

This week in The Raven's Nest



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November 3 - 14, 2025

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



Stay Updated Anytime, Anywhere!

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

can now be found on the
School Raven's APP
under
"Messages"



Calendar of Events

Monday **Nov 10** Remembrance Day Assembly
Tuesday **Nov 11** Remembrance Day—no school
Wednesday **Nov 5** Take your Kids to Work Day—Grade 9
Nov 5 PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Thursday
Friday **Nov 7** University of Calgary Visit

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From the ADMIN

Dear Students, Families, and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the first semester. For most students (and many of us), the first day is a distant memory, and we are back into the full routine of school, learning, and extra-curricular activities.

As we move through the term, we want to ensure every student feels supported in their learning journey. If your child is experiencing challenges in any of their classes, please don't hesitate to reach out to their teachers — they are here to help.

Midpoint reports will be available by 4:00 PM on Friday, November 14. These reports offer a snapshot of your child's progress and can be a helpful starting point for conversations.

We're also looking forward to connecting with you during our Student Learning Conferences on Thursday, November 20. Booking details will be shared by email next week. The booking system will open on Monday, November 10 and closes on Tuesday, November 18. If a teacher isn't available on November 20, please reach out to them to arrange an alternative time.

To accommodate these important conferences, there will be an early dismissal on November 20 at 11:55 AM, and buses will depart shortly afterward.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to working together to help every student find success.

Thank you,

ÉRBSS Admin Team

Literacy Assessment RESCHEDULED

GRADE 12

We've received an important update from the Ministry of Education regarding the upcoming Graduation Assessment session. Due to strike action by the BC General Employees' Union (BCGEU) in the BC Public Service, the **Grade 12 Literacy Assessment (LTE12)** sessions originally scheduled for **November 3–5, 2025**, have been **cancelled**.

At our school, the **Grade 12 Literacy Assessment has been rescheduled to take place from January 12–14, 2026**. A detailed schedule will be shared closer to the date, outlining which classes and students will write on each day.

Please be assured that this change **will not affect early admission to post-secondary institutions in B.C.** Students will be able to submit their results after the assessments are completed in January.

If you have any questions or concerns about this update, you are welcome to contact the Ministry of Education directly at assessments@gov.bc.ca.

GRADE 10

as well as those offered in French, will take place in 2026. More information on these will be shared in a future Raven's Nest.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

GRADE 9 Immunizations

Introductory School Newsletter - Grade 9



Grade 9 Immunizations

Students in grade 9 will be offered immunizations in school-based clinics. Immunization consent packages for grade 9 students will be sent home shortly. Follow the instructions inside the consent package and **return the signed consent form to the school as soon as possible**. Please discuss the information in the consent package with your child and include them in the decision to provide consent for immunization.

Students in grade 9 can make an informed decision about immunization regardless of their parent/guardian/representative decision to consent or refuse immunization. For more information visit HealthLinkBC: [The Infants Act, Mature Minor Consent and Immunization](#).

Immunizations will be provided at the school for grade 9 students on Dec. 2nd & Dec. 3rd

Contact the local Health Unit at 250-519-3490 if you have any questions.

Attendance

Regular attendance is crucial for student success, and we ask that students, families, and caregivers make a plan that has their student arriving on time. The welcome bell is at 8:55 and students should be in the building at that time; this will help students be in or close to their first class of the day for a 9am start.

The attendance reports are being sent out daily. The new system will not tell you which student in your household had a absent.

For the 2025/26 school year, secondary schools are now using MyEd BC exclusively to report student absences to the parent/guardian contact on file. We are no longer using the previous software.

The former outdated software system, while providing more detailed notifications, required complex technical fixes had become cost prohibitive. Given that this service pulled attendance data from MyEd, it essentially served as a “middle layer” to the same information. As a public school district, we have a responsibility to prioritize spending on classroom instruction and student supports. This change ensures resources stay focused on learning rather than duplicating information already available through MyEd.

With the new process, you will still receive a notification if your child(ren) is marked absent for one or more blocks. However, it will no longer specify which block(s) were missed. You can view detailed absence information in real time by logging into your MyEd Parent Portal.

We understand this adds a small extra step, and MyEd is an important tool all parents and guardians should be familiar with.

Please note that daily absence notifications are a courtesy service at the secondary level. Under the School Act, schools are only required to report attendance formally through progress reports and report cards. These daily notices are intended to support families in promoting regular attendance and student success.

