

This week in The Raven's Nest



École Royal Bay Secondary School

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September 22-October 3, 2025

With gratitude and respect, we acknowledge that we live, learn, and work on the traditional territories of the SĆÍĀNEW Nation and the Lək̓ʷəŋən peoples of Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, specifically the Teechamista village site. We also recognize that our district's schools also sit on the traditional territories of the T'Sou-ke Nation and the Nuu-chah-nulth: Paaʔčiidʔath̓ (Pacheedaht) Nation, and that some are located on the traditional territories of the MÁLEXEĒ (Malahat) Nation.



Student Emergency Release Form

Students were given a salmon 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

Monday	• District Planning Day—NO School
Tuesday	• Grade 11 Assembly—Group 3
Wednesday	• Grade 12 Assembly—Group 1
Thursday	• Grade 12 Assembly—Group 2
Friday	• Kings University Visit
Saturday	•

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From the ADMIN

Dear Royal Bay Students, Families, and Caregivers,

The start of the school year has gone well, and our students are now in their classes - building community, relationships, and engaging with their learning.

We want to share some of the important upcoming events happening at the school to deepen the understanding of staff and students in Indigenous knowledge and perspectives.

Monday, Sept. 22 (no school) - All district staff will be engaging in a day of Indigenous Learning, and we are proud to host keynotes Jody Wilson Raybould and Carolyn Roberts to our theatre for a presentation that will be live cast to all of the schools. Staff will also have an afternoon of learning sessions focussed around deepening our own learning.

Monday, Sept. 29 - Orange Shirt day raises the awareness of the lasting impacts of Residential schools, and there will be events and activities around the school on this day.

Tuesday, Sept. 30 (no school) - There is no school on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as we all take time for learning, reflection, and committing to acts of Reconciliation.

We are grateful to work alongside our Elders, Role Models, and Na'tsa'maht Indigenous Education teachers and staff as we do this important learning and work.

Thank you,

ÉRBSS Admin Team

Parking

With the addition of more portables over the summer and an increase in our student population, parking is more limited than in previous years. The front parking lots are for staff and visitors only, and the back lot is open for students, staff, and members of the community. We strongly encourage students to walk, ride, or take the bus to school, and ask that drop offs take place away from the school, or as quickly and safely as possible at the drop off zone (marked by red paint in front of the school).

Attendance

Regular attendance is crucial for student success, and we ask that students, families, and caregivers make a plan that has their student arriving on time. The welcome bell is at 8:55 and students should be in the building at that time; this will help students be in or close to their first class of the day for a 9am start. The attendance report did not go out for the first few days but, once in place, will let you know if your student was late or absent for their class. Please contact your student's classroom teacher if you have questions about the attendance recorded.

ÉRBSS PAC Corner!

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meetings!

What is a PAC?

Under the School Act, parents can share input through Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) — the official voice of parents at each school.

PACs help:

- Advise school staff and boards
- Share information with parents
- Support school activities
- Discuss concerns and ideas

PACs reflect their communities and work to benefit all students. All parents and guardians of students at our school are members of the PAC and are encouraged to participate in PAC meetings and PAC hosted events!

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Meetings will be held on the **1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm** in the Learning Commons. All parents are welcome!

Upcoming PAC meetings for 2025-26:

2025:

Oct 1 Nov 5 Dec 3

2026:

Jan 7 Feb 4 Mar 4
Apr 1 May 6 June 3

2025-26 PAC Executives!

President: Sahye Guandique Cummings

Vice President: Kristen Manieri

Treasurer: Melissa Da Silva

Secretary: Tara Campbell

SPEAC Rep: Allison Hyatt

Upcoming events:

October 17, 2025: Sweet **Treat Fall Bake Sale!** 🍪🍰

Royal Bay PAC is hosting a **Bake Sale** to support the **Grade 12's Grad Bursaries** during the lunch break.

We Need Your Help!

Parents/grandparents willing to bake and donate, please email Sahye Cummings at **royalbaypac@gmail.com**. All baked goods must be **nut-free**. If you are able to donate **gluten-free** items, they must be individually wrapped and clearly labeled.

More details to come! 🍪🍰

PAC email: royalbaypac@gmail.com

ÉRBSS PAC Corner!



*PAC's Peninsula Co-op number
134056*

Dry GRAD Carnival!

ÉCOLE ROYAL BAY SECONDARY SCHOOL

 **Carnival Volunteers Needed!** 

SAVE THE DATE: Dry Grad Carnival May 23, 2026

We're excited to be organizing this year's Dry Grad carnival and would love to have ANY parents from ANY grade come and join us in making it a fun and memorable event for all the Grade 12s. Whether you can help with planning, setting up, running a booth, or cleanup, your support makes a big difference. If you're interested in lending a hand, please come to our first meeting—we'd be thrilled to have you on board!

