This week in The Raven's Nest



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May 19-23, 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



REMINDER PROM Fee & Forms Due by Friday, May 23. 2025

Calendar of Events for the WEEK

Monday	•	Victoria Dav—No School
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Tuesday

Wednesday .

Thursday

• Prom Fee and FORMS Due

Saturday

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Important dates to Remember

May 19 Victoria Day-No School

May 23 Prom Fee and FORMS Due

NIE GRAD Ceremony @ RBSS Theatre May 26

May 27 GRAD Rehearsals at UVic

June 4 PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm

June 8 GRAD Commencement Ceremony @ UVic

June 11—12 Copernican Days

FRIMM GRAD Ceremony @ RBSS Theatre June 12

June 20 PROM at Crystal Gardens

June 24 Last Day of Classes

June 25-26 "I" Days

June 26 Semester 2/Term 4 Ends

June 26 Last Day of School

Final Report Cards Published June 26



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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:

• June 4



2024-25 Executives!

President: Sahye Guandique Cummings
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

PAC's Peninsula Co-op number 134056

Thank You from PAC!

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Royal Bay Secondary Community for their generous support of the PAC Bursary over the past year. From the Beverage and Burger night we hosted at the school in December to the two Bake Sales we set up at the school this spring, we raised enough money for three \$500 Bursaries. The recipients have been selected by the PAC Bursary committee, and they will be announced at the Grad Ceremony on June 8th.

Thank you to everyone who donated, helped, or contributed in any way. Your support made all the difference!

For returning parents, keep your eyes open for next years' Bursary fundraising events.

Thank you,

ERBSS PAC



May 19-22, 2025

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
HOT SIDE	Hot Main		Spaghetti with Rose Tuesday Sauce	Sloppy Joe's with Coleslaw	Spanakopita with Greek Salad
	Vegetarian		Spaghetti with Rose Tuesday Sauce	Sloppy Joe's with Coleslaw	Spanakopita with Greek Salad
COLD CIDE	Wrap	Closed	Ham	Turkey	Salami
COLD SIDE	Appie		Fish Cake with Tartar Sauce	Fish Cake with Tartar Sauce	Fish Cake with Tartar Sauce
BAKING	Desserts		Brownies/ Cheese- cake	Brownies/ Cheese- cake	Brownies/ Cheese- cake

From the COUNSELLORS!

What is Mindfulness & How can it Help me?

"Mindfulness means paying attention in a particular way; on purpose, in the present moment, and non-judgmentally."

— Jon Kabat-Zinn

Mindfulness is the practice of paying full attention to the present moment without judgment. It involves being aware of your thoughts, feelings, and surroundings in a calm and accepting way. For those dealing with anxiety, mindfulness can be a powerful tool to manage stress.

By focusing on breathing, body sensations, or simple daily activities, we can learn to quiet our racing thoughts and feel more grounded. Practicing mindfulness regularly—through meditation, journaling, or mindful walking—can help reduce anxiety, improve focus, and build emotional resilience. It's a healthy way to stay calm and in control, especially during overwhelming moments.

For a list of helpful mindfulness exercises and resources, please visit the Anxiety Canada website below.

https://www.anxietycanada.com/articles/mindfulness-exercises/

Arts in the Community



Culture Fest May 29th from 4pm to 6pm



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 Dry Grad Carnival Form Handed Out

April 1 (Revised Date) Valedictorian Nominations Packages Due by Noon

April 2 (Revised Date) PROM Consent Form Handed Out

April 2 (Revised Date) GRAD Ceremony Ticket Request Form Handed Out

April 7 (Revised Date) Short List Announced for Valedictorian

April 16 GRAD Ceremony Ticket Request Form Due no later than this date

April 17 Dry Grad Carnival Form and Payment Due no later than this date

April 30 (Revised Date) Submit Valedictorian Videos Due by Noon

May 3 Dry GRAD Carnival

Mid May (Revised Date) Online Voting for Valedictorian

Mid May (Revised Date) Valedictorian Announced

May 23 PROM Consent Form & Payment Due no later than this date

May 27 GRAD Rehearsals @UVic

June 8 GRAD Ceremony @UVic 11 & 3 pm

June 12 FRIMM GRAD Celebration @ Royal Bay

June 20 PROM @Crystal Gardens

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Royal Bay's 2025 Indigenous Valedictorians

We're so proud to announce **Nina Boylan** (she/her) and **Matthew Warren** (he/him) as Royal Bay's 2025 Indigenous Valedictorians.

