

This week in The Raven's Nest



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January 15-19, 2024

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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Don't forget to order your student's copy of the 2023-2024 yearbook! COPIES ARE LIMITED! Order yours now by scanning the QR CODE HERE ➡



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WEEK of:

January 15-19, 2024

Monday

Tuesday • Wellness Centre (9:30—3:30 pm)

Wednesday •

Thursday • Wellness Centre (9:30—3:30 pm)

Friday •

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Important dates to Remember

January 24—25	Grad Assessments
January 24—26	GRAD Photo Retakes
January 25	Jazz Night in the Theatre @ 7 pm
January 26	GRAD Ski Trip to Mt. Washington
January 29	Semester 1 Ends
January 30	Semester 2 Begins
February 9	Fire Drill #4 @ 9:20 am
February 13	Grade 9 Immunizations
February 14	Grade 9 Immunizations
February 16	PRO D—No School
February 19	Family Day—No School
February 28	Pink Shirt Day
March 6	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
March 7	Lockdown Drill @ 11 am
March 7	Forte (Concert Band/Choir/SM Ensemble) @ 7 pm
March 15	Last Day of School before Springbreak
March 18—28	Springbreak—No School
March 29	Good Friday—No School
April 1	Easter Monday—No School
April 2	Day in Lieu of March 29 STAT—No School
April 3	School Reopens
April 18	Term 3 Ends
April 19	PRO D—No School
April 22	Term 4 Begins
April 25	Fire Drill #5 @ 2:15 pm
May 1	PAC Meeting @ 630 pm
May 4	Dry GRAD Carnival
May 8—11	RBSS Musical in Theatre
May 16	Fire Drill #6 @ 9:20 am
May 17	Pro D - NO School
May 20	Victoria Day - NO School
May 28	GRAD Rehearsals @ UVic

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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:

Feb 7, 2024

Mar 6, 2024

Apr 3, 2024

May 1, 2024

June 5, 2024



January 15-19, 2024



PAC's Peninsula Co-op number 134056

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PAC email: royalbaypac@gmail.com

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
HOT SIDE	Hot Main	Baked Potato Soup	Chicken Penne Pasta Bake	Salmon Surprise	Beef Dip and Side Salad
	Vegetarian	Baked Potato Soup	Penne Pasta Bake	Salmon Surprise	Veggie Wellington
COLD SIDE	Wrap	Smoked Chicken	Ham	Roast Beef	Trio
	Appie	Corn Fritters	Corn Fritters	Corn Fritters	Corn Fritters
BAKING	Desserts	Chocolate Pudding/ Apple Pie	Chocolate Pudding/ Apple Pie	Chocolate Pudding/ Apple Pie	Chocolate Pudding/ Apple Pie

From the Admin



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Re – Grade 12 parents – Gotcha Game

Dear Grade 12 Families,

Every year, the Grade 12 students at Royal Bay and other district secondary schools privately organize a game of TAG called “Gotcha”. The game is played out in the community away from school. Not all grade 12’s participate. The spirit of the game is intended to be fun and harmless, but every year it gets out of hand to some degree. **This is not a school sanctioned grad event.**

The RBSS admin team and the school do not support the game and would prefer it did not happen. However, as in previous years, the game typically starts in the second semester. Each year the school receives several complaints from the community about our students behaving poorly:

- Driving extremely fast chasing each other in cars
- Breaking in game participants houses
- Running frantically in public places chasing people

It may sound innocent, but it does have the potential for negative consequences out in our community. We are asking that parents and guardians have a conversation with your graduate about the game, the rules of the game and whether it is worth the risks being taken.

We are so close to the end of the year, in what has been a very positive school experience. We are incredibly proud of our grads and would hate to see any issues arise out of a game. The Grad Class of 2024 is an amazing group of young people with lots to look forward to in the coming months. Let’s make sure we work together over this last stretch so that we can end the year without incident.

Thanks for your support,

Mike Huck
Principal
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Transition & Course Selection Dates for 2024/25



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Transition and Course Selection Dates at Royal Bay 2024-2025

As we wind down and complete our 1st semester, the Administration and Counselling teams at Royal Bay begin the long process of creating next year's timetable. School staff begin the timetabling process in January and will continue through to June. RBSS works hard to ensure that student choice is reflected in the courses and programs that we offer. As your students choose their courses, we are asking that you be part of the process. Over the next two months, school admin and counsellors will be visiting the current grade 9s, 10s & 11s and working with the students in their classes to complete the online course selection through MyEd. While this is occurring in the classroom, the MyEd platform also allows you to have access and help your student determine what courses are the best fit. Instructions can be found on the school website [RBSS Website](#). We hope that through school events, conversations with counsellors and family discussions your student(s) will have thoughtful and completed on-line course selections. Our timetable is built through student choice. It is important that we get clear information from your student in order to build the best timetable possible.

