

The Raven's Nest



École Royal Bay Secondary School

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January 5-16, 2026

With gratitude and respect, we acknowledge that we live, learn, and work on the traditional territories of the SCÍÁNEW 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: Paaʔčiidʔath (Pacheedaht) Nation, and that some are located on the traditional territories of the MÁLEXEŁ (Malahat) Nation.



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From the ADMIN

Dear ÉRBSS Students, Families, and Guardians,

We all had such a great month - adding some photos to the Raven's Nest of a few of the exciting events and activities.

It's also been a busy year for athletics at Royal Bay to close out 2025. Highlights from the Fall season included a 2nd place finish at Islands for our Junior Boys Soccer team, 3 athletes attending provincials for X-Country (Max McArthur, Landon Leslie-Marseille, and Solange Haines), 1 athlete attending provincials for swimming (Savana Olsen), and our volleyball teams showing well at the Island Championships. The winter season of play has brought more excitement, as we hosted our first ever wrestling tournament. To date, the wrestling team has produced three 3rd place team finishes, as well as numerous individual accolades, in tournament competition. Our basketball teams have also started well, with the major highlight being our Sr. Girls winning the Dover Bay tournament in Nanaimo. We look forward to an exciting start to 2026 with our annual Junior Boys Basketball tournament and Senior Girls RCMP tournament among the exciting events happening in January.

As we head into the holidays, students need to ensure they understand their progress in classes. Parents/Guardians and students are encouraged to stay in close communication with [teachers](#). Counsellors can also be reached [here](#).

When we return from winter break on January 5, there will be three weeks of regular classes, then two days for completion or extension work, on January 26 and 27. A highlight of the month will be when Grade 12 students present their capstone projects to their mentors! The new Semester will begin on January 28.

I hope that everyone enjoys a wonderful winter break, filled with rest, laughter, and time with family and friends.

Warm wishes,

ÉRBSS Admin Team

Provincial Assessments

January 12-14, 2026, Grade 12 students will be writing the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment LTE12. On January 12, 2026, our French Immersion students in Grade 12 will write LTF12. To ensure that students are lined up to graduate on time, we do our best to have as many Grade 12 students as possible write their assessment during this time. Another opportunity will be offered in April for those who want a second sitting and/or were not able to write the first time due to extenuating circumstances.

January 21/22, 2026, all ERBSS will be operating on a **Copernican Block schedule** (double blocks of two classes each day). The blocks for January 21, 2026 will be **AA CC** and January 22, 2026 will be **BB DD**. If you have a student in English 10 or Math 10 this Semester, they will be writing their assessment during this time. Students who have English 10 or Math 10 second Semester will write in June.

A detailed schedule of dates, times, and locations for all of these assessments will be shared early January.



Santa's Breakfast



**Thank you to PAC for supporting this
wonderful student event!**





THANK YOU!

THE ROYAL BAY
COMMUNITY
DONATED 15,000
ITEMS AND \$3,000
TO THE
GOLDSTREAM FOOD
BANK!



ÉRBSS PAC Corner

Season's Greetings from the PAC!

Wishing all our students, families, and staff a joyful holiday season filled with peace, laughter, and cherished moments. ✨ Thank you for your continued support and involvement—together, we make our school community stronger. ✨ See you in the New Year! 🎉

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:

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:

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!

Royal Bay Dry Grad Meeting

Our next Dry grad meeting is **January 13, 2026**, at 7pm at the Learnings Commons. Hope to see you there!

PAC email: royalbaypac@gmail.com

RB Parent Grad Committee: rbparentgradcommittee@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:

- January 13, 2026
- February 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

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%**.

Broadway Across Canada - VANCOUVER



Sat. 1 Aug. 2pm
\$60/ticket - balcony)

Sat. 28 March 2pm
(\$62/ticket - balcony)

Queen Elizabeth Theatre
Hamilton St., Vancouver

Tickets avail. until **12pm 12 Jan.**

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

Dance Victoria & Belle Spirale



from Vancouver Present Universus

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

Tickets through
DanceVictoria.com
250-386-6121



16 Jan.
7:30pm

Royal Theatre

Canadian College of Performing Arts



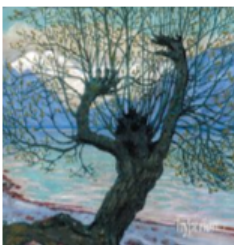
The Lightning Thief: Musical

CCPA Performance
Hall
30 Jan - 7 Feb.
2pm & 7:30pm

Discount Code
STUDENT10



Victoria Symphony presents:



Peer Gynt
Composed: E. Grieg
Sun. 1 Feb .2026
Tickets prices TBA
Farquhar Theatre at UVic

In the Hall of the Mountain King
& Morning Mood included.