Meetings will be held at the **Leaning Commons at 7pm** on:

- October 14, 2025
- November 18, 2025
- January 13, 2026
- Feb 10, 2026
- March 10, 2026
- April 7 and April 21, 2026
- May 5, 2026

Hope to see you there!

Peer Tutoring!

Science and Math Peer Tutoring Schedule

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

Sep 23rd and 29th

September 23 - 25

Tue,
Sept 23

NO TUTORING

Wed,
Sept 24

LUNCH: Room
3143

Focus on Jr.
Sciences and Math

Drop in to see if
others available

Thu,
Sept 25

3:30 - 4:30 Room
3127

Focus on Jr.
Science and Math

Drop in to see if
others available

If no peer
tutors are
available;
sessions will
be cancelled

September 29 - Oct 3

Mon,
Sept 29

LUNCH: Room
3143

Focus on Jr.
Sciences and Math

Drop in to see if
others available

Tues,
Sept 30

NO SCHOOL

Wed,
Oct 1

LUNCH: Room
3143

Focus on Jr.
Sciences and Math

Drop in to see if
others available

Thu,
Oct 2

3:30 - 4:30 Room
3127

Focus on Jr. Sciences
and Math

Drop in to see if
others available

*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)

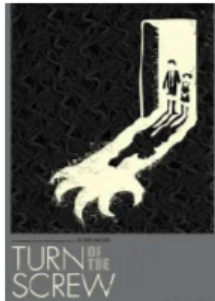
For more information, please email Mrs. Vink:
svink@sd62.bc.ca



Arts in the Community

Questions? email nkaludjer@sd62.bc.ca

Pacific Opera Victoria presents:



Turn of the Screw
Composer: B. Britton

opera sung in English
\$15/ticket

Mon. 20 Oct. 7:00pm
The Royal Theatre

Tickets through Cash online available until 3 Oct.

Open to all students 14-19 years old and parent chaperones.

Ballet Victoria presents



Aladdin Ballet

\$20/ticket

Fri. 3 Oct. 7:30pm
Sat. 4 Oct. 2pm

The Royal Theatre

Tickets through Cash online available until 23 Sept.

Open to students, families, friends. If tickets requested exceeds the limit on School Cash Online, please send an email. We can exceed the set limit.

Broadway Across Canada - VANCOUVER



Les Miserables

Prices to be announced
next week

Thus. 26 March
OR Sat. 28 March 2pm
Queen Elizabeth Theatre
Hamilton St., Vancouver

Tickets through Cash online available until 7 Nov..

Students must attend with an adult. Adult and students are responsible for their own transportation. Please email for any additional information.

Victoria Symphony Presents



Sat. 1 Nov. 7pm

The Royal Theatre

Tickets through Cash online.
available online until 10 Oct.

Open to students, families, friends. If tickets requested exceeds the limit on School Cash online, please send an email. We can exceed the set limit.

Pacific Opera Victoria:

October: Britten's **Turn of the Screw**

February: Puccini's **Tosca**

April: Gluck's **Orpheus and Eurydice**
(all with surtitles)

Victoria Symphony's Film:

November: **E.T.**

December: **Elf**

March: **Back to the Future**

Watch the classic films you know and love accompanied by live, on-stage music.

The Wonderheads Christmas Carol...And More

Victoria on Stage VOS Musical Theatre

Nov. **White Christmas**

Apr. **Joseph and the Amazing**
Technicolor Dreamcoat

Ballet Victoria:

October: **Aladdin**

December: **The Gift of the Nutcracker**

March: **The Rite of Spring and New Works**

May: **Alice in Wonderland**

Dance Victoria

Dance groups from Canada, Taiwan, Italy, and more
12-29 year olds - Pay Your Age
details on the **Dance Victoria website**

GRAD Corner 2025-26!

GRAD 2026 CLOTHING

You can now purchase your items on-line in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code on the right or go online to
<https://royalbaysecondary.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card



Online Store Deadline: Sept 24th. at 11:59 PM (11:59pm PDT)

Sizing
Samples in
Rm 2115
Questions?
Go see
Burgess



Clothing
will be
devivered
end of
October

Careers Department

Calling All Technology & Engineering Enthusiasts...

