

This week in The Raven's Nest



École Royal Bay Secondary School

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September 23-27, 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

Monday	District School Planning Day —no school
Tuesday	•
Wednesday	•
Thursday	•
Friday	• Orange Shirt Day



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Important dates to Remember

September 23	District School Planning Day—no school
September 27	Orange Shirt Day
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 2—6	Book Fair in the Learning Commons
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 4	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
December 5	PAC Burger & Beverage Night
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
January 8	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
January 27	“I” Day
January 28	“I” Day/1st Semester Ends

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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

- 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



	<u>Item</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
HOT SIDE	Hot Main	Closed	Steak and Mashed Potatoes with a Mushroom Sauce	Sloppy Joes with Side Salad	Lasagna
	Vegetarian		Crispy Polenta with End of Summer Vegetables	Sloppy Joes with Side Salad	Lasagna
COLD SIDE	Wrap		Ham	Pastrami	Trio
	Appie		Samosas	Samosas	Samosas
BAKING	Desserts		Banana Bread/ Brownie Parfait	Banana Bread/ Brownie Parfait	Banana Bread/ Brownie Parfait

From the ADMIN!



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September 20, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to bring your attention to strategies that have been implemented to help alleviate the congestion, in front of the school, during peak drop off and pick up times. At Royal Bay Secondary we strive to create a safe environment for students, staff and the community at large.

As you may be aware, two portables have been installed in the staff parking lot. This has resulted in the loss of a number of staff parking stalls and one of the exits to this lot. With over 150 staff members and only 130 parking stalls available, we encourage all members of our school community to consider alternative transportation options, such as walking, taking public transport, or cycling to school whenever possible.

For students who drive to and from school, we have a **mandatory** vehicle registration process in place to ensure safety and management of parking. All students with vehicles are required to complete the [ROYAL BAY DRIVER AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION FORM](#) (link can also be found on the Raven's App and the RBSS website) and obtain a parking decal from the office. This decal must be displayed on their windshield to park on the school premises, in the student lot.

To address the after-school traffic congestion, we kindly request your cooperation in considering the following suggestions:

1. **Choosing Alternative Meeting Spots:** We ask that you make arrangements with your student(s) for a meeting spot other than the staff lots and the front of the school. Please note that parents are NOT permitted to park in staff lots.
2. **Arriving at 3:30 PM Mon-Thur, 2:30 PM Fri:** If you are picking up your students after school, we suggest arriving 10 minutes after the bell to allow time for the majority of students to clear the building and use the crosswalk. This will help alleviate congestion during the peak dismissal period. We understand that time may vary for each family, but arriving a bit later can significantly ease the traffic situation.
3. **NO Idle Zone:** While waiting for your student, turn your vehicle off.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to address the parking challenges at our school.

Thank you for your cooperation and involvement in our school community.

Sincerely,

RBSS

France Exchange

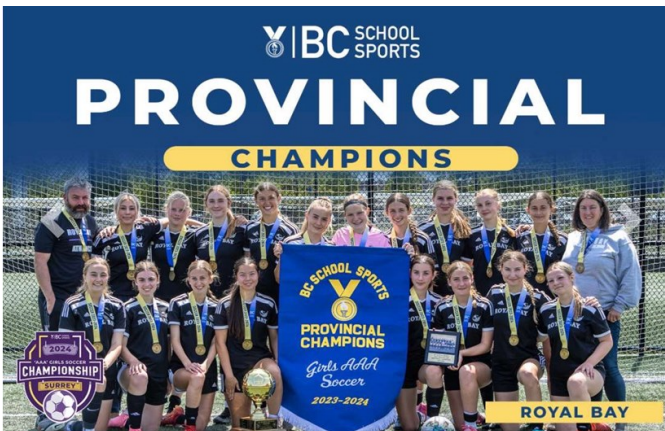
ÉRBSS is looking forward to welcoming 17 students from France into our community in October. Last March, ÉRBSS send 17 Royal Bay students to Carpentras, France to attend school and live with billet families to experience French culture. This coming October we will return the favour and welcome these students into our school and share our Island culture with them. This yearly exchange is open to all Grade 11 French Immersion students.



Fall Sports Teams

The high school seasons for Girls Volleyball and Boys Soccer are up and running. Royal Bay has tremendous student athletes representing our school this season. Both sports had a really high level of student interest and have multiple teams representing our school.

