Life Education 10	4	
<b>GRADE 11 REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts 11	4	Total Credits: (min. 16)
<input type="checkbox"/> a Social Studies 11 or 12 _____	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> a Science 11 or 12 _____	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> a Math 11 or 12 _____	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Career-Life Connections A 12	2	
<b>GRADE 12 REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> English 12	4	Total Credits: (min. 20)
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Gr 12 Course	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Gr 12 Course	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Gr 12 Course	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Career-Life Connections B 12	2	
<b>FINE ARTS &amp; or APPLIED SKILLS REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts Education or ADST (Applied Design, Skills and Technology) _____ Gr 10, 11 or 12 Course	4	(min. 4)
<b>ADDITIONAL COURSES</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Gr 10, 11 or 12 Course	4	Total Credits: (min. 16)
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Gr 10, 11 or 12 Course	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Gr 10, 11 or 12 Course	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Gr 10, 11 or 12 Course	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Numeracy Assessment 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy Assessment 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy Assessment 12		TOTAL CREDITS Must = 80

*BC Graduation Requirements for French Immersion / Francophone Dual Dogwood*

GRADE 10 REQUIREMENTS	CREDITS	
<input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts 10	4	Total Credits: (min. 28)
<input type="checkbox"/> Français langue 10	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sciences humaines 10	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sciences 10	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> a Math 10 _____	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical and Health Education 10	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Éducation à la vie professionnelle 10 (FCLÉ-10)	4	
<b>GRADE 11 REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts 11	4	Total Credits: (min. 22)
<input type="checkbox"/> Langue et culture de la Francophonie 11 FLCF	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration en sciences humaines et sociales 11	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> a Science 11 or 12 _____	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> a Math 11 or 12 _____	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Career-Life Connections A 12	2	
<b>GRADE 12 REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> English 12	4	Total Credits: (min. 22)
<input type="checkbox"/> Français langue 12	4	
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# THANK YOU

In spite of the continued challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has created, our leadership class managed to pull off an amazing 2-week 10,000 Tonight campaign in support of the Goldstream Food Bank. We received outstanding support from our school in the form of our classroom competition and from all our community members who donated via the drive thru events, school cash online site, at the lacrosse game, or music concert. The leadership class of grade 9-12 students worked tirelessly over the past couple of months planning, organizing, and volunteering their time to make this event happen. Their efforts made a HUGE difference!

We finished with a total of over **14,166 “food items”** (each \$1 raised equals about 2.5 food items, as per the Goldstream Food Bank). WELL DONE ROYAL BAY!

## HOMEROOM (A BLOCK) CLASSROOM CONTEST RESULTS

**Mr. Barwill's Social Studies 10 Class** raised the most money with an outstanding **\$745**, while contributing **110** items.

**Ms. Checkley's AVID 10 class** led the way with **429** non-perishable food items donated.

**Mrs. Vink (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)** and **Ms. Snowsell (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)** were not far behind

We received support from many classes and would like to recognize **everyone** who took part, with a shout-out to Mr. MacNeil, Mrs. MacKinnon, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Burgess, Ms. Kelly, and Ms. Funk for all finishing with 100+ items (and in some cases much more!).

A special shout-out to Ms. DeGirolamo, Ms. Forrest, her EA's, and the Excel students for helping to collect all the items and assist with the count.

Thank you to our entire community for your amazing support. Please also see the next page for a list of generous supporters who helped with our event through donations or advertising.

We look forward to bringing this event back in person next year!!



# THANK YOU!

TO ALL THE GENEROUS SUPPORTERS OF  
10,000 TONIGHT







# HOLIDAY DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

C Block classes put their holiday cheer on display by creating themed door designs to put smiles on everyone's faces before the holiday break. What is starting to become an annual tradition is also a chance to see the amazing creativity our staff and students have. Amazing work everyone!





