

The Raven's Nest



École Royal Bay Secondary School

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April 27—May 8, 2026

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



Red Dress Day

Wednesday, April 29

Recognition
for
Missing and Murdered
Indigenous Women,
Girls, and Two-Spirit
People

Outstanding Fees:

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

Calendar of Events

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Events

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From the ADMIN

Hello Students, Parents, and Caregivers,

We are halfway through the second Semester, and it is a busy time for everyone! We have a few upcoming events and activities that we'd like to highlight.

Royal Bay is recognizing Red Dress Day for MMIWG2S+ (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People) on Wednesday, April 29th. This day is held in memorial of those who have gone missing, and it is also a day of advocacy and reflection, calling for change to help prevent this ongoing crisis.

Staff and students are encouraged to wear an item of red clothing on April 29th. You are also welcome to wear red on Red Dress Day, May 5th, which is recognized nationally.

We acknowledge that this topic may be difficult or emotional for some students and families. Supports are available, and we encourage anyone who may need them to reach out to their school counsellor. As a school community, we remain committed to learning, listening, and caring for one another with respect and compassion.

As we come together for the tougher moments, we celebrate together, too. On Thursday, April 30th, we are coming together for a Spring BBQ. There will be free burgers, and PAC will be selling freezies (bring change) to raise money for Grad Bursaries.

Lunch will be extended to accommodate our school wide BBQ and leadership activities.

- Block B: 9:00 – 10:17
- Block A: 10:23 – 11:40
- Lunch: 11:40 – 12:40
- Block D: 12:40 – 1:57
- Block C: 2:03 – 3:20

Fingers crossed for good weather, and we are looking forward to the musical performances as well. We are encouraging everyone to wear RBSS Spirit Wear and/or purple to help add some Raven spirit to the day!

Be sure to [purchase your tickets for Hadestown](#), running May 6-9, and check out the student art show running at the Goldfinch gallery from May 7-17. We have so many talented and hard-working performing and visual arts students!

A reminder that Report cards come out today at 4 pm, please be sure to reach out to your student's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Strong connections and communication between home and school are the best way to ensure that we are working as a team to support student success.

Thank you,

ÉRBS Admin Team

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:

May 6, 2026

June 3, 2026

2025-26 PAC Executives!

President: Sahye Guandique Cummings

Vice President: Kristen Manieri

Treasurer: Melissa Da Silva

Secretary: Tara Campbell

SPEAC Rep: Allison Hyatt

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: May 5, 2026


Hope to see you there!

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Support Needed for the Dry Grad Carnival – Class of 2026!

- Consent Forms – Important Date
- Consent forms for the Dry Grad Carnival were due back to the office by Thursday April 23, 2026, with proof of Payment.

Volunteers Needed for Dry Grad: May 23, 2026

 Date: May 23, 2026


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We are urgently looking for **parents, grandparents, and favourite uncles or aunts of any grade** to volunteer for **Dry Grad Night!**  

You do not need to have a graduating student to help! Your support is essential to making this a safe and successful event for our grads.


Sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/xppr3>
Don't miss the chance to be part of this wonderful night!

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 Who can help: Parents / grandparents / guardians (all grades welcome!)


 Help needed: Game helper, set-up, clean-up, and sign up.

If you're available to help in any way, visit our link, we truly need you.

 visit our volunteer link: volunteersignup.org/XPPR3

or Email us at RBSSdrygradvolunteer@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting our students and helping make Dry Grad possible!

 If you know of a company that may be interested in contributing, please reach out!

Contact: rbparentgradcommittee@gmail.com



Ecole Royal Bay Secondary School

Presents

REVEAL & CONCEAL Student Art Show

Opening Gala May 7th | 6 - 8 pm
Exhibition May 7th to 17th
Thurs to Sun | 12-4pm

Goldfinch Arts Centre
170 Goldfinch Rd, Colwood



École Royal Bay Secondary's
Black Wing Theatre Company Presents

HADESTOWN

TEEN EDITION

By Anaïs Mitchell

Tickets on
sale now!