Nina and Matthew were thoughtfully chosen for this important honour by Elders and teachers who recognized their leadership, strength, and the positive impact they've made in our school community.

Nina, from the Ahousaht First Nation, is graduating a whole year early—something that speaks volumes about her determination and love of learning. She's passionate about Indigenous education and has worked hard to reconnect with and celebrate her culture. Nina's goal is to become an Education Assistant so she can support Indigenous students and help create learning environments where all kids feel seen and supported.

Matthew, from Sc'ianew First Nation, is deeply proud of where he comes from and brings that connection into everything he does. He leads with quiet strength and a big heart—whether he's sharing knowledge, supporting school events, or encouraging others to take pride in who they are. He's also a strong Lahal player and a passionate skateboarder, always showing up with energy and creativity. Looking ahead, Matthew plans to pursue a career in business, where he hopes to build a future that reflects his values and community ties.

Nina and Matthew have both made a lasting mark on Royal Bay. They show up for others, embrace who they are, and lead in ways that are grounded, genuine, and full of care.

We're honoured to celebrate their achievements and can't wait to see all the amazing things they'll do next.



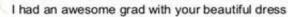


Why buy a grad tux or dress when you can borrow one?

Complete Outfits Including:

Like new dresses, suits, tuxedos, shoes, and accessories.

Thanks to Magic Wand, I had an unforgettable grad



My son looked spectacular!

Thanks for a 'magical' graduation – you made my prom the best







To book an appointment, contact: Elizabeth: esurerus@telus.net

The **Magic Wand** is a non-profit organization that offers an ecofriendly and inexpensive alternative to prom outfits for boys and girls. A small fee for cleaning will be charged.

www.themagicwandproject.com









Rayens Jr. Girls Soccer

A huge congratulations to the junior girls' soccer team for their incredible season and island championship! The girls were one of the highest-seeded teams going into the final tournament last Thursday and were able to take home the trophy! This is the first time a Royal Bay Junior Girls soccer team has won the island championships, so congratulations to all the girls!



Rayens Rugby

The Girls 7s team delivered their strongest performances of the season at the Island Championship on Monday and Tuesday. In two hard-fought battles, they narrowly fell 12-10 to Oak Bay and 12-7 to QMS, showing grit and determination throughout. The highlight of the tournament came in a dominant 47-17 win over crosstown rivals Belmont, where the team's skill, pace, and teamwork were on full display. It was a proud showing to cap off a season of steady improvement. The Island all-stars were Maja, Macey and Belle.



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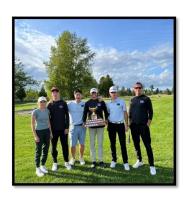
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ISLAND CHAMPIONS Rayens Golf

On Wednesday, the Royal Bay Ravens golf team made school history by winning the Island Championships at Morningstar Golf & Country Club in Parksville. The Carson, Tzari, Cohen, Anson, and Vienna team delivered an outstanding performance to claim the school's first-ever Island title. Their hard work, focus, and teamwork paid off in a big way, earning them a spot at the upcoming Provincial Championships. The Ravens will now represent the Island at Shuswap National Golf Course, where they'll compete against the province's best. Congratulations to the team on this historic achievement!

Ravens Track Team

Congratulations to the following students who represented Royal Bay this Wednesday at the Lower Island Track and Field Championships. We had 17 athletes compete in 9 different events, and nearly everyone broke a personal best and proudly represented Royal Bay. Exceptional results include 1st place Jr. Girls Shot Put, Makenzi; 3rd place Jr. Girls 1500m Racewalk, Valerie; 2nd place Sr. Girls 100m and 4th place 200m, Maika Parreno; 2nd place Sr. Boys Discus, Joshua; 3rd place Jr. Girls Steeplechase, Klaara; 4th place Jr. Girls 1500m Racewalk, Brenda; 4th place Jr. Girls 3000m, Gabrielle; and 3rd place Jr. Boys 3000m, Max.