If you need help accessing MyEd or logging in, we’re happy to assist. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to keep communication efficient and our focus on supporting classrooms.

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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Meetings will be held on the **1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm** in the Learning Commons. All parents are welcome! PAC email: royalbaypac@gmail.com

Upcoming PAC meetings for 2025-26:		
<u>2025:</u>		
Nov 5	Dec 3	
<u>2026:</u>		
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

Thank you all for your generous donations and continued support!

We're thrilled to share that our Bake Sale was a huge success — we sold out and raised **\$432.65!**

A special thank-you to the parent volunteers who helped run the sale. It was wonderful to meet you, and we hope to see you at future events.

Although we forgot to take photos, the students had glowing feedback — they loved the treats and are already asking for another bake sale!

Thanks again for your time, donations, and enthusiasm. We're well on our way to raising funds for the **Grade 12 bursaries for 2026!**

See you at the next Bake Sale!





*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

We're excited to be organizing this year's Dry Grad carnival and would love to have ANY parents from ANY grade come and join us in making it a fun and memorable event for all the Grade 12s. Whether you can help with planning, setting up, running a booth, or cleanup, your support makes a big difference. If you're interested in lending a hand, please come to our first meeting—we'd be thrilled to have you on board!

Meetings will be held at the **Leaning Commons at 7pm** on:

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

Hope to see you there!

Arts in the Community

Questions? email nkaludjer@sd62.bc.ca

Dance Victoria & Hung Dance

**from TAIWAN
Present BIRDY**



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



14-15 Nov.
7:30pm

Tickets through
DanceVictoria.com
250-386-6121

Royal Theatre

VOS Musical Theatre



\$25/ticket

**Thurs. 27 Nov.
7:30pm**

McPherson Playhouse



Tickets through School Cash online
avail. until 6 Nov.

Open to all students ages 10-19
and parent chaperones.

Broadway Across Canada - VANCOUVER



Thus. 19 March 2pm
(\$52/ticket - balcony)

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

Queen Elizabeth Theatre
Hamilton St., Vancouver

Tickets through Cash online available until 7 Nov.

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

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:

December: The Gift of the Nutcracker - Ballet Victoria
Christmas Carol - The Wonder Head's

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

A winter-themed poster for a formal event. The background is a dark blue gradient with white snowflakes and decorative branches with leaves and berries. The text is centered and uses a mix of serif and script fonts. A light blue rounded rectangle highlights the location.

ROYAL BAY GRAD CLASS
2026

Winter Formal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH,
2025

AT OLYMPIC VIEW GOLF COURSE

- Tickets \$90, payable at School Cash Online.
- Event is from 5:30 - 9:30pm and for Royal Bay Grads only.
- Buffet style dinner by Olympic View Golf Course.
- Photobooth and DJ!
- Forms due by Monday, November 24th.

Let's Celebrate Together!

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 4, 2026	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



Kansai Students Visit

Royal Bay was once again proud to host 37 students from Kansai, Japan on October 22nd & 23rd. The International Ambassadors buddied up with each student to welcome them to the school, take them to their classes, assist in a pumpkin carving activity, and offer them their first taste of pumpkin pie. It was a great success and good friendships were formed by many. We look forward to seeing them again next year!





Calling All Young Changemakers

ARE YOU UNDER 19 AND WORKING ON PROJECTS TO REDUCE HARM FROM SUBSTANCE USE?

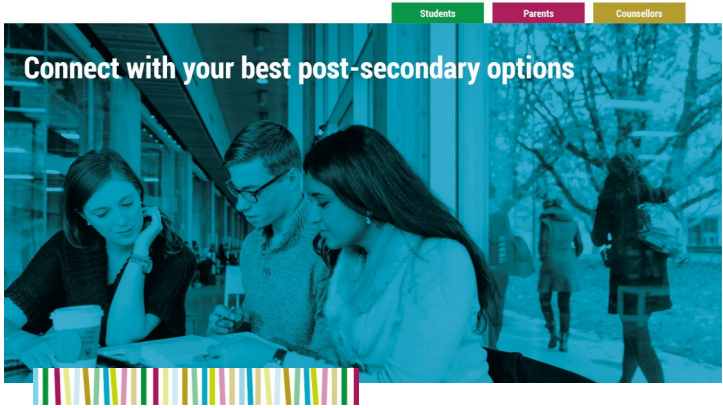
Your work could be recognized with Island Health's *Youth Harm Reduction Award* and \$1,000 in prize money! This award celebrates youth who educate others, reduce stigma, share knowledge and help save lives.

