

next week at colquitz

friday, january 19, 2024

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

The cold and snow have definitely created some new and different opportunities this week for students. From building snowpeople, to playing with snowballs, or just being outside in temperatures below zero, many (some? Ha) students enjoyed the winter weather. Enjoy these photos of student fun. :)

Last Saturday, a small but mighty crew of parents along with Ms Elford and I, hosted our Colquitz Bottle Drive to raise money for an installed sound and AV system in our gym. Many thanks to Kindree Draper, our PAC President, her husband, John, Kai Reicken, Meredith and Maddy Walker, Petra-Ann Chalupnik, and Grant Sheppard for their hard work in the FREEZING cold. And of course a big thank you to everyone who donated their empties for our cause, including picking up from friends and family. We appreciate it! We raised \$447.58! Not bad for a day when it seemed like every other school was also holding a bottle drive. ;)

Have a wonderful (hopefully warmer) weekend with your family.

- Carrie Schlappner—Principal



next week at a glance

Monday, Jan 22

Tuesday, Jan 23

Wednesday, Jan 24

Thursday, Jan 25

Pizza Day
TWIN DAY

Friday, Jan 26

ProD Day—No school for students



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upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

Tuesday, Jan 29	Musical Parent Info Night @ 6:30
Friday, Feb 2	Deadline for Grade 8 Applications to Secondary Programs of Choice
Monday, Feb 5	Candy Jar Guesses
Wednesday, Feb 7	Cycle 2 Enrichment Starts
Saturday, Feb 10	Chinese / Lunar New Year begins
Mon-Fri, Feb 12-16	Transfer week—(see page 4 for details)
Friday, Feb 16	ProD Day—no school for students

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 This Week:

Link to schedule: [Volleyball practice and game schedule](#)

Jan 22- 26

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	-7/8 recTB girls (B) 7-8:00	-7/8 comp girls -Gr 7/8 TB rec (A)(Irving + Olive) 7-8:00 am	-7 tb comp girls 7:30-8:30		-7/8 comp girls -6 triple ball 7-8:00am
Lunch	girls 6 triple ball (starting 15th)	Boys 6/7	Boys 6/7	Gr 7/8 Rec A (Irving)	
After school	Boys 7 / 8 Comp 3 - 5	* gr 7 TB comp until games begin	Boys 7 / 8 Comp 3 - 5	Boys 7 / 8 Comp 3 - 5	
Game days	Boys 7/8	Girls 6/7	Girls 7/8 comp @ LANSLOWNE	Boys 6/7	



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

Musical Theatre

Auditions for the Musical continue this week with **Solo singing auditions at lunch times**, and more opportunities for **Speaking auditions after school**. This is a learning environment for theatre. We encourage students to take every opportunity so that they can feel successful and that they've given it their best shot! **Audition permission forms should be in by no later than Thursday.**

Band 8

Parents: Please check your emails for information on our chance to play the national anthem at a Victoria Cougars Hockey Game on February 15th. I need to know who is able to attend.

Tour

Parents: The final two payments minus fundraising should be on School Cash Online and students have been given an important form to fill out which contains medical information and a Code of Conduct form. These forms need to be returned to Mrs. Montgomery as soon as possible. Please make sure your child also signs the Code of Conduct form. The forms are on Mrs. Montgomery's website under the TOUR page: <https://montgomerymusic.weebly.com/>

Spotlight on Learning

For some of our students new to Canada, this week was the first time they saw snow. Our ELL teacher, Ms Fenton, captured their excitement in some photos and had them write about their experiences.



Lunchtime Kernels Popcorn Sales Are Back!

Tuesdays at lunch (while supplies last)
\$3/bag

Flavours: Caramel, Dill, Buttersalt, and Cheese
Eat delicious popcorn and support the Colquitz Performing Arts

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 order: <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/>

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Student Transfer Process – February 12-16th, 2024

We've received some phone calls and emails about the transfer process, especially around grade 8s who may want to go to a high school other than their catchment school. Here is the information you need to know, including that the transfer process does not occur until February. Also know that if your child applies for and is **ACCEPTED INTO** and a Program of Choice (see flyer to the right), you do **NOT** need to apply for a transfer.