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THE HISTORY BEHIND THE IDEA

The alumni of the month is a concept created by students in our athletic leadership class. Originally an idea brought forward by Grade 12 student Jennah M., it has been slowly worked on over the past year by Grade 11s Taya W. and Kaylee S. and now reimagined.

Some interviews were conducted in previous years and are now being shared (with updates if available) to our wider school community.

If your family has a previous Royal Bay Grad who wishes to share their stories about participating in post-secondary sports, please email Mr. Hobson (bhobson@sd62.bc.ca) or reach out to our Instagram team @rbssathletics

PURPOSE?

- 1. To highlight the achievemens of notable students who have moved onto post-secondary sports.
- 2. To provide the Royal Bay school community with information about life at post-secondary, particularly as it relates to balancing sport, academics, and everything in between.
- 3. To strengthen and build up the connections between past and present, serving to build a better sense of what it means to be a Royal Bay Raven.



RYAN SCOVILLE



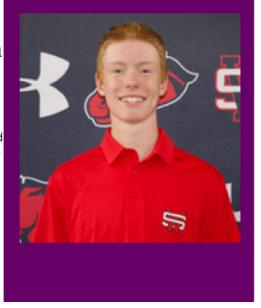
RECRUITMENT

The recruiting process was very simple and straightforward for me, but it was tedious and it took a lot of hours. The biggest thing is just making a list of schools you want to attend and emailing all those coaches so you have lots of options to choose from.

THE SWITCH

Moving from Victoria to Hobbs was super easy and I never felt homesick. Playing college golf in the United States has been my goal since I was about 14, so now that I had the opportunity to live that out there is no other emotion than happiness. Of course, I missed my dog, and family but I knew I would see them at Christmas time so I would keep in touch and use the time to focus on myself and my friends here.

In 2023-24, I went to the University of the Southwest in Hobbs, NM and was on the men's golf team. I played golf on and off throughout my early childhood and started getting serious and competing in tournaments when I was 11. The biggest challenge I faced was definitely just getting through those rough patches that all athletes go through. I just made sure to keep reminding myself how good I was and how much better I could get, also making sure to play for myself and not to please other people.





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 scholarship assistance.

Scholarship Awards Currently Open!

May-

Applied Arts Awards - Deadline: May 23rd, 2025

The Lou Williamson Scholarship - Deadline: May 23rd, 2025 <u>Alpha Chi Theta Orchid Bursary -</u> Deadline: May 30th, 2025 <u>The Union of National Employees - Deadline: May 31st, 2025</u>

Juan de Fuca Soccer Association Dick Darley Scholarship - Deadline: May 31st, 2025

MADD Canada Youth Bursary Fund- Deadline: May 31st, 2025

Theatre BC Scholarships - Deadline: May 31st, 2025

Bernice Harriet Osborne Memorial Basketball Scholarship - Deadline: May 31st, 2025

4-H British Columbia National Scholarships - Deadline: May 31st. 2025

Lisa Huus Bursary for People with Physical Disabilities - Deadline: May 31st. 2025

Rick & Amanda Hansen Scholarship for Youth with Disabilities- Deadline: May 13st, 2025

Harbourside Rotary Scholarship - Deadline: May 31st, 2025



Scholarship Awards Currently Open!

June-

Victoria Operatic Society - Deadline: June 1st, 2025

DeBeers Group Scholarships - Deadline: June 1st, 2025

Metchosin Foundation Scholarships for Academic Achievement, or Community Ser-

vice, or Environmental Stewardship - Deadline: June 13th, 2025

Metchosin Foundation Scholarship - Moralea Milne Beecher Bay (Sc'ianew) Community - Deadline: June 13th

ICA Diversity Scholarships - Deadline: June 20th, 2025

The Constable Sarah Beckett Memorial Scholarship - Deadline: June 25th, 2025

Horatio Alger Vocational and Technical Education Scholarships - Deadline: June 15th, 2025

Royal Canadian Legion: Sir Percy Lake Memorial Scholarship - Deadline: June 25th, 2025

