

This week in The Raven's Nest



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January 22-26, 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



Outstanding Fees:

Please check your school Cash Online account

pay your outstanding school fees

[SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome](https://www.schoolcashonline.com)

Thanks in advance for your attention to this.

WEEK of:

January 22-26, 2024

Monday

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

Wednesday • GRAD Assessments
• GRAD Photo Retakes

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• GRAD Photo Retakes
• JAZZ Night in the Theatre

Friday • GRAD Photo Retakes
• GRAD Ski Trip

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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 2	GRAD Bottle Drive
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

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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



PAC's Peninsula Co-op number 134056

January 22-26, 2024



2023-2024 PAC

Executive Members

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

PAC email: royalbaypac@gmail.com

From the Admin

Upcoming Graduation Assessments

Literacy and Numeracy Assessments are a provincial assessment and a graduation requirement for students. Unlike previous Provincial assessments, the Literacy and Numeracy Assessments are not tied to Math and English specifically, rather, they evaluate mastery of a student's literacy and numeracy skills over the course of their education.

Results will be reported using a four-category proficiency scale and will appear on a student's transcript as a number, representing one of the four categories:

- ◆ emerging (1)
- ◆ developing (2)
- ◆ proficient (3)
- ◆ extending (4)

Students will be able to see their results on their MyEdBC Portal > Assessments. Graduation Assessment results are also posted on student transcripts. Universities and employers may be interested in a student's assessment results, as evidence of their achievement in numeracy and literacy.

Last week, Mrs. Phillips visited all Grade 10 Math and English classes to provide students with information about the upcoming assessment week and answer any questions that they had about the process.

Students wishing to rewrite any of their assessments need to request this via their school counsellor.

Upcoming Graduation Assessments

January 24-25, 2024 – Copernican Days

The following students will be writing assessments during this sitting:

- ◆ Grade 10 students who are in Semester 1 Math 10 (NME 10)
- ◆ Grade 10 students who are in Semester 1 English 10 (LTE 10)
- ◆ Any Grade 11/12 students who have not yet written their NME 10 or LTE 10 OR would like to rewrite.

Results from this sitting will be posted in MyEdBC on March 20, 2023.

For more information, resources, and practice exams:

- ◆ [Grade 10 Literacy \(LTE 10\)](#)
- ◆ [Grade 10 Numeracy \(NME 10\)](#)
- ◆ [Grade 12 Literacy \(LTE 12\)](#)

From the Admin con't



Additional information about the Jan 24/25 Copernican days that will be occurring at the end of the semester

The rationale for these days is as follows:

- Due to our population growth, allow Grad Assessments to be administered with minimal disruption to the school.
- Provide an extended block for summative assessment of student learning.

Copernican Block Rotations (Grad Assessments will be administered at this time in Math 10 and Eng 10 classes)

Block Schedule for Copernican Days – January 24 & 25

Jan 24

Bl A – 9:00 – 11:50

Bl C – 12:30 – 3:20

Jan 25

Bl B – 9:00 – 11:50

Bl D – 12:30 – 3:20

Jan 26 last day of S1- Regular Day – School in Session

Jan 29 'I' Day/Semester turnaround day – **Classes not in session** – Students can come to school via specific need or teacher request.



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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 at Royal Bay 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!

RBS art students are gearing up to show off their artwork at Metchosin Arts and Cultural Centre this February.

Check out the poster for viewing times and location. Everyone is welcome!

FEBRUARY 3 - 29



RBSS STUDENT ART EXHIBITION
@ THE POINT OF VIEW GALLERY
METCHOSIN ARTS & CULTURE CENTRE
4495 HAPPY VALLEY RD, METCHOSIN
SHOW OPENING & RECEPTION SATURDAY FEB 3RD
GALLERY HOURS: TUES-THURS 11-3 & FRI-SUN 11-4



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.



YEARBOOKS *On Sale Now!*

ATTENTION PARENTS:

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 >>>

YEARBOOK: \$60 | GRAD MEMORY BOX: \$15





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 2	GRAD Bottle Drive
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 mountain. The text 'Grad 2024 Ski Trip' is in large green letters. Below it, it says 'Forms available in the office or Room 2115'. At the bottom, it says 'Friday, January 26 - Snowboard, Ski, Tubing'. There is also a logo for 'MOUNT WASHINGTON ALPINE RESORT' and a 'RAVENS' logo in the top right corner.

