This week in The Raven's Nest



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November 17-28, 2025

With gratitude and respect, we acknowledge that we live, learn, and work on the traditional territories of the SĆIÁNEW Nation and the Ləkwənən 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: Paa?čiid?atḥ (Pacheedaht) Nation, and that some are located on the traditional territories of the MÁLEXEŁ (Malahat) Nation.





Stay Updated Anytime, Anywhere!

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

can now be found on the School Raven's APP under "Messages"

Calendar of Events

Monday Nov 17 Post Secondary BC Event

All Week Book Fair in Library

Tuesday Nov 18 PAC Dry GRAD Meeting @7 PM

Wednesday

Thursday Nov 20 Early Dismissal 3 Hrs

Nov 20 Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday NID—Pro-D—no school

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From the ADMIN

Hello Students, Parents, and Caregivers,

Last week, our school honored Veterans Week and Indigenous Veterans Day (Saturday, November 8) through a variety of school-wide activities. On Monday, November 10, we held a special assembly in the theatre, which was livestreamed for the entire school community.

The assembly featured outstanding performances by our choir classes and support from several of our students who serve as cadets. We were also privileged to welcome a guest Veteran speaker, who shared meaningful experiences from their peace-keeping missions. These events remind us of the importance of honoring those who have served and continuing to learn from their experiences.

We are excited to connect with students, parents, and caregivers during Student Learning Conferences on Thursday, November 20. In addition, report cards will be available today by 4pm. If you have any questions about your child's class reports, please reach out directly to their teachers.

Thank you for partnering with us to create a learning environment that values respect, service, and community. We appreci-

ate your ongoing support and look forward to seeing you soon.

Thank you, ÉRBSS Admin Team





Health Info

As we spend more time indoors during the cooler months, communities often see an increase in various communicable diseases and our schools are no different.

The BC Centre for Disease Control has shared a **Quick Guide to Common Childhood Diseases**, which includes helpful information about:

- * How infections are spread
- Healthy habits to prevent illness
- Ways to stop the spread of infections
- Common childhood diseases

Under B.C.'s *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, schools cannot disclose or confirm any information that could identify individuals or school communities unless authorized by law or directed to do so by public health authorities under the *Public Health Act*. Island Health determines when, what, and to whom information about communicable diseases or outbreaks should be shared. If Island Health directs us to notify families, we will distribute the information they provide to the specific groups they identify immediately. For more information:

Communicable Disease Prevention & Control | Island Health.

REMINDER

return GR 9 Immunization Packages that were handed out to students

Immunizations are scheduled for December 2 & 3rd @Royal Bay Secondary

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. The new system will not tell you which student in your household had a absent.

For the 2025/26 school year, secondary schools are now using MyEd BC exclusively to report student absences to the parent/guardian contact on file. We are no longer using the previous software.

The former outdated software system, while providing more detailed notifications, required complex technical fixes had become cost prohibitive. Given that this service pulled attendance data from MyEd, it essentially served as a "middle layer' to the same information. As a public school district, we have a responsibility to prioritize spending on classroom instruction and student supports. This change ensures resources stay focused on learning rather than duplicating information already available through MyEd.

With the new process, you will still receive a notification if your child(ren) is marked absent for one or more blocks. However, it will no longer specify which block(s) were missed. You can view detailed absence information in real time by logging into your MyEd Parent Portal.

We understand this adds a small extra step, and MyEd is an important tool all parents and guardians should be familiar with.

Please note that daily absence notifications are a courtesy service at the secondary level. Under the School Act, schools are only required to report attendance formally through progress reports and report cards. These daily notices are intended to support families in promoting regular attendance and student success.

If you need help accessing MyEd or logging in, we're happy to assist. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to keep communication efficient and our focus on supporting classrooms.

École Royal Bay Secondary "TOGETHER WE ARE MORE"

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 encouraged to participate in PAC meetings and PAC hosted events!

Upcoming PAC meetings for 2025-26: 2025: Dec 2 (NEW DATE) 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:

Next PAC Meeting Update

Please note that our next PAC meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, December 2, to avoid a conflict with 10,000 Tonight. We look forward to seeing everyone then!

Upcoming Bake Sale

Our next PAC Bake Sale will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2026. Thank you for your continued support — we look forward to another sweet success!

PAC email: royalbaypac@gmail.com



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

Help Make Dry Grad Amazing!

We're planning this year's Dry Grad carnival and welcome parents from any grade to join us! Whether it's planning, setting up, running a booth, or cleanup, your help makes a big impact. Interested? Come to our first meeting, we'd love to have you!

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

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

Hope to see you there!

Questions? email nkaludjer@sd62.bc.ca

Dance Victoria & Hung Dance



DanceVictoria.com

250-386-6121

from TAIWAN Present BIRDY

12-29 Pay Your Age Tickets (plus fees) Other ticket prices available



14-15 Nov. 7:30pm

Royal Theatre

A WonderHead's Christmas Carol



Sat. 20 Dec. 1pm or 7:30pm

McPherson Playhouse Tickets through RMTS Promo code: WONDERDEAL

Open to students, families, friends. This beautiful production of sight and sound is an astonishing work of art. Code activates shortly saving you 30%.