Tickets avail. On Cash online until 16 Jan..

Coming Up:

January: Belle Spirale Contemporary Dance
The Lightning Thief - CCPA
February: Peer Gynt - Kluxen/Victoria Symphony
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

2026 GRAD Important Dates/Deadlines

DATES	ITEM
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

Yearbooks



Attention Parents!

**YEARBOOKS ARE ON
SALE NOW.
COPIES ARE LIMITED.
SCAN HERE TO ORDER.**



DEADLINE: February 26th PRICE: \$60.00



GRAD 2026

SKI TRIP

**MT. WASHINGTON ALPINE
RESORT**

JANUARY 16 - 2026

**SKIING, SNOWBOARDING,
TUBING, RENTALS, & LESSONS
OPTIONS AVAILABLE.**

A paper form & waiver MUST be completed
Forms available early December at the Office or in
Burgess' room (2115)

Payment by: School Cash On-line, Cheque, or Cash
Last day to sign-up: January 9th, 2026

GRAD 2026 Butchart Gardens FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS TRIP

Our annual Grad Butchart Gardens Christmas Field trip was a huge success. Over 100 Grads enjoyed a cool, clear evening at Butchart Gardens walking through the 12 Days of Christmas light show, skating, drinking hot chocolate, and eating shortbread cookies!!
A special thank you to our staff chaperones: Adrian Mathieu, Andrew Johnson, Saleena Samra, Asia Gruhn, & Sam Johnson



Counselling Department

Gift Yourself with Self-Care for the Holidays

Keep up a routine. We all look forward to having a relaxed schedule over the holidays, but keeping up with a structured routine is important in many ways. It can be tempting to slip into the habit of staying up late and sleeping in, but poor sleep can affect us negatively by impacting our mood, lowering our immune system, and making it difficult to regulate emotions and deal with stress. Limiting screen time before bed and waking up refreshed and ready for a structured day of activities that you enjoy can make it easier to jump back into our regular routine in the new year.

Connect with nature. We are fortunate to live near many beautiful locations set in nature like beaches, forested parks, and walking trails that are accessible to all ages and abilities. Spending time in nature is known to generate positive emotions and decrease stress and anxiety. Taking some time to develop or increase your connection with the natural world around you can boost your feelings of calmness, joy, and even creativity.

Practice gratitude. Shifting our focus to things we are grateful and thankful for can help to reframe our perspective in many positive and healthy ways. Taking a few moments each day to consider all we are grateful for is a simple way to strengthen a mindset that focuses on the various things that are going well for us, increase our general feelings of satisfaction, and help anchor us to the present moment.

The holidays can bring with them stressors, difficult emotions, and for many a feeling of disconnect. It is important to acknowledge your struggles and seek support when needed.

Vancouver Island Crisis Line: 18884943888 <https://www.vicrisis.ca/>

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 2025/26 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.

Careers Department

The Construction TASK cohort at RBSS has several 8 x 8 sheds for sale!

\$2750.00 +GST

INCLUDES DELIVERY AND
INSTALLATION TO AN EASY ACCESS
AND LEVEL LOCATION



For information please email
Connor O'Neill
coneill@sd62.bc.ca

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

Start Dates: Fall Session (Sept 19 to Dec 12, 2025)
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!



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



INTERESTED IN A DUAL CREDIT COURSE FOR NEXT YEAR?



COMPLETE A COLLEGE
COURSE AT ROYAL BAY!

- Psychology
- English
- Math
- Biology
- Accounting
- Marketing



BENEFITS OF DUAL CREDIT

- Free tuition
- Sneak peek into post-secondary
- Start your post-secondary education with the support of a RBSS teacher
- Challenge yourself!

INFO SESSION

**THURSDAY,
JANUARY 8TH**

TIME: 11:40 AM
WHERE: THEATRE

Visit the Career Commons for more information

Polygon Fire Pits for Sale — \$500

Support the EMCS Metal TASK Program by purchasing a student-designed, custom-built polygon fire pit.

All proceeds go directly toward buying materials and equipment that help our students learn real trade skills.