In early October, Royal Bay will host a banner raising event at the school to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of our Senior Girls Soccer team. Last Spring, the Royal Bay Senior Girls Soccer team became provincial champions in a tournament in Vancouver. This is the first provincial banner at Royal Bay, and the first in many years in our district. Winning this title took an incredible amount of teamwork, dedication and talent. The team pulled together to show up as team, support each other and see their goals through to the end. We are so proud of them!



Grade Assemblies Focusing on Culture and Neighbourly Responsibilities

Over the past two weeks we have held grade assemblies in the theatre. These assemblies focused on welcoming students back into the building and encouraging them to embrace the challenges and opportunities coming their way this school year. Our start up has been exceptionally smooth this year. Students are in classes and the school is settled. As part of our assemblies we focused on the need to be good neighbours in our Royal Bay Community. We have roughly 1730 students and 130 staff in the building each day – making this a busy place! This growth and our place in the community presents the school with an incredible opportunity to create lasting and positive relationships both in the building and outside in the community. Over the course of the last 8 years, the Royal Bay community has also grown with the addition of hundreds of houses and many nearby businesses.

This growth has presented many benefits, and a few challenges. Each lunch our neighbours experience a sizable amount of student traffic around their homes and businesses. Many of our students access Quality Foods and the restaurants next to the school. While the vast majority of our students access these places with respect and good behavior, there have been times when this neighbourly consideration was lacking. Please help the school prepare our students by having conversations with them about positive behaviors and responsibilities while in the community. We will continue to work with them here, but it would be great if these messages can also be repeated at home.

National Day of Truth & Reconciliation!



Orange Shirt Day

On **Friday September 27th**, we will honour Orange Shirt Day here at Royal Bay. We will have activities taking place outside in the Native Plant Garden.

Staff and Students will be:

- Gathering sage in the Native Plant Garden
- Creating medicine bundles with dried sage and medicines from the garden to keep/gift
- Learning about indigenous plants in the garden, medicine bundles/gifting
- Drumming and singing
- Fire pit and cooking food



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

SEPTEMBER
EDITION

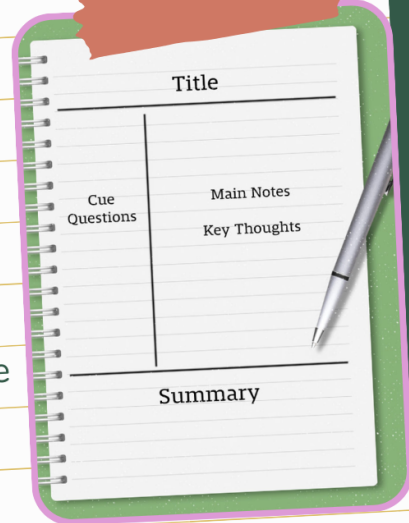
WHAT'S
NEW?

Strategies
for
Success

Looking for a few refreshers on some great study or learning strategies? Look no further! These work wonderfully for English class, but can be applied to any class!

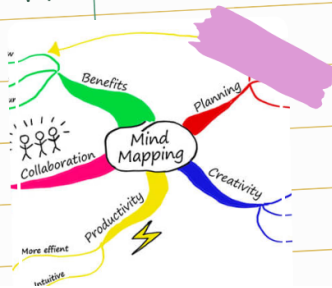
1) Cornell Notes or Focused Note Taking

The English department offers templates, but students can create their own Cornell or Focused Note-Taking notes by simply dividing their pages into sections. It's an excellent way to record new information, but also to review the material afterwards! As students jot down their notes, essential information/key thoughts are placed on the right side, with cue questions on the left. At the bottom of the page, a short, succinct summary is written. This method of note-taking keeps students engaged, but also encourages processing and application of new information!



2) Mind Mapping

Stumped on how to start an essay or a project? Begin with a mind map. Place the subject/topic in the middle of your page, and branch out with ideas and connections from there!