[https://www.ticketowl.io/
blackwingtheatre](https://www.ticketowl.io/blackwingtheatre)

Melissa Young
Director/Choreographer

Karen Snowsell
Music Director

Teechamitsa Theatre 3500 Ryder Hesjedal Way

MAY 6, 7, 8
7:00PM

MAY 9
2:00PM

Tickets:

Adults-\$18

Seniors-\$15

Students-\$10



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Originally produced on Broadway by Mara Isaacs, Dale Franzen, Hunter Arnold, and Tom Kirdahy. Original New York Production developed with and directed by Rachel Chavkin.

Arrangements and Orchestrations by Michael Chorney and Todd Sickafoose.

HADESTOWN: TEEN EDITION is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatrical Corp. www.concordtheatricals.com

Arts in the Community

Questions? email nkaludjer@sd62.bc.ca

Broadway Across Canada - VANCOUVER



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

Queen Elizabeth Theatre
 Hamilton St., Vancouver

Tickets:
School cash online
Avail until 30 April

Students and/or families are responsible for their own transportation to and from Vancouver. Please email for any additional information.

Ballet Victoria presents



Alice in Wonderland
\$20/ticket

Fri. 15 May 7:30pm
 Sat. 16 May 2:00pm

The Royal Theatre
 Avail. until 28 April

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.



Thurs. 14 May 7:00pm

Save-on-Foods Memorial Centre

Prices based on seat location
 Promocode: SKATE2026

NEW: Join us on the Google Classroom
 Code: tr5iigh



Coming up: 26/27

Broadway Vancouver:
 Beauty and the Beast Nov. 2026
 HAMILTON - May/June 2027
 (balcony and mainfloor)

Pacific Opera Victoria:
 Il Trovatori
 Hansel & Gretel
 The Magic Flute

Film in Symphony

Home Alone
 Star Wars: A New Hope
 How to Train your Dragon

Ballet Victoria
 TBA

Victoria On Stage
 Into the Woods
 Frozen

And much much more...

2026 GRAD Important Dates/Deadlines

DATES	ITEM
May 23, 2025	Dry GRAD Carnival
May 22, 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

GRAD 2027 CLOTHING

RBSS 2027 Grad Store

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

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

Online Store Deadline: **Sunday May 10th, 2026 (11:59pm PDT)**



Questions?
Go see Burgess
in Rm 2115








Clothing
will be
delivered
end of
June



Every blood donation makes a lifesaving difference

**Join the Royal Bay's Grad Class
to support canada's Lifeline**

Hey donors,
Please start hydrating 48-24 hours
before your appointment
and eat a Big Breakfast!



June 8th

12:05 -1:40 pm

@ Colwood church donation center
School will be runing taxis
to Colwood Church



To join

1. Download the give blood app and create an account
2. Select the "partners" in the menu
3. Search "Royal Bay Secondary School" and join
4. Book your appointment under "team appointments"

Take the eligibility quiz



**See the booth in the avairy
April 28-30th or Mrs. Vink for more info**

Careers Department

WOMEN IN TRADES & TECHNOLOGY

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EXPLORE A VARIETY OF TRADES & TECHNOLOGY AREAS THROUGH FUN, HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

CARPENTRY
ELECTRICAL
PIPE TRADES
SHEET METAL
MECH ENGINEERING
ELECTRONICS
CIVIL ENGINEERING
COMPUTER SCIENCE



THURS, APRIL 30 2026
9:45AM - 1:45PM
CAMOSUN COLLEGE
INTERURBAN CAMPUS

SIGN UP WITH YOUR 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



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!



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



THE BC SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



The Plan A Summer Youth Employment Program provides paid work experience to students interested in a career in Carpentry. As a student, you can earn up to 16 credits towards your high school diploma and may be eligible for a \$1000.00 award if requirements are met. You also receive apprentice training and opportunities for advancement and support towards the cost of tuition in moving forward with your Level 1 technical training. We consider skill, safety, quality, productivity, and attitude to be the keys to success in the industry. This program will be offered during July and August.

Come to the Career Commons for an application!
Deadline: Thursday April 30

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



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!

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National Supporting Partners



Sign up with your school career team!

HEALTH CAREER SAMPLER DISTRICT PROGRAM

Are you ready to take the first step toward an exciting future in a health care career?

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SEMESTER 2, 2027

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Earn 20+ credits through hands-on learning, simulations, and real-world case studies.
- Get work experience with health care professionals and discover what it takes to succeed in this rewarding field.
- Dual Credit Course Work - Explore post-secondary pathways and certifications that give you a head start on your future.

