

This week in The Raven's Nest



École Royal Bay Secondary School

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September 9 - 13, 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



Student Emergency Release Form

Students were given a pink color student emergency release form to bring home. Please take a few minutes to fill this form out and return it to the school as soon as possible. This form is NOT used to update contact information. Students can hand the completed form to their Block A teacher.

Calendar of Events for the WEEK of September 9-13 2024

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| Monday | • |
| Tuesday | • Grade 11 Assembly |
| Wednesday | • PAC Meeting @ 6:30 PM
• Grade 10 Assembly |
| Thursday | • Grade 12 Assembly |
| Friday | |

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Important dates to Remember

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 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm
in the Learning Commons

PAC meetings for 2024-2025

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

2024-2025 PAC

Executive Members

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

PAC email: royalbaypac@gmail.com



PAC's Peninsula Co-op number 134056

The Dry Grad Carnival Committee will have the first meeting **Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7pm at the school**. We are always looking for enthusiastic parents (of **ANY** grade) to join our team!

If you are interested, please email: rbparentgradcommittee@gmail.com



OPENING

Monday, September 16, 2024



From the ADMIN!



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Dear École Royal Bay Secondary Families

The staff at ÉRBSS would like to extend a huge thank you to you all for your support throughout the first week as we got the school up and running. It is awesome to see the excitement and joy of our students as they start the school year. Thursday, September 5 was photo day, it was a great success, and the students looked great! (Retakes on October 8 for those that who were still in summer mode might require a redo!)

As always, we rely on your continued support as we navigate a new school year – your continued involvement and support makes this school a great place to be. The students have been incredible this past week returning to the structure of school. The school is settled, and the students and staff are busy engaging in learning.

A few notes on the first week:

1. Parents are welcome to make appointments to come to the school. Please make sure to sign in and out at the office when you arrive for your scheduled time. Currently, we are asking that parents refrain from just dropping in. Please call ahead.
2. Please remind your students that if they arrive late or are leaving early with parent permission to please sign in and out at the office – this allows our attendance clerk to account for them.
3. While the weather is nice, we are encouraging students to eat outside and take advantage of our beautiful campus.
4. The Ravenous Café opens September 16th – A fabulous place with healthy food options!
5. Our first PAC meeting of the year is on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 in the evening. The meeting will be held in the Learning Commons. Please contact RBSS PAC at royalbaypac@gmail.com if you are planning on attending.
6. Please continue to send in the Emergency Student Release Form and the online consent to the office (PINK sheet sent home earlier this week).
7. A reminder to parents during drop off and pick up time to not park in the staff parking lots in the front of the school. We have a student population of roughly 1750 students, we cannot accommodate parents and family members parking in staff parking lots during the day at any time. We encourage students to walk, ride, take the school bus or the city bus.
8. Grade 12 parents – please help the school by reinforcing our message about student parking. RBSS is incredibly lucky to have a large student parking lot near the turf field. Without exception our students who drive are expected to park in the designated student parking lot, failure to do so will likely result in vehicle being towed.
9. We are having grade assemblies next week during A block – Tuesday G11, Wednesday G10, Thursday G12 (Grade 9's occurred on September 3 and again on Sept 16)





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10. Please continue to read the Raven's Nest and our Website for important school information. We are incredibly proud of our students and staff and how they have risen to the challenge of returning to school – we look forward to having a fantastic school year.

Thanks for the support this week!

Cell Phone Expectations

Last year RBSS put into practice school wide cell phone expectations. The students responded wonderfully. Again, this year we have the same expectations in place, back by provincial decree.

Students may use personal mobile devices during instructional time for educational purposes as directed by the teacher, for health or medical purposes or as assistive technology for the purpose of inclusive education as informed by the Inclusive Education Teacher. At all other times, personal cell phones shall remain "off and away" for the duration of the school day.

This policy applies to ear buds/headphones as well.

École Royal Bay Secondary School recognizes the importance of communication, collaboration, and digital citizenship. To keep the focus on learning and to reduce unnecessary distractions, the school will expect the following:

- Unless requested by a teacher, as per above, cell phones and other mobile devices shall be **TURNED OFF** and stored in your locker or on your person (out of sight) from 8:55 am until the final bell at the end of the day.
- Cell phones and all mobile devices are not allowed to be used in the school, **unless directed by a teacher and can only be used for the purposes of learning.**
- Cell phones and all mobile devices can be turned back on at the end of the school day and used to communicate directly with parents/friends who are assisting in transportation
- If a student needs to make an emergency call during the day, they are to come to the office as a phone is provided for such a purpose.
- Should a parent need to contact their child urgently, please call the office and we will facilitate this communication.



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Hall Passes

ÉRBSS is now using HALL PASSES! To keep our halls quiet, calm and clean, each teacher has hall passes for students needing to access spaces outside the classroom. We are a large, busy school, Hall Passes will allow students to access parts of the school while also creating a culture of expectations and educational obligations.

So far, ÉRBSS students have been great using these passes and our halls are quiet and calm!



Athletics!

