

This week in The Raven's Nest



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February 5-9, 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:

February 5-9, 2024

- Monday •
- Tuesday • Wellness Centre (9:30—3:30 pm)
• Grade 8 Student & Parent Info Night
- Wednesday
- Thursday • Wellness Centre (9:30—3:30 pm)
- Friday • Fire Drill #4 @ 9:20 am

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Important dates to Remember

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
Feb 27—Mar 3	Healthy Relationships & Consent Workshops
February 27—28	Online Voting for RBSS Valedictorian
February 28	Pink Shirt Day
March 1	Deadline to Purchase Yearbooks
March 6	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
March 7	Lockdown Drill @ 11 am
March 7	Forte (Concert Band/Choir/SM Ensemble) @ 7 pm
March 13	GRAD Comments and Fees Due!
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
June 2	GRAD Ceremony @ UVic
June 11	RBSS Dance Performance @ 7 pm

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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

February 5-9, 2024



2023-2024 PAC

Executive Members

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

PAC email: royalbaypac@gmail.com

From the Admin

Dear RBSS Parents and Guardians,

Our second semester is well underway, the students and the staff are busy working and focusing on their new courses. Our second semester startup was smooth, with the students both enjoying the new classes and the shift in weather.

We are coming to the end of our course selection process in the next couple of weeks. All student course selections should be complete the week before Spring Break (March 15th). Our grade 10's entering grade 11 will go through the course selection process with our counselling team next week. Please make sure to touch base with your student to ensure that you are aware of your student's course choices and are part of the process. If you have any questions please reach out to your student's Counsellor or Admin – we are here to help.

RBSS is in the process of setting up a Youth Equity Team to continue the conversations and steps addressing diversity, equity and inclusion. If you have a student who wants to be part of this amazing working group consisting of community members, staff and students please ask them to connect with Mr. Huck. Our first meeting of semester two will take place on Friday, February 23rd in the RBSS Conference Room at Lunch.

RBSS is also in the process of re-starting our RBSS Mountain Club. We will have our first meeting next week Thursday at lunch in room 2108. We will ride one day a week after school. All levels are welcome. Please contact Mr. Huck if you are interested mhuck@sd62.bc.ca (or attend the meeting at lunch).


We hope that you all can enjoy some time with family and friends (warm weather too!) over the weekend.

RBSS Admin

ATTENTION

LAST CHANCE

PARENTS:
Our 2023-2024 yearbook is back and better than ever! This is the LAST CALL for those of you who want to purchase this special school keepsake for your student. ACT FAST!
Copies are LIMITED!
PRICE: \$60.00
DEADLINE: **MARCH 1, 2024**



SCAN TO ORDER!!

From the Admin con't

Chess Tournament

On Wednesday RBSS sent 5 of our competitive chess players to the Esquimalt High School invitational tournament. Our students represented Royal Bay very well, winning several matches. Each of our students played 5 games each. They had so much fun that they want to host a tournament at Royal Bay in the near future. Well done team RBSS!



RCMP Senior Girls Basketball Tournament—The Mountie Cup

A huge shout out and thanks to the Westshore RCMP Detachment. These members have been in the school the last couple of days connecting with students and setting up an amazing Senior Girls Basketball Tournament.

This is a basket ball tournament for high school girls taking place at Belmont and Royal Bay Secondary Schools. There was several RCMP booths set up at each school for students, staff and visitors to engage with police and learn about police operations as well as recruiting.

Many of our classes have taken advantage of the tournament to catch some amazing basketball games. The RCMP have been tremendous in their support of Royal Bay students and our school district in general. Hopefully their presence in the school will lead a few students down the path of choosing a career in law enforcement.



Around the Raven's Nest!



English Department

The end of the first semester brought the conclusion of Royal Bay's first ever Dual Credit English 151 class. Over the course of the first five months, two classes of grade twelve students completed both their high school English class at the same time as taking their first-year university English course with a Camosun professor. Moving forward, these

students will have one less university class to complete during their first year as they've already finished it.

The College Prep path in grade ten and eleven allows students to increase the rigor in their communication skills and develop the habits and acumen they'll need for grade 12 and their education beyond.

As part of the novel study of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* students created a wide variety of projects to show their learning and interpretation of this classic and essential novel. Pictured here are two canvases representing the realisation of the Creature to his hideous appearance and how the world treats him and the beauty of the Romantic world that Shelley was part of.

To hone in on the more filmic versions of the novel students made movie trailers that condensed the story into a three minute trailer of the story. To the right are film stills of the Creature shrouded in darkness and Victor, lost in thought while at study in Ingolstadt.



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.