Why Choose this Program? This program offers a unique blend of academic courses, hands-on experiences, and industry connections—all in one comprehensive package.

APPLY BY APRIL 23 → **VISIT YOUR SCHOOL'S CAREER CENTRE**

<https://www.sd62.bc.ca/programs-supports/pathways-choice/career-education>

Step Up Youth

Island Health Volunteer Program

Now Recruiting For Fall 2026!

Are you in high school looking for a way to give back to your community?

Do you want an opportunity to gain hands on experience and learn from a wide network of guest speakers in the healthcare industry?

Island Health's Step Up Youth Program is for you!



Application Open March 1 - May 15

www.islandhealth.ca/step-up-youth

- This program is for youth 15-18 years of age (applicants must turn 15 by September 1st)
- Commitment is one 2-hour shift once a week, after school for the duration of the school year (October to April).
- Available locations:
 - Greater Victoria
 - Cowichan Valley
 - Nanaimo
 - Parksville & Qualicum
 - Port Alberni & Tofino
 - Comox Valley
 - Campbell River
 - Alert Bay, Port McNeill, Port Hardy



island health

StepUpYouth@islandhealth.ca

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





RBSS *WEAR PURPLE OR SPIRIT WEAR!*

SPRING BBQ



Royal Bay Secondary School invites you to a school-wide Spring BBQ on Thursday, April 30th! There will be free burgers and tons of games and activities during an extended lunch hour.

BLOCK SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

B BLOCK	9:00 – 10:17
A BLOCK	10:23 – 11:40
EXTENDED LUNCH	11:40 – 12:40
D BLOCK	12:40 – 1:57
C BLOCK	2:03 – 3:20

FREEZIES WILL BE ON SALE BY PAC - PROCEEDS GO TO THE GRAD BURSARY!

This and That



European Tour Spring Break 2028

RBSS and EMCS are going to Europe (Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris and London)! We are inviting current Grade 8 - 10 students and their parents to an in-person meeting May 12th @ 7pm at RBSS in the Learning Commons.



**Scan the QR code
to RSVP to the
meeting above!**

**Scan the QR
code for full
trip details:**





Saturday April 25, 2026

11am to 3pm

Anglican Church of the Advent
510 Mt View Avenue
Colwood, BC



A community collaboration between
ReImagine West Shore and the
South Island Climate Action Network.

ReImagine
West Shore Community



Come connect with practical DIY actions to become more resourceful, save money and reduce waste at this FREE community event where you can also pick-up a free seedling and join in the West Shore Sunflower Challenge!

Get tips and info about: Repairing Stuff (we'll be offering *free* repairs for stand mixers, toasters, lamps & bikes); Recycling Beyond the Blue Box; Saving Energy at Home; Growing Your Own Food; Composting; Cooking & Preserving Food; Protecting Green Spaces; Sewing & Mending; and Upcycling. Ride your bike on by and receive some expert maintenance and repair support!



reimagineus.ca/events

Thank you to our generous sponsors and supporters:

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Making a difference...together

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This and That!



🗑️ Keep the Earth Day Spirit Going – Join Us April 25!

Earth Day may have come and gone, but the impact of litter lasts far longer—and so does our commitment to keeping our community clean. Every piece of litter picked up is one less hazard for wildlife, one less pollutant in our waterways, and one more step toward a community we can all take pride in.

Whether you're a regular or it's your first time, your efforts truly make a difference. Bring a friend, enjoy some fresh air, and be part of a group that turns small actions into meaningful change. Because at PICK, we don't just celebrate Earth Day—we live its spirit all year long.

Join us if you:

- Want to make a real impact in your community
- 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 the supplies, encouragement, and chance to win a gift basket with enviro-friendly items!

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



When: Saturday, April 25, 2026
10:00 am – noon

Where: Meet at the edge of rec centre by bus area

Register at: pickcolwood@gmail.com



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

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
May 29, 2026	School Art Show @7 PM
June 3, 2026	Athletic Banquet
June 4, 2026	ERBSS Music Performance @6:30 PM
June 9-10, 2026	Dance Academy Year End Shows
June 8-12, 2026	GRAD Assessments
June 24, 2026	Course Completion Day
June 25, 2026	Course Completion Day
June 25, 2026	Last Day of School
June 25, 2026	Semester 2/Term 4 Ends
June 25, 2026	Report Cards Published

