

# next week at colquitz

friday, december 15, 2023

## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

In our second-to-last week of school before Winter Break, we enjoyed many fun activities, most notably, three Winter Concerts over Tuesday and Wednesday, and "Cram the Cruiser" on Thursday. Congrats to Division 12 for bringing in the most items! Please see Cram the Cruiser photos on page 7 and more concert photos on page 3. Thank you to our Trustee, Karin Kwan, who joined us for our Tuesday night concert.



Many thanks to Burnside Gorge Community Association and Saanich Police for their support in making the Cram the Cruiser event happen. We work hard at Colquitz to promote kindness and generosity in our school community, and to learn this deeply, students need the opportunity to practice those values and feel the impact of their actions in real life. Events like this allow for that, and we appreciate it.



Another opportunity for students to demonstrate kindness, generosity and gratitude was at Ms. James' Division 22 and Ms. Spies 23's Gratitude Party. Students invite an adult in their life they want to express gratitude to, and share the reasons at the party along with serving food and drink to celebrate. What a wonderful way for students to learn how to show and feel appreciation :)



Have a wonderful weekend with your friends and families.  
One more week!

- Carrie Schlappner—Principal



## next week at a glance

Monday, Dec 18	Caroling before school Candy Grams—last day
Tuesday, Dec 19	Caroling before school Holiday Sweater Contest Grade 8 Students vs Staff Basketball Game @ lunch
Wednesday, Dec 20	Caroling before school Grade 8 Dance Decorate your Door Contest ends
Thursday, Dec 21	Caroling before school Pizza Day
Friday, Dec 22	Caroling before school PJ Day Hot Chocolate or Hot Apple Cider—Bring your own mug Term-End Assembly Learning Updates (Reports) go home digitally

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upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

**Monday, Jan 8**

School re-opens. Happy New Year! :)

**Saturday, Jan 13th**

**Bottle Drive at Colquitz—SAVE YOUR EMPTIES!!**

## COLQUITZ MIDDLE SCHOOL BOTTLE DRIVE



**SATURDAY, JAN 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**10AM-3PM**

505 Dumeresq Street

**SAVE YOUR EMPITES**  
**OVER THE HOLIDAYS**

*Fundraiser to install  
an A/V, screen and  
sound system in our gym*

**Families: Please sign up to help for one of the 2-hour shifts**

**on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CAFA82BA3FAC70-46890537-colquitz>



### Prepare for the Weather



**It's December!** The rain and cold are here. Some mornings, even frost, and snow could be right around the corner.

**PLEASE ensure your child brings a winter 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](mailto:cschlappner@sd61.bc.ca)*

Please email [colquitz@sd61.bc.ca](mailto: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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## Spotlight on Learning

**Our Band, Choir, and Strings Performances** are a wonderful culmination of many hours of hard work, time, effort, patience, and commitment by both staff and students.

Many thanks to our Music teachers, Ms. Montgomery (Band), Ms. Mackenzie (Choir), and Mr. de Vries (Strings), for their dedication to our students and Music Program and for bringing out the best in our students.

And thank you to families for supporting your children in the performing arts, especially our CPAPA parents. Involvement in music enhances academic learning as well as teaches important skills around perseverance, working as both individuals and as a team to create something, and instills a deep understanding of the importance of process and the results of practice and hard work.

I am very proud of our students and teachers.



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## FINE ARTS

Thank you to all of the Band students who participated in Tuba Christmas this year. We had the largest school group present, with 7 students and one parent playing.

Our first concerts of the year are over and I hope you have told your child how proud you are of them. It is a lot of work to prepare for these concerts as well as set up and take down. As this is the first time we have done 2 shorter concerts, I was hoping to get your feedback. Could you please answer the two multiple choice questions through this link to Survey Monkey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8P385LR>



As an update, due to foyer caroling every morning and aboriginal drumming on Thursday morning, all before-school rehearsals this week (including Choir on Monday) have been cancelled. However, students are encouraged to come and join Ms. Reintjes and myself singing carols each morning in the foyer at 8:15am. Regular band classes continue all through the week. Please make sure all instruments go home over the break as EVERY CLASS has new music to work on.

Please see Mrs. Montgomery's website after Christmas for tour emails, updates to the morning schedules and new music to be added.  
<https://montgomerymusic.weebly.com/>

**Yearbooks  
are on sale  
now!**



Yearbooks cost **\$23**.

To order your child a yearbook, please go to [ybpay.ca](http://ybpay.ca) and use the order ID **13717624**. **THESE CANNOT BE ORDERED THROUGH THE SCHOOL.**

**Yearbooks include:**

- 60+ colour pages of individual photos and fun memories from throughout the year.
- Sturdy soft cover
- Zoom insert that features current events and world news from the past year.