# Winter Formal





## *Winter Formal, cont.*









# This and That

## Grad Movie Night

This event was a big success with 100 grads attend the showing of "Home Alone"



### RBSS in the RING!!

Our very own multi-talented Jack Pye (Grade 10) , represented Royal Bay at the Cougar Invitational Wrestling tournament last Saturday at Frances Kelsey School in Shawnigan lake. Jack is a multi-talented athlete, also representing RBSS on the Lacrosse Field. Wrestling is Jack's passion... he went undefeated to win a gold medal at the tournament!

Congratulations Jack!

Jack Pye with Coach Steve and his sister Ellie, from Dunsmuir (who also won gold)!



# Grad Corner



## 2022 Grad's Important Dates/Deadlines

February 16-17, 2022	Photo Re-Takes
Friday, February 11	Valedictorian Nominations sent to <a href="mailto:mlait@sd62.bc.ca">mlait@sd62.bc.ca</a>
Tuesday, March 8	Online Voting for Valedictorian
Friday, March 11	Grad Comments and Grad Ceremony graduation fee due!
Saturday, May 14	Dry Grad Carnival at RBSS
Wednesday, May 25	Grad Rehearsal at UVic (tentative)
Sunday, June 5	Grad Ceremony at UVic (tentative)
Friday, June 17	Prom at Empress (tentative)







## Careers Department



### **Tuition Free Fire Fighter Training Available!**

If you've always wanted to be a firefighter and your current employment prospects have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) has a special opportunity for you to pursue this rewarding career.

The JIBC Fire & Safety Division is accepting applications for a special offering of its accredited pre-

employment firefighter certificate program available at no cost to eligible students in B.C.

#### **Apply now for this limited opportunity**

Students interested in this opportunity are encouraged to apply and complete the necessary prerequisites as soon as possible to secure their seat. Only 20 fully funded students will be admitted into this special cohort that starts Feb. 14, 2022.

Applicants have until **Jan. 6, 2022** to submit an application through [EducationPlannerBC](#) and provide all the necessary documents.

For more information about this offering of the Firefighting Technologies Certificate program, and full eligibility requirements of this fully funded cohort, visit the program webpage at <https://www.jibc.ca/BCfirefighter>.

# Scholarship Opportunites

## Upcoming December Scholarships

### [BC Cowboy Heritage Scholarship](#)

Due: December 31, 2021

### [ASTSBC Heavy Duty Mechanic Scholarship](#)

Due: December 31, 2021

### [RE/MAX Quest for Excellence](#)

Applications excepted: September 13, 2021—March 14, 2022

### [RBC Future Launch Indigenous Youth Scholarship](#)

Due: January 5, 2022

### [John Evans Female Engineering Scholarship](#)

Due: January 10, 2022

More information on these scholarships (and others) can be found on the school

scholarship page: <https://rbssscholarships.weebly.com/>

Visit the Career Commons or email Ms. Harrington at [lharrington@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:lharrington@sd62.bc.ca) for help.

# Opportunities



**My mental health matters.**

## 2022 Student Safety Video Contest

Tell us why workplace mental health is important and share your strategies for staying mentally well at work.

Submit your video and you could win a cash prize.

**Bonus prize: Actsafe Aspiring Filmmaker Award**

Prize includes tickets to the 2023 Actsafe Entertainment Safety Conference, screening of the video at a future Directors Guild of Canada event, and more!

Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 5 p.m.  
Visit [worksafebc.com/studentvideocontest](https://worksafebc.com/studentvideocontest).

**LONDON DRUGS** **seaspan** **actsafe** **WORKSAFE BC**



## Career Exploration Conversations

A CAREER DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO SUPPORT YOUTH

Wondering how to start a career conversation with a young person in your family?  
Looking for tools to help your youth discover the career of their dreams?  
WorkBC.ca can help!