- Incoming Grade 8's will complete paper-based course selections with their transition team at their current middle schools.
- New registrations will complete the course selection process once they have been admitted to the school and in conjunction with their assigned school counsellors (with student and family input).

Please see the dates below for our many transition and course selection events. A variety of resources are available on our website through the links below. We encourage families to discuss course choices prior to class visits and please have students or parents reach out to the counselor or vice principal of record.

- [Course Selection 2024–2025 | Royal Bay \(sd62.bc.ca\)](#)

Date	Event
January 10 th	<u>Current Grade 9</u> Course Selection Intro and Grade Assembly presented by RBSS Administration and Counsellors
January 10 th	<u>Current Grade 10</u> Course Selection Intro and Grade Assembly presented by RBSS Administration and Counsellors
January 16 th	<u>Current Grade 11</u> Course Selection Intro and Grade Assembly presented by RBSS Administration and Counsellors

Transition & Course Selection Dates for 2024/25 con't

January 17 th	John Stubbs Grade 8 students will visit RBSS for a "Welcome to RBSS" assembly in the theatre 10:30 – 11:30
January 18 th	Dunsmuir Grade 8 students will visit RBSS for a "Welcome to RBSS" assembly in the theatre 10:30 – 11:30
January 25 th and February 8 th	Royal Bay Administration and Counsellors meeting with current grade 8's at Dunsmuir
January 24 th and February 7 th	Royal Bay Administration and Counsellors meeting with current grade 8's at John Stubbs
February 6 th (7pm – 8pm)	Parent Information Night for Grade 8 families joining Royal Bay in September 6:30pm – 7pm (AVID Information Session) Academy Presentation @ 8pm

Course Selection Classroom Visits at Royal Bay

Counselors and administration will be meeting with current Royal Bay students to fill out course selection forms for the 2024/2025 school year.

Week of	Grade
January 15 th to January 25 th	Current Grade 9's
February / March TBD	Current Grade 10's
February / March TBD	Current Grade 11's

Around the Raven's Nest!



Ravens Nest 2024

This past semester, teachers in the math department are exploring different ways of assessing students on their learning. They are still using the traditional methods of unit tests to understand each student's level of proficiency. However, the learning and peer teaching comes to life while performing a group quiz. These quizzes have more challenging questions and allow students to discuss the best outcomes for the questions.



From a teacher's perspective, you can really see the learning come to life and enjoy hearing the students discuss MATH!



One other activity some math teachers are enjoying incorporating into lesson activities is scavenger hunts. Throughout this activity students are up and moving around the classroom to find different solutions to questions through a scavenger hunt format. This type of activity includes bringing in a *Thinking Classroom* technique into the students' learning. *Thinking Classrooms* have proven that students learn and remember better by working on a vertical surface as compared to sitting and working on a horizontal surface.



Reminders



Reminder Grade 9 & 10 Immunizations

In December, immunization consent packages for grade 9 students were sent home from the school. If you have not already done so, discuss the information in the consent package with your child and include them in the decision to provide consent for immunization. Please return the completed consent form to the school in a sealed envelope as soon as possible.

Immunizations will be provided at the school for grade 9 students on **Feb 13 and 14, 2024**.

Grade 9 students can make an informed decision about immunization regardless of their parent/guardian/representative decision to consent or refuse immunization.

For more information visit HealthLinkBC: [The Infants Act, Mature Minor Consent and Immunization](#).

Public Health will be offering catch-up immunizations to **Grade 10** students who missed their Grade 9 immunizations in the 2022-2023 school year. Only students who have a paper consent form signed by their parent/guardian/representative from the 2022-2023 school year (Grade 9) will be offered immunizations.

Contact the West Shore Health Unit at 250-519-3490 if you have any questions.

Scholarships

Attention Parents:

Are you a member of the **BC General Employees Union (BCGEU)**?

Your student is eligible to apply for a number of scholarships offered by the BCGEU.

For a list of the general eligibility requirements, scholarships, and FAQs, please visit their website:

<https://nupge.ca/scholarship-faq/#note-YW>

All applications are due by midnight on Thursday, February 15th, 2024.