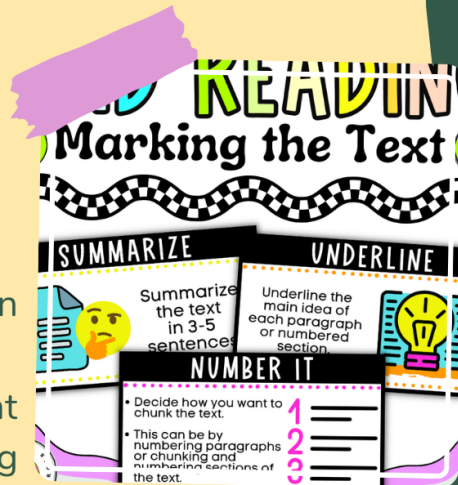




MORE STRATEGIES

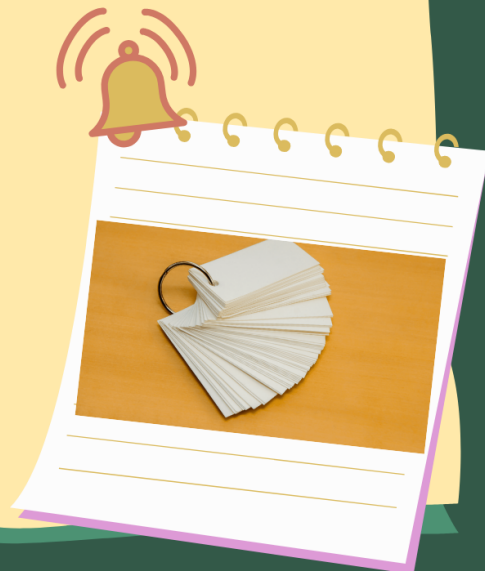
3) Marking the Text/Annotating

Students, underline, bold, and highlight while they write down their class notes. Afterwards, they review and add additional context (connections, definitions, etc.) as part of the annotation process. This encourages students to access prior knowledge and review what they have learned. Moreover, by isolating and identifying key points and essential information, students can effectively study from them for quizzes and tests!



4) Flash Cards

Whether physical or digital, flash cards are an excellent way to acquire and practice new vocabulary! Write vocabulary words on one side, and their definitions on the other. Personalize each flash card with a key image to add a visual component. Make sure that you shuffle the deck for variety!



PAC Fundraiser

The **ERBSS PAC** invites you to the

1st Annual Burger & Beverage for Bursaries Fundraiser

Order your tickets here: tinyurl.com/RBSSPACBurger



**ERBSS PAC's 1st Annual
Burger & Beverage for Bursaries
Fundraiser**

Join us for a flavourful evening of delicious burgers
and refreshing beverages, all for a great cause!

DATE: December 5, 2024
TIME: 6:30 - 8:30 PM
LOCATION: ERBSS Aviary
COST: \$25.00 per ticket
Includes 1 burger, fries, and 1 beverage

Order tickets here: tinyurl.com/RBSSPACBurger

****HIGHLIGHTS****
Meat, vegetarian, and gluten-free options
Live music featuring classic hits

Net proceeds go to PAC's Bursary Fund

Senior Sunrise

Almost 200 Royal Bay Grad students ventured down to the Royal Bay Beach Park at 6:30am to watch the sunrise on Friday Sept. 13. The weather was almost perfect!!

Thank you to Constable Webb for bringing donouts and coffee for the Grads!



LAST CHANCE TO ORDER

ORDER YOUR

GRAD 2025 PINNIES

Last Day to Oder: Oct. 9



\$60 **PAYMENT OPTIONS** **\$60**

1) CASH OR CHEQUE (MADE OUT TO SD 62)

2) SCHOOL CASH ON-LINE

A PAPER ORDER FORM STILL MUST BE COMPLETED!!

THERE IS NO SIZING OR NICKNAME OPTION

AVAILABLE ON SCHOOL CASH ON-LINE.

PLEASE SUBMIT PAYMENT OR SCHOOL CASH ON-LINE

RECEIPT WITH YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO MR.

BURGESS' ROOM (2115) OR AT THE OFFICE.

GRAD 2025 CLOTHING

Last
Chance!!



This is the final
chance to order
your Grad
Clothing and
pinnies!!



