

# This week in The Raven's Nest



## École Royal Bay Secondary School

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## September 5—September 9, 2022

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



### Student Emergency Release Form

Students will be bringing home a bright purple student emergency release form. Please take a few minutes to fill this form out and return it to the school as soon as possible.

This form is NOT used to update contact information.  
Students can hand the completed form to their Block A teacher.

### This week :

Monday Labour Day - no school  
Tuesday Grade 9 only—half day  
Wednesday All Students—full day  
Thursday  
Friday

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## **Important dates to Remember:**

September 5	Labour Day
September 6	School Reopens - half day grade 9 only
September 7	School for all students - full day
September 14	School Photos
September 14	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
September 15	Fire Drill #1 @ 9:20 am
September 19	District School Planning Day—no school
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation—no school
October 3	Canadian University Event
October 5	PAC meeting @ 6:30 pm
October 10	Thanksgiving—no school
October 13	Fire Drill #2 @ 2:00 pm
October 18	Retakes for School Photos
October 19	Great BC Shake Out @ 10:10
October 21	NID - Provincial Pro— D no school
October 26	UVic/Camosun Parent Information Session
Oct 31 - Nov 4	Assessments
November 2	Take your Kids to Work Day—Grade 9
November 2	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
November 8	Hold and Secure Drill @ 9:30 am
November 11	Remembrance Day—no school
November 15	Post Secondary BC Visit
Nov 21– Dec 2	Grad Photos
November 22	Fire Drill # 3 @ 9:20 am
November 24	Early Dismissal 3 Hrs—Learning Conferences
November 25	NID—Pro-D—no school
December 7	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
December 15	Winter Formal
December 16	Santa Breakfast
December 16	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec 19– Jan 2	Winter Break
January 3, 2023	School Reopens

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# From the Admin.



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### **Welcome/Bienvenue to École Royal Bay Secondary!!**

#### **Dear Royal Bay Families**

Welcome Ravens!

**The school year begins on Tuesday, September 6 for all grade 9's (9:00 am -12:25 pm) and for all grades 9-12 on Wednesday, September 7 (all students full day).** The information included in this package will assist you and your family in preparing for the 2022/23 school year. Remember to check our [RBSS Website](#) regularly for more information and updates. We will also send out more information during the last week of August through our RBSS App [RBSS APP](#), and the August issue of the Raven's Nest.

#### **Student course schedule**

**Grade 9s** – Will receive their schedules on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in their period A classes. A reminder to grade 9 students to meet in the Aviary at 9:00 am to locate your name on the A Block Class Roster, which will be posted in the Aviary. At 9:15am you will proceed to the large gym where you will meet with your A Block teacher. Students will be dismissed at 12:25 pm for the day.

**Grade 10-12s** – Grade 10-12 students will be able to access their schedule via the student/family portal on Tuesday, August 30. A reminder the MyEd instructions can be found on our web page [RBSS Family Portal Instructions](#). Counsellors will be available on August 31 – Sept. 2 (9:30am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm) to meet with **only grade 12s** for the following reasons:

- Incomplete schedule (less than 8 courses)
- Grad credit concerns

Counsellors will also meet with students in grades 10 & 11 who have incomplete schedules (less than 8 courses) during the first weeks of September. All other questions will be addressed after school starts. A reminder we do not accommodate "teacher shopping" for students who want a certain teacher or to be in a class with their friends. New registrations who are in catchment will be contacted by their alpha VP, Counsellor or a clerical staff member regarding course selection or incomplete registration information.

#### **Opening Week:**

**Tuesday, September 6 – Opening Day (Grade 9's only) – French Immersion and English Stream Inclusive – BLOCK ORDER ABCD**

Grade 9 students report to the Aviary (Main Commons) at 9am to find their A block class (Posted on the wooden wall in the Aviary) and move to the large gym at 9:15 am for a welcome assembly. After the assembly, students will meet their A block teachers, walk to their classroom and receive their schedules. The students will go through a mini schedule rotation to have time to visit each of their classes.

**Wednesday, September 7 – Regular School Day (all students full day)**

**Block order ABCD (regular bell schedule)**

School begins at 9:00am, lunch from 11:50 am – 12:30 pm, school ends at 3:20 pm

**Thursday, September 8**

**Block order BADC**

School begins at 9:00am, lunch from 11:50 – 12:30, school ends at 3:20pm

**Friday September 9**

**Block order ABCD**

School begins at 9:00 am, lunch from 11:22 – 12:00, school ends at 2:22 pm

**Grade 9's Only!! September 6, 2022 - 9:00 am – 12:25 pm (1/2 day only) - [Bus pick up at 12:35pm](#)**

- September 6 is a ½ day – school starts at 9:00 am and ends at 12:25 pm
- Students Block A scheduled classes will be posted in the Aviary. Student schedules will also be available through their MyEd Portal the last week of August. Students should be familiar with who their Block A teacher is.
- Students and grade 9 staff will gather in the Gym for an Assembly
- Grade 9 Block A teachers will collect their classes after the Assembly and proceed to their Block A class.
- Grade 9 Students will go through an entire block rotation for the remainder of the morning.
- Dismissal bell is at 12:25pm
- Buses will start picking up students at 12:35 pm

**Sept 6 Morning Schedule (9:00 am – 12:25 pm)**

**9:00-9:15** Students will gather in the Aviary and find their names on Block A class lists which will be posted in the Aviary. Staff will be there to help students find their Block A teacher.

