

# This week in The Raven's Nest



## École Royal Bay Secondary School

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## September 18-22, 2023

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 were given a salmon color student emergency release form to bring home. 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.

### WEEK of:

September 18-22 ,2023

Monday District Planning Day—No School  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

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## Important dates to Remember

September 18	District School Planning Day—no school
October 2	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation—no school
October	Canadian University Event
October 4	PAC meeting @ 6:30 pm
October 9	Thanksgiving—no school
October 12	Fire Drill #2 @ 2:00 pm
October 17	Retakes for School Photos
October 19	Great BC Shake Out @ 10:10
October 20	NID - Provincial Pro– D no school
October	UVic/Camosun Parent Information Session
Oct 30 - Nov 2	Assessments
November 1	Take your Kids to Work Day—Grade 9
November 1	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
November 7	Hold and Secure Drill @ 9:30 am
November 6	Post Secondary BC Visit
November 13	Remembrance Day—no school
November 30	Music Concert
Nov 21– Dec 7	Grad Photos
November 21	Fire Drill # 3 @ 9:20 am
November 23	Early Dismissal 3 Hrs—Learning Conferences
November 24	NID—Pro-D—no school
December 6	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
December 21	Winter Formal
December 22	Santa Breakfast
December 22	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec 25– Jan 5	Winter Break
January 8, 2024	School Reopens

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## From the Admin.

### Grade Assemblies

These past weeks we hosted our Grade 9, 10, 11 & 12's in the Teechamitsa Theater and large gym for "Welcome Back" assemblies. We covered the need to follow our school motto "Together We Are More" and work as a whole to make this a positive year! It was a cool moment to welcome back our students as a group and to witness the energy that we have missed over the summer. Topics that were covered in the assemblies were different for each grade but focused on the need for positive relationships in the building, the continuation of building community within the school and our local partners and the need to support one another as we travel through the year. One of the main indicators of student success in high school focuses around the attachment theory and the presence of positive student – adult connections.

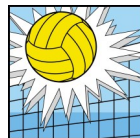
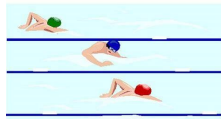
Positive relationships are foundational to healthy communities. We spoke to the students about how we regularly reflect on Maya Angelou's quote: *"People forget what you say, people forget what you do, but they never forget how you make them feel."*

The first two weeks are now in the books. Our school is settled and classes and deep learning is underway. We are collectively looking forward to a great year!

### Calling all Coaches!

FALL sports teams are getting ready to take the field/court/pool! We have the athletes, the desire, the equipment and the space but we still need the coaches! Royal Bay Athletics is looking for coaches for the following fall sports;

- X country
- Jr. Boys' soccer
- Volleyball
- Swimming



With the return to school this September, we have seen a massive surge in students signing up to play team and individual sports this fall. We have more coaching needs than our staff can fill. We are asking any parent who has a background in sport, and the ability to lead a group of students through a "season of play" to connect with Brian Hobson and Ray Barkwill, RBSS Athletic Directors at [bhobson@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:bhobson@sd62.bc.ca) or [rbarkwill@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:rbarkwill@sd62.bc.ca)

While we are a young school, we have over the last 8 years, developed a strong Athletic Department and a very positive culture around sport. We have strong student athletes, and support frameworks set up to help these students succeed. If you able to lend a hand, please let us know.

# From the Admin. Con't

## **RBSS Clubs**

RBSS clubs are in full swing! Please encourage your students to check out the TV's in the school as they advertise meeting times and locations. Information can also be found through the Raven's APP.

Robotics  
Gaming & Virtual Reality Club  
Ping Pong  
Magic/Gaming  
The LC is a hub of student activities where students spend time playing board games (chess, D&D, cards etc.)  
Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)  
Social Justice Club  
Grad Council  
Intramurals  
Leadership  
Audio –Tech for the Creative Arts  
Video Game Club  
Dungeons and Dragons  
Chess

## **Contact Information**

It is important for the school to have current and accurate email addresses 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 email the office staff with changes at [royalbay@sd62.bc.ca](mailto: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.



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September 5, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to bring your attention to strategies that have been implemented to help alleviate the congestion, in front of the school, during peak drop off and pick up times. At Royal Bay Secondary we strive to create a safe environment for students, staff and the community at large.

As you may be aware, two portables have been installed in the staff parking lot. This has resulted in the loss of a number of staff parking stalls and one of the exits to this lot. With over 150 staff members and only 130 parking stalls available, we encourage all members of our school community to consider alternative transportation options, such as walking, taking public transport, or cycling to school whenever possible.

