This week in The Raven's Nest



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October 16-20, 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 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



WEEK of:

October 16-20, 2023

Monday		
Tuesday	Photo Retakes	
Wednesday		
Thursday	Great BC Shake Out @ 10:10 am	
Friday	Pro D—No School	

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Important dates to Remember

October 17	Retakes for School Photos
October 19	Great BC Shake Out @ 10:10
October 20	NID - Provincial Pro– D no school
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



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Dear RBSS Families and Guardians;

If you can believe it, we are already nearing the end of the first Quarter! As I mentioned in our last Raven's Nest, the positive energy and buzz in the building has been fantastic as we have started another school year! I am thankful to our students and staff for working so hard to help us begin the school year well.

We have had many families throughout the school coming to sporting events, cultural event and connecting with staff and learning about their student's schedules and daily routine. I am appreciative of the staff who always have time to meet all our RBSS families and to welcome them in the school.

Our Royal Bay Community is growing! Over the last few years, we have seen a lot of development in the area that our students are accessing and benefitting from. We are starting to get services in the area that were non-existent just a couple of years ago. The most popular spot is the Quality Foods and Starbucks just across the street. Many of our students can be found here during lunch getting food and drinks.

Quality Foods has been very supportive of the school – they have hired over 55 students and work with our STRIDE program for job placements giving students incredible work experience and mentoring. While most of our students are doing great in these establishments – some are creating issues. We continue to address the need to be positive neighbours in the area through student assemblies, announcements over the PA systems and through our routine visits to the new shopping area. These messages include;

- Respectful language and behavior in the community.
- No littering and pick up after lunch in the local parks
- Quality Foods and Starbucks are not parks. Students should be able to access the building like anyone else, but they should also behave in respectful manners. Currently the stores are working with students around issues of lingering in the parking lots, boisterous behavior in the stores and unfortunately, theft. Both stores now have Loss Prevention Officers and staff limiting access.

As we settle into the school year, if you could please help us build good habits with students that would be appreciated. Here are some ways that you can help:

• Please help students be on time. We know that sometimes mornings can be hectic, but we do encourage our students to be on time for classes. Of course, we understand that things come up and it is not always possible, but we do hope for our students to be punctual.

• Please help keep our students safe. We have noticed a number of parents dropping their students off on Ryder Hesjedal Way. Please do not stop in the roadway and drop your student off on the street. This is unsafe. As you know our parking lot is very busy during peak drop-off and pick-up times, so if you can drop-off in surrounding areas or encourage your student to walk or ride a bike, that is great.

• If you have questions or concerns about something related to your student's classes, please be sure to reach out to the teacher first.

Sincerely, Mike Huck Principal, École Royal Bay Secondary School



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Reminders

Reminder to Parents the Parking Expectation:

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.

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.

Student Emergency Release Form:

Reminder to return the salmon colored **student emergency release form** that was given to students to bring home at the beginning of September. This form is <u>NOT</u> used to update contact information. Students can hand the completed form to the office or it can be scanned and emailed to <u>royalbay@sd62.bc.ca</u>

Extra forms are available in the office.

Student 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. If any updates need to be made please email the office staff with the changes at royalbay@sd62.bc.ca

Access Parent Portal: https://www.sd62.bc.ca/parents-students/myed-bc-portal

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Reminders cont

Relationship with Homes in Royal Bay

Please be aware that our school has been receiving complaints from home owners in the community about students transiting though their private property.

As part of our good relations and support of the Royal Bay community, it is important that students use public side walks only to travel to and from school.

Moving through private gardens and roadways has caused residents some concern and these neighbours have done their best to address students individually and respectfully.

With thanks for your support and respect of the wishes of our neighbours,

School Photos: Online Orders Only

If your student had their photo taken, during school photo day on Sept 14, they will receive their proofs from their BI-A Homeroom teacher on Tuesday Oct 3. Alternatively, you can view proofs at <u>mylifetouch.ca</u> using your student's student ID number (your student should know this number).

If you plan to order school photos, please use the <u>mylifetouch.ca</u> portal to view your student's proofs, order photos, and process payment. If you process your order prior to Oct 9, the photos will be delivered to the school and distributed via your student's homeroom teacher. Orders processed after this date will be shipped to your home address.

School Photo Retakes: Oct 17



Social Justice 12 & BC First Nations 12 Class

Our SJ 12 classes will be doing a few school wide projects, and we need your help.