- Ms. ten Hove is available during C Block to guide students through the process.



2024 GRAD

Important Dates/Deadlines

January 24 – 26	GRAD Photo Retakes
January 26	GRAD Ski Trip to Mt. Washington
January 26	Valedictorian Nominations Packages Due by Noon
February 21	Online Voting for Valedictorian
March 13	GRAD Comment & Ceremony Fee Due
May 4	Dry GRAD Carnival
May 28	GRAD Rehearsals @UVic
June 2	GRAD Ceremony @UVic 11 & 2 pm
June 14	PROM @Crystal Gardens (Tentative)

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”

A poster for the Grad 2024 Ski Trip. It features a skier in a bright green and yellow suit skiing down a snowy slope. The text includes 'Grad 2024 Ski Trip', 'Forms available in the office or Room 2115', 'MOUNT WASHINGTON ALPINE RESORT', and 'Friday, January 26 - Snowboard, Ski, Tubing'. There is also a logo for 'RAVENS'.

A poster for the Grad Bottle Drive for the Royal Bay Class of XXIV. It features a purple background with a graduation cap icon, the text 'ROYAL BAY CLASS OF XXIV', 'GRAD BOTTLE DRIVE', 'Friday Jan. 19, 2024', and 'Drop-off at the School between: 8:15am to 2:00pm'. It also includes a car with a rack of bottles and instructions: 'Just pop your trunk & students will unload your bottles' and 'Drop-off bottles directly in front of the school.' There are also 'NOTE NEW DATE' labels.

RBSS Grad Photos Booking Calendar is Now Open for Retakes

CLICK [Prestige Photography](#) to book your sitting.

Please note that all sittings will occur at the following location:
Prestige Portraits Studio
#104 - 1740 Island Hwy, Victoria
V9B 1H8

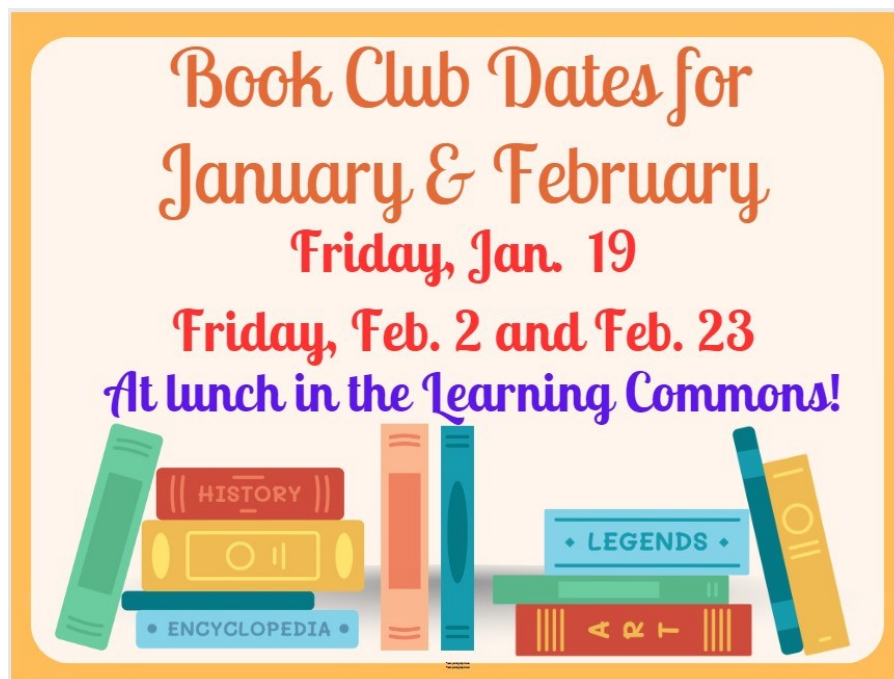
For more information Click [HERE](#).



This and That



From the Learning Commons



Careers Department



The Naval Experience Program

One year. Fully paid. Adventure awaits!

Who is this program for?

Not sure if the Royal Canadian Navy is for you? This is the perfect way to find out. The Naval Experience Program is for anyone seeking adventure, meaningful employment, and who is willing to try something new but only looking for a one-year commitment at this point. Think of it as a Navy "gap year" except it's fully paid and can lead to amazing career opportunities.

What is the program?

This new, one-year program is aimed at providing Canadians with exposure to the Royal Canadian Navy.