SAVE A LIFE

GET NALOXONE TRAINING



NALOXONE
OPIOID OVERDOSE KIT

Learn how to prevent an overdose and respond to a drug poisoning from youth leaders who understand the issues. The session includes:

- How to recognize an overdose
- What to do if you see one and how to help
- How to administer Naloxone (a fast-acting drug that temporarily reverses the effects of an opioid overdose)
- What's available in our community to help reduce substance use related harm and support youth health

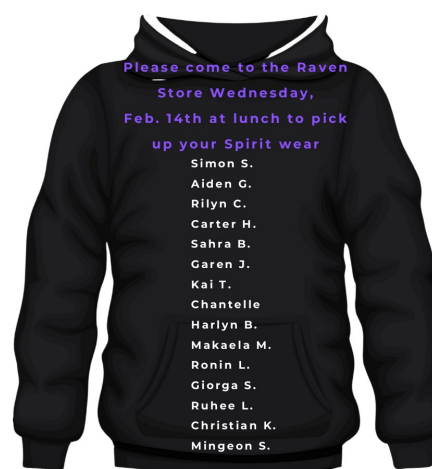
February 20, 2024
4 Sessions Available in Learning Commons

Scan the Code to Sign-up



This is an Island Health and Youth HOPE Mission initiative being hosted by SD62 and delivered by the amazing team at Youth HOPE Mission, an award-winning local youth initiative. Learn more about these change makers and their work at <https://youthhopemission.sedby.com/>

Come pick up your Spirt Wear





2024 GRAD

Important Dates/Deadlines

February 21	Online Voting for Valedictorian
February 26	GRAD Comment & Fee Form Handed Out
March 13	GRAD Comment & Ceremony Fee Due
April 3	PROM Consent Form Handed Out
April 3	Dry Grad Carnival Form Handed Out
April 3	GRAD Ceremony Ticket Request Form Handed Out
April 24	GRAD Ceremony Ticket Request Form Due
May 1	PROM Consent Form & Payment 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 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”

This and That



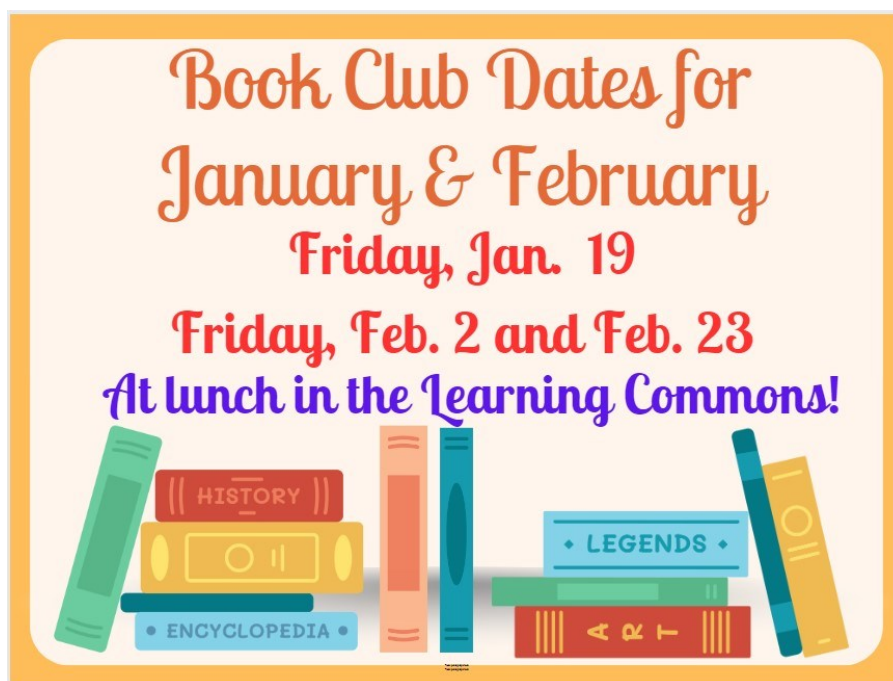
Parent Volunteer Opportunity:

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.

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

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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Please contact Danielle Hudlak for more details: dhuculak@sd62.bc.ca



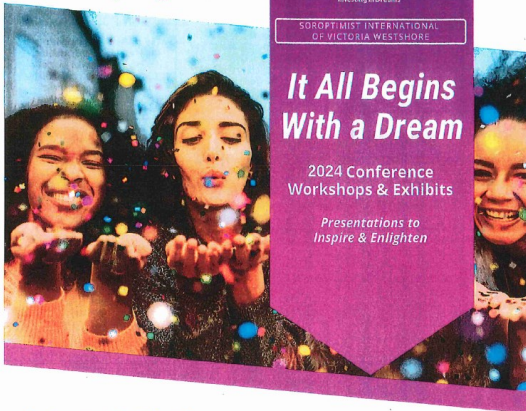
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A unique opportunity for girls and young women, transgender, and non-binary youth aged 15 – 25 to explore their dreams and discover their potential.

Cost of registration: FREE

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2024 Conference Workshops & Exhibits

Presentations to Inspire & Enlighten

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.

A Special Thank You to Our Event Sponsors!



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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

Be a champion for youth health ...



... take action and make a difference

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

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
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ONGOING SUPPORT


STARTING 13 SEP
TUESDAYS
6:30PM - 8PM

ONLINE GROUP

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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