

next week at colquitz

friday, december 8, 2023

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

There's a lot going on behind the scenes this week with teachers working on Learning Updates, and a lot in front of the scenes, as staff engage in fun winter activities with students.

I had the pleasure of seeing our Librarian, Ms. Abbot (whose last day was today—she just left on mat leave!) and Ms. James, work on decorations using old books. So cool! I also had the pleasure of a student gifting me this little Toque ornament, which she made with her grade 6 class. Love it! And, as you will see on page 5, I also got to enjoy yummy sugar cookies. Delicious!

I love walking around the school and seeing all sorts of fun learning moments in classes. We are fortunate to have such kind, caring, and creative staff working with our students.

Have a wonderful weekend with your friends and families.

- Carrie Schlappner—Principal



next week at a glance

Monday, Dec 11

Tuesday, Dec 12

Winter Concert 7pm— Grades 6,7,8 Band and Jazz Band

Wednesday, Dec 13

Candy Grams
Winter Concert—1:15pm performance (for students)
7pm -Junior, Senior and Provectus Choir & Beg/Int Strings

Thursday, Dec 14

Cram the Cruiser (thanks for your donations!) 9:30-11:30

Friday, Dec 15

Hanukkah Ends
Candy Grams

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upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

Monday, Dec 18	Candy Grams
Tuesday, Dec 19	Holiday Sweater Contest Staff vs Students (Grade 8s) basketball game
Wednesday, Dec 20	Grade 8 Dance
Friday, Dec 22	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE WINTER BREAK PJ Day, Hot Chocolate (Bring our own mug) and Assembly Learning Updates go home (digitally)
Monday, Jan 8th	School re-opens. Happy New Year! :)
Saturday, Jan 13th	Bottle Drive at Colquitz—SAVE YOUR EMPITIES!!

COLQUITZ MIDDLE SCHOOL BOTTLE DRIVE



SATURDAY, JAN 13TH

10AM-3PM

505 Dumeresq Street

**SAVE YOUR EMPITIES
OVER THE HOLIDAYS**

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



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*

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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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



BASKETBALL

Skill Training - Strength Training - Conditioning

19-21 DECEMBER

VICTORIA, BC

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and Trainer of the
Raleigh Firebirds (TBL)
is coming to Victoria
BC for 3 days of
powerful training.

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



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.*



SPORTS @ COLQUITZ—VOLLEYBALL—Stay Tuned

We are sorting through a complex puzzle of when teams can practice based on a number of factors including the gym being closed after school on Tuesday and Wednesday this coming week for our concerts. Please ask your child(ren) to be sure to keep clothes in their lockers to practice in and pay close attention to announcements this coming week.

So far:

Girls 7/8 comp Tuesday/Friday 7-8am

Boys 7/7 comp Monday/Friday after school

Girls 6/7 Friday 7-8 am



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Band Update

CONCERT DETAILS

Tuesday, Dec 12th - 7 pm start, students and baked goodies arrive at 6:30. Band 6,7,8 and Jazz Band

Wed, Dec 13th 1 pm – Highlights concert – Band 8, Jazz Band, Choir and Adv Strings

Poinsettia and Purdy's pick-up 4-9 pm Wednesday (see details attached to this NWAC email)

Wednesday night – 7 pm start, students and baked goodies arrive at 6:30. All Choirs, Beginner, Intermediate and Advance Strings

There will be **NO Band 7 on Wednesday morning and NO Band 6 on Thursday morning**

Please help support your student and the Colquitz Performing Arts by donating delicious baked goods to either or both concerts (in labeled containers with your name and if the item has any dietary specialties). Sales are by cash donation. Please bring a container to store your purchased goodies.

To help students focus on their performance (and keep crumbs out of their instruments) they will not be permitted to purchase or eat bake sale items until after the concert.

We need volunteers to make the bake sales at both concerts a success. Please sign-up to help set-up before, or manage sales and clean-up after the concert.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044DA5A72AAAFE3-46332238-cpapa>



TOUR

There are still a few parents who have not paid the first tour payment of \$200. Please visit the **School Cash online** to do so as I am requesting the cheque to pay the deposit. After this weekend, \$100 of your trip is non-refundable. The next payment will be added to School Cash online after Christmas, will take your fundraising into account and will be your smallest payment.

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** and use the order ID **13717624**.

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 21st and CLOSE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8th at NOON. The first Pizza Day will be in the New Year will be Jan 11th.**

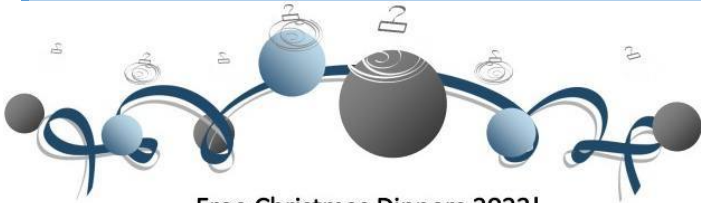
Please note that you **need to order WEEK TO WEEK**, thus giving you the option to skip weeks if you so choose. **You must get your orders in each week BY MONDAY AT NOON. There can be no exceptions.**

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

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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.

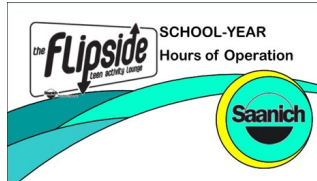
Courtesy of the [Action Committee of People with Disabilities](#)

Spotlight on Learning

Learning Support teachers Bre Drouin, Michelle Dixon, Mitch Dwyer and Lynn Elliott worked with students on baking skills this week— and we got to enjoy yummy sugar cookies as a result!



Flipside Winter/ Spring Programs! Registration Begins Dec 6th



MONDAY

After School Drop In 3:15 – 5:15 Girls On The Go 6 – 8 [Link](#)

TUESDAY

After School Drop In 3:15 – 5:15

WEDNESDAY

After School Drop In 3:15 – 5:15 Craft & Art 6 – 7:30 [Link](#)

THURSDAY

After School Drop In 3:15 – 5:15

Board Game Café 6 – 7:30 (Jan 11-March 14) [Link](#)

Outdoor Adventure Club 4:30 – 6:30 (April 4-June 6) [Link](#)

Teen 2 Chef 4:30– 6:30 (April 4-May 9) [Link](#)

FRIDAY

After School Drop In 3:15 – 5:15

Fri Pizza Skating & Movie: 5:45 – 8:15 (Jan 12-April 19)

Questions?

Email Tyler.smith2@saanich.ca or call 250-475-5462

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SAANICH POLICE, BURNSIDE GORGE COMMUNITY AND COLQUITZ MIDDLE SCHOOL. WE ARE EXCITED FOR OUR...
10th annual
Cram the Cruiser
Thursday, December 14

We accept donations of non-perishable foods and new, unwrapped toys.
On December 14 we will CRAM THE CRUISER at Colquitz Middle School

10 more
days to
Winter
break!
Woot,
woot!