PRICING

Hoodies - \$70
Crewneck - \$65
1/4 Zip - \$55
Joggers - \$55
**Looking good
Free!**

- Clothing forms in Burgess' room (2115) or the Office.
- Payment Options: School Cash On-line, Cash, or Cheque (*made out to SD62*)
- Drop off forms & payment to the Office or room 2115.
- A form **MUST** be filled out no matter payment method

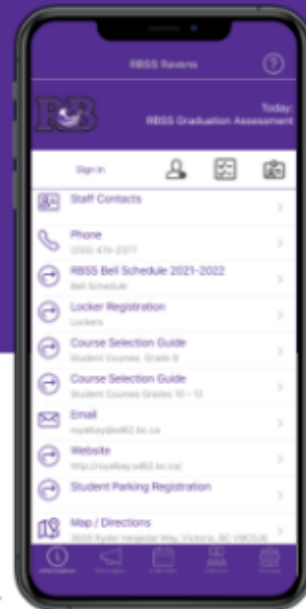
**LAST DAY TO ORDER CLOTHING IS
WEDNESDAY Oct. 9**




Raven's APP



Download our "RBSS Ravens" app today!

- ★ Get all your notifications in one place, the way you prefer to receive them, and only what is relevant to you.
- ★ Stay organized with a unified, personalized calendar and reminders.
- ★ Quick and easy access to school information on your phone, always up-to-date.



<p>"RBSS Ravens"</p>   <p>Search the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android) for the free "RBSS Ravens" app, or visit rbss.appazur.com/go.</p>	<p>-OR-</p> <p>If you don't wish to use an iOS or Android device, sign up for email or SMS text notifications at:</p> <p>rbss.appazur.com</p> <p>-OR-</p> <p>Text @rbss to 778-800-2585.</p>	<p>-OR-</p>  <p>Use your phone's camera to follow this QR Code.</p>
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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



Soup's On!

Get ready to warm your taste buds with mouthwatering soups from around the world while helping Soroptimist International of Victoria Westshore raise money for our programs that support women and girls in our community.

Grab a bowl, spoon, and your appetite, and get ready for a soup-tacular event!

GET TICKETS

TICKETS \$40

More information: victoriawestshore@soroptimist.net

SOROPTIMIST
Inspiring In Dreams

Social Justice 12 Project!



PLEASE HELP OUR HOMELESS POPULATION STAY WARM

YOUR DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED

**COLLECTING
UNTIL NOVEMBER
15TH, 2024
IN LEARNING
COMMONS,
OFFICE, AND
ROOM 2146**

WE ARE COLLECTING

- GLOVES
- SOCKS
- NEW UNDERWEAR
- TUQUES
- SCARVES

homelessness project
Social Justice 12

For More Information: bbunjun@sd62.bc.ca

Careers!



EducationPlannerBC invites parents, families, and student supporters to join our virtual presentation on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

Learn about post-secondary education and career opportunities, as well as tools to best support your student in planning for their future.

Come explore our website! Search thousands of programs, get to know trades, and discover career paths. Find helpful resources, including financial aid options, admission requirements, FAQs, and the Glossary. Learn how to create an account, save programs, paths, and careers to My List, and apply to post-secondary in B.C.

[Register here](#)

**EducationPlannerBC with SD 61, 62, 63, 64- South Island and Gulf Islands
Wednesday, November 13, 2024
6:30 – 7:45 p.m.**

Register using the QR code or by clicking the link [here](#).
Registration is required. The session will be on MS Teams.