**9:15-9:45** Grade 9 Student Assembly in the large gym. - **Teacher Guided Entrance and Exit for all grade 9's**

**9:50 – 10:00** – Grade 9 students will locate their teachers (teachers will be at clearly marked areas around the gym – as explained in assembly). Block A Teachers will walk the students out of the gym and up to their classrooms.

10:00 – 10: 20 Block A

10:25 – 10: 45 Block B

10:50 – 11:10 Block C

11:15 – 11: 35 Block D

**Grade 9 Scavenger Hunt 11:40 – 12:25**

**School buses will arrive for those students signed up for bus service**

**September 7, 8, 9, 2022 Regular classes for all grades 9 through 12**

**Transport**

Students who have registered with transportation should have received an email outlining their route, bus number and estimated times by the end of July. If you believe the information is incorrect or you did not receive the information, please contact the School District Transportation Department at [bussing@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:bussing@sd62.bc.ca).

### **Lockers**

Lockers will be made available via an app starting in September. Detailed instructions will be provided once students are in session.

### **Code of Conduct**

The Sooke School District Secondary School Code of Conduct can be found [here](#). Please review this with your child. Please note that smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere on school district property and students are also expected to respect bylaws and neighbours.

### **Resolving Concerns**

Guidelines for resolving concerns can be found on the school district website. As a general guideline, communication should remain as close to the 'source' as possible. For example, if the topic pertains to something within the classroom, speak to the classroom teacher.

Please note that we require parents to pre-arrange phone or in person appointments with staff. Teachers, Counsellors and Vice Principals have busy schedules and we want to make sure they can set aside the time needed to meet with you.

### **Important Dates for September 2022 School Start-Up**

- **August 29** – Admin, Counsellors and Clerical back in the building
- **August 29** – RBSS School Planning Day – ALL STAFF IS UNAVAILABLE
- **August 31 to September 2nd** – RBSS open for Counselling appointments for Grade 11 and 12 course changes only (starting at 10 am on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>)
- **September 5** – Labour Day (No school)
- **September 6** – First day of school – ½ day for all Grades 9's ONLY (9:00 to 12:25 pm). Bus pick up at starts at 12:35. [Grade 9 orientation – Students will go through full class rotation and meet all their teachers](#)
- **September 7** – Full day – All Grades 9 - 12
- **September 14** – Picture Day (retakes Oct. 18)
- **September 15** – Fire Drill #1 @ 9:20 am
- **September 19** – School Planning Day (School not in session)
- **September 30** – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

We are looking forward to welcoming back our wonderful students in just a few short days!

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## RBSS PAC Corner

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

### PAC meetings for 2022-2023

September 14, 2022  
October 5, 2022  
November 2, 2022  
December 7, 2022  
January 4, 2023  
February 1, 2023  
March 1, 2023  
April 5, 2023  
May 3, 2023 (elections)  
June 7, 2023

## 2021-2022 PAC Executive Members:

President: Michelle Alexander  
Vice President:  
Treasurer: Salome Crowley  
Secretary: Peggi-Ann Marcoux  
SPEAC Rep (District PAC): Paula Wilson  
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# This and That

## Construction Activities

Dear RBSS families,

As many of you are aware, there is currently road construction projects happening in our community which are affecting the areas around the school. Be aware that construction on Latoria is affecting some routes to the school. Please keep this in mind as you prepare to bring your student to the school site. We would encourage you to give yourself extra time for the morning commute, also encourage your student to access city bus transport, or to arrive at school via walking or biking.

As the new school season is about to start, I wanted to share plans for pedestrian access along Ryder Hesjedal Way in and around the construction activities. Please see attached route map which pedestrians/students are to follow. The construction crews have installed fencing and added additional signs to indicate path of travel. Please share this with your students so they are aware.



# This and That, cont.



## Student Drivers and Parking Info

Students driving and parking at the school will need to register their vehicle using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPageV2.aspx?subpage=design&FormId=H7DF9z5B6E6XiM5XgQjNME0P29MU9IxEpVZnZYi7EGJUMUVHUIpDSIBDN0hJMjROMORJSFIRSDNTWi4u>

Info can also be found on the [school website](#) or the RBSS Ravens App.

Once they have registered their vehicle, they will need to stop by the school office to pick up their windshield parking permit decal.

## Lockers



Great news everyone! Lockers will be made available this year to students.

On Tuesday, September 13 at 8 am students can begin selecting lockers . Link or app information will be released shortly. Please watch your emails, website and Raven's app.

