

This week in The Raven's Nest



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February 17-21, 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



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Don't forget to order your copy of the
2024-2025 yearbook!
Last Day to order February 21, 2025

Calendar of Events for the WEEK

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| Monday | • Family Day—No School |
| Tuesday | |
| Wednesday | • GR 11 & 12 Immunizations Clinic |
| Thursday | • GR 11 & 12 Immunizations Clinic
• Music Department Jazz Night @ 7pm in Theatre |
| Friday | • Last Day to Purchase a Yearbook
• GRAD Bottle Drive |

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Important dates to Remember

February 17	Family Day—No School
February 19-20	GR 11 & 12 Immunizations Clinic
February 20	Music Department Jazz Night @ 7pm in Theatre
February 21	last Day to Purchase a Yearbook
February 21	GRAD Bottle Drive
February 26	Pink Shirt Day
March 5	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
March 6	Volunteer Victoria Fair (9-12 pm)
March 6	Music Dept Presents Forte @ 7 pm in Theatre
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
May 7	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
May 12	Non Instructional Day—No School
May 15	Fire Drill #6 @ 9:20 am
May 19	Victoria Day—No School
May 26	NIE GRAD Ceremony @ RBSS Theatre
May 27	GRAD Rehearsals at UVic
June 4	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm

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ÉRBSS 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:

- March 5
- 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!

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| <i>Upcoming Meetings:</i> | • March 4 | • April 15 |
| | • April 1 | • April 22 |



PAC's Peninsula Co-op number 134056

If you are interested, please email:

rbparentgradcommittee@gmail.com

February 17-20, 2025



	<u>Item</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
HOT SIDE	Hot Main	Closed for Family Day	Baked Penne Alfredo	Loaded Baked Potato Soup	Chicken Burger with Greek Salad
	Vegetarian		Baked Penne Alfredo	Loaded Baked Potato Soup	Veg Burger with Greek Salad
COLD SIDE	Wrap		Pastrami	Ham	Trio
	Appie		Gyoza/Mozza Sticks	Gyoza/Mozza Sticks	Gyoza/Mozza Sticks
BAKING	Desserts		Pudding Chomeur/ Tiramisu	Pudding Chomeur/ Tiramisu	Pudding Chomeur/ Tiramisu

From the ADMIN

Happy Valentines/Family Day Weekend

Royal Bay Families,

We are well into second semester now. Thank you to all students for registering for classes. This is the first step to planning what our next year is going to look like.

Congratulations to our Sr. Boys Basketball team who played a great season that ended with a tough loss against Belmont in the league finals on Tuesday Night. Letters have been sent home to grade 11 and 12 students who've missed immunizations. On February 19/20th immunizations will be available at Royal Bay to the students' who've missed them. Reminder that this weekend, students have a four day weekend with a non-instructional day on Friday February 14th, and Family day on Monday.

Have a great long weekend, RBSS Admin



REMINDER: Grade 11 & 12 Immunizations!

Reminder... On **Feb 19th & Feb 20th, 2025** Public Health Nurses will be at **Royal Bay Secondary** to provide immunizations to eligible **Grade 11s** and **Grade 12s**.

Recently, immunization information packages were sent home through school for Grade 11 & 12 students who are eligible for immunizations. It is not required to return a consent form, as students will be offered the opportunity to consent as mature minors. If you have not yet had a chance, please discuss this with your child prior to the date. This is an excellent opportunity to support your youth in learning to make informed healthcare decisions.

For more information on The Infants Act, mature minor consent and immunization visit: https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/sites/default/files/documents/hfile119_0.pdf

Information about routine immunizations offered to children and adolescents in B.C can be found at: <https://immunizebc.ca/children/immunization-schedules>.

A short video explaining immunizations and mature minor consent is available at <https://vimeo.com/231149258>.

If students, parents, or teachers have questions they are invited to call the West Shore Health Unit at **(250) 519-3490** and ask to speak with a Public Health Nurse for Royal Bay.

ERBSS Wrestling Team!







Wrestling has taken hold at ERBSS! With over 25 athletes training with the newly minted École Royal Bay Wrestling Team led by our two teacher sponsors, Conor Hart and Nathan Lowther. Back from obscurity, this sport has found a home at ÉRBSS. Our Athletic Department recently purchased a competition wrestling mat for practices and matches. To date, our athletes have performed at high levels all over the island, with many of our team members qualifying for Provincials later this Spring. Congratulations to all the athletes and the coaches working so hard to train, compete and grow the sport.