BC Council of Forest Industries Forestry Scholarship - Deadline: June 27th, 2025

Herman Rebneris Student Carpentry Award - Deadline: June 27th, 2025

Western Inspirational Bursary Award - Deadline: June 30th, 2025

Royal Canadian Legion Prince Edward Branch 91 Bursary - Deadline: June 30th, 2024

Association of School Transportation Services of British Columbia Commercial Heavy-Duty Mechanic Scholarship - Deadline: June 30th, 2025

Team West Coast Triathlon Society Annual Scholarship - Deadline: June 30th, 2025

Engineers and Geoscientists BC Scholarships - Deadline: June 30th, 2025

Alpha Chi Theta Orchid Bursary – Deadline: June 30th, 2025

Summer-

Canadian Mental Health Association of BC - Scholarships and Bursaries Program - Deadline: July 9th, 2025

CUPE BC AUBREY BURTON/REG FORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Deadline: July 1st, 2025

Reflections Scholarship - Deadline: July 15th, 2025

Bill Freding Memorial Entrance Award - Agriculture Award - Deadline: July 15th, 2025

Cariboo Chevrolet Buick GMC Award - Agriculture Award - Deadline: July 15th, 2025

Reflections Scholarship - Deadline: July 15th, 2025

Brian Fudge Memorial Scholarship - Deadline: July 15th, 2025

The Looking Glass Foundation Scholarships - Deadline: July 15th, 2025

Scholarship for Students of Colour - Deadline: July 15th, 2025

Tommy Douglas Scholarship - Deadline: July 15th, 2025

NUPGE Scholarship - Deadline: July 15th, 2025

LGBTQI2S Scholarship - Deadline: July 15th, 2025

Young Worker Scholarship - Deadline: July 15th, 2025

Scholarship for Indigenous Students - Deadline: July 15th, 2025

Terry Fox Memorial Scholarship (NUPGE) - Deadline: July 15th, 2025







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



science fiction
fantasy
colouring books
dictionaries, thesauruses

fitness, strength training graphic novels





Drop off to Lindsay Lockhart
2123 or 2146
Donations can also be dropped off at
the main office at Royal Bay



SD62 Gr. 9-12 Full Credit Summer Learning July 7- Aug 7, 2025 Monday - Friday at Belmont Secondary School

Registration free of charge for:

- SD62 students entering grade 10-12 in Sept 2024
- current & recent grade 12 students who live within SD62
- recently graduated students (Math/Science/English only)

ISP Students - contact ISP office for fee information

Benefits of Summer Learning:

- creates flexibility in your Sept-June schedule allowing more room for electives
- supports possible early graduation
- allows for focused learning in 1 or 2 subjects
- opportunity to improve course mark or GPA
- fewer people in the building creates a 'small school' environment that many students enjoy

CLASS SCHEDULE *

MORNING: 9AM - 11:30AM

SCIENCE 10
SOCIAL STUDIES 10
ACTIVE LIVING 11
CHEMISTRY 11
FIRST PEOPLES ENGLISH 11
FOUNDATIONS OF MATH 11
PRE-CALCULUS MATH 11
ACTIVE LIVING 12
LAW 12
FIRST PEOPLES ENGLISH 12
PRE-CALCULUS MATH 12

AFTERNOON: 12PM - 2:30PM

MATH 9
ENGLISH 10
CAREER LIFE EDUCATION 10
FOUNDATIONS & PRE-CALCULUS 10
PHE PHYSICAL & HEALTH EDUCATION 10
WORKPLACE MATH 10
LIFE SCIENCES 11
PHYSICS 11
WORKPLACE MATH 11
BC FIRST PEOPLES 12 (SOCIAL STUDIES)
CAREER LIFE CONNECTIONS 12



*All classes are offered subject to enrolment. Classes with insufficient enrolment will be cancelled and students will be offered the chance to select an alternate course.

Register Online: https://sd62online.web.sd62.bc.ca phone: 250-391-9002 email: online@sd62.bc.ca

Careers Department









Careers Department





Take action and create change when you volunteer at MS Walk on May 25.

2025 Victoria MS Walk

Cadboro-Gyro Park Opening ceremonies at 10am



Skills for Your Future, Impact for Today.

Join MS Canada as an event day volunteer!





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

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