TEAC 105 - EXPLORATIONS IN TECHNOLOGY



EXPLORES FOUR TECHNOLOGIES THROUGH INQUIRY, PROBLEM SOLVING & PROJECT-BASED LEARNING!

Civil Engineering Electronics Mechanical Engineering Computer Science

WHAT WOULD YOU LEARN?

Civil Eng.	Identify various civil engineering projects and the role that civil engineering plays in each. Apply civil engineering methods and calculations to a simple design and civil engineering project
Mechanical Eng.	Demonstrate simple 3D CAD modeling skills, basic shop skills and safety techniques, and identify the design elements associated with the completion of a small mechanical engineering project
Electronics	Create a simple electronics circuit, describe simple micro-controller programming concepts, and list the elements of and build a small electronics project
Computer Sci.	Use a programming language to examine the fundamentals of software design and development



Course Details

Structure: 3 hours per week, for 12 weeks
 Fall Session (Sept 19 to Dec 12, 2025)
Start Dates: Winter Session (Jan 30 to May 15, 2026)
Time: Fridays: 3:00 – 5:50pm
Delivery: On Campus, Face to Face Classes
Cost: Students are responsible for paying the registration (EPBC) fee –\$47
Eligibility: Open to students in Gr 11–12 from our partnership school districts
Prerequisites: None



To apply or receive more information, see your high school careers team!



NOW RECRUITING!

POLICE CAMP 2026

This is an eight-day leadership program for Grades 10, 11 and 12.

- Leadership, teamwork and resilience
- Police training and simulations
- Unique experiences
- New friends and perspectives
- Social responsibility and life skills



Overnight camp March 14 – 21, 2026 at St. Margaret's School.

No fees to attend.

Application deadline is November 14, 2025.

Discuss with your school counsellor today.



DID YOU KNOW?

YOU CAN GET SCHOOL CREDITS FOR PAID OR VOLUNTEER WORK

100 HOURS OF PAID OR VOLUNTEER WORK

WORK EXPERIENCE 12A AND 12B (4 CREDITS EACH)

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED GRADE 10

STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE LOGGING HOURS

SEE YOUR SCHOOL CAREER COMMONS TO SIGN UP

Scan to show expression of interest.



Work Experience 12A & 12B are Ministry recognized electives.



Royal Roads UNIVERSITY

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ATTENDING ROYAL ROADS UNIVERSITY?

Come join us for an info session and ask all your questions.

When: Thursday, October 2nd

Where: Royal Bay Secondary

Room 1173A

Time: 11:50-12:30



RBSS Cross Country Team

PRACTICE ANNOUNCEMENT!



Starting Friday, **Sept. 19th** at
2:35pm with
Coach Ken
*weekly technical training
on the track



Starting **Monday, Sept. 29th**
at 7:45 am with
Coach Amy
*weekly group 5 km
trail/road runs

- * We will be running rain or shine *
- * Practices will be approx. 1 hour *
- * Meet on the track for both workout days *
- * All paces and abilities are welcome *

This and That!



United Nations Association in Canada
Association canadienne pour les Nations Unies

ECO CLUBS
VICTORIA
ROUNDTABLE

4100 LAMBRICK WAY
VICTORIA, BC V8N 5R3
GORDON HEAD REC CENTRE
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

SEPT 15TH, 2025
4:30 PM PST

RSVP NOW >>>




United Nations Association in Canada
Association canadienne pour les Nations Unies
Change starts with UN me.

Green Schools
Volunteers Across Canada
(Eco Clubs)

Encourage student climate leadership!
Bring sustainability and climate education into your school or community center to gain 120 volunteer hours!

About Eco Clubs!
An exciting new initiative from the United Nations Association in Canada in partnership with the Canada Service Corps (CSC).
Eco Clubs Canada is a year-long programme supporting youth aged 12-30 to create and lead Eco Clubs in schools and community centers across Ontario, Alberta, and British Columbia.

Join a national youth climate network!
Design sustainability projects, climate action, eco-events, and more. Lead local climate action and join national climate leaders and learn from international experts!

Expert mentorship and training!
Receive mentorship & leadership training through fully paid, one-day in-person and virtual workshops in your area, and gain hands-on experience from subject matter experts!

Key Dates!

- Forms Due: **Sept 28, 2025**
- 2nd Round Onboarding: **Late August-Sept 2025**
- Program Duration: **June 2025-March 2026**

Volunteer Application



Mentor Application




erase | a reporting tool for students

Report It

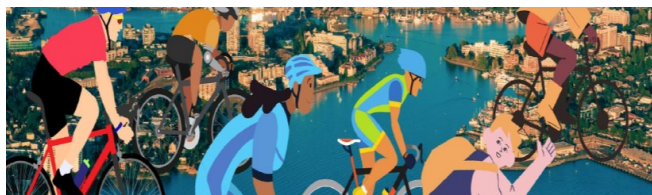


erase.gov.bc.ca

If something feels wrong at school or online, or if you need help, you can anonymously report it to your school safety team using the erase Report It tool.