Around the Raven's Nest

Science and Math Peer Tutoring Schedule

Feb 18-21

Below are the peer tutoring locations and subjects available for the week of

 <p>Monday @ LUNCH</p>	<p>Location: NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Teacher Supervisor:</p>	<p>Subjects Available</p>
 <p>Tuesday* AFTER School</p>	<p>Location: 3128</p> <p>Teacher Supervisor: ACACIA</p>	<p>Subjects Available</p> <p>Science 9/10; Math 9/10</p>
 <p>Wednesday @ lunch</p>	<p>Location: 3124</p> <p>Teacher Supervisor: ANDERSEN</p>	<p>Subjects Available</p> <p>Math 9/10; Science 9/10 Precalc 10 -12 Chem 11 Physics 11 FRIMM 9 - 11</p>
 <p>Thursday* AFTER School</p>	<p>Location: 3127</p> <p>Teacher Supervisor: VINK</p>	<p>Subjects Available</p> <p>Math 9/10; Science 9/10 FRIMM Science Chem 11/Physics 11 Anatomy 12 French 9 - 11</p>

*After school is from 3:30 - 4:30. Students will need to be picked up or make their own way home promptly, as teacher supervisors have outside school commitments.

Students who wish to be tutored in Science and Math (English and French) subjects are welcome to attend at any time. The focus will be on offering help to those in Grade 9 and 10 with some availability for upper-level classes. Students need to be prepared and well behaved. Poor behaviour or pressuring tutors to do the work for the student may result in being asked to leave (frank conversations will happen first, of course)

For more information, please email Mrs. Vink:
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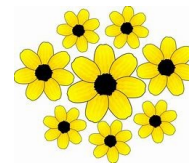
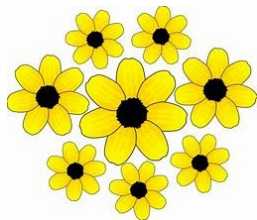
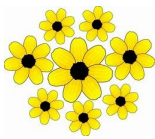


Arts in the Community

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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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

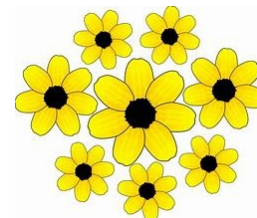
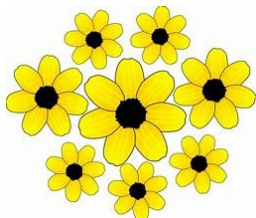
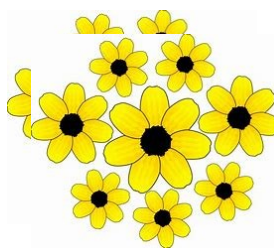


FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 12



RBSS STUDENT ART EXHIBITION
@ METCHOSIN POINT OF VIEW GALLERY

4495 HAPPY VALLEY RD, METCHOSIN, BC V9C 3Z3
GALLERY HOURS: FRI - SUN 11AM- 4PM





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 10	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

Royal Bay Grad Class of 2025

Bottle Drive



Drop-off Location:

Royal Bay Secondary

Please drop off your
bottles in front of the
school between
8:15am -1:30pm

**Feb. 21,
2025**



We also can pick up your
bottles for you.

Please email Marc
Burgess for a pick up
time at:

mburgess@sd62.bc.ca

Thank you for
supporting the Grad
class of 2025!



Ravens Sr Basketball

The Ravens senior boys basketball team suffered a heartbreaking loss on their home court last night after leading for the majority of the game, only to be overtaken in the final quarter.

The game started strong for the Ravens, who came out with energy and precision, executing their plays effectively. Their defensive pressure and sharp shooting gave them an early lead, finishing the first quarter ahead. The second and third quarters followed a similar pattern, with the Ravens maintaining control and fending off their opponents' attempts to close the gap. However, the momentum shifted dramatically in the final quarter. The visiting team capitalized on turnovers and missed opportunities by the Ravens, launching a fierce comeback. Despite the Ravens' efforts to hold onto their lead, they struggled to keep up with the increased offensive pressure from their opponents. In the closing minutes, the visitors took the lead for the first time, sealing the game. Thank you Coach Steady for your commitment and effort this season.

Rugby Tryouts

Jr. Boys Tuesday and Thursday
Sr. Boys Wednesday-Thursday
Girls Rugby Wednesday and Friday

Soccer Tryouts

Jr. Girls Tuesday
Sr. Wednesday

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Athletes of the Month (Semester 1)



Congratulations to our semester 1 athletes of the month from our volleyball, basketball, cross country, boys soccer, and wrestling teams!