 APPLICATIONS OPEN MARCH 1, 2026



LEARN MORE:
islandhealth.ca/yhra





- November 17th, 2025
- 1:30pm- 3pm
- RBSS Aviary

Students in grade 10/11/12 will have the opportunity to visit with their classroom teachers.

LEARN MORE

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Discover what makes Camosun College special at

2025 open house

NOVEMBER 8 • 11AM–2PM
INTERURBAN CAMPUS

YOUR PATH TO EVERYTHING CAMOSUN COLLEGE OFFERS!
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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)
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!



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.



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

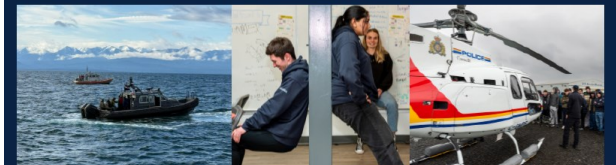


Overnight camp March 14 – 21, 2026 at St. Margaret's School.

No fees to attend.

Application deadline is November 14, 2025.

Discuss with your school counsellor today.



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:



Raven's Athletics

Coaching Opportunity: JR Boys Basketball At Royal Bay!

The Royal Bay Ravens Nest is looking for a Jr. Boys Basketball Coach for this season — and potentially beyond!

This is a great opportunity to join our growing basketball program and work with a committed group of student-athletes. The team practices twice a week and competes in one league game per week, with additional tournaments on select Fridays and Saturdays throughout the season.

If you're passionate about basketball, enjoy mentoring young athletes, and want to be part of the Royal Bay Ravens athletics community, we'd love to hear from you!

Interested applicants can contact the Athletics Department at Royal Bay Secondary for more details.

GO RAVENS





We're Hiring!

The Sooke School District is the fastest growing school district on Vancouver Island and one of the fastest growing districts in British Columbia and employs approximately 2,300 staff and has a student population of over 14,000. The District operates in five municipalities: Langford, Colwood, Metchosin, Sooke and the Highlands and acknowledges the nations on which our schools are built, including T'Sou-ke Nation, Sc'ianew Nation, Pacheedaht Nation, and all South Island Coast Salish Nations, specifically Esquimalt Nation and Songhees Nation. Our vision is to honour student voice and choice through engaging, purposeful and experiential learning in a safe and respectful community.

The following permanent, temporary and on-call positions are available starting immediately:

Noon Hour Supervision Assistants <i>Creating a safe and caring environment for students during their non-instructional time.</i>	Shifts range from 1 to 5 hours per week during school days during the noon-hour. Starting wage of \$28.56 per hour.
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Apply Today!

- Go to www.makeafuture.ca
- Click *BC Regions* and select *Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast*
- Click *Sooke 62* under *K-12 Employers*
- Click on the *Job Posting* and submit your application

School District No. 62 (Sooke) is an equal opportunity employer that is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace that is free of discrimination and harassment. We believe in a learning and work environment that is welcoming and safe that values, reflects and appreciates differences.

This & That

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.

Monday

LUNCH

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

Tuesday

LUNCH

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

Wednesday

LUNCH

In room 3143 (that's 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

ENGINEERING FOR EVERY BODY

GO ENG GIRL

HACK TOYS TO MAKE THEM MORE ACCESSIBLE

HANDS ON ENGINEERING CHALLENGES

MEET REAL ENGINEERS AND UVIC STUDENTS

SAT NOV 22
11 AM @ UVIC

For female and gender diverse high school students

FREE EVENT

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT:
[SCIENCEVENTURE.CA/HS](https://scienceventure.ca/hs)



Science Venture | University of Victoria | actüa

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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

'Excellent care-for everyone, everywhere, every time'

Sept 12 2025





Important dates to Remember

November 5	Take your Kids to Work Day—Grade 9
November 5	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
November 7	University of Calgary Visit
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 11	Remembrance Day—no school
November 14	Report Cards Published
November 18	PAC Dry GRAD Meeting @7 PM
November 17	Post Secondary BC Event
November 20	Early Dismissal 3 Hrs
November 20	Parent Teacher Conferences
November 21	NID—Pro-D—no school
November 24-28	Career Education Week (BC Wide)
December 2	GR9 Immunization (Full Day)
December 3	GR9 Immunization (AM Only)
December 3	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
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