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Shaping Tomorrow Today

This and That!



CLIMATE IMPACTS BIKE TOUR

Saturday September 20th

10:00am 'til noon

Join other riders for the free Climate Impacts Bike Tour, led by Andrew Gage of West Coast Environmental Law. Explore some of Victoria's sites where climate change is harming Victoria and its residents. Meet at 398 Harbour Rd. (Fantastico Bar/Deli) between 10 and 10:30. The tour will start at 10:30 to explore some of Victoria's climate-related sites. Use the QR code to preview the route. At noon, join others after the tour's final stop for a Draw the Line event.



Organized by



and



Email sforvictoria@gmail.com for more information, or check out

<https://suebigoil.ca/climate-bike-tour-victoria/>

ReImagine West Shore Community **POP-UP SEWING Makerspace**

Sunday, October 19
1:00 to 4:00pm
DIY Room, Metchosin Arts & Cultural Centre, 4495 Happy Valley Road
FREE or By Donation
Pre-Registration is Required

Get inspired and receive expert help with your latest sewing projects!

Visit our website to register for this workshop and learn about other ReImagine West Shore community learning opportunities:
ReImagineUs.ca/Events

Thank you to our generous sponsors:

Langford **Colwood** **CRD** **Vancity**

NEXT REPAIR CAFE ON SATURDAY, SEPT 27/25 | 11am-3pm

REPAIR CAFE WEST SHORE

PLUS Holiday Décor Swap & Shop!!

Gordon United Church
935 Goldstream Avenue
Langford

FOLLOW REIMAGINE

REPAIRS AND HOLIDAY DÉCOR ARE FREE OR BY DONATION

Got broken stuff that needs repair or holiday décor that needs a new home?

Bring it to our **Repair Café and Holiday Décor Swap & Shop**, where talented volunteer repair superheroes can most likely help get your item repaired **for FREE** or a **small donation** and where you can find or re-home some groovy holiday décor!

A ReImagine West Shore community collaboration with the Langford Residents Association.

ReImagine West Shore Community **Langford**

Sponsored by:

CRD **Langford** **Colwood** **ReImagine West Shore**

Learn more: ReImagineUs.ca/Events
Help us Make Shift Happen!

Wellness Centre Schedule!

Royal Bay Wellness Centre

Appointments call: 250-519-3580

Sept to Dec 2025

Monday	Discovery Counselling
Tuesday	Physician 9:30 to 2:00pm (start Sept 23)
Wednesday	Discovery Counselling
Thursdays	Public Health Nurse 9:30-11:00am
Friday	CLOSED

Clients provided through 25 years of age

Physician Service:

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

Public Health Nurse Service:

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

'Excellent care-for everyone, everywhere, every time'

Sept 2025





Important dates to Remember

September 22	District School Planning Day—no school
September 23	Grade 11 Assembly—Group 3
September 24	Grade 12 Assembly—Group 1
September 25	Grade 12 Assembly—Group 2
September 29	Kings University Visit
September 30	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation—no school
October 1	PAC meeting @ 6:30 pm
October 2	Royal Roads University Visit
October 8	Victoria University Visit
October 13	Thanksgiving—no school
October 14	PAC Dry GRAD Meeting @7 PM
October 14	Retakes for School Photos
October 17	PAC Bake Sale (10-1 PM)
October 24	NID - Provincial Pro– D no school
November 5	Take your Kids to Work Day—Grade 9
November 5	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
November 7	University of Calgary Visit
November 11	Remembrance Day—no school
November 18	PAC Dry GRAD Meeting @7 PM
November 20	Early Dismissal 3 Hrs—Learning Conferences
November 21	NID—Pro-D—no school
November 24-28	Career Education Week (BC Wide)
December 3	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
December 18	Winter Formal
December 19	Santa Breakfast
December 19	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec 22– Jan 2	Winter Break
January 5, 2026	School Reopens
January 13, 2026	PAC Dry GRAD Meeting @7 PM
January 23, 2026	PAC Bake Sale (10-1 PM)
February 10, 2026	PAC Dry GRAD Meeting @7 PM
February 13, 2026	NID - Provincial Pro– D no school
February 16, 2026	Family Day—No School