

This week in The Raven's Nest



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February 3-7, 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 Nuu-chah-nulth 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 – Nuu-chah-nulth



Outstanding Fees:

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pay your outstanding school fees

SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome

Thanks in advance for your attention to this.

Calendar of Events for the WEEK

- Monday • Academy Registration Opens
- Tuesday
- Wednesday • PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Thursday
- Friday • PAC Bake Sale 10 - 1 pm
• in Aviary



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Important dates to Remember

January 31	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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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:

- 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:**
- 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
134056*

January 27-30, 2025



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Important Information!

Dear RBSS Parents and Guardians,

Our second semester is well underway, the students and the staff are busy working and focusing on their new courses. Our second semester startup was smooth, with the students both enjoying the new classes and the shift in weather.

We are coming to the end of our course selection process in the next couple of weeks. All student course selections should be complete the week before February 9th, 2025. Each grade has participated in course request assemblies via MS Teams in their classes, and the MyEd Course Request portal will remain open for course requests until Sunday, February 9th. Please make sure to touch base with your student to ensure that you are aware of your student's course choices and are part of the process. If you have any questions please reach out to your student's Counsellor or Admin – we are here to help.

The start of Semester Two and course requests seasons are busy times for the students and the school. Please take some time in the next few days to connect with your student and ask them about their progress with their new classes and their course requests for 2025/2026.

RBSS is also in the process of re-starting our RBSS Mountain Club. We will have our first meeting next week Thursday at lunch in room 2108. We will ride one day a week after school. All levels are welcome. Please contact Mr. Huck if you are interested mhuck@sd62.bc.ca

(or attend the meeting at lunch).

We have Several School Events coming up in the next weeks:

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Royal Bay Welcomes Corey Hirsch!

Royal Bay welcomed Corey Hirsch to speak to the graduating class. Corey Hirsch is a Mental Health and Communication expert. His services were brought to us by the West Shore RCMP and Bell Let's Talk – "Together, Lets Support Youth Mental Health". His message was well received and timely as our grade 12 class is soon going to be, upon graduating, embarking on their next chapter of life. We would like to thank the Westshore RCMP, Bell, and of course Coery Hirsch for sharing the message of eliminating stigma around mental health needs.



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News from the Career Commons!

Careers 9

Grade 9 students will participate in a variety of lessons and presentations throughout Semester 2 that will introduce them to all that the Career Commons has to offer them as they start to explore their future post-secondary and career paths. They will also be introduced to the “one-stop shop” resource [EducationPlannerBC](#).



Career Life Education 10

Careers 10 will be delivered within Social Studies 10 classes with Mr. Froess and Ms. Allen (FRIMM), focusing on introspection, life skills, and first jobs/volunteering. All grade 10 students will participate in several presentations, including [Alive After 5 Worker Safety](#).

Career Life Connections 12 - Capstone 2025!

On January 13th and 14th, over 450 Grade 12 students presented their CLC 12 Capstone Projects and/or Presentations to their mentors. It was a great success. The Careers Department thanks all who participated in the meaningful, provincially mandated grad event.

TASK Program

The Trades Awareness Skills and Knowledge (TASK) program is a dynamic opportunity for students to explore various trades. Developed in partnership with Camosun College, TASK offers hands-on experiences in Carpentry, Pipe Trades, Electrical, Welding, Sheet Metal, Automotive, and Heavy-Duty Mechanics. Grade 10 & 11 students who are interested in this program are welcome to stop by the Career Commons with any questions they have regarding course pre-requisites, general questions, and application deadlines.

Grade 12 Scholarships

Now that CLC teachers have completed their classes and initial scholarship support, students should connect with their school counsellor about scholarship applications. There are 173 scholarship and bursary application deadlines coming due between February and May. We encourage Grade 12 students to check out the RBSS [Scholarship Website](#)



Dream It Be It – Tuesday, March 4th

The Soroptimist Society invites all female-identifying students (aged 15 years and older) to join in on a day of empowerment and career development. To participate, please visit the Career Commons.



Volunteer Victoria Fair – Thursday, March 6th

Royal Bay's Grade 9's will learn about the value of volunteering and the various opportunities available to them through this morning event sponsored by Volunteer Victoria. Students in other grades will also be invited to attend with their classroom teachers.