Candidates will receive or participate in:

- A general Navy onboarding period
- A four-week Naval Environmental Training Program (including Damage Control School) followed by periods at sea
- Opportunities to shadow a number of Navy jobs and exposure to a wide variety of skills both ashore and at sea
- Visits to units, ships/submarines and bases
- Opportunities for additional Navy training
- A full salary

All qualifications earned and time-in-service will count towards a future military career.

Where is it held?

Basic training takes place at a Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruiting School. The rest of the program takes place in Halifax, Nova Scotia or Esquimalt, British Columbia, and participants can make their coastal preference known early in the application process. Participants will have free accommodations with meals included (taxable benefit).

When?

The Naval Experience Program is offered continuously. There are no cut-off dates, and applicants can begin the program year-round.

Why?

Unlike other entry plans, the Naval Experience Program gives participants the opportunity to shadow a variety of Navy jobs before applying for a trade.

At the end of the program, participants will have the choice to continue serving in the Navy (full or part-time), transfer to another element, or leave the Navy, no strings attached.

For those who choose to stay, they will apply for a trade based on their preference and qualifications, and for those who choose to leave, they'll get an amazing experience and something great to put on their resume.

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Interested in **STEM?**

Join the

Schneider Electric Project

January 22nd - April 8th 2024

to

- ▶ Build your Skills
- ▶ Test out Engineering
- ▶ Strengthen University Applications





Commitment:
3-6 hours per week

Eligibility:
Female-identifying
Grade 11's and 12's +
1st & 2nd years

Weekly Meeting:
Mondays 7-8:15pm

**No Experience
Required!**

Sign up for
more
information



Careers Department con't



UVic Parent Night

In these online events, UVic staff will answer your questions about admission requirements, scholarships and upcoming application deadlines, and offer advice on helping your children successfully transition to life in university. Parent nights are for parents and guardians of high school students, but your students are welcome to join you!

January 16, 7:00PM | [Register](#) using the QR code



*Events are scheduled in Pacific Time.
Registration closes two hours before
an event.*

Counsellors' Corner

FamilySmart "In The Know"

Parent Education event titled "**Supporting Safety At Home**" OnLine - 5 Events

Join us in watching a video with **Lu Ripley**, Director of Community Learning and Engagement at the **BC Crisis Centre** and **Tammy Music**, FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker at **Surrey Memorial Hospital's Child & Adolescent Psychiatric Stabilization Unit** as they discuss how to talk to your kids about safety. Safety concerns can include suicidal thoughts, self harming behaviours, increased reactivity or aggression and any situation where you or your child is concerned about staying safe at home.

Dates and Times available: <https://familysmart.ca/monthly-events/>

Watch Now: <https://youtu.be/bfej3x7UFTQ?si=XEzidEWI70fbgPjs>

The Foundry Parent Education topic "Y Minds

Parent Overview of An Anxiety Program for Youth" In Person

Monday January 22, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Y Mind is an innovative, youth informed, early intervention program that helps teens and young adults manage stress and anxiety. This workshop will give you an in depth look at the Y Mind program, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, Mindfulness and Self Compassion.

Speaker: Lana Millott, Y Minds Program Manager, Facilitated life/communication skills and employment skills to at-risk youth for 23 years in Victoria and Sidney.

To Register email: Lisa.Tate@FamilySmart.ca

The Boys and Girls Club (BGC) Winter Parenting Programs Online

- **Parents Together, Tuesdays**, 12-1:30 pm or 6:30-8pm for parents of **13 - 19 yrs**
- **Parents in the Know, Wednesdays**, 6:30-8pm, January 10th Start **13 - 18yrs**
- **Parenting Without Power Struggles, Thursdays**, 6:30-8pm, Feb.15th Start **9 - 12 yrs**


Topics include: **Relationship-based practices**, **Communication skills**, **Boundaries**, and turning over responsibility as appropriate, and **Self-care** – taking back your life
All programs are via zoom.

Registration: <https://bgcsvi.org/programs/parenting/>

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Virtual Online Group for Parents with 13-18 year old's

PARENTS
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Wednesday Evenings 6:30-8PM
January 10- March 13

Register Online or call
250. 217.4929



DO YOU FEEL UNSURE OF HOW TO
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PARENTS TOGETHER
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STARTING 13 SEP
TUESDAYS
6:30PM - 8PM

ONLINE GROUP

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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Virtual Online Group for Parents with 9-12 year old's

Parenting
Without
Power
Struggles



Thursday Evenings 6:30-8PM
February 15-April 18

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