For students who drive to and from school, we have a **mandatory** vehicle registration process in place to ensure safety and management of parking. All students with vehicles are required to complete the [ROYAL BAY DRIVER AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION FORM](#) (link can also be found on the Raven's App and the RBSS website) and obtain a parking decal from the office. This decal must be displayed on their windshield to park on the school premises, in the student lot.

To address the after-school traffic congestion, we kindly request your cooperation in considering the following suggestions:

1. **Choosing Alternative Meeting Spots:** We ask that you make arrangements with your student(s) for a meeting spot other than the staff lots and the front of the school. Please note that parents are NOT permitted to park in staff lots.
2. **Arriving at 3:30 PM Mon-Thur, 2:30 PM Fri:** If you are picking up your students after school, we suggest arriving 10 minutes after the bell to allow time for the majority of students to clear the building and use the crosswalk. This will help alleviate congestion during the peak dismissal period. We understand that time may vary for each family, but arriving a bit later can significantly ease the traffic situation.
3. **NO Idle Zone:** While waiting for your student, turn your vehicle off.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to address the parking challenges at our school.

Thank you for your cooperation and involvement in our school community.  
Sincerely,

RBSS

# Around the Raven's Nest!

## Career Education at École Royal Bay

Career Education is a cornerstone in our education system and the Career Education team at RBSS is excited to be taking on some new initiatives this year.

### Happening Now! - What you need to know

#### Careers 9

This course is delivered through the four academic classes and supplemented by classroom visits from the Careers 9 teacher, Danielle Huculak. Students will be introduced to the myBlueprint platform, a career planning tool and receive lessons on prosocial online behavior, budgeting, the role of digital media in our lives and health and safety. Students will also complete self-reflections on the Core Competencies during their time with their Careers 9 teacher.

#### Career Life Education 10

This course is delivered through English 10 classes by Career Education teachers Leanne Harrington, Ashleigh Allen and Megan Wood. The course content will be supplemented by presentations and a grade-wide simulation learning event.

#### Career Life Connections 12

All current grade 12's are enrolled in a face-to-face class for CLC 12. Students attend on alternating days and will be guided through the creation of their Capstone Project by their classroom teacher. Spotlight Sessions will be held during lunch times to give students the opportunity to hear from community members who are able to provide topical guidance for our grads as they contemplate the next steps on their journey.

### Upcoming! - What to watch for

#### Careers 9

Take Our Kids to Work day for all grade 9 students will occur on Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup>. Grade 9 students will have the chance to spend the day shadowing someone in their job. Students are welcome to attend work with a parent or other trusted adult. More information about this national event will be shared with you in the coming weeks.

If your workplace would like to participate in the hosting of groups of students, we would be happy to work with you to facilitate this.

#### Career Life Education 10

Grade 10 students will participate in a simulation event which will be interactive and will include community member involvement. Stay tuned for more information about this in early November.

#### Students in Grade 11

Are encouraged to attend any lunchtime Spotlight Sessions that will be held this year. These will be advertised through our daily announcements. Presenters will include college/university recruiters, community organizers and others.

#### Career Life Connections 12

Spotlight Sessions are currently being booked and advertised through their CLC 12 classes and on the daily announcements. These sessions are held during the lunch break where we welcome post-secondary recruiters and other community members to share their knowledge and information with students. We encourage you to ask your child about what is coming up or what they are interested in attending.



## RBSS PAC Corner

## 2023-2024 PAC

### Executive Members

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

*PAC meetings for 2023-2024:*

Oct 4, 2023

Nov 1, 2023

Dec 6, 2023

Jan 10, 2024

Feb 7, 2024

Mar 6, 2024

Apr 3, 2024

May 1, 2024

June 5, 2024

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*PAC's Peninsula Co-op number 134056*

**September 18-21, 2023**



	<u>Item</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
HOT SIDE	Hot Main	Closed for Planning Day	Candied Salmon Poke Bowl	Pulled Pork Taco Salad in Tortilla Bowl	Garlic Beef with Rice
	Vegetarian		Chickpea Poke Bowl	Pulled Jackfruit Taco Salad in Tortilla Bowl	Veg. Garlic Stir Fry
COLD SIDE	Wrap		Ham	Grilled BBQ Chicken Wrap	Pastrami
	Appie		Buffalo Chicken Tenders	Buffalo Chicken Tenders	Buffalo Chicken Tenders
BAKING	Desserts		Choco.Pudding/Apple Butter Tart	Choco.Pudding/Apple Butter Tart	Choco.Pudding/Apple Butter Tart

# Careers Department

## Leadership Opportunity

Are you interested in mental health initiatives?  
Do you want to earn training as a student mentor?