For more information: support@educationplannerbc.ca

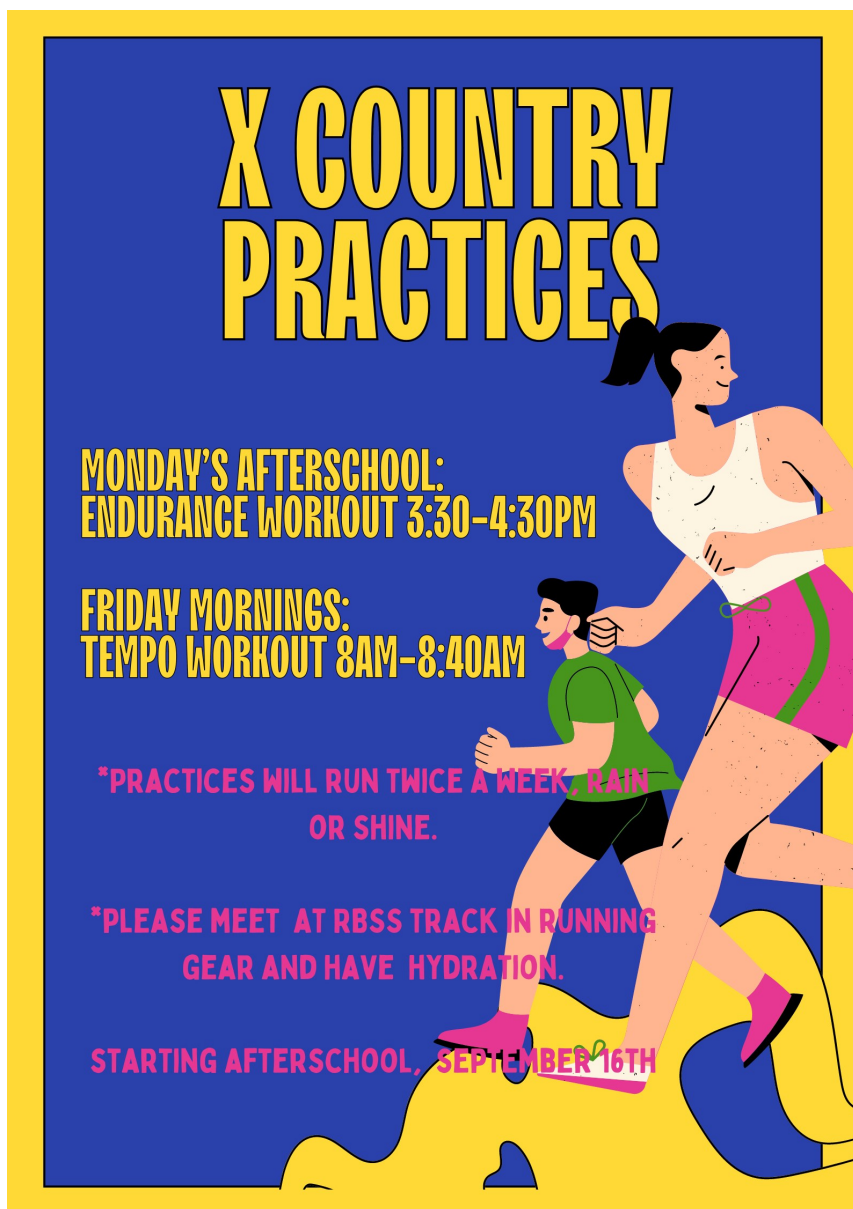
Visit our Parents & student supporters page for helpful resources:
www.EducationPlannerBC.ca/parents



www.EducationPlannerBC.ca

Register [HERE](#)

Athletics!



X COUNTRY PRACTICES

**MONDAY'S AFTERSCHOOL:
ENDURANCE WORKOUT 3:30-4:30PM**

**FRIDAY MORNINGS:
TEMPO WORKOUT 8AM-8:40AM**

***PRACTICES WILL RUN TWICE A WEEK, RAIN OR SHINE.**

***PLEASE MEET AT RBSS TRACK IN RUNNING GEAR AND HAVE HYDRATION.**

STARTING AFTERSCHOOL, SEPTEMBER 16TH



RBSS Cross Country teams first practice is off to a great start with lots of new faces and familiar faces. There's still time to join the team, come and run with us.



Athletics!



RAVEN SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REPORT

The senior girls Ravens volleyball black team had a fantastic start to their season. They played like their first game vs the Esquimalt Armada, winning both sets 25-16 and 25-22. The second match against St Mikes was more like slipping through the Raven's grasp with the Victoria high school with scores of 25-23 and 25-18. But the game of the night was against the big guns from Oak Bay. The Ravens were down early but rallied to come back in the first set with a final score of 25-23 and made easy work of the Nutty Acorns with a score of 25-17 in the second set! THE GOOD BAY wins again!

An outstanding display of not letting the ball drop was the theme of the night!! Way to go Ravens!!!!

Next week the Ravens take on Belmont and Parkland on Tuesday, September 24th at Belmont.

RAVEN JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER

The senior boys Ravens took on the cross-town rival Belmont Bulldogs at the gravel pit. The Ravens first half had some huge saves from goalkeeper Luis, with the boys trading strong opportunities against the Bulldogs attack with the first-half score ending up level at 0-0. The second half delivered an exciting goal with a clutch penalty goal from Declan, but by the final whistle, it wasn't enough for the Raven with the final being 2-1 in favour of Belmont. This was the Ravens first loss this season. The boys are back at it next week where they head to Claremont.



Scholarship Awards Currently Open!

2025 National Book Award for the University of Toronto is now available for nominees. One outstanding student can be nominated. Deadline to apply is **Monday, October 7th** for the October 10th deadline for nomination.

