

next week at colquitz

friday, november 10, 2023

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

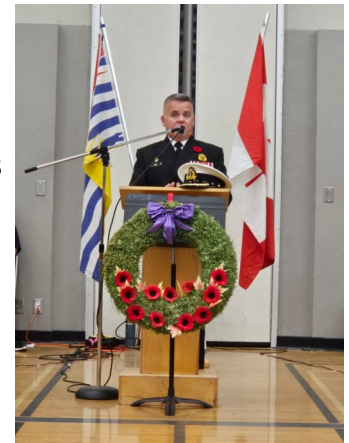
It was a busy week, with a Fire Drill on Monday, Indigenous Veteran's Day and the Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra performance on Wednesday, and of course our Remembrance Day ceremony today. Many thanks to our Librarian, Ms. Abbott, who engaged students in a number of interesting and interactive activities this week for Remembrance Day, including making these felt poppies (see photo).

I am incredibly grateful to the staff and students who helped organize and execute today's ceremony so beautifully.

These people include Ms. McKenzie, Ms. Montgomery, Ms. Spies, Ms. James, our student speakers, Ky Godfrey, Holli Poulin, Erik Morales, Angus Holmwood, Seidra McColl, and Charlie Gardner, Kalli Simpson, student drummers, the choir, and the grade 7 and 8 Bands. A big thank you goes to Commander Steph King for sharing his experiences and insights with us so that we may better understand and appreciate the importance of our Canadian Armed Forces and the sacrifices they make to keep our country, and the world, safe.

Have a wonderful long weekend with your friends and families.

- *Carrie Schlappner*—Principal



next week at a glance

Monday, Nov 13

NO SCHOOL—Remembrance Day, Observed

Tuesday, Nov 14

Wednesday, Nov 15

Thursday, Nov 16

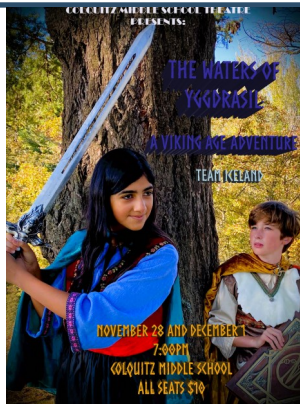
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upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

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
Sunday, Dec 3	<i>International Day for Persons with Disabilities</i>
Thursday, Dec 7	<i>Hanukkah Begins</i>
Sunday, Dec 10	<i>Human Rights Day</i>
Wednesday, Dec 13	Winter Concert—1:15 performance (for students) and 7pm (for families)



Colquitz Middle School Theatre proudly presents our Fall Play,

"The Waters of Yggdrasil: A Viking Age Adventure"

Erik the Red and his children are struggling to maintain order in the new Viking settlement in Greenland, when an unexpected event shakes them to their very core. The children and their friends set off on an adventure battling elves, giants, dwarves, and other mystical creatures to save the settlement and

clear their father's name. Will they make it back to Greenland in time, or will the tides turn against them? Find out when you watch this exciting tale of medieval mayhem!

Performances are Nov. 27-Dec 1st at 7:00pm here in our own drama room. All tickets are \$10 each and available through the following links.

Team Greenland (Nov. 27 and Nov. 30 at 7:00pm) <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/78381>



Prepare for the Weather



It's fall, with hints of 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

Please email colquitz@sd61.bc.ca

**AND your
child's teacher
if your child will
be late or ab-**



**sent, 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

It has been a busy week for Band students. The school was privileged to have an afternoon performance by the Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra on Wednesday and got to workshop "Game of Thrones" with the ensemble. The orchestra of 80+ sounded amazing! Here is a video of the performance: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c3B1iuFd7B0j0o3mLnqb_G3wQFblcFP9/view?usp=sharing

Band 8 and several Band 7 students will be participating in the Remembrance Day assembly tomorrow. Our trumpet and euphonium players have worked very hard on our group "Last Post" over the last few weeks.

Keep your ear open for tour information which is being finalized quickly. It will be a tour of 2 days and one night in Richmond, BC for 80 students with performances, a clinic and tickets to a musical. Tour is for Grade 7 and 8 students in Band/Choir and Strings. Purdys order forms have been distributed and are done completely online. Please see the attached info.

