

This week in The Raven's Nest



École Royal Bay Secondary School

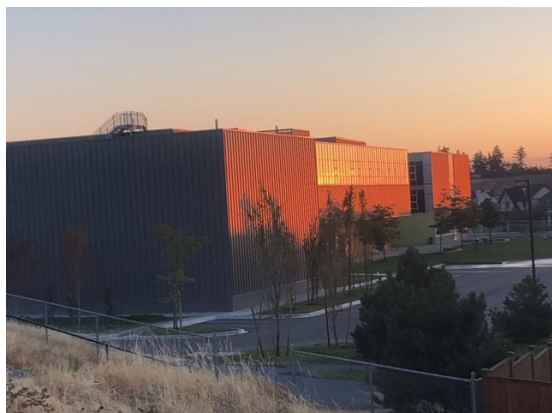
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January 20-24, 2025

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: Welcome](https://SchoolCashOnline.com)

Thanks in advance for your attention to this.

Calendar of Events for the WEEK

- Monday •
- Tuesday •
- Wednesday •
- Thursday •
- Friday • 1st Semester—Last Day of Classes

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Important dates to Remember

January 24	1st Semester—Last Day of Classes
January 27	“I” Day
January 27	Composite Photo Day
January 28	“I” Day/1st Semester Ends
January 28	GRAD Group Photos
January 29	2nd Semester Starts
January 29	GRAD Photo Retakes
February 4	Report Cards Published
February 5	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
February 7	PAC Bake Sale 10 - 1 pm in Aviary
February 11	Fire Drill #4 @ 9:20 am
February 14	Non Instructional Day—No School
February 17	Family Day—No School
February 26	Pink Shirt Day
March 5	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
March 10	Lock Down Drill @ 11 am
March 14	Last Day of School before Springbreak
March 17—28	Springbreak—No School
March 31	School Reopens
April 2	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
April 8/9	Provincial Assessments
April 10	Early Dismissal
April 10	Parent Teacher Conferences
April 11	Non Instructional Day—No School
April 17	Fire Drill #5 @ 2:15 pm
April 18	Good Friday—No School
April 21	Easter Monday—No School
April 22	Term 3 Ends
April 23	Term 4 Begins
April 25	Term 3 Report Cards Published
May 3	Dry GRAD Carnival

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ERBSS PAC Corner!

Meetings!

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

Upcoming PAC meetings for 2024-2025:

- February 5
- March 5
- April 2
- May 7
- June 4

2024-25 Executives!

President:	Caroline Aked
Vice President:	Mary-Anne Showers
Treasurer:	Melissa Da Silva
Secretary:	Tara Campbell
SPEAC Rep	Allison Hyatt
Communications Officer:	Sahye Cummings

PAC email: royalbaypac@gmail.com

Dry GRAD Carnival Committee!

We are always looking for enthusiastic parents (of **ANY** grade) to join our team!

- Upcoming Meetings:
- January 14
 - February 4
 - March 4
 - April 1
 - April 15
 - April 22

If you are interested, please email:

rbparentgradcommittee@gmail.com



*PAC's Peninsula Co-op number
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January 20-23, 2025

	Item	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
HOT SIDE	Hot Main	Mac and Cheese with Hot Dogs	Teriyaki Chicken Stir Fry with Rice	Closed for Semester Cleaning	
	Vegetarian	Mac and Cheese with Crispy Onions	Teriyaki Tofu Stir Fry with Rice		
COLD SIDE	Wrap	Salami	Trio		
	Appie	Corn Dogs	Corn Dogs		
BAKING	Desserts	Surprise	Surprise		



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Dear Royal Bay Families,

It has been wonderful to see students back at Royal Bay these past two weeks! The school has been busy with assessments and Grade 12 capstones and some fantastic basketball games. There is noticeable energy in the school as students are ready to learn, finish out their first semester classes and are enjoying reconnecting with their friends and teachers.

