

This week in The Raven's Nest



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October 6—17, 2025

With gratitude and respect, we acknowledge that we live, learn, and work on the traditional territories of the SĆÍΛNEW 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 MÁLEXEŁ (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

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| Monday | • Oct 13/Thanksgiving—no school |
| Tuesday | • Oct 14/Photo Retakes |
| | • Oct 14/PAC Dry GRAD Meeting @7 PM |
| Wednesday | • Oct 8/Victoria University Visit |
| Thursday | • |
| Friday | • Oct 17/PAC Bake Sale (10-1 PM) |

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From the ADMIN

Dear Royal Bay Students, Families, and Guardians,

We have made it through the first month of learning and are heading quickly into October!

We are noticing increasingly the heavy traffic caused by student drop offs/pick ups and are encouraging other locations to consider:

- RBSS back parking lot - continue north past the school on Ryder Hesjedal Way and turn left into the large parking lot. It is a quick walk to the school on a path by the track. From the back lot, vehicles can get back to Latoria using Sparrowhawk.
- Nearby side streets such as: Quarry St, Sparrowhawk Ave, Dunlin St

Reducing traffic in front of the school allows for quicker access for students, staff, and visitors with mobility needs, and makes the crossing walk to the portables a safer place. We are also working on a plan to add signage to increase the usage of our back parking lot.

We appreciate your assistance in helping to make our school an accessible and safe place.

Thank you,

RBSS Admin Team

Photo Retakes—Tuesday, October 14th!

- Students needing retakes must bring their **ID card** to be photographed.
- There is a QR code on the back of the card we need to scan.
- All retake photos will replace the original day photo for a new ID card, pictorial and image in the yearbook.
- However, students will still be able to view and order both images online.
- We do not allow students to wear hats or sunglasses in our photos.

Here is the link for Information on upcoming Photo Days <https://artona.com/schools/RBAY>

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 reports are being sent out daily. There is a glitch with the new system, it will not tell you which student in your household had a absent.

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:

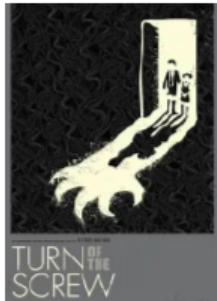
- October 14, 2025
- November 18, 2025
- January 13, 2026
- Feb 10, 2026
- March 10, 2026
- April 7 and April 21, 2026
- May 5, 2026

Hope to see you there!

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**

UPCOMING INFO SESSIONS

- **Thursday October 2**
Royals Roads
University
- **Wednesday October 8**
UVIC
- **Wednesday October 15**
Camosun College

All info sessions will be held at lunch
in room 1173A

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!



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.



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

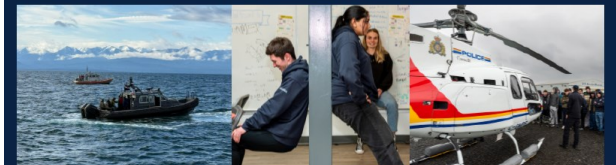


Overnight camp March 14 – 21, 2026 at St. Margaret's School.

No fees to attend.

Application deadline is November 14, 2025.

Discuss with your school counsellor today.



Member of JA Canada



VICTORIA IN-PERSON PROGRAM REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

JABC TechWorks empowers high school students to explore future careers through hands-on, immersive learning experiences that show how technology shapes every industry.

Program Details

- December 4, 2025 | 9:30 AM – 2:15 PM
- Camosun College, 4461 Interurban Rd, Victoria
- Offered at no cost, thanks to donor support
- Bus transportation and lunch provided

Who Can Participate?

High school students in Grades 8-12

B.C.'s Curriculum Alignment

Supports B.C.'s career education curriculum, including CLE, CLC and more

Agenda

- Student Check-In
- Opening Session
- Morning Breakout Sessions
- Lunch
- Afternoon Breakout Sessions
- Closing Session

To register, please connect with your school Career Team

Previous sessions were hosted by:



Raven's Athletics!