As part of the homelessness unit, our school will be partnering with social agencies and helping to get purses full of toiletries and other necessaries' to people in need around town.

We are looking to collect:

- any used purses you are not using
- toiletries (soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, tampons, pads, face cloths, towels, etc)
- socks, tuques, scarves, mittens, gloves

Our BC First Peoples 12 class will also support be supporting bringing awareness and action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). As part of this initiative, we are looking for red dresses. It doesn't matter the size (toddler to adult).

Thank you so so much for reading this post and helping out anyway you can.

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Grad Corner





GRAD Lanyards

"Grad Lanyards are still available!! Only \$5 – CASH!" "Act quickly!! Only a limited number available."

"Drop by Mr. Burgess' room (2115) with the cash for pick-up"



The Dry Grad Carnival Committee will have the first meeting November 21 at 7 pm in the Learning Commons.

Please keep your eye on the Raven's Nest in Early November for the date and time. We are always looking for enthusiastic parents (of ANY grade) to join our team!

If you are interested, please email:

rbparentgradcommittee@gmail.com

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RBSS PAC Corner

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

PAC meetings for 2023-2024:

Nov 1, 2023 Dec 6, 2023 Jan 10, 2024 Feb 7, 2024 Mar 6, 2024 Apr 3, 2024 May 1, 2024 June 5, 2024

2023-2024 PAC

Executive Members

President:	Caroline Aked
Vice President:	Nevada Kaludjer
Treasurer:	Melissa Da Silva
Secretary:	OPEN
SPEAC Rep	Allison Hyatt
Communications Officer:	Tiffany Magionas

Any one interested in the position of Secretary for PAC please reach out through the email below.

PAC email: royalbaypac@gmail.com



PAC's Peninsula Co-op number 134056



October 16-20, 2023

	ltem	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
HOT SIDE	Hot main	Seafood chowder	Quesadilla with mexi rice	Beef dip with Caesar	Lasagna
	Vegetarian	Corn chowder	Quesadilla with mexi rice	Falafel bowl	Lasagna
	Wrap	Trio	Ham	Chicken bacon Caesar	Pastrami
	Appie	Shrimp sushi cones	Shrimp sushi cones	Shrimp sushi cones	Shrimp sushi cones
BAKING	Desserts	Cinnamon rolls/ apple pie with vanilla ice- cream	Cinnamon rolls/ apple pie with vanilla ice-cream	Cinnamon rolls/ apple pie with vanilla ice-cream	Cinnamon rolls/ apple pie with vanilla ice-cream

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Athletics /Teams

Royal Bay is proud to offer extensive opportunities for all students to take part in our athletics program. We encourage everyone to come out and see what playing school sports is all about. Our coaches provide an environment that is both competitive and fun, where athletes can grow their knowledge, skills, and love of sport. The school is building a strong culture in this area, with over 200+ athletes participating on 20 different teams during this past year.

Need more details? Visit our <u>Athletics web page</u>. Here, you can find information about our teams, look at the practice/game schedules, access important forms/ documents, and learn a bit about our notable alumni who have gone on to play university/college sport.

Have a question? Please contact our athletic directors:

Brian Hobsonbhobson@sd62.bc.caRay Barkwillrbarkwill@sd62.bc.ca

Athletics /Teams

The team had a very successful 5th place finish at a tournament at Spectrum High School over the weekend with some very exciting matches. They also won all of their league games on Wednesday against Spectrum, Parklands, and SMUS. As the team nears the end of their regular season, they are looking forward to hosting league games on October 23rd. Please come out and support them!

A huge thank you to the donations that allowed for the team's fantastic new uniforms:

Victoria Waterjet, Pardell Electric, Neuralive Counselling and Neurofeedback, and Frontiersmen Development.











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Careers Department



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

Then Here4Peers is for you!

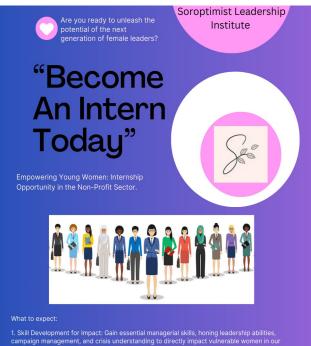
School-based training will be provided to prepared you to present to Dunsmuir students

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

Here4Peers is an evidencebased project designed and led by trained professionals.







community

Customized Growth Opportunities: Work alongside dedicated volunteers, contributing to tailored initiatives like fundraising campaigns and conferences.

