

# The Raven's Nest



## École Royal Bay Secondary School

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## February 2—13, 2026

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

### Outstanding Fees:

Please check your school Cash  
Online account  
pay your outstanding  
school fees

**ATTENTION**

**LAST  
CHANCE**

### PARENTS:

Our yearbook is back and better than ever!!

This is the LAST CALL for those of you who want to purchase this special school keepsake for your student! **Copies are LIMITED!**

**PRICE:** \$60.00

**DEADLINE:** February 26, 2026



**SCAN OR CLICK TO ORDER**

## Calendar of Events

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# From the ADMIN

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Hello Students, Parents, and Caregivers,

We hope everyone has had a positive and successful start to Semester 2!

A gentle reminder that students wishing to meet with their counsellors must [book an appointment online](#). Please note that any Semester 2 course changes will be limited, as many of our face to face classes are currently at capacity.

We also have an important request from our Transportation team and on behalf of students with accessibility needs: the accessibility bus is unable to pass through the front lane when vehicles are parked near the narrow entrance or in the fire lane. To help keep this area clear and ensure safe access for all, please consider using the General parking lot at the back of the school (north of the track field) or dropping off/picking up students a bit further from the main building.

Finally, February brings many meaningful celebrations. It is Black Excellence/History Month, and we encourage staff and students to engage in learning and recognition throughout the month. We also extend warm wishes for a Happy Lunar New Year to all who celebrate!

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

ÉRBSS Admin Team

## ÉRBSS PAC Corner

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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:

2026:

	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



*PAC's Peninsula Co-op number*  
*134056*

Dry GRAD Carnival—Volunteers Needed!

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**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:

From our Dry Grad Committee:

Our annual Dry Grad Carnival, celebrating the graduating class,

- February 10, 2026
- March 10, 2026
- March 10, 2026
- April 7, 2026
- April 21, 2026

Hope to see you there!

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will take place on **May 23**. As in previous years, we have received generous support from local businesses, and we are now reaching out to our school community for additional contributions.

**How You Can Support:**

- **Gift Cards** appropriate for Grade 12 students (unused cards are welcome)
- **Non-monetary items** suitable for graduates
- **Cash donations** to help fund the event

**Donation Instructions:**

- Gift cards: Please place in an envelope with your name and contact information and deposit it in the designated drop box located in the school office.
- Cash donations: Send via e-transfer to **royalbaypac@gmail.com** with the message "Dry Grad Carnival."

Your contributions help us create a safe, memorable celebration for the Class of 2025. Thank you for your continued support!

# Arts in the Community

Questions? email [nkaludjer@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:nkaludjer@sd62.bc.ca)

Dance Victoria & Aterballetto



## from ITALY

12-29 Pay Your Age Tickets  
(plus fees)  
Other ticket prices available  
6&7 Feb. 7:30pm  
Royal Theatre



Tickets through  
[DanceVictoria.com](http://DanceVictoria.com)  
250-386-6121

Puccini's Tosca - An opera in Italian



\$15/ticket

Mon. 16 Feb.  
7:30pm  
(Family Day)  
The Royal Theatre

Tickets available until 2 Feb.  
through school cash online

Ballet Victoria presents



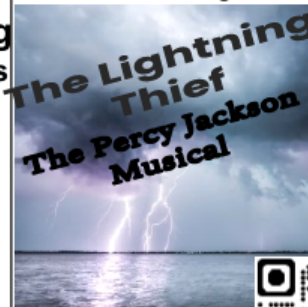
## The Rite of Spring and other New Works

\$20/ticket  
Fri. 20 Mar. 7:30pm  
Sun. 22 Mar. 2:00pm

The Royal Theatre  
Avail. until 6 March

Tickets school cash online: available for students,  
families, and friends. If your ticket needs exceed the  
limit, please contact the school to adjust the limit.

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:



## Back to the Future Film in Concert

Live symphony  
\$25/ticket

Wed. 11 Mar. 2026  
Thur. 12 Mar. 2026  
7:00pm

Royal Theatre

Open to students, families, friends. Limited tickets  
available - please email me if you need more tickets.  
Tickets available until 19 February.