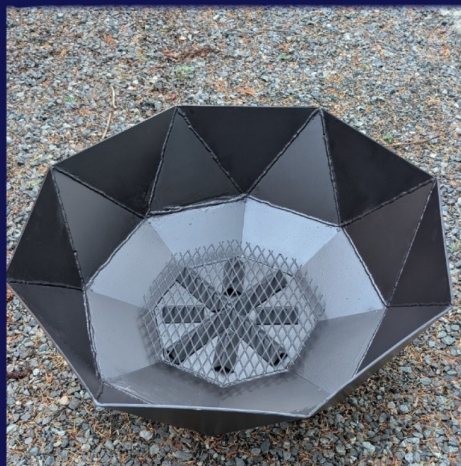
Orders open now!

Fire pits will be ready for delivery in the New Year.

Featured:

- Durable welded steel construction
- Raised base with expanded steel mesh
- Built-in vent holes to improve airflow and deliver a hotter, cleaner fire
- Designed and fabricated by EMCS Metal TASK students

Thank you for supporting hands-on learning and the next generation of skilled tradespeople!



Scan the QR code on this poster to place your order and pay online OR make payment directly at the EMCS Office

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\$65!

Support the EMCS Metal TASK Program
by ordering your own custom steel street sign!

Each sign is designed and crafted by our TASK students



Your custom sign can include:

Any name – first name, last name,
nickname, or word of your choice

- One of three design options

Blue, Black, or Natural Steel finish!



Order now!
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poster to place and order!





FAMILY MARKET

WINTER EDITION!



Free Food Market, All are Welcome!
Bring your own bags or boxes.

Edward Milne Community School	Monday December 29th 11 am - 1 pm
Spencer Middle School	Tuesday December 30th 11 am - 1 pm



Science and Math Peer Tutoring Schedule

Below are the peer tutoring locations and times for the REST of the YEAR.

Peer tutoring will focus on help with Math and Science classes. Grade 12 class help may be limited due to students taking those course themselves. FRIMM Math and Science help may also be available.

If no peer tutors are available; sessions will be cancelled

Monday

LUNCH

In room 3143 (thats the last classroom at the end of the hall in the new wing by the turf gym window)

Tuesday

LUNCH

In room 3143 (thats the last classroom at the end of the hall in the new wing by the turf gym window)

Wednesday

LUNCH

In room 3143 (thats the last classroom at the end of the hall in the new wing by the turf gym window)

Thursday

3:30 – 4:30

Room 3127 (last room by the hot green stairwell, with the pillar with stickers on it).

*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



Wellness Centre Schedule

Royal Bay Wellness Centre

Appointments call: 250-519-3580
or drop-in

January to June 2026

Monday	Discovery Counselling
Tuesday	Physician 9:30 to 2:00pm
Wednesday	Discovery Counselling
Thursdays (2 nd & 4 th weeks)	Public Health Nurse 9:00-12:00pm
Friday	Immunization Clinic January to March

Closed for Spring Break

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

January 5, 2026	School Reopens
January 12-14, 2026	GRAD Assessments
January 13, 2026	PAC Dry GRAD Meeting @7 PM
January 12-14, 2026	GRAD Assessments/GR12 Literacy
Jan 21-Feb 1, 2026	GRAD Photo's
January 21-22, 2026	GRAD Assessments/GR10 Literacy-Numeracy
January 23, 2026	PAC Bake Sale (10-1 PM)
January 26-27, 2026	Course Completion Day
January 27, 2026	1st Semester/Term 2 Ends
January 28, 2026	2nd Semester/Term 3 Begins
January 30, 2026	Report Cards Published
February 5, 2026	ERBSS Music Performance @7 PM
February 10, 2026	PAC Dry GRAD Meeting @7 PM
February 12-13, 2026	GRAD Photo Retake/Make Up Sessions
February 13, 2026	NID - Provincial Pro– D no school
February 16, 2026	Family Day—No School
February 19, 2026	GRAD Photos for Yearbook/Composite
February 25, 2026	PINK Shirt Day
March 5, 2026	ERBSS Music Performance @7 PM
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 17, 2026	Early Dismissal/Parent Conferences
April 17, 2026	Term 3 Ends
April 20, 2026	Term 4 Begins
April 20, 2026	Non Instructional Day—No School
April 20—24, 2026	GRAD Assessments
April 24, 2026	Report Cards Published
April 7, 2026	PAC Dry GRAD Meeting @7 PM
April 21, 2026	PAC Dry GRAD Meeting @7 PM