

This week in The Raven's Nest



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January 8-12, 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



WEEK of:

January 8—12, 2024

Monday

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

Wednesday • PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm

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

Friday • GRAD Bottle Drive

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Important dates to Remember

Dec 25– Jan 5	Winter Break
January 8, 2024	School Reopens
January 10	PAC Meeting at 6:30 PM
January 12	GRAD Bottle Drive
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

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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:

Jan 10, 2024

Feb 7, 2024

Mar 6, 2024

Apr 3, 2024

May 1, 2024

June 5, 2024



January 8—12, 2024



PAC's Peninsula Co-op number 134056

HOT SIDE	<u>Item</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
	Hot main	Closed	Pork Poke Bowl	Stir Fry with Noodles	Fish Tacos
	Vegetarian		Crispy Tofu Poke Bowl	Stir Fry with Noodles	Black Bean Taco
COLD SIDE	Wrap		Salami	Pastrami	Ham
	Appie		Mozza Sticks	Mozza Sticks	Mozza Sticks
BAKING	Desserts		Sticky Toffee Pudding/ Cheesecake	Sticky Toffee Pudding/ Cheesecake	Sticky Toffee Pudding/ Cheesecake



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Hello Parents and Guardians of RBSS,

We are fast approaching the Winter Break in the schools as our last day of regular classes is today, December 22nd. The first part of the year has gone by incredibly fast. Our students are engaged in their classes and in the social fabric of the school.

Over the last few weeks I been fortunate to witness several incredible student events;

- * Soccer, Basketball and Volleyball tournaments and games
- * An incredible Winter Music Concerts put on by our Fine Arts Department
- * Two awesome nights of Dance from our RBSS Dance Academy
- * A great evening of Boy's and Girl's Lacrosse
- * 10,000 tonight put on by our RBSS Leadership Group
- * Winter Formal (catered by our very own Culinary Arts Classes)
- * Santa's Breakfast

In the spirit of community, these folks (students, staff and volunteers) have really injected a lot of life and joy into the school. Each event was really well put together. The students and staff did a fantastic job representing the school, and showcasing all the incredible talents that our students possess. I can't thank these folks enough for coming together as a group to supports our students and larger community, I also appreciate the support that parents have shown the school in its entirety. Through the efforts of staff, students and parents our kids have had a fantastic first part of the year.

School reopens on January 8th. January will be a busy month, with the course selection for the 2024/2025 year beginning with our incoming Grades 8's and our Grade 9's. January will be spent connecting with students in support of the course selection process, finishing up Semester One courses and completing grad capstone projects and grad assessments. Semester Two begins on Jan. 30.

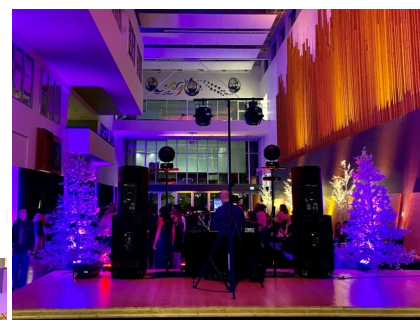
Have great winter holiday. I hope that you all find time to reconnect with family and friends. See you all in the new year.

Sincerely,

Mike Huck Principal, École Royal Bay Secondary School



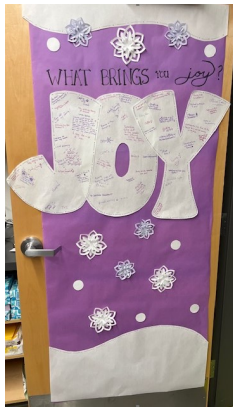
GRAD Class of
2024
Winter Formal



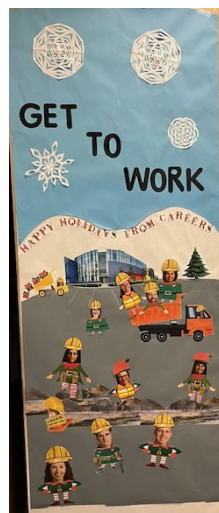


Santa Breakfast





Door
Decorating
2023



THANK YOU ROYAL BAY & RESIDENTS

10,000 Tonight was an outstanding success. After hosting our last door to door event we came back this year hoping our community would help us reach our goal of collecting 10,000 items in one night. The building was alive with volunteers, music, laughter, and plenty of smiling faces. When the work of some 320+ volunteers was completed late in the evening we had managed to collect a RECORD total of:

13,815 items

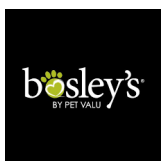
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\$3,800 in Cash/Gift Card Donations

All proceeds donated go directly to the **Goldstream Food Bank**. **OUTSTANDING EFFORT** by our school leadership class for organizing this event and a HUGE thank you to all our volunteers for everything they did. What an amazing show of support by ALL involved.



Thank you to those individuals and businesses who generously donated or provided us with support including but not limited to:



Around the Raven's Nest!

Have you considered joining Carpentry TASK?

Do you enjoy hands-on learning?