## Coming Up:

March: 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

NEW: Join us on the  
Google Classroom  
Code: tr5iigh



# 2026 GRAD Important Dates/Deadlines

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DATES	ITEM
Jan 21 - Feb 1, 2026	GRAD Photos
February 6, 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
March 9, 2026	Dry Grad Carnival Form Handed Out
February 20, 2026	Valedictorian Nominations Packages Due by Noon
February 24, 2026	Short List Announced for Valedictorian
April 23, 2026	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 Corner

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### GRAD Photo Sessions Still Available!

Sessions still available at the mobile trailer located in the student parking lot **until February 1st**

Students that are interested in booking may visit:

<https://artona.com/bookings>



# 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](mailto: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?

<b>Civil Eng.</b>	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
<b>Mechanical Eng.</b>	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
<b>Electronics</b>	Create a simple electronics circuit, describe simple micro-controller programming concepts, and list the elements of and build a small electronics project
<b>Computer Sci.</b>	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](https://islandhealth.ca/yhra)



## 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.

# Careers Department



**SKILLED TRADES BC**




## YOUTH EXPLORE THE TRADES SAMPLER (TASK)

The TASK program introduces students to a range of construction and mechanical trades through hands-on learning in construction, automotive, and metal trades. A key component of TASK is Work Experience, where students develop employability skills that may lead to paid employment and/or an apprenticeship.

**TRY DIFFERENT TRADES. BUILD REAL-WORLD SKILLS.**

- Full-time, semester-long program
- Earn up to 24 credits towards graduation
- Includes entry level industry certifications

**Belmont - Automotive TASK**  
**Royal Bay - Construction TASK**  
**Edward Milne - Metal TASK**

Visit Our Website: 

For more information, please contact the Career Centre at your home school

**DREAM IT • BE IT**  
**CAREER SUPPORT**  
*{for girls}*



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 Investing in Dreams

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## It All Begins With a Dream

**2026 Conference Workshops & Exhibits**

*Presentations to Inspire & Enlighten*

A unique opportunity for girls and young women, transgender, and non-binary youth aged 15 – 25 to explore their dreams and discover their potential.

**Date:** Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026  
**Time:** 9:00am - 2:00pm  
**Venue:** Chiefs and Petty Officers Mess  
**Address:** 1575 Lyall Street in Esquimalt

**Cost of registration: FREE**

**Register now at:**  
<https://forms.gle/2qpiq9Cut17ezvWm7>  
 Please note: Registration will close on Friday, February 27th at 5pm.

A Special Thank You to Our Event Sponsors!




## PARENTS & SUPPORTERS INFO SESSION

 **February 12, 2026**

 **6:00- 7:30 PM**

 **Online via Zoom**

**Register now** and discover how to support your learner's 1st year at Royal Roads University. This faculty-led session focuses on youth wellbeing, resilience, and student success.

**More info & registration:**



[royalroads.ca/events](http://royalroads.ca/events)  
[student.recruitment@royalroads.ca](mailto:student.recruitment@royalroads.ca)



Member of JA Canada




## World of Choices Skilled Trades Summit

 Explore a variety of Trades & Technology areas through fun, hands-on activities.

**Career areas explored**

- Carpentry
- Electrical Pipe
- Trades Sheet
- Metal
- Electronics
- Automotive
- Fine Furniture
- Culinary

**Thursday May 28th**  
**9:30 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Camosun College, Interurban Campus**  
**4461 Interurban Rd, Victoria**

**Thank you to our program supporters!**

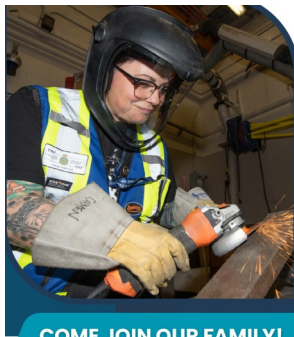
Provincial Partner: 

National Community Partner: 

National Supporting Partners:     

**Sign up with your school career team!**

# Careers Department



## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT IN THE TRADES?