The Gift of the Nutcracker - Ballet Victoria



\$20/ticket

Sun. 28 Dec. 2:00pm Mon. 29 Dec. 2:00pm Tues 30 Dec. 7:30pm

The Royal Theatre

Tickets through Cash online available until 5 Dec.

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.

Victoria Symphony Presents:



Film in Concert

Sat. 20 Dec. 7pm Sun. 21 Dec. 2:30pm The Royal Theatre

Tickets through Cash online.

available online until 5 Dec.

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.

Canadian College of Performing Arts



Blue Stockings

CCPA Performance Hall

Discount Code **STUDENT10** 11-14 December 2/7:30pm



Coming Up:

January: Belle Spirale Contemporary Dance

The Lightning Thief - CCPA

February: Tosca - Pacific Opera Victoria

Aterballetto - Dance Victoria

March: Rite of Spring & New Works - Ballet Victoria Back to the Future - Film & Victoria Symphony

Gallim - Dance Victoria

April: Orpheus & Eurydice - Pacific Opera Victoria
Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat - VOS

NEWSIES - CCPA

May: Alice in Wonderland - Ballet Victoria

Boca Tuyo - Dance Victoria

August: Clue The Musical - Broadway Vancouver

Four women fight for education, self-determination in an era of women's suffrage movement.



2026 GRAD Important Dates/Deadlines

DATES	ITEM
October 23, 2025	GRAD 2026 Carnevil (Galey Farms)
October 27, 2025	Winter Formal Form Handed Out
November 3, 2025	Winter Formal Registration — OPENS
November 24, 2025	Winter Formal Fee Due no later than this Date—LIMITED SPACE
December 5, 2025	Butchart Gardens
December 11, 2025	Winter Formal
Jan 21 - Feb 1, 2026	GRAD Photos
January 16, 2026	GRAD Ski Trip to Mt. Washington
February 12-13, 2026	GRAD Photo Retakes
February 9, 2026	GRAD Comment & Ceremony Fee Form Handed Out
TBA	GRAD Bottle Drive
February 20, 2026	GRAD Comment & Ceremony Fee Due no later than this date
TBA	Dry Grad Carnival Form Handed Out
February 20, 2026	Valedictorian Nominations Packages Due by Noon
February 24, 2026	Short List Announced for Valedictorian
TBA	Dry Grad Carnival Form and Payment Due no later than this date
March 4, 2026	Submit Valedictorian Videos Due by Noon
March 12, 2026	Online Voting for Valedictorian
March 13, 2026	Valedictorian Announced
March 30, 2026	PROM Consent Form Handed Out
May 23, 2025	Dry GRAD Carnival
May 25, 2026	PROM Consent Form & Payment Due no later than this date
May 26, 2026	GRAD Rehearsals @UVic
June 7, 2026	GRAD Ceremony @UVic 11 & 3 pm
June 11, 2026	FRIMM GRAD Celebration @ Royal Bay
June 19, 2026	PROM @Crystal Gardens





Careers Department



Calling All Young Changemakers

ARE YOU UNDER 19 AND WORKING ON PROJECTS TO REDUCE HARM FROM SUBSTANCE USE?

Your work could be recognized with Island Health's Youth Harm Reduction Award and \$1,000 in prize money! This award celebrates youth who educate others, reduce stigma, share knowledge and help save lives.

APPLICATIONS OPEN MARCH 1, 2026



LEARN MORE: islandhealth.ca/yhra



Newsletter

SD62 Career Education



EMCS Metal TASK teacher Ben Haber and District Career Education Lead Brian Hotovy presenting at the Canadian Welder's Bureau teacher's conference October 2025

Upcoming Events

Take Our Kids to Work Day November 5th

A national event where Grade 9 students spend a day at the workplace of a parent, relative, or volunteer host to explore career options and gain a better understanding of the working world.

Provincial Careers Week November 24 - 28

A province-wide initiative that celebrates career education by connecting students with diverse career pathways through events, resources, and community partnerships to help them explore future opportunities and make informed decisions about their careers.

Indigenous Learners' Day at Camosun College November 26th

A hands-on event for Grade 11 and 12 students from South Island school districts, offering interactive sessions in trades, technology, health, and Indigenous education to explore post-secondary pathways and celebrate Indigenous culture and learning.

November 2025

HIGHLIGHT

Health X and ELC Day

50+ secondary students from across our high schools participated in a Camosun/South Island Partnership sponsored tour and info session. Pathways in health care and early childhood education including early learning and care, nursing and allied health fields were explored.

HIGHLIGHT

Parents as Education and Career Coaches

On October 29, families from across our region participated in a virtual workshop hosted by EducationPlannerBC. The session was designed to help parents of students in Grades 10-12 support their children in planning for post-secondary education and future careers.