Welcome to the **Trades Awareness Skills and Knowledge** (TASK) program—a dynamic opportunity for students to explore various trades including carpentry, pipe trades, electrical, welding, sheet metal, automotive, and heavy-duty mechanics.

Learn fundamental skills and techniques. From crafting sheds to designing picnic tables, planters, greenhouses, and benches, you will embark on creative projects that showcase your newfound carpentry expertise.

Gain real world experience during a three-week work experience in the trades.

Earn industry-recognized certifications, including the Fall Protection Certificate, WHMIS, and Confined Spaces Entry certification—strengthen your safety awareness and employability.



Highlights of the semester include welding, sheet metal, and heavy-duty mechanics at Camosun College. Students learned to drive and operate the excavator, forklift, skid steer, and backhoe.



Embark on a journey of discovery with TASK—where hands-on learning meets real-world experience. For more information on this full semester dual credit Camosun/Royal Bay course, see Mr. Sorensen in room 1193 or Ms. Huculak in the Careers Centre.



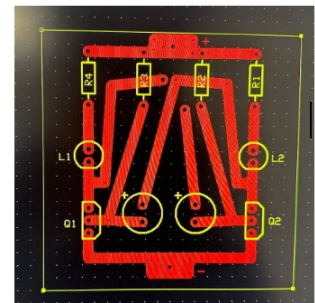
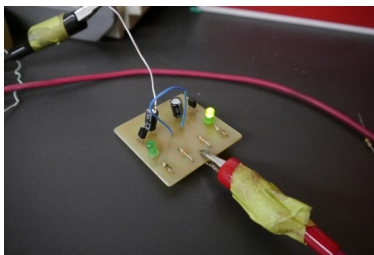
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Grade 9 Wood and Electronics

Students in grade 9 participate in woodshop for half a semester and then switch to electronics for the second half of the semester:

Students in electronics begin by learning about basic electronic parts, move to breadboarding, and then design and build a PCB board, or Printed Circuit Board of the "Winky Blink" circuit. The completed and functional board has two LED's (light emitting diodes) that light in an alternating pattern. Following the "Winky Blink", students learn about programming an Arduino microcontroller with the final goal of controlling a servo with the flick of a switch. This is used in a useless box project. A box is modelled and 3D printed that houses a servo and switch. When the switch is pressed an arm comes out and turns itself off.

In the woodshop grade 9's go through the Stock Break Out procedure learning new techniques throughout the project. For their main project, they chose between a Couch Butler or Foot Stool. Students use the mitre saw, jointer, thickness planer, table saw, and drill press. To gain more practice on the bandsaw and scroll saw students make a holiday themed project. Term 1 students made a pumpkin and Term 2 student made a reindeer.



Metal 10

Students have been designing patterns that are cut out of aluminum sheet using the plasma cutter. A steady hand and careful eye are necessary to replicate the pattern. Filing, sanding and polishing operations are the hand tool operations used to bring the students creation to life. A wide array of designs showcase students interests and aesthetic choices.





2024 GRAD

Important Dates/Deadlines

January 12	GRAD Bottle Drive
January 24 – 26	GRAD Photo Retakes
January 26	GRAD Ski Trip to Mt. Washington
	Valedictorian Nominations Packages Due
	Online Voting for Valedictorian
	GRAD Comments & Grad Ceremony Gradation 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”

Grad 2024 Ski Trip

Forms available in the office or Room 2115

MOUNT WASHINGTON ALPINE RESORT

Friday, January 26 - Snowboard, Ski, Tubing

ROYAL BAY CLASS OF XXXIV

GRAD BOTTLE DRIVE

Friday Jan. 12, 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.

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](#).



ATHLETES OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER

The Royal Bay athletics department is beginning a new recognition tradition where we are going to honour junior and senior athletes of the month. These athletes demonstrate commitment, hard work, leadership, and consistent performance in their sport. All athletes have been nominated and chosen by the staff from our athletics programs. This month we would like to recognize:



Josie M. – Junior Girls Volleyball

Josie saved her best volleyball for when it mattered the most. She was a force at the Island Championships, helping her team finish 2nd and earning a spot at Provincials. She is described as always having a positive attitude and being extremely coachable – Her coaches valued her strong leadership and ability to pick others up when they were down.



Finley E. – Junior Boys Volleyball & Basketball

Fin brought incredible energy, leadership, and positivity to the Junior Boys Volleyball team as they eventually made it to the Island Championships. He kept the team focused, played a huge role in maintaining their morale, and exuded confidence in everything he did. His coaches praised his ability to make the experience for the team enjoyable and valued his overall leadership in every situation both on and off the court.



Georgia C. – Women's Lacrosse

Georgia has been an outstanding captain for the women's lacrosse program. Her positive efforts on the field both in attack and on defense lead the charge in a comfortable win over Claremont. Off the field, her dedication to the program and leadership has been a huge part of the program's success!



Kohen M. – Senior Boys Soccer

Kohen was a key performer in helping lead the Senior Boys Soccer team to a 2nd place finish at the provincial championships. Kohen started and played all games, leading his team with confidence and composure in the middle of the park. He is committed to the sport and exhibits all the traits you want to see in an athlete – coachability, strong work ethic, a supportive teammate, and more.

