

This week in The Raven's Nest



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January 29 - February 2, 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 Nuuchahnulth 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 – Nuuchahnulth



Outstanding Fees:

Please check your school Cash Online account

pay your outstanding school fees

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

Thanks in advance for your attention to this.

WEEK of:

January 29—February 2, 2024

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| Monday | • Semester 1 Ends, "I" Day |
| Tuesday | • Wellness Centre (9:30—3:30 pm) |
| | • Semester 2 Begins |
| Wednesday | |
| Thursday | • Wellness Centre (9:30—3:30 pm) |
| Friday | • GRAD Bottle Drive |

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Important dates to Remember

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
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



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

On Monday January 22 Ms. Bunjun's Social Justice 12 class delivered personalized hygiene bags to Our Place downtown. The class spent weeks canvassing the community and collected items that would be supportive to folks needing support downtown. The class participated in a tour of Our Place and witnessed first hand the power of community engagement and supportive projects. We are very proud of our students and staff for taking on this project.



As we transition to Semester 2, all students are to check their schedules in MyEd on Monday January 29, 2024 at 6 PM to ensure they are aware of any changes/updates.

Looking forward to the new semester!

Around the Raven's Nest!



Royal Bay Raven's Rugby News

Royal Bay graduate Brighton Feldman and coach Raymond Barkwill were present at the Mungo Martin House last week for SD62's principal John Lyall's induction into the Indigenous Sports Hall of Fame as a builder. Royal Bay Best and Fairest Rugby award is named after John Lyall (*carved by island artist Walter George*).

John's passion for the sport of rugby within the Westshore, Vancouver, Island, and British Columbia along with his commitment to Thunder Rugby has been inspirational to many over several decades. Congratulations, John Lyall on your induction into the Indigenous Sports Hall of Fame.



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

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”





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CLASS OF
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GRAD

BOTTLE DRIVE

NOTE
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Friday Feb 2, 2024

Drop-off at the School

between: 8:15am to 2:00pm

Just pop
your trunk &
students
will unload
your bottles



Drop-off
bottles
directly in
front of the
school.

This and That



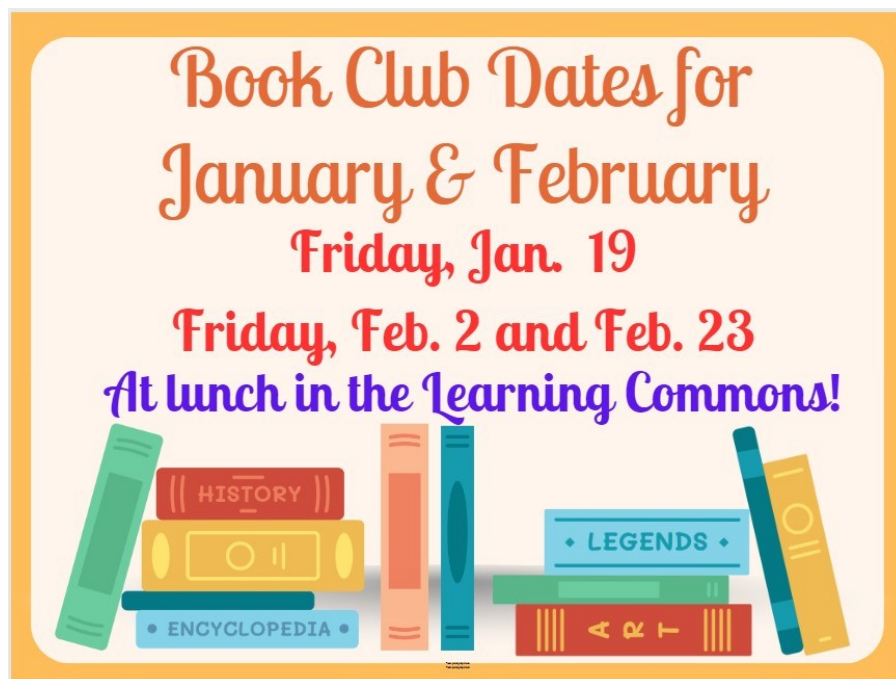
Parent Volunteer Opportunity:

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
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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.

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BC Excellence Scholarship

For those students applying to be Royal Bay's **nominee** for the **BC Excellence Scholarship**, submission packages are due on ***Monday, February 5th***.

BC Excellence Scholarships

Applications are now open for the **55 BC Excellence Scholarships**, offered by the provincial government to annually to recognize well-rounded B.C. graduates. Successful students will have demonstrated community service, both inside and outside of school, and shown aptitude and commitment to their chosen career paths. They will receive a **\$5000 scholarship voucher** to use for post-secondary tuition.

To be considered as **Royal Bay's student nominee**, you must first complete the application package which includes:

A resume (emphasizing your school & community service, volunteer experience, academic successes, etc.)

Two reference letters (one from a community member/organization *and* one from your school or a teacher)

A written statement, *maximum 500 words*, in which you describe:

What led you to your most relevant community service, volunteer activity, and/or leadership role;

What you learned from this experience;

How this experience will benefit you in your chosen career path.

To be considered for nomination, your completed form must be submitted to the **École Royal Bay Career Commons** on or before the deadline **Monday, February 5th, 2024**

To access the application package - [Click Here](#)

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.

One year. Fully paid. Adventure awaits!

Scan the QR code for more information.



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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!

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Cost of registration: FREE

Date: Tuesday, March 5th, 2024
Time: 8:30am - 1:30pm
Venue: Chiefs and Petty Officers Mess
Address: 1575 Lyall Street in Esquimalt

Visit the [Career Commons](#) to register.

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YOUTH HEALTH IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Be part of the student team reviewing the SD62 results from the 2023 BC Adolescent Health Survey, then help engage fellow students in taking action to address the youth health issues outlined in the results.

Full-Day Workshop for Students in Grades 10 to 12
February 27, 2024 | 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Lower Clubhouse, West Shore Parks & Recreation
Limited Space Available • Lunch & Snacks Included • Pre-Registration Required

Interested? Contact: candrew@sd62.bc.ca

Hosted in partnership with McCreary Centre Society, School District 62 (Sooke), Island Health, and The Village Initiative.



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
SUPPORT YOUR TEEN?

JOIN OUR
PARENTS TOGETHER
PROGRAM

ONGOING SUPPORT


STARTING 13 SEP
TUESDAYS
6:30PM - 8PM

ONLINE GROUP

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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parentingprograms@bgcsvi.org

Virtual Online Group for Parents with 9-12 year old's

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

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