

The Raven's Nest



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January 19-30, 2026

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

BAKERS NEEDED!

January 23, 2026 PAC BAKE SALE

Parents/grandparents: If you can donate **nut-free** baked goods, email royalbaypac@gmail.com

Gluten-free items must be individually wrapped and labeled

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**



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Calendar of Events

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From the ADMIN

Hello Students, Parents, and Caregivers,

As we wrap up Semester 1, we want to take a moment to celebrate the hard work and dedication shown by our students and staff. This time of year is always a mix of reflection and anticipation; reflecting on the learning and growth that has taken place, and looking ahead to the opportunities that await in Semester 2.

This year is extra special for us as we mark our 10th anniversary as a school community! Over the coming months, we'll be sharing some exciting plans to celebrate this milestone together. Stay tuned for details, you won't want to miss the fun!

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a vibrant place for learning and connection. Here's to a focussed finish to Semester 1 and a strong start to Semester 2!

Thank you,
ÉRBSS Admin Team

Information and dates to note:

- **MyEd access:** please make sure you can access MyEd. Parents will need this for report card access (published January 30) and students will need it for course selection (starts in February). Email royalbay@sd62.bc.ca if you need assistance or check the school [webpage for instructions](#).
- **January 21 and 22** will follow a Copernican schedule for Grade 10 Graduation Assessments, projects, tests, and assignments. This is regular instructional time and attendance is required:
 - * Wednesday: 9:00–11:50 A Block | 12:30–3:20 C Block
 - * Thursday: 9:00–11:50 B Block | 12:30–3:20 D Block
- **January 26 and 27** are Course Completion/Extension Days by appointment for completing outstanding or extension work. Attendance is not required unless requested by a teacher. These days are not for submitting large batches of late assignments, as learning happens throughout the semester. Email your classroom teacher(s) if you have any questions.
- **Last day of Semester 1: Jan 27 | Semester 2 begins: Jan 28**
- **January 30** Report cards published



ÉRBSS PAC Corner

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:

Bake Sale January 23, 2026



Royal Bay PAC is hosting a Bake Sale to support Grade 12 Grad Bursaries. Enjoy delicious treats and help a great cause!

We need bakers!!

Parents/grandparents: If you can donate nut-free baked goods, email royalbaypac@gmail.com

Gluten-free items must be individually wrapped and labeled.

Drop-off:

- Royal Bay School office
- January 22, 2026 (after school) or January 23, 2026 (morning by 9am)
- Seal items and include your name.

Event:

- **January 23, 2026**, Lunch at the Aviary
- Cash and Debit accepted

Thank you for supporting the Class of 2026!

PAC email: royalbaypac@gmail.com



PAC’s Peninsula Co-op number
134056

Dry GRAD 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:

- From our Dry Grad Committee:

Our annual Dry Grad Carnival, celebrating the graduating class,
- January 13, 2026
 - 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

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



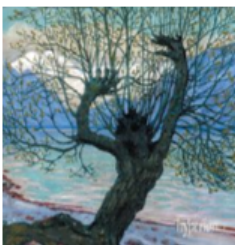
The Lightning Thief: Musical

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

GRAD Corner

Reminder to Sign Up for GRAD Photos!

Book directly through Artona Website <https://artona.com/bookings>.

Photo Dates:

Wednesday, January 21 – Sunday, February 1, 2026

Retake Dates:

February 12 and 13, 2026



School Clubs

Drum & Lahal Club

Everyone is welcome to join or drop by Drum & Lahal club on Fridays at lunch in room 1173A with Chelsea, Na'tsa'maht Indigenous Education teacher. We practice Lahal, the Coast Salish bone game, learn drum songs, compete in Lahal tournaments, do drum and lahah stick designs, and also have opportunities for drum performances at our feeder schools.

Upcoming Lahal Tournament

- ◇ We are competing in Victoria School District's Lahal Tournament
- ◇ Spectrum Community School
- ◇ Thursday, Feb. 19 from 9-2:30 PM

If you are interested in joining us, please drop by a Friday practice or contact Chelsea at crichardson@sd62.bc.ca

Hockey Club



The 2025-2026 RBSS Hockey Club.

Pictured from left to right: Mr. Moore, Cambrose C.(grade 9), Connor T. (grade 9), Luke B.(grade 10), Karson A. (grade 10), Aiden C. (grade 10), Tristan C. (grade 12), Zac S. (grade 10).



2026 RBSS Cup Champion – Bauer F.

Bauer avoided touching the Cup to ensure his beloved Toronto Maple Leafs win the actual cup this year.

2025-2026 RBSS Cup Finalists.

Pictured from left to right: Bauer F. (grade 12), Mr. Moore, and Karson A.(grade 10). Both are holding mini sticks from the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto, Ontario as a prize for reaching the finals.



The NHL 26 Tournament put on by the RBSS Hockey Club has come to an end this week. 15 students participated in the tournament that spanned from October to January. Grade 12 student, Bauer F., was crowned the champion with his winning team, the Dallas Stars (pictured). Bauer defeated Karson A. (grade 10) 4 games to 1 in a best of 7 series. Along with his name being engraved on the cup, Bauer will take home the Grand Prize of a \$30 gift card. Karson will walk away with a \$20 gift card. Mr. Moore would like to thank the PAC and all students that committed themselves and participated in the tournament.

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



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.



SKILLEDTRADES^{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

This and That

JANUARY- FEBRUARY 16- 25



RBSS STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

@ METCHOSIN POINT OF VIEW GALLERY
METCHOSIN ARTS & CULTURE CENTRE

4495 HAPPY VALLEY RD, METCHOSIN, BC V9C 3Z3
GALLERY HOURS: FRI - SUN 11AM- 4PM



École Royal Bay Secondary School has partnered with Canadian Blood Services to help make a difference for patients in Canada.



← Check your eligibility here!

Join our team! →



This & That



Start 2026 with a Cleaner Colwood — One Piece of Litter at a Time

A new year is a great time to reset and take positive action. If you've ever noticed litter and thought *someone should do something about that*, this is your invitation.

PICK Colwood (Promoting Involvement for Community Kleanup) works to clean up our community while also tracking what we find.

Collecting data alongside litter helps us understand patterns, problem areas, and opportunities to prevent litter before it starts.

Join us if you:

- Want to make a real impact in your community
- Like the idea of turning trash into useful data
- Believe that awareness is the first step to change
- Enjoy fresh air, light exercise, and good company
- Care about local wildlife and the environment

We'll provide supplies, encouragement, and all the support you need. Whether you can pitch in regularly or just now and then, every effort counts!

Curious about what's really littering our streets? Let's find out—together!



When: Saturday, January 17, 2026

10:00 am – noon

Where: Meet near the bridge at the beach on

Ocean Blvd

Register at: pickcolwood@gmail.com

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

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 23, 2026	Course Requests OPEN
January 26-27, 2026	Course Completion Day
January 27, 2026	1st Semester/Term 2 Ends
January 28, 2026	2nd Semester/Term 3 Begins
January 29, 2026	GR8 Parent Info Night
January 30, 2026	Report Cards Published
February 5, 2026	ERBSS Music Performance @7 PM
February 6, 2026	Course Requests CLOSE
February 9, 2026	Academy Registrations OPEN until Full
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
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