**Pizza Hot Lunch  
Thursdays –  
Order yours now!**



This is a reminder that in the last week of each month, families can order pizza for the next month. **January sales will open on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> and CLOSE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup> at NOON. The first Pizza Day will be in the New Year will be Jan 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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](mailto:colquitz@sd61.bc.ca) or call 250-479-1678.**

**Here is the link to School Cash Online to make your order:** <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/>



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## BASKETBALL CAMP

Dec 19-21



**Wade D. Harris**  
Team Market Owner and  
Trainer of the  
**Raleigh FIREBIRDS (TBL)**  
is coming to Victoria, Canada  
for 3 days of powerful  
training and fun.

Souvenir T-Shirts for Attending

- ✓ SKILL TRAINING
- ✓ STRENGTH TRAINING
- ✓ CONDITIONING

Only 40 participants taken  
so register NOW

\$300.00 for 3 x 3 hr days  
3:00-6:00 daily

raleighfirebirds@gmail.com  
**RaleighFirebirds.net**



## BASKET BALL

Skill Training - Strength Training - Conditioning

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Open to all ages

Registration Before Dec 11 / 23  
**\$300.00 FOR 3 X 3 HOUR DAYS**  
3:00 - 6:00 DAILY

Souvenir T-Shirt for attending

RaleighFirebirds.net RaleighFirebirds@gmail.com

## SPORTS @ COLQUITZ—Next Week in VOLLEYBALL

### Monday

- Practice for 7/8 girls recB 7-8am with Mr Brown
- lunch for 6/7 boys with Ms Steffens
- after school for 7/8 boys comp with Mr Robillard

### Tuesday

- Practice for 7/8 girls Rec A 7-8 am with Kiet and student coaches
- Practice 7 Triple Ball Comp girls after school with Lisa Baylis

### Wednesday

- Practice 7 Triple Ball Comp girls Wednesday 7:30-8:30 am with Lisa Baylis

### Friday

- Friday after school practice for 7/8 boys comp with Mr Robillard



**\*\*\*Students should still stay tuned and listen to announcements and check in with their coaches to confirm practices as we negotiate space**

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Please see the attached application for  
**Burnside Gorge (BG) Winter Break  
Camp. **Deadline to register: Dec. 20th****



## Boys and Girls Club Parenting Courses

Many parents who reach out for support feel guilty, blamed by others, isolated, and unsure about what to do. BGC Parenting Programs can help parents address these feelings in a confidential, non-judgemental group setting.

BGC Parenting Programs are professionally facilitated education and support programs for parents of preteens and teens. Parents come to the group with a wide range of concerns regarding their youth:

- teen mental health
- lack of motivation (school attendance)
- drug/alcohol use
- abusive or aggressive actions
- defiant/rebellious attitude

### Courses offered include:

- **Helping Parents and Teens Grow Together.**
- **Parenting Without Power Struggles**
- **Parents In The Know**
- **Parents Together**

**For more information and to  
register, please go to:**

**[https://bgcsvi.org/programs/  
parenting/](https://bgcsvi.org/programs/parenting/)**



## Free Christmas Dinners 2023!

Dec 11 – 5:30 - 8:30 pm; Community dance at 7 pm – Holiday Dinner – Fernwood Community Center. Register at the Fernwood NRG for tickets by Dec 4: 1240 Gladstone St. (250) 381-1552.

Dec 12 – 5:30-7 pm – Christmas Dinner – Downtown Community Center: 755 Pandora Ave. (250) 383-0076.

Dec 16 – 12 pm – Turkey Dinner – Bay Street Armory: 715 Bay Street. Call or visit The Mustard Seed at 625 Queens Ave - for more information: (250) 953-1575.

Dec 20 – 12-1 pm – Christmas Lunch – Our Place: 919 Pandora Ave. (250) 388-7112.

Dec 21 – 3-6 pm – Turkey Dinner & Gifts – Alliance Club Youth Empowerment Society: 533 Yates St. Back-alley entrance. (250) 383-3514. Ages 13 to 19.

Dec 21 – 5-6 pm – Gordy Dodd's Annual Christmas Dinner – Our Place: 919 Pandora Ave. (250) 388-7112.

Dec 22 – Noon – Turkey Lunch – Rainbow Kitchen: 500 Admirals St. (250) 384-2069.

Dec 25 – 8-10 am – Christmas Soup – The Soup Kitchen: 740 View St. (778) 440-7687.

Dec 25 – 12-2 pm – Annual Christmas Dinner – St Andrews Kirk Hall: 680 Courtenay St. (250) 384-5734.

## Low Cost Christmas Dinner

Dec 10 – 6 pm – Seniors' Turkey Dinner. \$12. Pick up tickets at Oaklands Community Association: #1-2827 Belmont Ave. (250) 370-9101.

*Courtesy of the Action Committee of People with Disabilities*



**PARKS, RECREATION  
& COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Please visit the Saanich Parks and Rec website for many opportunities for your children including swimming lessons, skating lessons, and a horse-drawn caroling ride.:

<https://secure.campaigner.com/csb/Public/show/bkmr-2rlozl--15he0i-527sz693>

## Backpack Buddies

Just a reminder to all our  
backpack buddies-  
*please remember to  
bring in your empty  
backpacks or re-useable  
bags back to the office.*





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## Cram the Cruiser 2023