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
**VIRTUAL WEBINAR THROUGH ZOOM**  
**7 to 8 p.m.**

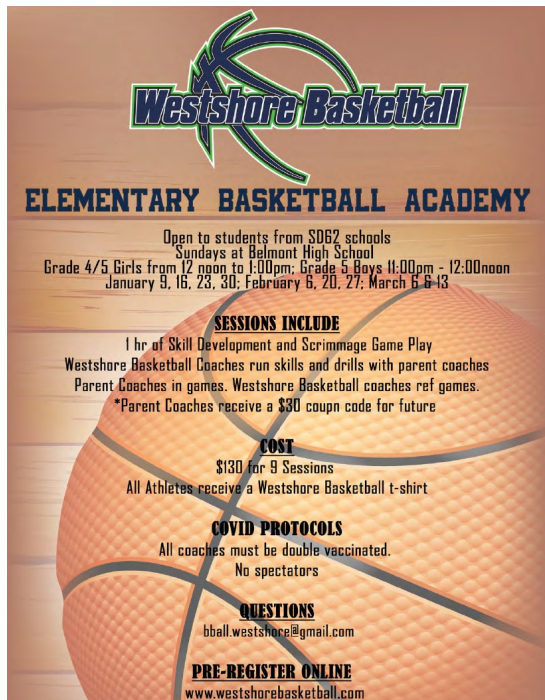
[November 23, 2021](#) [January 11, 2022](#)  
[December 9, 2021](#) [January 20, 2022](#)

Please select the one event date that works best for you.

**JOIN US ON ZOOM!**  
Click on hyperlink to register.  
This event is free. | For questions, contact the [WorkBC team](#).

WorkBC.ca is facilitating one-hour interactive webinars to help parents and guardians support youth as they explore career options. The virtual events are designed for parents of grade 9-12 students to support career conversations with their youth.

**Co-hosted by CES Career Education Society**



## ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL ACADEMY

Open to students from SD62 schools  
Sundays at Belmont High School  
Grade 4/5 Girls from 12 noon to 1:00pm; Grade 5 Boys 11:00pm - 12:00noon  
January 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 20, 27; March 6 & 13

**SESSIONS INCLUDE**  
1 hr of Skill Development and Scrimmage Game Play  
Westshore Basketball Coaches run skills and drills with parent coaches  
Parent Coaches in games. Westshore Basketball coaches ref games.  
\*Parent Coaches receive a \$30 coupon code for future

**COST**  
\$130 for 9 Sessions  
All Athletes receive a Westshore Basketball t-shirt

**COVID PROTOCOLS**  
All coaches must be double vaccinated.  
No spectators

**QUESTIONS**  
[bball.westshore@gmail.com](mailto:bball.westshore@gmail.com)

**PRE-REGISTER ONLINE**  
[www.westshorebasketball.com](http://www.westshorebasketball.com)



## WINTER BREAK SKILLS CAMP


GAME ON!

Westshore Basketball proudly presents their 9th annual winter break skills camp. Skills and Drills with local coaches and high school players.

Register at:  
[www.westshorebasketball.com](http://www.westshorebasketball.com)

WHERE?	WHEN?	COST?
Belmont High School Open to youth grades 3-6 Girls & Boys All experience levels welcome!	Dec. 20-23 9am -12pm and 12:30-3:30pm	4 Full days \$200 4 Half days \$125 *50% discount for current Westshore Basketball Members

## Opportunities, cont.




VIRTUAL ONLINE GROUP FOR PARENTS OF PRETEENS

**PARENTING WITHOUT POWER STRUGGLES**

EVENING

**STARTING 13 JAN 2022**  
**THURSDAYS, 6:30PM - 8PM**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
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CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR TEEN?

ONLINE GROUP

**JOIN OUR**  
**PARENTS IN THE KNOW**  
**PROGRAM**

**12 JAN 2022**  
**WEDNESDAYS, 6:30PM-8PM**

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DO YOU FEEL UNSURE OF HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR TEEN?


**JOIN OUR**  
**PARENTS TOGETHER**  
**PROGRAM**

ONGOING SUPPORT

**STARTING 11 JAN 2022**  
**TUESDAYS**  
**6:30PM - 8PM**

ONLINE GROUP

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