APPLY TO THE FEDERAL STUDENT WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (FSWEP) AT FLEET MAINTENANCE FACILITY CAPE BRETON

### COME JOIN OUR FAMILY!

We are civilians providing quality technical service in support of the Royal Canadian Navy Fleet

### WE OFFER

- ✓ 8 weeks of paid work experience from **July 2 - August 26, 2026**
- ✓ Unique Trades work on Royal Canadian Navy (RCN)
- ✓ Potential for future apprenticeship opportunities

LEARN MORE



FOLLOW US



### AVAILABLE TRADES\*

- Metal Fabrication
- Welder
- Shipwright
- Joiner
- Painter
- Pipefitter
- Lagger/Insulator
- Machinist
- Millwright
- Sheet Metal
- Rigger
- Refrigeration
- Electrician

\*If you are unsure which trade you are interested in we request that you narrow your choice to two

### Application Deadline

April 6, 2026

### WE SERVE THE FLEET

Please see your Career Counsellor for an application. Once complete, please return to your counsellor for submission or email it on your own to [esqfmfapprentices.gc.ca](mailto:esqfmfapprentices.gc.ca)

Canada



## Health Care Careers Exploratory Day

Connect with Island Health professionals from clinical and non-clinical roles. Explore career paths, ask questions, and learn how you can make a difference.



THURSDAY  
5 MARCH 2026

TIME

10.00AM - 2.00PM



Sign up in person at the Career Centre!



## BRIDGES TO SERVICE: CAREER PATHWAYS FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH

March 10, 2026 • 12:00pm - 2:15pm  
Where: Langford Legion  
Who: Students in grade 8-12  
Lunch and transportation provided

Engage in an event celebrating Indigenous pathways in service and protection, featuring presentations and information booths from the:

- RCMP
- CANADIAN MILITARY
- CANADIAN COAST GUARD
- WESTERN CANADA MARINE RESPONSE CORPORATION

Register through your Career Centre, an Indigenous Education teacher, or the QR code.

# Royal Roads University

## INFO SESSION AT ROYAL BAY SECONDARY

WHEN: TUESDAY FEB 17TH  
WHERE: ROOM 1173 A  
TIME: AT LUNCH (11:50- 12:30)

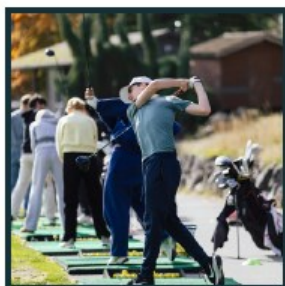
\*DONUTS WILL BE SERVED



## REGISTRATION FOR 2026-2027 ACADEMY PROGRAMS

**Secondary & Middle School Registrations – Opens 8:00 AM on Wed 25 Feb 26**

Online Registration portal: [www.sd62.bc.ca/programs-services/academies](http://www.sd62.bc.ca/programs-services/academies)



### DUNSMUIR

**Grade 6-8**  
Dance

**Grade 7-8**  
Soccer

### SPENCER

**Grade 6-8**  
Hockey

### JOURNEY

**Grade 6-8**  
Hockey  
Soccer

### BELMONT

**Grade 9-12**  
Baseball/Softball  
Climbing  
Hockey  
Mountain Biking - 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

### EDWARD MILNE

**Grade 9-12**  
Hockey  
Soccer  
Softball - 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

### ROYAL BAY

**Grade 9-12**  
Dance  
Golf (Learn to Compete)  
Lacrosse Boys  
Lacrosse Girls  
Mountain Biking - 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester  
Soccer

### DISTRICT

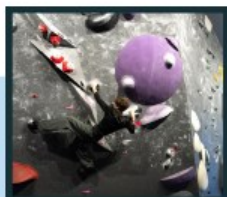
#### After School Programs

**Grade K-12**  
PACE Musical Theatre

**Grade 6-12**  
Equine  
Golf (Learn to Play)



**REGISTER EARLY AS SPACES ARE LIMITED IN SOME PROGRAMS**  
**Financial Assistance Available** – Please visit our [website](http://www.sd62.bc.ca/programs-services/academies) for more information