Grad 2024 Ski Trip

Forms available
in the office or
Room 2115

**MOUNT WASHINGTON
ALPINE
RESORT**

**Friday, January 26 -
Snowboard, Ski, Tubing**

A poster for the Grad Bottle Drive. It features a purple background with a graduation cap at the top. The text 'ROYAL BAY CLASS OF XXIV' is in a large, stylized font. Below it, it says 'GRAD BOTTLE DRIVE' and 'Friday Feb 2, 2024'. It also says 'Drop-off at the School between: 8:15am to 2:00pm'. There are two circular callouts: one on the left says 'NOTE NEW DATE' and one on the right says 'NOTE NEW DATE'. At the bottom, there is an illustration of an orange car with a rack of various bottles on its roof. The text 'Just pop your trunk & students will unload your bottles' is in a green circle on the left, and 'Drop-off bottles directly in front of the school.' is in a green circle on the right.

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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



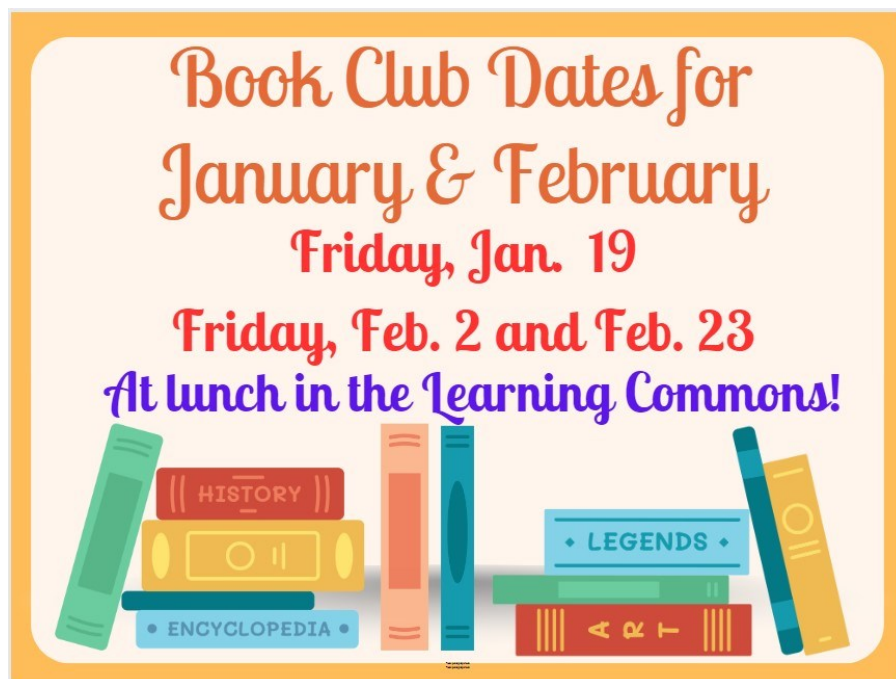
Parent Volunteer Opportunity:

Royal Bay is looking for parent volunteers in the mornings before school to assist with a breakfast program.

Ideally, we are looking for parents who can help on a regular basis, one morning/week from 8:15-9:00.

If interested, contact Mike Huck or Tanya Phillips

From the Learning Commons



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Study in UK North America is pleased to announce up to 3 exclusive £20,000 (approximately \$34,100) scholarships for students who study at the University of Exeter. Only students applying for Business or Computer Science undergraduate or postgraduate degrees in the 2024 intake through SI-UK will be eligible.

If your students would like to apply for one of these programs for the opportunity of receiving this cost-of-living scholarship then please [contact SI-UK](#) as soon as possible and we will get the application process started. If you have any questions about us, the University of Exeter or the scholarship please let us know.

What does the scholarship include?

Available to both Undergraduate and Postgraduate Business or Computer Science students, this scholarship includes:

- £20,000 (Approximately \$34,100) towards living costs
- Awarded in cash, post-enrolment and payments divided over the year
- Year 1 only if awarded to an Undergraduate student

Scholarship eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the University of Exeter Business or Computer Science Scholarship applicants must:

- Apply for Undergraduate or Postgraduate Taught programs in the Business School or Computer Science
- Or a combined course where a minimum of at least 50% of credits are taken in either the Business School or Computer Science
- Be Canadian & a resident of Canada
- Be applying for September 2024 entry
- Meet all standard admissions entry requirements
- Selection will be based solely on academic merit with up to 3 scholarships available
- The deadline for this scholarship is July 1st but we advise early applications

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If you or your students have any questions about these requirements then speak with a [Consultant](#) who will be able to confirm details with the university.

Apply through SI-UK

To apply for the Business or Computer Science Scholarship, please contact a UK University [Consultant](#) by calling directly or by clicking the button below.

Contact Us

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.

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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Scan the QR code for more information.



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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

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WOMEN IN ENGINEERING, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY

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

Register Online or call
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DO YOU FEEL UNSURE OF HOW TO
SUPPORT YOUR TEEN?

JOIN OUR
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PROGRAM

ONGOING SUPPORT


STARTING 13 SEP
TUESDAYS
6:30PM - 8PM

ONLINE GROUP

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

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