Students are to use the lock provided by the school. Students are responsible for the contents of their lockers.



[Click here to go to the official Royal Bay Instagram page](#)



# This and That, cont.

## IMPORTANT CONSENT NEEDED!

Hello families, please complete your student's consent  
for Daily Student Health Check Agreement  
**as soon as possible.**

<https://consent.sd62.bc.ca>



School Cash online payment options will be  
available as of  
Wednesday, September 7, 2022.



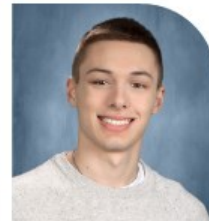
**Lifetouch.**



# PICTURE DAY IS COMING



**Wednesday, September 14, 2022**  
**Ecole Royal Bay Secondary School**



## What to Expect:



Students are photographed  
on Picture Day



Pictures are sent home  
with your child



Review pictures &  
purchase on  
[mylifetouch.ca](https://mylifetouch.ca)

All students will be photographed. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your child. Your child may be included in a group picture requested by the school. Questions? Please contact Customer Service at 1-866-457-8212.

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**Retakes will be on Tuesday, October 18, 2022**

# Opportunities



## Transforming Connections Virtual Parent Group

This free 10-week program is for parents with teens 13 – 18 years old who are gender non-conforming or trans.

### What can I gain from this group?

- ✓ A better understanding of your youth's behaviour
- ✓ A stronger connection with your youth
- ✓ Connect with other parents and build a supportive community

### Where and when will we meet?

- ✓ Group is every Wednesday from April 12, 2023 through June 14, 2023
- ✓ Group runs from 9 AM to 10:30 AM
- ✓ Presented on Zoom (a link will be sent to you)

Please contact Heather Vale (778) 698 – 1860 or Chadi Akouri (778) 974 – 4216 for more information.



# Opportunities, cont.



## **NIGHT LEAGUE BASKETBALL**

U11 Boys and Girls (9 or 10 as of Dec. 31, 2022)  
U13 Boys and Girls (11 or 12 as of Dec. 31, 2022)  
U15 Boys and Girls (13 or 14 as of Dec. 31, 2022)  
U18 Boys (15, 16, 17 as of Dec. 31, 2022)  
Upon registration, players will indicate if they would like to play on a Performance Team or Elite Team. Please read below for details:

### **Performance Teams:**

U11 – Skills Camp practice Wednesday nights at Spencer Middle School. Team practice Sundays at Belmont. One game each week. Requests can be made to play on teams with friends.

U13, U15, U18 – Single Team practice each week. One game each week. Requests can be made to play on teams with friends

### **Elite Teams:**

U11, U13, U15 – Mid-week team practice at Spencer Middle School. Sunday team practice at Belmont. Participation in Future Stars tournament in late November. Possible participation in Club Provincial Championships in Early March. Westshore Directors and team coaches form teams, requests not available. Attendance at practices and games, high priority. Teams formed based on skill level and demand.

**Game Nights:** The season runs from early October until spring break. Schedules are created in 3-week blocks by the league, not Westshore Basketball. Games are located all over Greater Victoria. League schedulers try to keep game nights consistent, but teams are expected to be flexible.

## **WESTSHORE RAIN BASKETBALL**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Nights  
9-week sessions

**Learn to Play 1** – Great for players grades K-2 (ages 5-7) with limited experience or as a first exposure to basketball – 6pm - 7pm

**Learn to Play 2** – Focus for players grades 2-4 (ages 7-9) or with more experience to further develop skills – 7pm - 8pm  
Tues, Wed, Thurs Rain at John Stubbs School

### **NEW - Sensory-Sensitive Rain**

**Learn to Play 1** – 6pm-7pm

**Learn to Play 2** – 7pm-8pm

Our new sensory-sensitive Rain program will feature smaller class sizes, reduced spectators, quieter environment and less focus on competition.

Thursdays only at Happy Valley School

## **COSTS - NIGHT LEAGUE**

U11 Boys and Girls \$250

U13, U15 and U18 Girls and Boys \$275 Uniform included

All players receive a warm-up shirt and a hoodie

Elite Teams - \$100 additional to pay for additional gym time

Westshore Rain 9-week Session - \$100

All players receive a hoodie and player shirt.

Winter Skills Camp Price TBD - \*Discount for Players registered with Westshore Basketball

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

August 15 – Online Sign-up Opens all Programs

Sept 11 and Sept 18 – Mini-Camp and Player Evaluations. Times TBD

Sept 25, Oct 2 and 9 – Team Practices start

Week of Oct 3-7 – Mid-week Elite Team Practices Begin

Oct 5 – Mid-week U11 Skills Camps begin

Oct 4 – Nov 29 – Tuesday Fall Rain

Oct 5 – Nov 30 – Wednesday Fall Rain

Oct 6 – Dec 1 – Thursday Fall Rain

October 12 – Night League Games Begin

## **REGISTER:**

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

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Westshore Basketball Association