**Then Here4Peers is for you!**

School-based training will be provided to prepared you to present to Dunsmuir students

To sign up, see Ms. Huculak in the Career Commons.

Here4Peers is an evidence-based project designed and led by trained professionals.



## Parents as Education & Career Coaches Workshop

### Parents & Student Supporters

Join our virtual **Parents as Education & Career Coaches (PECC)** Workshop to learn how you can help support your student in planning for their future. The information will be especially helpful for families with students in Grades 10-12.

Sessions are engaging and informative, and include a website tour followed by a Q&A.

### Topics include

- B.C.'s post-secondary education landscape, including institutions and credentials
- Programs, admission requirements, and application dates
- Costs of post-secondary and financial aid options
- Career exploration resources
- Using the EducationPlannerBC website to save and compare programs through My List
- Applying for admission through EducationPlannerBC

### Register Now

EducationPlannerBC with SD 61,62,63,64 - Victoria, Sooke, Saanich, Gulf Islands  
Wednesday, November 8, 2023  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
MS Teams

Register [here](#). Registration is required.  
For more information, contact: [support@educationplannerbc.ca](mailto:support@educationplannerbc.ca)



EducationPlannerBC

[www.EducationPlannerBC.ca](http://www.EducationPlannerBC.ca)



**Post-Secondary** visits are happening this fall! If your child is wondering about admissions and registration for post-secondary education, please have them visit the Career Commons or listen to the announcements for upcoming presentations and opportunities.



## Counsellors' Corner

DO YOU FEEL UNSURE OF HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR TEEN?

ONLINE GROUP

**JOIN OUR PARENTS TOGETHER PROGRAM**

ONGOING SUPPORT

**TUESDAYS**

**12PM - 1:30PM**

**SECURE YOUR ONLINE SPACE TODAY!**

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 VIRTUAL ONLINE GROUP FOR PARENTS OF PRETEENS

**JOIN OUR PARENTING WITHOUT POWER STRUGGLES PROGRAM**

**STARTING 14 SEPT**

**THURSDAYS**

**6:30PM-8PM**

**SECURE YOUR ONLINE SPACE TODAY!**

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**REMOVE INVASIVE ENGLISH IVY & MEET COMMUNITY IN LANGFORD!**

DATE: Sunday, September 24th  
TIME: 9:45am - 1:00pm  
LOCATION: Porcher Park, Langford  
SIGN UP: [bit.ly/GVGTsep24](http://bit.ly/GVGTsep24)

This activity is being run in partnership with the City of Langford

 Greater Victoria GREEN TEAM

All ages & abilities welcome!  
No experience necessary! Training, tools, gloves, and snacks provided!

# From the Library Learning Commons



Welcome  
to  
*The Reading Café*  
Book Tasting



10 English classes  
from grades 9-11  
participated in a  
book tasting to  
learn more about  
different genres of  
books!



## Of other interest....

- **FIRST BOOKCLUB OF THE YEAR IS FRIDAY SEPT 22ND IN THE LIBRARY**
- **First crochet club meeting of the year is Tuesday Sept 26th in the library**



This and That



**RCSCC 263 BEACON HILL**

# SEA CADETS

**FREE YOUTH PROGRAM  
EVERY THURSDAY EVENING  
6:30-9PM**

FUN, EXCITING, COMMUNITY SERVICE, SUMMER CAMP, SEAMANSHIP,  
MARKSMANSHIP, SAILING, SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES, LEARN TO DRIVE A BOAT  
BEFORE MOM'S CAR, EARN HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS AND VOLUNTEER HOURS,  
NO FEES

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## This and That

As an introduction to the Design thinking process, students were challenged to create a costume for Tim Hortons, using unconventional materials: coffee cups & lids, stir sticks, coffee filters, red and white paper and craft supplies. Look how creative these students were!



**Stagecraft: Costuming and Design**



## **SPRING BREAK IN BELIZE!**

We are 6 months away from the RBSS Belize Trip and we have space for 10 more students! Join us for an amazing 8 day trip during Spring Break 2024. There will be ancient ruins, jungle ziplining, cave tubing, snorkeling & good times with friends. Visit the website to see the entire itinerary or See Ms. Vink or Ms. Funk for more info. You can sign up using the QR code above or go to [Eftours.ca/enroll](https://Eftours.ca/enroll) Enrollment Number 2553776VW Grade 9-12 welcome!