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH – DECEMBER



Dane C. – Gr. 9 Boys Basketball

Dane has made a strong start to his Ravens basketball career, demonstrating leadership alongside a strong work ethic. He was named a tournament all-star at the most recent tournament in Shawnigan.



Avery S.– Jr./Sr. Girls Basketball

Avery has pulled double duty as a Grade 10, playing on both the Senior and Junior basketball teams. Her passion for the game is undeniable and her work ethic often unmatched. Avery has also been volunteering at home games with scorekeeping!



Jennah M. – Sr. Girls Basketball

Jennah has been a consistent presence on and off the court for the Senior Girls basketball team this year. Her positive attitude, strong work ethic, and consistent contributions were noted by her coaches. Jennah has also been a huge help with volunteering to score-keep at many home basketball games during her free time!



Phillip B. – Boys LAX/Sr. Boys Basketball

Phillip has recently committed to play D1 Lacrosse at Jacksonville University. He maintains a high GPA in the classroom and was a standout performer in recent lacrosse tournaments in Baltimore, Vancouver, and Victoria. His coaches have praised his hard work both on and off the field. In fact, he also gives back by volunteering his time to coach younger players.

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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2. 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

**GREATER VICTORIA POLICE
FOUNDATION PRESENTS**

POLICE CAMP

MARCH 16-23, 2024

LOCATION: ALBERT HEAD

Police Camp is a unique youth leadership program for students in Grade 11 or 12 that have interest in exploring policing and public safety. Students will spend one week experiencing classroom lectures, physical activity, group discussions and simulations supervised by dozens of police staff.





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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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



Counsellors' Corner

CHOOSING COURSES FOR NEXT YEAR

It's almost that time of year again!!

Course Selections will begin in January 2023. Each grade will be invited to an Assembly in the Theatre which will talk about Grad requirements, required courses and the vast array of electives Royal Bay has to offer.

Next, students will have time to discuss course selection options with their parents and counsellors. Below is the BC Graduation Sheet for both the English and French stream.

Finally, each grade level will have the opportunity to choose their courses online. Classes will be called down and counsellors will be there to guide them through the process.

Course Update: *Students graduating this year will need to have an Indigenous-Focused course completed. Courses that will fulfill this requirement are English First Peoples 11 or 12, BC First Peoples 12 and Contemporary Indigenous Students 12.*

BC Graduation Requirements

GRADE 10 REQUIREMENTS	CREDITS	
<input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts 10	4	Total Credits: (min. 24)
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 10	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Science 10	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> a Math 10 _____	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical and Health Education 10	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Career Life Education 10	4	
GRADE 11 REQUIREMENTS		
<input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts 11	4	Total Credits: (min. 16)
<input type="checkbox"/> a Social Studies 11 or 12 _____	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> a Science 11 or 12 _____	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> a Math 11 or 12 _____	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Career-Life Connections A 12	2	
GRADE 12 REQUIREMENTS		
<input type="checkbox"/> English 12	4	Total Credits: (min. 20)
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Gr 12 Course	4	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Career-Life Connections B 12	2	
FINE ARTS & or APPLIED SKILLS REQUIREMENTS		
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts Education or ADST (Applied Design, Skills and Technology) _____ Gr 10, 11 or 12 Course	4	(min. 4)
ADDITIONAL COURSES		
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Gr 10, 11 or 12 Course	4	Total Credits: (min. 16)
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Gr 10, 11 or 12 Course	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Gr 10, 11 or 12 Course	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Gr 10, 11 or 12 Course	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Numeracy Assessment 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy Assessment 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy Assessment 12		TOTAL CREDITS Must = 80


BC Graduation Requirements for French Immersion / Francophone Dual Dogwood

GRADE 10 REQUIREMENTS	CREDITS	
<input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts 10	4	Total Credits: (min. 28)
<input type="checkbox"/> Français langue 10	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sciences humaines 10	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sciences 10	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> a Math 10 _____	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical and Health Education 10	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Éducation à la vie professionnelle 10 (FCLP-10)	4	
GRADE 11 REQUIREMENTS		
<input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts 11	4	Total Credits: (min. 22)
<input type="checkbox"/> Langue et culture de la Francophonie 11 FLCP	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration en sciences humaines et sociales 11	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> a Science 11 or 12 _____	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> a Math 11 or 12 _____	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Career-Life Connections A 12	2	
GRADE 12 REQUIREMENTS		
<input type="checkbox"/> English 12	4	Total Credits: (min. 22)
<input type="checkbox"/> Français langue 12	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Gr 12 Course	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Gr 12 Course	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Gr 12 Course	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Career-Life Connections B 12	2	
FINE ARTS & or APPLIED SKILLS REQUIREMENTS		
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts Education or ADST (Applied Design, Skills and Technology) _____ Gr 10, 11 or 12 Course	4	(min. 4)
ADDITIONAL COURSES		
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Counsellors' Corner con't

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

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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
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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Thursday Evenings 6:30-8PM
February 15-April 18

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12PM - 1:30PM

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