

# This week in The Raven's Nest



## École Royal Bay Secondary School

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## Summer Edition 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



### Calendar of Events for the WEEK of September 3-6, 2024

Monday	• Labour Day—No School
Tuesday	• Grade 9s Only—Half Day
Wednesday	• All Students—Full Day
Thursday	• Picture Day
Friday	

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## Important dates to Remember

September 2	Labour Day
September 3	School Reopens - half day grade 9 only
September 4	School for all students - full day
September 5	School Photos
September 11	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
September 17	Fire Drill #1 @ 9:20 am
September 23	District School Planning Day—no school
September 30	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation—no school
October 2	PAC meeting @ 6:30 pm
October 7	University of Calgary Visit
October 10	University of Victoria Visit
October 14	Thanksgiving—no school
October 15	Post Secondary BC Visit
October 17	Great BC Shake Out @ 10:17 am
October 21	Retakes for School Photos
October 22	Fire Drill #2 @ 2:15 pm
October 25	NID - Provincial Pro– D no school
November 6	Take your Kids to Work Day—Grade 9
November 6	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
November 7	Hold and Secure Drill @ 9:30 am
November 11	Remembrance Day—no school
November 13	Parents as Education and Career Coaches
Dec 9—19	Grad Photos
November 19	Fire Drill # 3 @ 9:20 am
November 21	Early Dismissal 3 Hrs—Learning Conferences
November 22	NID—Pro-D—no school
December 6	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
December 19	Winter Formal
December 20	Santa Breakfast
December 20	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec 23– Jan 3	Winter Break
January 6, 2025	School Reopens

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## RBSS PAC Corner

Meetings will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm  
in the Learning Commons

### *PAC meetings for 2024-2025*

- Sept 11
- October 2
- November 6
- December 4
- January 8
- February 5
- March 5
- April 2
- May 7
- June 4

## 2023-2024 PAC

### **Executive Members**

President:	Caroline Aked
Vice President:	Vacant
Treasurer:	Melissa Da Silva
Secretary:	Vacant
SPEAC Rep	Vacant
Communications Officer:	Vacant

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*PAC's Peninsula Co-op number 134056*



# From the ADMIN!

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## Final Message of the 2023/2024 School Year!

Thank you students! Thanks for coming ready and giving it your all. Thanks for working hard and having fun. Thanks for working hard and contributing to the outstanding culture that our school has. Thanks for showing great character and promise and representing École Royal Bay Secondary School so well this year!

Thank you parents! Thank you for getting your students to school ready to learn each day. Thanks for helping them, advocating for them, and working with us. It is so important that we work together to provide the best education we can. Thanks for all of your help!

Thank you staff! Thanks for working so hard for our students. Thanks for advocating for students like they were your own. Thanks for wanting them to walk away each day with something new. Thanks for taking chances, being flexible, and learning right along with them. Thanks for not only teaching, but also planning, cleaning, feeding, organizing, and taking care of whatever needs they brought. It took all of us to do it, but we did. Always remember our school motto "Together We Are More"!

Thank you retirees! Thanks for all of the years of hard work. Thanks for sharing your experiences and knowledge. Thanks for continuing to love students after all of the years of hard work. Thanks for bringing it each day!

Thank you to our larger RBSS community! Thanks for supporting us, our goals, and our work. Thanks for giving to our students and our families. Thanks for sharing in our mission of maximizing life's opportunities for every individual.

Thank you PAC! Thanks for getting all of the "other stuff" done! Thanks Caroline for your leadership, and to the rest for keeping students first and foremost in your mind! Thank you volunteers!

I hope that the summer months are wonderful to you and yours. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the building in the fall. Be well.

Respectfully,

Mike Huck  
Principal



# RBSS September Start Up!

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## Welcome/Bienvenue to École Royal Bay Secondary

Dear Royal Bay Families,

Welcome 2024-25 Ravens!