As we approach the end of Semester 1, please make sure that you are in close contact with RBSS teaching staff [RBSS Staff Contact](#) about your child's progress in their courses.

Our last day of full classes for Semester 1 will be on Friday, January 24th. As in past years, **Monday, January 27th and Tuesday, January 28th** are set aside as "I DAYS" for catching up on incomplete work, or to engage in deeper learning. **Students have the option of attending school by pre-arranging appointments** with their teachers (please communicate via email or in person). Teachers may also ask students to attend if they feel a student would benefit from additional learning time. Please know that there are not any scheduled classes on Monday the 27th or Tuesday the 28th, and students should not be in the building unless they are working on completing assignments or through the express invitation of teachers. Buses will run on their regular schedule and our gyms will be closed.

Semester 2 begins on Wednesday, January 29th. Student timetables are available on the MyEd student and parent portals [MyEd Parent and Students](#). We will also post student names and their A Block classes in the Aviary so that they can be sure of their destination that first morning of Semester 2. This is the same process that we use every September start and Semester 2 start, so the students will be familiar with the process.

If students have questions about their courses, they should contact their assigned counsellor [RBSS Counsellors](#). Please note that student schedules were developed from their requests last year, and most classes are full. Course changes will not be entertained after the beginning of Semester 2.

Please also be aware that your student in grades 9, 10 and 11 will complete a 25/26 Course Request classroom visit and will soon be in the process of requesting courses for next year. Counsellors are visiting classrooms in the week of January 20th to the 24th. Our hope is that having students identify their course preferences via the MyEd portal, conversations can occur with their supports inside and outside of school. The MyEd course request portal will remain open for requests and edits from January 24th until Feb 9th.

Your Leadership Team [RBSS Admin Team](#) at Royal Bay



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Welcome/Bienvenue to Semester Two at École Royal Bay Secondary!!

Dear Royal Bay Families,

Semester Two starts for all grades 9-12 on Wednesday, January 29th (all students full day). The information included in this package will assist you and your family in preparing for the second semester of 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 two weeks of January through our RBSS App [RBSS APP](#), and the January issues of the Raven's Nest.

Student Course Schedules for Semester Two

Students can access their Semester 2 Timetables via their MyEd student portal [MyEd Student Portal](#). A Block Class lists will also be posted in the Aviary for all students to identify their A Block class and teacher for Semester 2 start, January 29th.

A reminder the MyEd instructions can be found on our web page [RBSS Family Portal Instructions](#). Counsellors will be the first week of February (9:30am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm) to meet with students for the following reasons:

- Incomplete schedule
- Grad credit concerns

Wednesday, January 29th

Block order ABCD

- School begins at 9:00am, lunch from 11:50 – 12:30, school ends at 3:20pm
- All Students are to proceed to their A Block Class. A Block class lists will be posted in the Aviary, and staff will be available to help support student transitions.

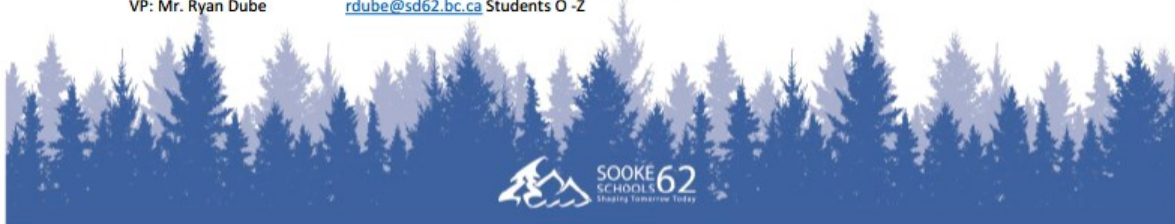
Please find our full bell schedule [RBSS Bell Schedule](#)

Support

Parents and students are encouraged to reach out to classroom teachers frequently for information and support. Students are also assigned a Vice Principal and a Counsellor:

