

next week at colquitz

friday, October 27, 2023

upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

Wednesday, Nov 8	Indigenous Veterans Day
Thursday, Nov 9	PHOTO RETAKES
Friday, Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45am
Monday, Nov 13	NO SCHOOL—Remembrance Day, Observed
Monday, Nov 20	ProD Day—NO SCHOOL for Students
Tuesday, Nov 21	PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm in Library
Friday, Nov 24	Spirit Day—Neon
Week of Nov 27th	Fall Play—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday @ 7pm
Wednesday, Nov 29	CC Day—early dismissal @ 11:45 for excused students
Thursday, Nov 30	Fall Play @ 7pm
Friday, Dec 1	Fall Play @ 1pm (students only) and 7pm



Prepare for the Weather

It's fall (ummm... this week—winter?!?!). The rain and cold are here.

PLEASE ensure your child brings a coat and clothing appropriate for the weather EVERY DAY.

Students are expected to be outside for breaks, PE, and other learning activities.

If you need assistance with this, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Schlappner at cschlappner@sd61.bc.ca



Hallowe'en costumes considerations for Families

At Colquitz, we want all students to be mindful of their choices throughout the year in terms of how they might make other people feel.

We have shared for the past two weeks about making careful costume choices that ensure things like that we are not using others' cultures or genders as a costume.

We also want to ensure students understand that for safety reasons, full face masks cannot be worn EXCEPT in our "Costume Parade and Contest", or with permission of a teacher in a classroom. We need to be able to safely identify people in a school setting.



SOGI PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

**Wednesday November 8th
6:30-8:00 pm**

Join BC SOGI 123 Lead, Zakary Myers, and Mischa Oak in this information session to learn more about the SOGI-inclusive environments in our schools. SOGI awareness and allyship strategies will also be shared.

This will be a virtual session.

A recording of this session will be available at <https://learn.sd61.bc.ca/sogi/> until December 20, 2023.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING](#)

One Learning Community



Reporting

Absences



**Please email
colquitz@sd61.bc.ca**

**AND your child's
teacher if your child**

**will be late or absent,
or call the Attendance Line
at 250-479-4313.**

This is the best way to ensure we get the message and a call-out does not go out to you in error. **Thank you**

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FINE ARTS UPDATE

T-shirts are being ordered and will be handed out when they arrive. Some students have received their orders already.

The **Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra** will be doing a performance for the school on **Wednesday, November 8th in the afternoon**. It will be followed by a workshop with Grade 8 Band.

The **poinsettia fundraiser** has now closed and **soon there will be Purdy's forms** coming home for your child. These funds go directly to your child's fundraising account and can be used for tour in Gr 7 and 8.

Monday and Tuesday are the last 2 days of our **"Guess the number of candies in the jar" fundraiser**. Guesses cost 25 cents during the lunch hour in the main lobby.

Parent Education Panel Discussion



Weds Nov 8
6:30-8pm



Spectrum Community School
957 Burnside Road

Post Pandemic Impacts on Youth



Dr. Reka Gustafson Chief Medical
Health Officer, Island Health



Mia Golden, Counsellor &
Cst Gord Magee MYST
(Mobile Youth Support Team)



Cst. Mark Jenkins
Victoria Police



Seating is limited. Please book
your spot on [EventBrite](#)



SPORTS @ COLQUITZ

Basketball practices and games are underway! Here is the Master Basketball practice/game schedule for Colquitz. □

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eIkFA2Qks8urN1VoNR0wRp-1DIC_erbffw1f-a_Golk/edit?usp=sharing

Monday:
-gr 6 girls practice 7:30 am
-Comp 7/8 teams travelling
-Rec 7/8 boys-jamboree @ Colquitz
3:45-6:00

Tuesday:
-Gr. 7/8 girls practice lunch
-Gr 6 girls game:3:45 Bayside @
Colquitz

Wednesday:
-Gr 7/8 rec boys practice lunch
-Gr 8 boys game 3:45 Colquitz @
Journey
-Gr 7/8 girls game 5:00 Colquitz @ PCS

Thursday:
-7/8 boys rec 7:45 am
-Gr. 6/7 boys practice lunch
-Gr 8 boys practice after
school

Friday:
-Gr 6 girls practice 7:30 am
-Gr. 7/8 girls practice lunch
-Possible 7/8 boys practice
after school



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'intheknow'

Connect and Learn

For families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with mental health and/or substance use challenges.

EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'. WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.

Emotion Regulation

Young people face many different stressors in today's world. This can often lead to feelings of overwhelm and dysregulation. This event offers support to parents and caregivers with information and strategies to cope with emotion dysregulation and will talk about the critical role that parents and caregivers play in creating the environment for positive change for their young people especially when things can be the most challenging.

Come together with other families to watch this 35 minute video presentation followed by a 40 minute facilitated discussion by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker.

Cost: Free of Charge

Date(s):

Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 6:00pm (PST)
Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 6:30pm (PST)
Thursday, November 16, 2023, 12:00pm (PST)
Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 6:00pm (PST)
Thursday, November 23, 2023, 6:30pm (PST)



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FREE GANG EDUCATION & TRENDS - SEMINAR



REGISTER NOW!



**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH
6:30 - 8:30PM
ROYAL OAK MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND GANG TRENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

- Understand current and local gang-related activity
- Identify early risk factors
- Awareness and education on social media/substance use trends
- Importance of accessing community-based supports
- Parent Resources and Guides
- Live Q&A
- **Prize Draw - Free One Time Saanich Rec Drop In Passes**

Saanich Police in collaboration with Central Saanich, Oak Bay, Victoria Police Departments and partnership with Saanich Community Services Youth Division.



PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

communityengagement@saanichpolice.ca

www.saanich.ca/youth

250 475 7600

Registration Link: [Activity detail](#) | [RecOnline \(activecommunities.com\)](#)

Friday November 17th

6:30 - 8:30pm

Royal Oak Middle School Multi Purpose Room