The school year begins on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 for all grade 9's (9:00 am -12:25 pm) and for all grades 9-12 on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 (all students full day). The information included in this package will assist you and your family in preparing for the 2024/25 school year. Remember to check our [RBSS Website](#) regularly for more information and updates. We will also send out more information during the last week of August through our RBSS App [RBSS APP](#), and the August issue of the Raven's Nest.

### Student Course Schedule:

**Grade 9's** – Students will receive paper copies of their schedules on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 in their Period A Class.

**Grade 10-12's** – Students will be able to access their schedule via the student/family portal on Monday, August 26, 2024. The **final** schedule can be accessed at 6 pm Tuesday, September 3, 2024 via the MyED student/family Portal. Paper copies **will not** be available for Grade 10-12 students. The MyEd instructions can be found on our web page [RBSS Family Portal Instructions](#).

Counsellors will be available on August 27 – 29, 2024 (9:30 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 3 pm) to meet with only grade 12s for the following reasons:

- Incomplete schedule (less than 8 courses)
- Grad credit concerns

Counsellors will also meet with students in grades 10 & 11 who have incomplete schedules (less than 8 courses).

All other questions will be addressed after school starts. **A reminder, we do not accommodate "teacher shopping" for students who want a certain teacher or to be in a class with their friends.** New registrations who are in catchment will be contacted by their alpha VP, Counsellor or a clerical staff member regarding course selection or incomplete registration information.



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## **Opening Week:**

**Tuesday, September 3, 2024 – Opening Day (Grade 9's only)**

**French Immersion and English Stream Inclusive – BLOCK ORDER ABCD**

**Morning Schedule (9:00 am – 12:25 pm)**

- **9:00-9:15** Students will gather in the Aviary and find their names on Block A class lists which will be posted in the Aviary. Staff will be there to help students find their Block A teacher.
- **9:15-9:45** Grade 9 Student Assembly in the large gym. - ***Teacher Guided Entrance and Exit for all grade 9's***
- **9:50 – 10:00** – Grade 9 students will locate their teachers (teachers will be at clearly marked areas around the gym – as explained in assembly). Block A Teachers will walk the students out of the gym and up to their classrooms.
- **10:00 – 10: 20** Block A
- **10:25 – 10: 45** Block B
- **10:50 – 11:10** Block C
- **11:15 – 11: 35** Block D
- **11:40 – 12:25** Scavenger Hunt
- **12:25** Dismissal Bell
- **12:35** Buses will start picking up students signed up for Bus Services

**Wednesday, September 4, 2024**

**Regular School Day (all students full day)**

**Block order ABCD (regular bell schedule)**

School begins at 9:00 am, lunch from 11:50 am – 12:30 pm, school ends at 3:20 pm

**Thursday, September 5, 2024**

**Block order BADC**

School begins at 9:00 am, lunch from 11:50 am – 12:30 pm, school ends at 3:20 pm

**Friday, September 6, 2024**

**Block order ABCD**

School begins at 9:00 am, lunch from 11:22 am – 12:00 pm, school ends at 2:23 pm



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## **Transport**

Students who have registered with transportation should have received an email outlining their route, bus number and estimated times by the end of July. If you believe the information is incorrect or you did not receive the information, please contact the School District Transportation Department at [bussing@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:bussing@sd62.bc.ca).

## **Lockers**

Lockers will be made available via an app starting in September. Detailed instructions will be provided once students are in session.

## **Code of Conduct**

The Sooke School District Secondary School Code of Conduct can be found [here](#). Please review this with your child. Please note that smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere on school district property and students are also expected to respect bylaws and neighbours.

## **Resolving Concerns**

Guidelines for resolving concerns can be found on the school district website. As a general guideline, communication should remain as close to the 'source' as possible. For example, if the topic pertains to something within the classroom, speak to the classroom teacher.