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Skills Canada - Friday, March 7th events will start taking place later this month and culminate in a daylong event at Camosun College. To learn more, visit the Career Commons.



Police Camp – March 15th-22nd

Several Royal Bay Grade 10 & 11 students will attend an 8-day camp where they will participate in a variety of activities to help them build self-confidence and interpersonal relationships with their peers in a team-based environment, in addition to forming long-term connections with members of local police services.

The Women in STEM Event – Monday, April 7th

This evening event will introduce students to the opportunities available to them in the tech sectors. District wide registration will begin soon for this exciting event.

ICBC Road Safety Assembly – Friday, April 11th

Grade 12 students will attend this important assembly where ICBC-sponsored speaker, Kevin Brooks, will share his personal story on the consequences of dangerous driving.



Work Experience 12



- WEX 12A (4 credits) WEX 12B (4 credits)
- Earn credits toward graduation
- Satisfies the 30 Hour Work Exploration graduation requirement
- Course requirements - 100 hours of paid or volunteer work (per course) plus reflections
- See Ms. Harrington in the Career Commons to get started

PAC Bake Sale!



Parents/Grandparents/Guardians

If you are able to donate baked goods

please email

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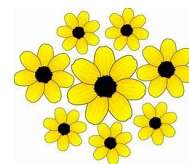
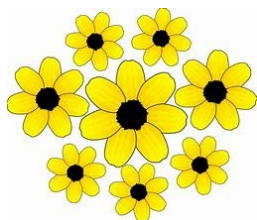
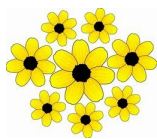
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A Night Out at the Theatre

	<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>

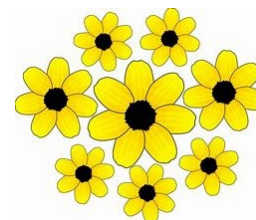
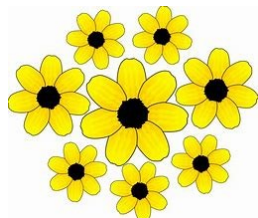
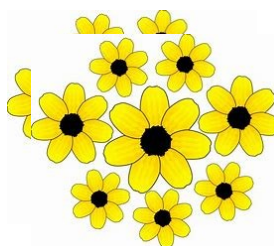
Any Questions Contact: nkaludjer@sd62.bc.ca

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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 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



Basketball Results this week

Ravens Jr Basketball

This week, the Junior Boys "B"s took on PCS, which hosted the game. The Ravens were led by Sathvik, who scored 9 points and 2 steals, while Austin and Ty scored 6 points with both collecting 6 rebounds respectively. It was a tough night for the home court Ravens, who fell to PCS.

The junior boy's "A" hosted cross-town rivals Belmont in lower island action. The game was a back-in-fourth affair in the first half with the Ravens trailing the Bulldogs at the break 26-21. The second half saw the Bulldogs push their lead to 15 and by the final whistle, the visitors had taken the victory by a score of 58-37. Strong performances from Daniel with 13 points and Kalen with 7 points on the night.

Ravens Sr Basketball

The senior girls opened their RCMP tournament with a huge opening win vs Brentwood 68-54. The girls will have games on Saturday at Royal Bay everyone is welcome to come out and watch at no costs.

The senior boy's "B" welcomed Brookes Westshore to the Raven's nest. The game started as a back-and-forth affair but were down 9 heading into half. The second half saw Noah take charge and perform dominantly on the night, dropping 24 points while adding 5 rebounds and 1 steal. Ahmad added 11 of his own while collecting 9 rebounds pushing the Ravens ahead. Huge defensive efforts from Aaron and Shingo to lock down Brookes' attack on the night. A strong second half propelled the home-court Ravens to a victory, holding the visitors to 3 points in the fourth quarter. The night's game was played in front of a capacity crowd of 61-59. The boys now sit in 3rd place in their division.

Other scores

Jr. Boys "B" Ravens 31-61 PCS
Sr. B Boys Ravens 61-59 Brookes
Westshore

Rugby Tryouts

- **Jr. Boys Tuesday and Thursday (Feb 4th and 6th)**
 - **Sr. Boys Wednesday (Feb 5th)**
 - **Girls Rugby Friday (Feb 7th)**

This weekend Royal Bay hosts the Woman's RCMP Tournament

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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

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JUNE 5-6 2025
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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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- ✓ Birth Control
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