3. Empowered Leadership and Network Building: Access to the Soroptimist Leadership Internship (SLI) for sessions on personal strengths, enhanced leadership, and valuable networking opportunities with women leaders.

Email:suzmandysivw@gmail.com

www.sivw.ca



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.

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

ter 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. on, contact: support@educationplannerbc.ca For more informa



www.EducationPlannerBC.ca

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Careers Department cont

Information Session



Arts & Science

Digital Production, Writing and Design **Digital Communication Comics & Graphic Novels**

> Wed, October 25 6:30-7:30pm Camosun College, Lansdowne Campus, Young Building 317

Visit us to find out more about courses and programs for career paths in:

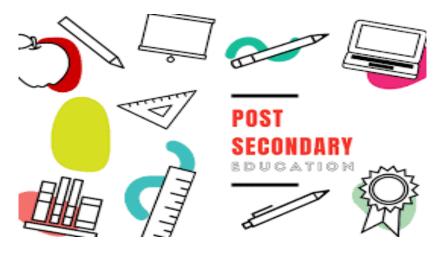
Animator Storyboard artist Video / online game development Cartoonist Comic book / graphic novel / webcomic creator Graphic designer Web designer

Digital / Multimedia Journalist Photographer Videographer Film / TV / video production Social Media Curator / Digital Media Developer Communications Liaison



Strategist

Communications Assistant Communications & Engagement Coordinator Digital Asset Curator Digital Content Specialist Digital Storyteller Digital Marketing



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

Counsellors' Corner



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intheknow Connect and Learn

For families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with mental health and/or substance use challenges.

EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'. WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.

Working Together: Families and Schools

When our kids struggle with their mental health, challenges can often have a great impact on their school experience. As parents it can be really hard to know where to begin. How do we take the first step and let the school know what is going on for our family? What are the supportive options that are available to my child? We might even worry that we will be judged for the difficulties our child is facing.

Come together with other families to watch this 30 minute video presentation followed by a 45 minute facilitated discussion by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker.



Cost: Free of Charge



Date(s):

Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 6:30pm (PST) Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 6:00pm (PST) Thursday, October 12, 2023, 12:00pm (PST) Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 6:30pm (PST) Thursday, October 26, 2023, 6:00pm (PST)

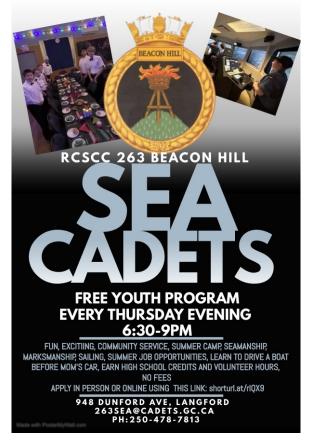
Registration required:

www.familysmart.ca/events



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This and That





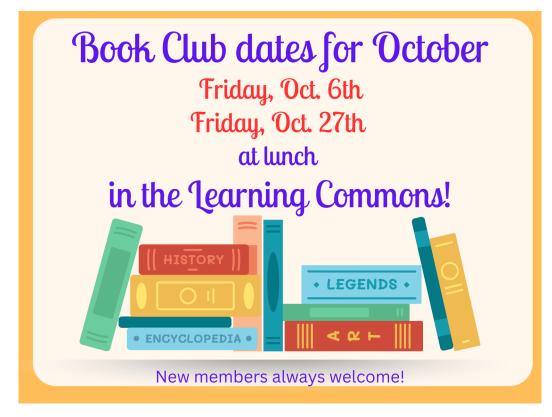
supervised by dozens of police staff.

POLICE

Police Camp is staffed by police officers, reserve officers of the local municipal police services (Victoria, Saanich, Central Saanich and Oak Bay) as well as the RCMP.

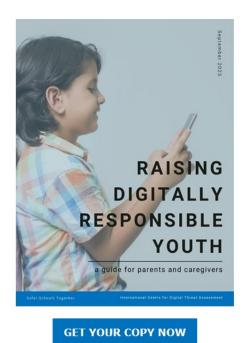
> Contact your Career Centre for more information.