**Please note that we require parents to pre-arrange phone or in person appointments with staff. Teachers, Counsellors and Vice Principals have busy schedules and we want to make sure they can set aside the time needed to meet with you.**

## **Important Dates for September 2024 School Start-Up**

- **August 27-29** – RBSS open for Counselling appointments for Grade 11 and 12 course changes only (starting at 10 am)
- **September 2** – Labour Day (no school)
- **September 3** – First day of school – ½ day for all Grades 9's ONLY (9:00 to 12:25 pm)
- **September 4** – Full day – All Grades 9 - 12
- **September 5** – Picture Day (retakes TBD)
- **September 17** – Fire Drill #1 @ 9:20 am
- **September 23** – School Planning Day (School not in session)
- **September 30** – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Have a wonderful and safe summer. We are looking forward to welcoming back our wonderful students in September!

Mike Huck  
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## UPCOMING Scholarship Opportunities

### SCHOLARSHIPS

For more Scholarships and the links for criteria and applications visit:

[Ecole Royal Bay Secondary School Scholarship Website](#)

**\*\*NOTE:** Titles can be misleading – please, access the website and read the full criteria for all scholarships and bursaries.

### June

Scouts Canada Scholarship Program

Deadline: June 30, 2024

Royal Canadian Legion Prince Edward Branch 91 Bursary

(Office hours: Monday–Friday 8–4pm)

Deadline: June 30th (annually)

Association of School Transportation Services of British Columbia Commercial Heavy-Duty Mechanic Scholarship

Deadline: June 30 (annually)

### Summer Deadlines

CUPE BC AUBREY BURTON/REG FORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: August 19, 2024 To apply - [Click Here](#)

Reflections Scholarship

Deadline: July 15, 2024 To apply - [Click Here](#) and [Here](#)





# Textbooks, Library Books & Chromebooks!

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Please help us get our **textbooks, library books and chromebooks** back! While most have been returned to the school, there is still a substantial amount of school resources at students' homes and unaccounted for. We count on having these back so that we can support next year's students with appropriate texts and technology. It is prohibitively costly to the school to have to replace these items.

As a parent of 15 - 17 year old teenagers, I know that things tend to get lost under piles of stuff...Please take a moment to look around and see if you can find any of the school's resources lying about your students room.

Students who have texts or tech outstanding in September will not be able to access some school resources until these items are returned or accounted for.

We will have a drop off box located at the front of the school starting **Tuesday, July 2nd** from 7:30 am until 2:45 pm.

Thanks so much for your cooperation,

Mike Huck

Principal, École Royal Bay Secondary School



## New Registrations over the Summer!

(After June 30, 2024)

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As we get set to close down the school for the summer break, please know that we will not be processing new registrations over the summer.

Our staff are not in the building and are off on summer break. Our Clerical, Counsellor and Administration teams will be returning to the building August 26, 2024. Any new registrations being submitted for École Royal Bay Secondary School after June 30, 2024 will be addressed as soon as we return to the building in late August.

Have a great summer.

ÉRBSS Admin Team

# Wellness Centre Summer Schedule

## Belmont Wellness Centre 2024 Summer Hours

Appointment & Drop-in Welcome

Call: 250-519-3580

Monday	<b>Nurse Practitioner</b> 9:00-3:00	<b>Public Health Nurse</b> 9:00-10:30	
Tuesday		<b>Public Health Nurse</b> 1:30-3:00	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Thursday	<b>Nurse Practitioner</b> 9:00-3:00 <small>(July 18<sup>th</sup> alternate weeks)</small>		
Friday	<b>Nurse Practitioner</b> 9:00-3:00	<b>Public Health Nurse</b> 9:00-10:30	

Youth Services provided through 25 years of age

### Nurse Practitioner Services:

- ✓ Mental health & wellness
- ✓ Illness
- ✓ Sports Injury

### Public Health Nurse Services:

- ✓ Birth Control
- ✓ STI testing & treatment (all ages)
- ✓ Sexual decision making and relationships
- ✓ Pregnancy testing and options
- ✓ Healthy lifestyle

*'Excellent care-for everyone, everywhere, every time'*

June 2024