VP: Ms. Stephanie Davies smdavies@sd62.bc.ca Students A-G
VP: Mr. Martin Lait mlait@sd62.bc.ca Students H – N & International
VP: Mr. Ryan Dube rdube@sd62.bc.ca Students O -Z

Bell Schedule for Wednesday, Jan. 29	Block Rotation
Block A	9:00 – 10:22
BREAK	10:22 – 10:28
Block B	10:28 – 11:50
Lunch	11:50 – 12:30
Block C	12:30 – 1:52
BREAK	1:52 – 1:58
Block D	1:58 – 3:20



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Counsellors

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Ph-Z	Ms. Fafard rfafard@sd62.bc.ca

Students with Individual Education Plans (IEP's) have been assigned a Support Teacher who will continue to connect with you throughout the year.

Counselling Appointments

RBSS counsellors are available to offer academic and personal counselling, as well as support with things like high school planning, post-secondary planning, scholarships, etc.

School Information

It is critical for the school to have current and accurate email and phone numbers for all parents/guardians, as well as emergency contacts in the instance that we cannot reach a parent or guardian. Please ensure that contact details are up to date in the Parent Portal [RBSS Family Portal Instructions](#) and contact office staff with changes. **It is also imperative that all families have a pick-up plan for their children in case of road closures, inclement weather, or emergency.**

Consent

Please be sure to visit <https://consent.sd62.bc.ca/apps/OnlineConsent> and let us know if you consent to the following:
Aboriginal Education General Consent for School Fieldtrips/Activities

- Google Apps for Education (G Suite) Consent
- Internet Access Consent
- Media Consent
- School Cash Online Consent
- MyBlueprint Consent
- FreshGrade Consent

Semester Breakdown – 2024/2025

Semester 1 **Sept. 3 – Jan. 28**
Term 1 Sept. 3 – Nov. 8
Term 2 Nov. 11 – Jan. 27

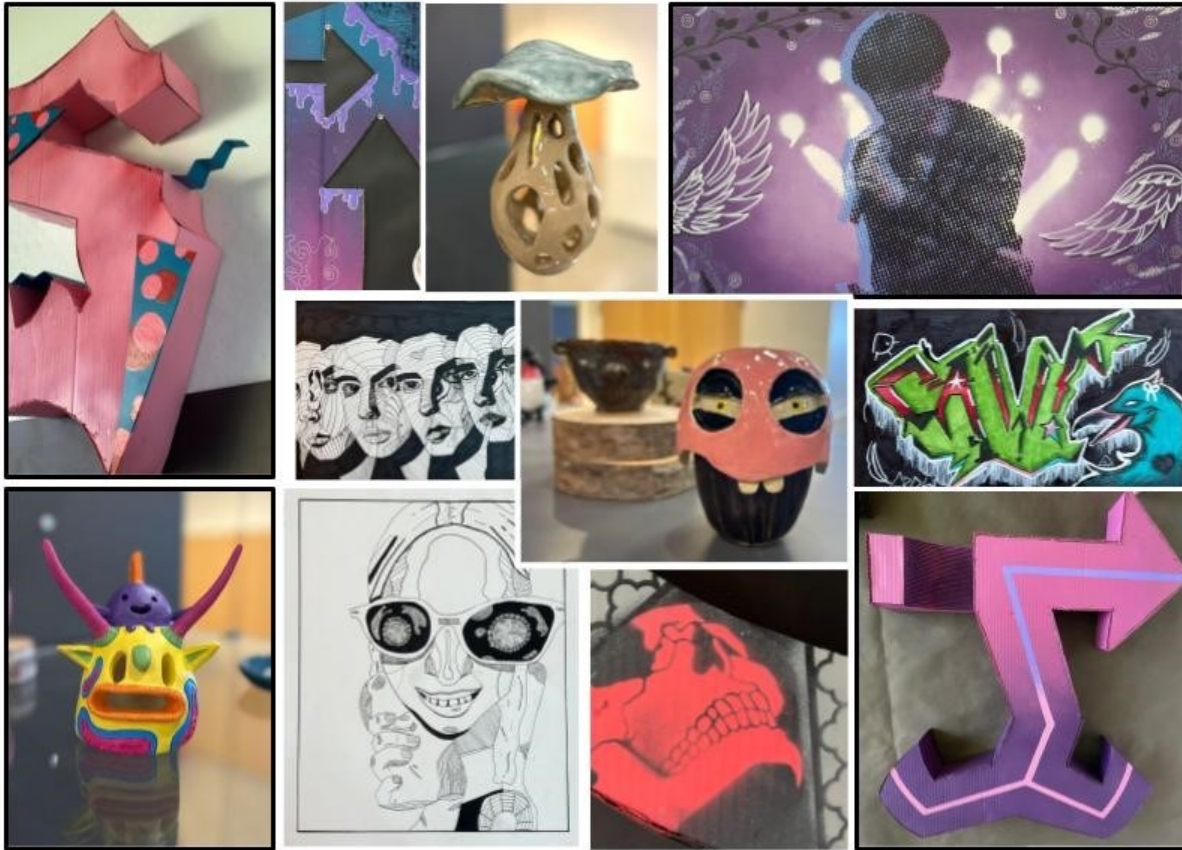
Semester 2 **Jan. 29 – June 27**
Term 3 Jan. 29 – April 22
Term 4 April 23 – June 27