HIGHLIGHT

Canadian Welder's Bureau (CWB) Teacher Conference

Brian Hotovy, District Career Lead, and Ben Haber, EMCS Metal TASK teacher, proudly represented our district at the CWB Teacher Conference in October. Their presentation highlighted the outstanding success of our metal classes and trades program, showcasing the innovative work happening in our schools and the positive impact on student learning and career readiness.



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November

- 4 Presentation to the **Indigenous Education Council** Dual credit pathways to teacher education for First Nations students
- 4 **Health Career Sampler and Care Economy Career course** BAA presentation to Education Policy Committee
- 5 **Grade 9 <u>Take Our Kids to Work Day</u>** Community sponsors Westshore RCMP, Sooke School District and Westshore Parks and Recreation
- 17 & 18 <u>Career Education Society Conference</u> This annual event brings together educators and career professionals in BC to share ideas, resources, and strategies for helping students explore and prepare for future career paths.
- 21 **South Island Partnership Pro D Day Offerings** Teacher professional development opportunities at Camosun College
- 24-28 **Career Week** is a province-wide initiative held each November to celebrate and promote career education, helping students explore diverse career pathways and prepare for their futures through engaging activities, resources, and community partnerships.
- 26 **Indigenous Learners' Day** is a hands-on, full-day event for Grade 11 and 12 students from South Island Partnership districts, offering interactive rotations through trades, technology, health, nautical, and Indigenous education programs to explore post-secondary pathways in a culturally supportive environment.

December

4 - Junior Achievement BC TechWorks - a province-wide program that connects B.C. students with tech-enabled career pathways through interactive sessions, industry panels, and curriculum-aligned resources, with a strong focus on accessibility and inclusion. Featured companies include BRNKL and Open Ocean Robotics.

January

13 & 14 - <u>Find Your Fit</u> @ Spencer Middle School - a hands-on career exploration event by WorkBC that allows students to discover and try out a variety of in-demand jobs through interactive stations and activities.

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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: Metchosin from Pelican to Briarwood

When: Saturday, Nov 22, 2025

10:00 am - noon

Where: Meet at the junction of Metchosin and Pelican

Register at: pickcolwood@gmail.com



Join the Royal Bay Ravens for the TC10K!

Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 Location: Victoria, BC Team Name: Royal Bay Ravens

Be part of this exciting community event — run, walk, or cheer as we soar together! No matter your pace, everyone is welcome. Gather your friends, family, and colleagues to take part in a fun and active day celebrating wellness and community spirit.

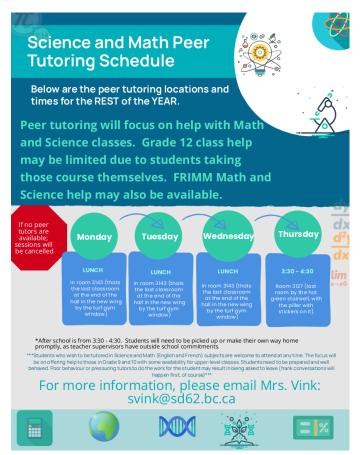
■ Register here: TC10K Registration

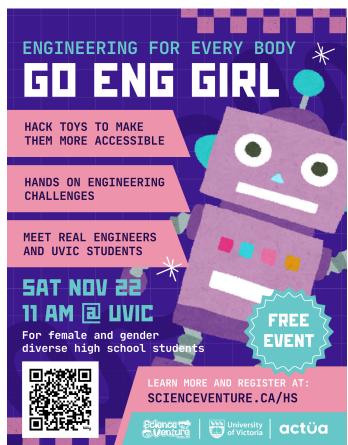


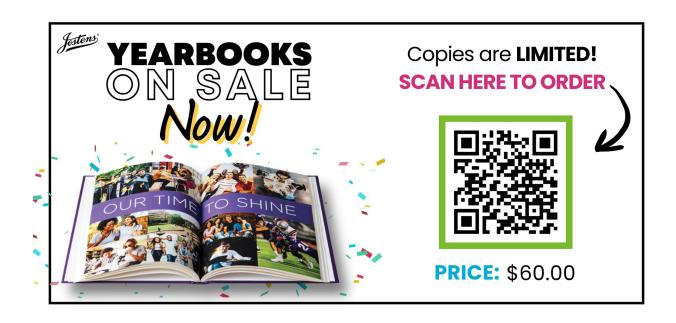
Scan to Register!

Together, We Soar - Join the Royal Bay Ravens Team Today!

This & That









Wellness Centre Schedule

Royal Bay Wellness Centre

Appointments call: 250-519-3580

Sept to Dec 2025

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

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December 2 GR9 Immunization (Full Day)
December 3 GR9 Immunization (AM Only)

December 2 PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm (NEW DATE)

December 5 GRAD 2026 Butchart Gardens

December 11 Winter Formal

December 16-17 Winter Dance Shows

December 19 Santa Breakfast

December 19 Last Day before Winter Break

Dec 22– Jan 2 Winter Break

January 5, 2026 School Reopens

January 12-14, 2026 GRAD Assessments

January 13, 2026 PAC Dry GRAD Meeting @7 PM

Jan 21-Feb 1, 2026 GRAD Photo's

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

February 25, 2026 PINK Shirt Day

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