FALL SPORTS

BOYS SOCCER (Junior & Senior)

BOYS VOLLEYBALL (Junior, Senior)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL (Grade 9, Junior, Senior)

CROSS-COUNTRY

SWIMMING



VOLLEYBALL NEWS

TRYOUT INFORMATION

Senior Girls Tuesday, September 3rd/Wednesday, September 4th/Thursday, September 5th

Senior Boys Thursday, September 5th/Friday, September 6th

Grade 9/Junior Girls TBD (Plan for the first week of school)

Junior Boys TBD (Plan for the first week of school)

We are currently looking for coaches for the following teams:

- **Grade 9 Girls Volleyball**
- **Junior Boys Volleyball**
- **Senior Girls "B" Volleyball (if a team is formed)**

For community coaches, we will have a dedicated teacher sponsor at the school who will help support you with organizing practices, making announcements, hosting team meetings, and covering all the nuances of running a school sports team that you might not be familiar with.

Practices are usually held twice per week, with games taking place once per week. Tournaments are optional and take place on the weekends. Every team is different with respect to the number of tournaments that they enter – seniors are involved in more than juniors in most cases. The season runs from September until the beginning of November.



SOCCKER NEWS

TRYOUT INFORMATION

Senior Boys TBD (Plan for the 2nd week of school)

Junior Boys TBD (Plan for the 2nd week of school)

We are currently looking for coaches for the following teams:

- **Junior Boys Soccer**

For community coaches, we will have a dedicated teacher sponsor at the school who will help support you with organizing practices, making announcements, hosting team meetings, and covering all the nuances of running a school sports team that you might not be familiar with. Many players are starting up their club seasons and have a very compact schedule, so expect that soccer teams at Royal Bay to not hold practices once the season begins. Games are usually 1-2x per week. No tournaments take place throughout the season that require travel (outside of the Islands/Provincials). The season runs from September until the end of October/beginning of November.



SWIMMING/CROSS-COUNTRY NEWS

We are currently looking for coaches for our Cross-Country team. Those who wish to take part in cross-country only need to attend 1-2 of the qualifying races into order to be eligible to compete at the Zone championships. There is generally a total of 5-6 races that the athletes can choose to attend.

Depending on the coach, there may not be any formal practices that take place.

Swimmers at Royal Bay are usually members of a club team in the community. Often, the club coach acts as their school coach as well. There is only the Island or Provincial Championships to swim at. No formal practices are held. Usually those who wish to take part on the swim team are competitive swimmers and have experience.

COACH INFORMATION

Questions about tryouts? Want to know more about the team or what to expect? Feel free to contact any of the coaches below OR come to the **PE Office** and speak with one of our athletic directors in charge of all sports teams.

MR. BRIAN HOBSON
MR. RAY BARKWILL

bhobson@sd62.bc.ca
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LIST - FALL 2024

GRADE 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

TBD

JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

MS. DIAN MACKINNON
Retired RBSS Teacher/Active TTOC
dian_mackinnon@telus.net

MS. LINDSAY MACHIN
RBSS Teacher (Academies Office)
lmachin@sd62.bc.ca

SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

MR. BRUCE MCELROY
RBSS Teacher (Rm. 2147)
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SENIOR GIRLS "B" VOLLEYBALL

TBD

JUNIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

TBD
MR. JACOB WHEATING
(Teacher Sponsor)
RBSS Teacher (Academies Office)

SENIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

MS. STEPHANIE TORBOHM
RBSS Teacher (Rm. 3142)
storbohm@sd62.bc.ca

JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER

TBD

SENIOR BOYS SOCCER

MR. JOHN MENNIE
EMCS Vice-Principal
jmennie@sd62.bc.ca

CROSS-COUNTRY

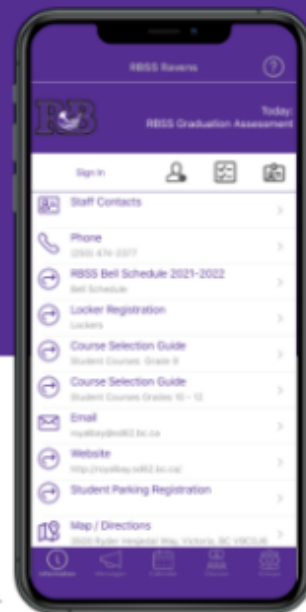
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Raven's APP



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If prompted, be sure to allow push notifications.



Sign in to choose the messages and other information that are important to you:

Tap Sign In (on the Home tab) and follow the instructions on screen. Enter your school email address if you have one.

Choose the Classes tab, then tap the gear icon (top right) to select your Classes.

Choose the Groups tab, then tap the gear icon (top right) to select any clubs, teams, or other groups that you belong to.

To customize how you receive notifications, tap the User Settings icon on the Home tab.

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This and That!



RBSS/EMCS Greece Trip Fundraiser

Help over 80 students fundraise for their trip to Greece - Spring Break 2026!

How?

1

Save your returnables and sort!

2

Bring them to one of the Bottle Depot or Return-it Locations Below

3

Inform the workers BEFORE of the charitable account!



SOOKE:

- 2032 Idlemore Rd

VICTORIA Areas:

- 4261 Glanford Ave
- 655 Queens Ave
- 3961 Quadra St

Charitable Account Name:

- RBSS/EMCS Greece Trip

LANGFORD:

- 1045 Dunford Avenue

Charitable Account Number:

- 911



Wellness Centre Schedule!

Royal Bay Wellness Centre

Clinics Hours
September 5th to December 12th, 2024

Monday	Discovery Counselling appointment only
Tuesday	Physician 9:30- 1:00
Wednesday	Discovery Counselling appointment only
Thursdays	Public Health Nurse (alternate Thursdays beginning Sept 5 th) 9:30-11:00
Friday	CLOSED

Call: 250-519-3580
Appointment & Drop-in Welcome

Clients provided through 25 years of age

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

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