Where to receive updates and additional information

- [SD62 Website](#)
- [RBSS Website](#)



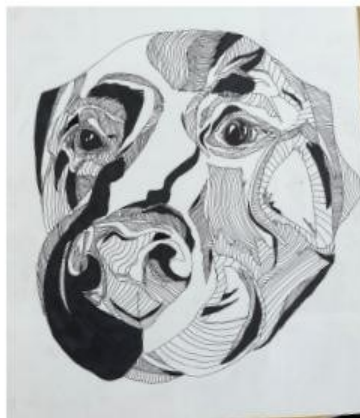
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FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 31



RBSS STUDENT ART EXHIBITION
@ METCHOSIN POINT OF VIEW GALLERY
4495 HAPPY VALLEY RD, METCHOSIN, BC V9C 3Z3
GALLERY HOURS: FRI - SUN 11AM- 4PM



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CREATIVE SHAPES**

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whatever the tool, art
is all about
experimenting,
exploring, and fun.



PAC Bake Sale!

A vertical poster for a bake sale fundraiser. The top half features a light pink background with scattered orange, purple, and red sprinkles. A purple banner with white text reads "Royal Bay PAC." Below the banner, in a smaller purple font, it says "is hosting a Bursary Fundraiser". The word "bake" is written in a large, purple, cursive font. Below it, "S.A.L.E" is written in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. The date "February 7, 2025 at" is in purple, followed by a dotted line and the words "lunch time." in purple. Below that, the text "Come and enjoy cookies, cupcakes and many more goodies!!!" is in black, with a dotted line underneath. Finally, "Cash ONLY!" is written in a purple, sans-serif font at the bottom right.

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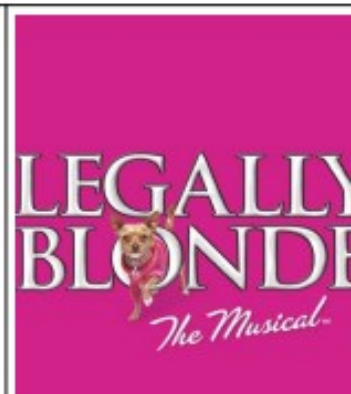




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February 7, 2025 at
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and many more goodies!!!
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Arts in the Community