All athletes have been nominated by their coaches and chosen for their dedication, leadership, positive attitude, and coachability throughout their respective seasons.

Thank you to our proud supporter, PIZZA PIZZA, for making it possible to celebrate these amazing Royal Bay Athletes!





Want to win new edition Ravens Merch? We're giving away free Quality Foods gift cards and Ravens apparel to three followers on our freshly updated athletics instagram account!

For more information FOLLOW US on INSTAGRAM



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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!

February-

Kin Canada Foundation Scholarship	Deadline: February 1 2025
Omolk Foundation Scholarships	Deadline for application: February 7 2025
BC Excellence Scholarships	Deadline: February 10 2025
BOGEU (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

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**REGISTER:
[HTTPS://WWW.RUNSPORT.CA/TC10K](https://www.runsport.ca/tc10k)**

***MAKE SURE TO CHOOSE ROYAL BAY SECONDARY SCHOOL
AS YOUR SCHOOL TEAM WHEN REGISTERING**

**QUESTIONS?
CONTACT AMY SIMONS
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***REGISTER BEFORE APRIL 2 TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE RBSS CREST ON
THE BACK OF THE TC 10K SHIRT!**

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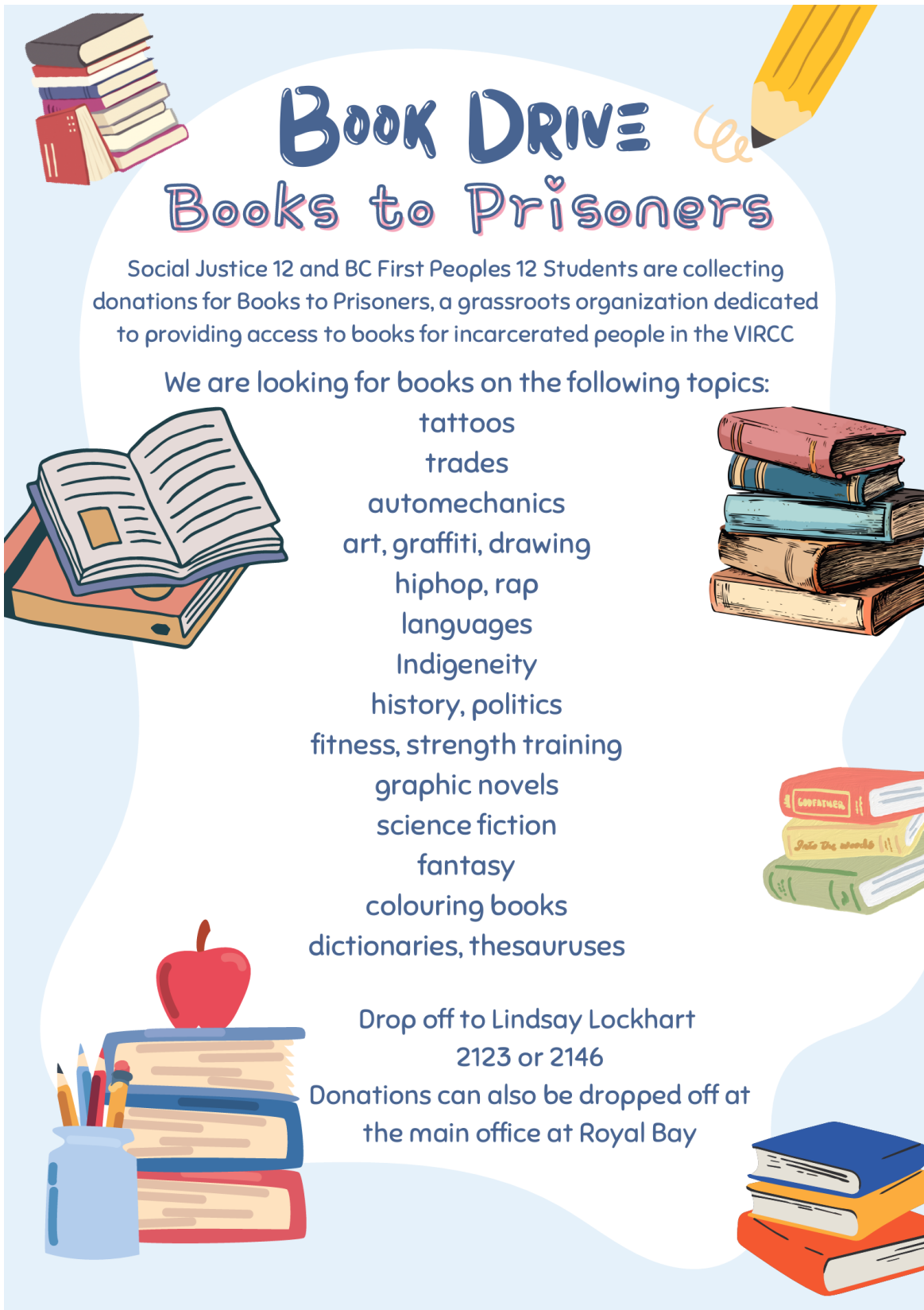