Please visit our website for more detailed information: [www.sd62.bc.ca/programs-services/academies](http://www.sd62.bc.ca/programs-services/academies)

Phone: (250) 391-9006 / Email: [academies@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:academies@sd62.bc.ca)

SOOKE & WESTSHORE  
LITERACY PRESENTS

# KALEB DAHLGREN

#1 BESTSELLING AUTHOR & SURVIVOR  
OF THE TRAGIC HUMBOLDT BRONCOS

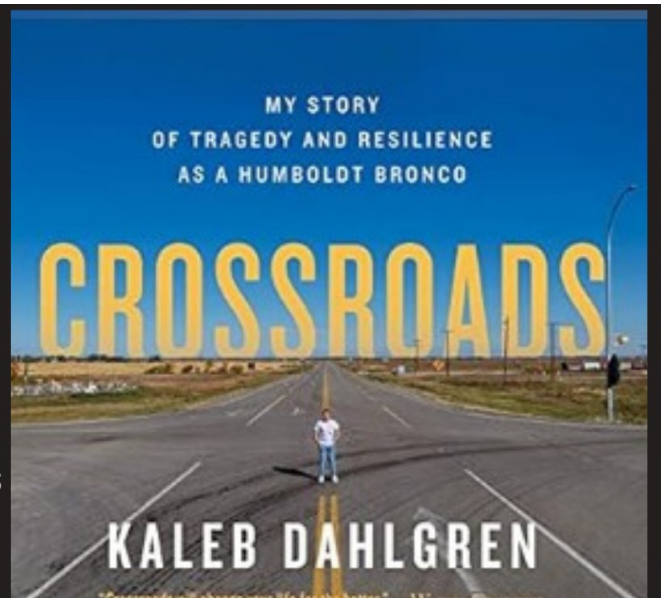
DAHLGREN HAS TURNED ADVERSITY  
INTO A PLATFORM FOR HOPE AND  
POSITIVE CHANGE.

JOIN US TO HEAR ABOUT  
PERSEVERANCE, GRATITUDE, AND AN  
UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO  
BETTERING THE COMMUNITIES  
AROUND YOU.

## 17 FEBUARY 2026

Teechamitsa Theatre at  
Royal Bay Secondary

DOORS AT 6:30 PM  
EVENT 7PM - 8:00PM  
FREE TO ATTEND  
ALL AGES  
3500 RYDER HESJEDAL WAY, VICTORIA, BC



**MORE INFORMATION AT**

[WWW.EMCSPROGRAMS.CA/KALEBDAHLGREN](http://WWW.EMCSPROGRAMS.CA/KALEBDAHLGREN)

## 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](mailto:svink@sd62.bc.ca)



# Wellness Centre Schedule

## Royal Bay Wellness Centre

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

January to June 2026

<b>Monday</b>	Discovery Counselling
<b>Tuesday</b>	Physician 9:30 to 2:00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Discovery Counselling
<b>Thursdays</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> weeks)	Public Health Nurse 9:00-12:00pm
<b>Friday</b>	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

February 5, 2026	ERBSS Music Performance @7 PM
February 6, 2026	Course Requests CLOSE
February 9, 2026	School Change Request OPEN
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 20, 2026	School Change Requests CLOSE
February 25, 2026	PINK Shirt Day
February 25, 2026	Academy Registrations OPEN until Full
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
May 5, 2026	PAC Dry GRAD Meeting @7 PM
May 5—9, 2026	ERBSS Musical Theatre Shows @7 PM
May 11, 2026	Non Instruction Day—No School
May 18, 2026	Victoria Day—No School
May 23, 2026	GRAD Carnival
May 29, 2026	PAC Bake Sale (10-1 PM)
May 29, 2026	ERBSS Music Performance @7 PM