

The Raven's Nest



École Royal Bay Secondary School

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December 1—19, 2025

With gratitude and respect, we acknowledge that we live, learn, and work on the traditional territories of the SĆIĀNEW Nation and the Ləkʷəŋən 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.



Calendar of Events



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From the ADMIN

Hello Students, Parents, and Caregivers,

It has been a busy last two weeks, and we have an even busier three weeks ahead as we move full steam ahead to the Winter Break! December is one of the best months in the school calendar, as we get to watch students showcase their talents and take part in helping to make their community a better place.

Key information about some of the upcoming events and activities:

- **Dec 2-3 - Grade 9 Immunizations** - please make sure forms are handed in
- **Dec 3 - 10,000 Tonight** - students will be canvassing the community from 4-9 to collect 10,000 donations for the Gold-stream food bank. Please feel welcome to leave items on your step if you are away, or email ccook@sd62.bc.ca for school drop off options.
- **Dec 4 - Winter Music Performance**, 7pm start
- **Dec 16 and 17 - Winter Dance Shows**, 7-9pm
- **Dec 19 - Santa's Breakfast**—This day is a staff and student favourite! In the morning, students will rotate between enjoying a pancake breakfast and engaging in a variety of activities/performances. In the afternoon, we will be raising some Raven school spirit by cheering on teams in the gym and exploring school clubs in the Learning Commons. Comfortable clothing, Raven wear, and/or purple clothing and accessories are all encouraged.
- **Dec 22 - Jan 2 - Winter Break**, no school
- **Jan 5 - First day back from the break**

We hope that everyone has some time to relax and recharge over the break, and we will be looking forward to welcoming students back on January 5th.

Thank you,
ÉRBSS Admin Team



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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Upcoming PAC meetings for 2025-26:		
<u>2025:</u>		
Dec 2 (NEW DATE)		
<u>2026:</u>		
Jan 7	Feb 4	Mar 4
Apr 1	May 6	June 3

<u>2025-26 PAC Executives!</u>
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:

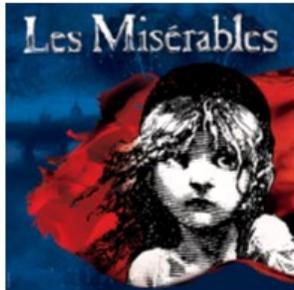
- November 18, 2025
- January 13, 2026
- February 10, 2026
- March 10, 2026
- April 7 and April 21, 2026
- May 5, 2026

Hope to see you there!

Arts in the Community

Questions? email nkaludjer@sd62.bc.ca

Broadway Across Canada - VANCOUVER



Tickets will be distributed to families in early December. Please email if you need assistance.

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



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

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

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



**GRAD
FUNDRAISER
2026**

Krispy Kreme
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**GLAZE THE WAY TO GRADUATION
WITH KRISPY KREME DONUTS**

Pick up your box of donuts

Monday december 8th • 12:00–3:30 PM
RBSS • Room 2115

\$20 PER DOZEN

Pay by cash, cheque (toy SD62), or School Cash Online.
PRE-ORDER NOW:
Drop forms at the office or Room 2115.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR GRADS



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
Christmas at
Butchart Gardens
Festival of Lights

DECEMBER 5, 2025
Leave RBSS @ 5:30pm, Back @ 8:30pm
PRICE: \$30.00

INCLUDES: ENTRY, TAX, AND SCHOOL BUS RIDE TO/FROM VENUE.
Forms/waivers found in Mr. Burgess' room (2115)
or in the Office

A paper entry form & waiver MUST be completed.
Payment by: School Cash On-line, Cheque, or Cash.

LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS
Monday Dec. 1

Athletics Department



**ROYAL BAY
ATHLETICS**



Royal Bay Secondary School Athletics 2025

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://royalbaysecondarieschoolathletics2025.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: Friday December 5th, 2025 (11:59pm PST)

<p>Dri-Power® Fleece 1/4 Zip Pullover</p>  <p>2 Colors \$45.00</p>	<p>Under Armour Womens Ua Fly-By Unlined 3" Shorts</p>  <p>\$35.00</p>	<p>Under Armour Mens Ua Launch Unlined 7" Shorts</p>  <p>\$45.00</p>	<p>Russell Athletic Dri-Power® Fleece Hoodie</p>  <p>\$45.00</p>	<p>Gildan® Ultra Cotton® T-Shirt</p>  <p>2 Colors \$20.00</p>	<p>Gildan Heavy Blend Crewneck Sweatshirt. 18000</p>  <p>2 Colors \$35.00</p>
<p>Sportsman 12" Pom-Pom Cuffed Beanie</p>  <p>\$17.00</p>	<p>Flex Fit Mesh Cap</p>  <p>2 Colors \$25.00</p>	<p>H08010 - Thermo - Fleece Lined Knit Cuff Toque</p>  <p>\$17.00</p>	<p>UA Tech Mesh Men's 9" Shorts</p>  <p>\$45.00</p>		

Questions?
Dom Gesualdo
1-855-720-6627
ots@oneteamsports.com
<http://oneteamsports.com/pages/contact>



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



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

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)
Winter Session (Jan 30 to May 15, 2026)
- 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.



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:



2026 PRIME MINISTER'S AWARDS

Nomination Deadline:
January 14, 2026
(11:59 PM Pacific
standard time)



NOMINATE AN EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATOR TODAY!

- Teaching Excellence
- Teaching Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
- Excellence in Early Childhood Education

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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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
LUNCH In room 3143 (that's the last classroom at the end of the hall in the new wing by the turf gym window)	LUNCH In room 3143 (that's the last classroom at the end of the hall in the new wing by the turf gym window)	LUNCH In room 3143 (that's the last classroom at the end of the hall in the new wing by the turf gym window)	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

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PRICE: \$60.00

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

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Sept 12 2025





Important dates to Remember

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
April 21, 2026	PAC Dry GRAD Meeting @7 PM
May 5, 2026	PAC Dry GRAD Meeting @7 PM
May 29, 2026	PAC Bake Sale (10-1 PM)