ATTENTION



**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR COPY OF THE
2024-25 YEARBOOK!**

**LAST DAY TO ORDER HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO
FEBRUARY 21, 2025**



BOOK DRIVE *ee*

Books to Prisoners

Social Justice 12 and BC First Peoples 12 Students are collecting donations for Books to Prisoners, a grassroots organization dedicated to providing access to books for incarcerated people in the VIRCC

We are looking for books on the following topics:

- tattoos
- trades
- automechanics
- art, graffiti, drawing
- hiphop, rap
- languages
- Indigeneity
- history, politics
- fitness, strength training
- graphic novels
- science fiction
- fantasy
- colouring books
- dictionaries, thesauruses

Drop off to Lindsay Lockhart
2123 or 2146

Donations can also be dropped off at
the main office at Royal Bay

ROYAL BAY PRESENTS

Family Fun Day

Monday, February 17th, 2025
12:00pm - 2:00pm
Meadow Park at Royal Bay

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Careers Department

SAVE THE DATE

CANADIAN COAST GUARD DAYS!

JUNE 5-6 2025
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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/9SjJFekFgzbBR5C6>

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

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Monday, April 7th 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Royal Bay Secondary School

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Join us for an inspiring evening as we explore STEM careers with our panelists followed by a mini career fair. All are welcome.

 Rasha Maal-Bared Principal Environmental Scientist	 Karin Skapski Senior Cloud Solutions Architect	 Michelle Mahovlich P.Eng, P.Geo Engineering Consultant
 Madeleine Bouvier-Brown Marine Operations Lead	 Cynthia Johnston Civil Engineering Technologist/ UVic Engineering student	 Jena Wheelodon Hardware Developer

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Royal Roads University Open House – Saturday, March 1, 2025

Explore Royal Roads University’s innovative programs launching Sept. 2025

- Chat with faculty, staff, and alumni about career pathways and student life
- Experience RRU’s unique learning approach in interactive breakout sessions

Enjoy free lunch, fun activities, and a guided tour of Hatley Castle

Join us at the Royal Roads University Open House for your chance to win one of **two exclusive RRU Starter Packs** valued at \$2000 —each packed with top-tier tech, RRU swag and unforgettable experiences!

Here’s what’s inside:

- **Apple MacBook Air 15.3”** (16GB RAM) – Power up your studies with sleek performance.
- **RRU Swag** – Stay stylish with an **Oakley backpack, sweatshirt, and coffee mug.**

Experience Passes – Explore and adventure with passes to **Boulder House, WildPlay, and Malahat Skywalk.**

Plus, all prospective student attendees will receive an **exclusive code** to apply to RRU **for free!**

What’s happening at the Open House?

9 - 11:30 a.m.: Registration and Fair

Check in and explore our fair! Meet our team, discover student services, and snap a pic at the free photo booth.

10 - 10:30 a.m.: Discover RRU’s New Undergraduate Programs

Get a first look at the exciting programs launching at our Langford campus.

10:40 - 11:20 a.m.: Alumni Panel

Hear real stories from RRU grads, learn how RRU shaped their careers, and get **insider tips** to maximize your experience.

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. | Breakout Sessions – Choose Your Path!

[Applied Environmental Sciences](#) with Dr. [Mickie Noble](#)

[Social Sciences](#) with Dr. [Shelley Jones](#)

[Business & Sustainability](#) with Dr. [Robert Mittelman](#)

Parents’ Session: Learn how our student-centered approach supports success

12:45 - 2 pm: Lunch

Enjoy a complimentary meal, connect with students and faculty, and join in fun games!

2 - 3 pm: Free Castle and Garden Tours

End your day with a **free guided tour** of our breathtaking Hatley Castle and it’s surrounding gardens.

To sign up, click on the link below:

<https://www.royalroads.ca/events/open-house-undergraduate-studies-rru>

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
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Clients provided through 25 years of age

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