A Night Out at the Theatre

	<p>Pacific Opera Victoria Presents The Little Prince an opera sung in English</p> <p>\$15/ticket Mon. 17 Feb. 7:00pm The Royal Theatre Promocode B612School</p> 		<p>Ballet Victoria with The Victoria Choral Society Presents Carmina Burana</p> <p>\$20/ticket</p> <p>Fri. 21 Mar. 7:30pm Sun. 23 Mar. 2:00pm The Royal Theatre</p> <p>Tickets through Cash online available until 6 March</p>
	<p>Victoria Symphony Presents The Princess Bride with the original film</p> <p>\$25/ticket</p> <p>Sun. 30 March 2:30pm The Royal Theatre</p> <p>Tickets through Cash online available until 21 February</p>		<p>VOS Musical Theatre Presents Legally Blonde</p> <p>\$25/ticket</p> <p>1 May 7:30pm</p> <p>McPherson Playhouse</p> <p>Tickets through Cash online available until 10 April</p>
	<p>Coming Soon...</p> 		<p>Cirque du Soleil Invites us to Crystal</p> <p>Sat. 10 May 7pm Sun. 11 May 5pm Save-On-Foods Arena</p> <p>Discount Code: VGROUP</p> 

Any Questions Contact: nkaludjer@sd62.bc.ca

2025 GRAD Important Dates/Deadlines

November 8	Winter Formal Form Handed Out
November 13	Winter Formal Registration — OPENS
November 27	Winter Formal Fee Due no later than this Date—LIMITED SPACE
December 5	Butchart Gardens
December 10-22	GRAD Photos
December 19	Winter Formal
January 17	GRAD Ski Trip to Mt. Washington
January 28	GRAD Friendship Group Photos
January 29	GRAD Photo Retakes
February 3	GRAD Comment & Ceremony Fee Form Handed Out
February 21	GRAD Bottle Drive
February 21	GRAD Comment & Ceremony Fee Due no later than this date
March 3	Valedictorian Nominations Packages Due by Noon
March 3	Dry Grad Carnival Form Handed Out
March 10	Short List Announced for Valedictorian
March 31	PROM Consent Form Handed Out
March 31	GRAD Ceremony Ticket Request Form Handed Out
April 3	Submit Valedictorian Videos
April 11	GRAD Ceremony Ticket Request Form Due no later than this date
April 11-15	Online Voting for Valedictorian
April 16	Valedictorian Announced
April 17	Dry Grad Carnival Form and Payment Due no later than this date
May 3	Dry GRAD Carnival
May 23	PROM Consent Form & Payment Due no later than this date
TBD	GRAD Rehearsals @UVic
June 8	GRAD Ceremony @UVic 11 & 3 pm
June 12	FRIMM GRAD Celebration @ Royal Bay
June 20	PROM @Crystal Gardens



Ravens Boys Jr Basketball

The Junior Boys held a tournament this past weekend at Royal Bay, both Raven's teams competed hard. The Royal Bay's development team finished 1-2 with a huge win against EMCS.

The junior team also finished 1-2 with an opening win against Quamichan 66-54. They continued into the 3rd / 4th place game and came up short.

Ravens Boys Sr Basketball

The senior boys took on cross-town powerhouse Oak Bay in the "Battle of the Bays" saga. This was the top game of the week for the 4A league. The Ravens came out in front of a sold-out crowd at the Raven's Nest and put on an entertaining game. Strong performances from Connor and Saul. The final went to the visitors, but coach Steady praised the boys on the effort and how they pushed the Oaks to compete, the final ending up at 116-82

Ravens Girls Jr Basketball

The junior team took on cross-town rivals Belmont. The girls had a strong game: Jordyn scored 4 points, and Brooklyn scored 9. They defeated the Bulldogs 30-24.

The Jr. girls had back-to-back games on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The first took on a strong SMU and just fell short, strong games by Isla, Tonique and Kaia. The second of two games was the "Battle of the Bay" which was a back-and-forth affair with the Oaks taking the game by the final buzzer. Coach Brendan spoke about how it was a full-time effort and everyone with top scorers being Brooklyn and Addy.