Band playing tests are happening over the next 2 weeks for Band. Everything is done through the Google classroom, so please ask your child about it. The assignment should be live on Friday, Nov 10th.



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_erbwf1f-a_Golk/edit?usp=sharing

BASKETBALL

Tuesday:

Girls 6 Comp 7:30 am practice
Girls 7/8 Comp practice at lunch
Girls Comp game at PCS

Wednesday:

Boys 7/8 Rec practice at lunch
Boys/Girls Comp Double Header after school at Colquitz

Meeting at lunch for all interested students in Volleyball development with Spectrum Coach

Thursday:

Boys 7/8 Rec practice 7:45 am
Boys 6/7 Intramurals at lunch
Boys 7/8 Comp practice after school

Friday:

Girls 6 Comp practice 7:30 am
Girls 7/8 comp practice at lunch
Boys 7/8 Comp practice after school
Swimming after school?

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DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

Co-ed Gr. 6-8



Technical & Tactical Skills Covered:

- Serving & Spiking
- Positions, Rotations & Serve Receive
- Passing
- Setting
- Blocking, Defense & Digging
- Tournament Day



Sundays for SIX WEEKS!

10:00am - 12:00pm

December 3	January 7
December 10	January 14
December 17	January 21

\$120

Register



Registration closes November 30
For more info: brobillard@sd61.bc.ca



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.



communityengagement@saanichpolice.ca www.saanich.ca/youth 250.475.7600

Registration Link: [Activity detail](#) | [RecOnline](#)

(activecommunities.com)

Friday November 17th
6:30 - 8:30pm



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](#)

We have posted a recording of our SOGI parent night on our SOGI district page. It will be posted online until December 20th 2023.

<https://learn.sd61.bc.ca/>

One Learning Community



FREE SAFETY SEMINARS

GANG EDUCATION & TRENDS Ages 18+

An opportunity for parents, caregivers, teachers and youth workers to better understand gang issues and trends in our community.

6:30 - 8:30 PM - Registration Required
November 17th @ Royal Oak Middle School - REGISTER HERE



RELATIONSHIP SAFETY FOR YOUTH Ages 12+

This program will focus on safe dating, cyber security, and healthy relationships, consent and harm reduction for our youth.

7:00 - 8:00 PM - Registration Required
November 20th @ Gordon Head Recreation Centre - REGISTER HERE
November 22nd @ Saanich Commonwealth Place - REGISTER HERE
November 23rd @ GR Pearkes - REGISTER HERE



NEW DRIVER EDUCATION FOR YOUTH Ages 16+

For Grade 10-12 aged new drivers, focusing on the graduated program, and best practices around driving. Learn about the effects of drugs, alcohol, and distracted driving as well as how to remain safe while out with friends.

7:00 - 8:00 PM - Registration Required
December 6th @ Saanich Commonwealth Place - REGISTER HERE
December 7th @ GR Pearkes - REGISTER HERE
December 11th @ Gordon Head Recreation Centre - REGISTER HERE



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Pizza Hot Lunch Thursdays – Order yours now!



This is a reminder that we have opened sales for **Pizza Lunches on Thursdays**, for the month of November.

In the last week of each month, families can order pizza for the next month. **December sales will open on November 30th, and January sales will open on Thursday, December 21st and CLOSE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8th at NOON. The first Pizza Day will be in the New Year will be Jan 11th,**

Please note that you **need to order WEEK TO WEEK**, thus giving you the option to skip weeks if you so choose. **You must get your orders in each week BY MONDAY AT NOON.** There can be no exceptions.

Please note that there are no refunds for unclaimed pizza. Parents – you can arrange to pick up your order the same day or transfer it to another student **if you inform us by 11am Thursdays at colquitz@sd61.bc.ca or call 250-479-1678.**

Here is the link to School Cash Online to make your order:

<https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/>

Spotlight on Learning

Grade 8 Divisions 15 and 16 enjoyed a Team Building Activity in the Foyer this week, where they had to work together to discover the “secret path” in the grids



And thanks again to Ms Montgomery for inviting the Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra to perform for us. It was spectacular!