Please email scholarshiprbss@sd62.bc.ca to be considered for nomination.

Information about this award can be found at:

<https://future.utoronto.ca/national-scholarship/about/>

The Loran Scholars Foundation (**Students are encouraged to start this application early to ensure it is thoroughly completed.)

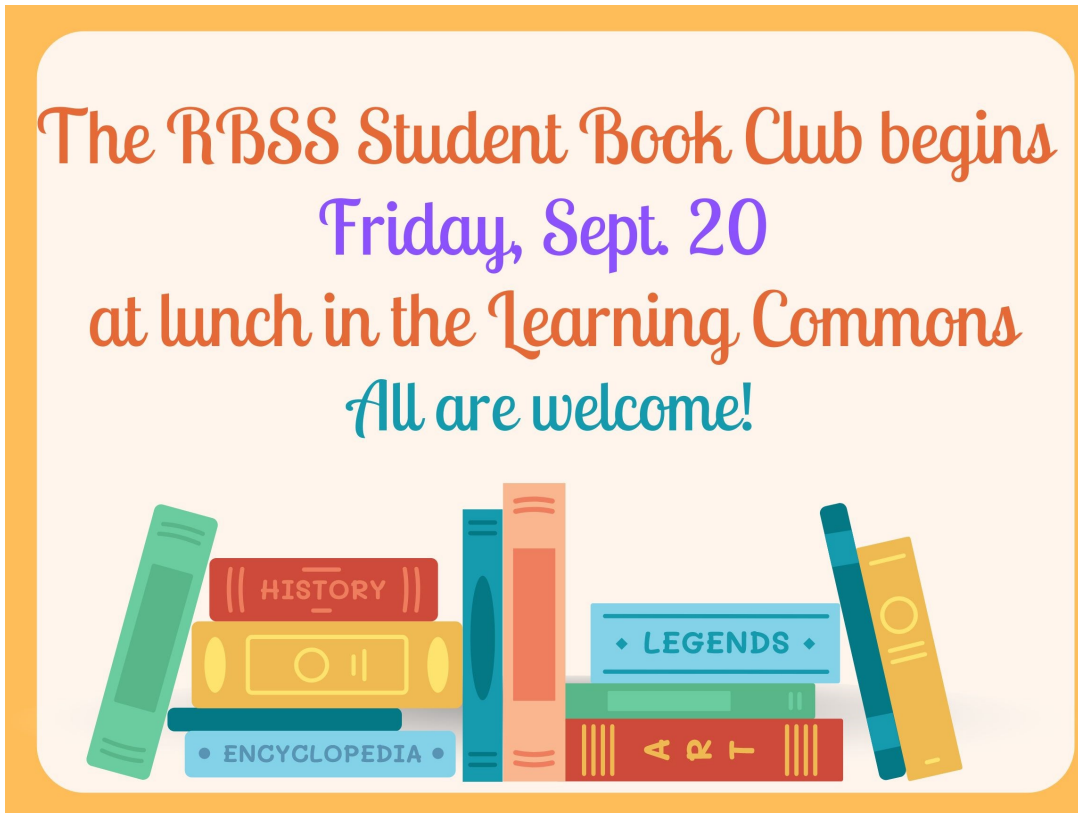
Students who are dedicated to serving others, show promise of leadership, and have integrity, courage, compassion, grit, and a high level of personal autonomy are encouraged to apply.

Applicants are eligible for one of 36 Loran Awards (each valued at \$100,000 over four years of undergraduate studies), or one of 95 finalist/provincial awards (\$5,000 or \$2,000 each, respectively) to promising candidates.

For more information and to start the rigorous application process now - <https://loranscholar.ca/>

Note: The deadline for 2024 application is October 15th, 2024 before 8pm (eastern time).

Learning Commons!



Scholarship Information!

Click [HERE](#) to access the *Royal Bay Scholarship website*.

- It provides a list of scholarships, organized by months, as well as information about writing scholarship resumes, cover letters and essays.

[HERE](#) is another useful link to the *RBSS 2024/25 Scholarship Google Classroom*.

- Not only does it contain the Scholarship website, but it is also where announcements and other useful and related information are posted.

Please email scholarshiprbss@sd62.bc.ca for any scholarship assistance.

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

Physician Services & Nurse Practitioner Services:

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

Public Health Nurse Services:

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

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July 2024