Home games in January:

Tuesday, January 22nd **Jr Girls vs Claremont 5:45 pm**
Junior Boy's "A" vs Oak Bay 7:15 pm

Wednesday, January 23rd **Sr. Boys "B" vs Belmont 7:30 pm**

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Scholarship Information!

Click [HERE](#) to access the *École 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 *ÉRBSS 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.

Scholarship Awards Currently Open!

January-

DB Perks & Lifesaving Society Scholarships	Deadline: January 31 2025 (before 4:30pm) (annually)
David C. Lam TEAL (BC Teachers of English as an Additional Language) Scholarship	Deadline: January 31st (annually)
PISE Training Scholarship (Dr. Liz Ashton Training Scholarship)	Open
Canadian Women in STEM Scholarship: Robotics	Deadline: January 31 2025

February-

Kin Canada Foundation Scholarship	Deadline: February 1 2025
Cmolik Foundation Scholarships	Deadline for application: February 7 2025
BC Excellence Scholarships	Deadline: February 10 2025
BCGEU (BC General Employees Union) Scholarships	Deadline: February 17 2025
Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship BC Ministry of Education	Deadline: February 17 2025
Indspire	Deadline: February 1 Aug 1 Nov 1 (annually)

March-

SEG Scholarship	Deadline: March 1 2025
Lionel High School Chemistry Scholarship	Deadline: March 1 2025
British Columbia School Trustees Association	Deadline: March 2 2025
BC School Superintendents Association (BCSSA)	Deadline: March 3 2025
Women's Cyber Security Scholarships	Deadline: March 3 2025
Sooke Teachers' Association Scholarship	Deadline: March 7, 2025
The Horatio Alger Scholarships	Deadline March 15 2025
Dr. Donald Rix Inspiring Business Excellence Scholarship	Deadline: March 15 2025
RE/MAX 2025 Quest for Excellence	Deadline: March 19 2025
VIU President's Entrance Scholarship for High School Students	Deadline: March 30 2025 at midnight
VIU Chancellor's Entrance Scholarship for Aboriginal Students	Deadline: March 30 2025 at midnight
The John Cunningham Program	Deadline: March 30 2025
Mott Electric Women in Electrical Training Fund	Deadline: March 30 2025
The Timber Wolf Legacy Fund	Deadline: March 30 2025
Leonard Foundation Scholarship	Deadline: March 31 2025
Freda Smith Memorial Bursary	Deadline: March 31 2025

2025/26 Academy Registrations

Important Academy Registration Dates for 2025/26 School Year

Registrations for the 2025/26 school year will open on February 3, 2025 at 8:00 am for both Middle and Secondary Schools.

Key Information:

- Registration details will be shared with parents of current grades 5-12 through SD 62 Communications.
- Information will be posted on the SD62 website.
Parents will receive email notifications.

Academy Registration

Careers Department

SAVE THE DATE

**CANADIAN
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JUNE 5-6 2025
25 HURON ST. VICTORIA

Have any questions or want to RSVP?

Contact us at:
CCGWestRecruit@dfm-mpo.gc.ca

Careers Department



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

Date: Tuesday, March 4th, 2025
Time: 9:00am - 2:00pm
Venue: Chiefs and Petty Officers Mess
Address: 1575 Lyall Street in Esquimalt

Register now at:
<https://forms.gle/9SjJFekFqzpBbR5C6>

Please note: Registration will close on Friday, February 28th at 5pm.

A Special Thank You to Our Event Sponsors!



Wellness Centre Schedule!

Royal Bay Wellness Centre

Clinics Hours
January 7th to June 26th 2025

Monday	Discovery Counselling appointment only
Tuesday	Physician 9:30- 2:00
Wednesday	Discovery Counselling appointment only
Thursdays	Public Health Nurse 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
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- ✓ Sports Injury

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