Ravens Jr & Sr. Boys Soccer

The Jr. Boys Soccer won their away game against Belmont this Wednesday, securing an important three points. Excellent efforts from the back line resulted in a 2-0 result. Fran Silveira Barroso opened the scoring late in the first half, and Francesco Cos Andrade expanded Royal Bay's lead with a strong strike from the midfield in the second half.

The Sr. Boys played Belmont last week and won convincingly, 6-0, versus the cross-town rivals. Nolan Thompson had a hat-trick on the day.

The Ravens fell short to Oak Bay 1-0 in an outstanding game versus the Oaks.

Ravens Boys' Volleyball

The Sr. Boys Volleyball this past weekend finished up in 6th place out of 16 teams in their tournament.

Ravens Girls' Volleyball

Jr. girls 9's volleyball played EMCS and fell short, losing both sets and had a hard-fought battle against Spectrum, losing in close games. Their final game of the day had a convincing win vs Victoria High, winning 25-8 and 25-13. Good games from Danika and Jordan.



RB RBSS Cross Country Team

UPDATED PRACTICE ANNOUNCEMENT!

Fridays at 2:35pm with Coach Ken and Coach Amy
*weekly team training

&

Mondays at 5:30 pm with Coach Marilyn Arensault, UVic Assistant Coach
*weekly group training with Westshore track club
<https://westshoretrackclub.com/>

* 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 *

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTING PARTNERS



ROYAL BAY



pizza pizza

Proud Sponsor of Royal Bay Athletics
& Athlete of the Month



RUNNING

Shoe Donations!

Bring them to the P.E office or the marked bin outside the main office today!

Do you have gently used shoes you don't wear anymore?

The Ravens P.E office is collecting shoe donations to use in PE classes if students forget their own.

This and That!



erase REPORT IT

Report It

a reporting tool for students

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.

erase.gov.bc.ca

SOOKE SCHOOLS 62
Shaping Tomorrow Today



RelImagine 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 RelImagine West Shore community learning opportunities:
RelImagineUs.ca/Events

Thank you to our generous sponsors:

Langford Colwood Vancity



Help Clean Up Colwood—One Piece of Litter at a Time!

PICK Colwood (Promoting Involvement for Community Kleanup) is all about rolling up our sleeves to keep Colwood cleaner—and smarter. We don't just pick up litter, we collect data too. Knowing what's being tossed, and where, helps us tackle the problem at its source.

Join us if you:

- Want to make a visible difference in your community
- Think turning trash into knowledge is pretty cool
- Believe change starts with awareness
- Enjoy fresh air, light exercise, and friendly faces
- Care about protecting local wildlife and the environment

We'll bring the supplies and encouragement—you bring yourself. Whether you join often or only once in a while, every bit of effort matters.

Curious about what's really ending up on our streets? Come find out—with us!



Area to be Picked: Latoria Road

When: Saturday, Oct 4, 2025

10:00 am - noon

Where: Meet at the parking lot Quality Foods in Royal Bay

Register at: pickcolwood@gmail.com

Wellness Centre Schedule!

Royal Bay Wellness Centre

Appointments call: 250-519-3580

Sept to Dec 2025

Monday	Discovery Counselling
Tuesday (start Sept 23)	Physician 9:30 to 2:00pm
Wednesday	Discovery Counselling
Thursdays (2 nd & 4 th weeks)	Public Health Nurse 9:00-12:00pm
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 12 2025





Important dates to Remember

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
March 6, 2026	PAC Bake Sale (10-1 PM)
March 10, 2026	PAC Dry GRAD Meeting @7 PM
March 13, 2026	Last Day before Spring Break
March 16—27, 2026	Spring Break—No School
March 30, 2026	School Reopens
April 3, 2026	Good Friday
April 6, 2026	Easter Monday
April 7, 2026	PAC Dry GRAD Meeting @7 PM