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This and That



Yo Septem	s Centre @ Royal Bay uth Health Clinics Hours ber 7 th to December 21 st 2023 ntments & drop-in available call:250-519-3580
Monday	Discovery Counselling by appointment only: Theresa Kauffman
Tuesday	Physician: Dr. Corene Boe 9:30 to 3:30pm (Sept 19 th start)
Wednesday	Discovery Counselling by appointment only: Theresa Kauffman
Alternating Thursdays	Public Health Nurse 9:00 to 11:00am (Sept 7 th start)
Friday	CLOSED

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Clients <u>up to 25</u> years of age:

Physician Services:

- ✓ Mental health & wellness
- ✓ Illness
- ✓ Sports Injury

Public Health Nurse Services:

- ✓ Birth Control
- ✓ STI testing & treatment
- Sexual decision making and relationships
- ✓ Pregnancy testing and options
 ✓ Healthy lifestyle

complimentary access to download

Raising Digitally Responsible Youth - A Parent's Guide





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 <u>8 day</u> 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/<u>enroll Enrollment</u> Number 2553776VW Grade 9-12 welcome!



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This and That

Poster Contest!

Fire Prevention Week[™] 2023



Fire Prevention Week runs from October 8 to 14, 2023 and the theme is:

Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention™

Fire Prevention Week is a great time to discuss fire and burn prevention with the people in your community and is an opportunity for students to win some fantastic prizes.

Bringing the important message of fire and burn prevention into schools and classrooms helps to save lives and prevent painful burn injuries and lifelong suffering. We thank you for all your efforts and the work that you do to share these messages.

The annual **Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest** is open to all students from kindergarten to grade 12 who are attending an Indigenous, public, or independent school in British Columbia.

For full contest rules see next page or visit www.gov.bc.ca/FirePreventionWeek

Contest Timeline

- October 23 –. Deadline for sending completed entry forms to the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund. Entries will be divided into the grade indicated on the entry form, so please complete it accurately!
- Week of November 27 Winners will be chosen.
- Beginning of December Winners will be announced.
- January 2024 Prizes will be presented.

If you have any questions or comments, please email them to OFC@gov.bc.ca

Legion 91 Connection



Royal Canadian Legion Prince Edward Branch 91 Cordially Invites

Westshore Teachers & Teacher/Librarians to a **Remembrance Resource Sharing Session** Tuesday, October 24, 2023 4pm – 6pm Snacks & Beverages Provided Location: 761 Station Ave. Langford, BC

Agenda: Welcome & Introductions **Classroom Activity Presentation by Youth Coordinator** Review Resources on Display Share your favorite resources / activities Bring your favorite resources to share Resource Acquisition Discussion Remembrance Contests updates

Please RSVP no later than Wed., October 18, 2023 To Gerry Brennan at <u>legion91youthcoordinator@gmail.com</u>

Lest We Forget













June & Sept. 2023	*Share Calendar with Schools in Westshore Area	
October	*National Youth Remembrance Contests Promotion	
	(formerly Remembrance Poster/Literary Contests)	
	for more information visit	
ht	tps://legionbcyukon.ca/remembrance/youth-remembrance-contest/	
https://www	and .legion.ca/communities-youth/youth-education/remembrance-contests	
October	*October 24 – Remembrance Resources Sharing Session 4-6 pm	
	Hosted by Branch 91 – RSVP by October 18	
	*Oct. 25 - Legion Poppy Campaign begins - Volunteers wanted (Community Service)	
	*Oct. 25 - Raising of Poppy Flag at City Halls in Westshore (times TBA)	
November	*National Youth remembrance Contests Deadlines (TBA)	
	Contact Legion Branch 91 for details	
	*Nov. 5-11 – Veterans' Week	
	*Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day Parade & Ceremony – Veterans' Memorial Park	
	*Nov. 13 – Valentines for Veterans (V 4 V) Project begins – notices to teachers *Nov. 30 – Deadline for Registration for Valentines for Veterans (see poster info)	
December	*Dec. 1 – Deadline for V4 V registration forms to Legion or Youth Coordinator	
January 2023	*Week of Jan. 15 – Pick up date for V 4 V from participating schools	
February	*Feb. 14 – Valentines Day	
April	*Apr. 1 – Legion Branch 91 Bursary Application Deadline for Grads (see Branch 91 Website)	
	*April 9 - Vimy Ridge Candlelight Vigil – Veterans Memorial Park – dusk – (specific time TBA)	
August	Royal Canadian Legion Nation Youth Track & Field Championships (dates TBA)	
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER YOUTH CONNECTIONS OPPORTUNITIES		
call (250)-478-1828		

or email Gerry Brennan - legion91youthcoordinator@gmail.com

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