The annual K-12 Student Transfer Process facilitates requests from students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 to transfer to schools outside of a designated catchment. **To apply for a transfer request you must complete a transfer form during the K-12 Student Transfer Process week of February 12-16, 2024.**

Transfer forms are available here for families to print at home: for 2024-2025 school year [K-12 Student Transfer Application](#)

Transfer forms for 2023-2024 school year (current school year) [K-12 Student Transfer Application](#)

Forms will also be available for students to pick up at their current school office. Students will return transfer request forms to the office during the period of Feb 12-16th (we are not asking parents to enter schools for this).

Students who are not in the catchment and looking to follow the school pathway at the time of transition from elementary to middle and middle to secondary (Grades 5 and 8), will now have to apply for a transfer request. **Non-catchment students no longer automatically follow their current school pathway.**

If you are unsure of your catchment, please use the SD61 School Locator Tool to find out:
<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/schools/school-locator/>

For more information on in-catchment school pathways and transitions, please visit [K-12 Student Transfer Application](#)

In the event, a school receives more transfer requests by grade than the number of seats it can accommodate, the **waitlist order of transfer requests will be determined by lottery** in accordance with our student enrolment priorities. Therefore, there is **no advantage of submitting your transfer request first**. Please submit your request at your convenience during the communicated dates.

Please go to <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/registration/student-transfer-process/> if you have further questions.

Greater VICTORIA School District

Discover Your Passion

in Secondary

Are you the student who would like to explore a Program of Choice for the 2024-2025 school year? Attend an information session for guardians and students to learn more about the options.

January 11
Flexible Studies: Leadership in Learning
Reynolds Secondary
7:00 p.m. in gym

January 11
Centre for Soccer Excellence (CSE)
Reynolds Secondary
7:45 p.m. in gym

January 15
Baseball and Softball Academy
Lambrick Park Secondary
7:00 p.m. in library

January 16
Esquimalt Rugby Academy
Esquimalt Secondary
7:00 p.m. in library

January 17
Challenge Program
(Offered at Mount Doug and Esquimalt Secondary)
Esquimalt Secondary
7:00 p.m. in gym

January 18
Spectrum Hockey Skills Academy
Spectrum Secondary
7:00 p.m. in library

Application deadline for Secondary Programs of Choice is Friday, February 2nd, 2024.

For more information on Secondary Programs of Choice, please visit the school websites.

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Greater VICTORIA School District

Prepare for the Weather

It's January! The rain and cold are here, and as we have now experienced, snow and below zero temperatures.

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

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Parent Education Opportunities

(1) FamilySmart "In The Know" Parent Education event titled "Supporting Safety At Home" OnLine - 5 Events

Join us in watching a video with **Lu Ripley**, Director of Community Learning and Engagement at the **BC Crisis Centre** and **Tammy Music**, FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker at **Surrey Memorial Hospital's Child & Adolescent Psychiatric Stabilization Unit** as they discuss how to talk to your kids about safety. Safety concerns can include suicidal thoughts, self harming behaviours, increased reactivity or aggression and any situation where you or your child is concerned about staying safe at home.

Dates and Times available: <https://familysmart.ca/monthly-events/>
Watch Now: <https://youtu.be/bfej3x7UFTQ?si=XEzidEWI70fbgPjs>

(2) The Foundry Parent Education topic "Y Minds - Parent Overview of An Anxiety Program for Youth" In Person Monday January 22, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Y Mind is an innovative, youth informed, early intervention program that helps teens and young adults manage stress and anxiety. This workshop will give you an in depth look at the Y Mind program, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, Mindfulness and Self Compassion.

Speaker: **Lana Millott**, Y Minds Program Manager, Facilitated life/communication skills and employment skills to at-risk youth for 23 years in Victoria and Sidney.

To Register email: Lisa.Tate@FamilySmart.ca

(3) The Boys and Girls Club (BGC) Winter Parenting Programs Online

Parents Together, Tuesdays, 12-1:30 pm or 6:30-8pm for parents of 13 - 19 yrs

Parents in the Know, Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm, January 10th Start 13 - 18yrs

Parenting Without Power Struggles, Thursdays, 6:30-8pm, Feb.15th Start 9 - 12 yrs

Topics include: **Relationship-based practices**, **Communication skills**, **Boundaries**, and turning over responsibility as appropriate, and **Self-care** – taking back your life

All programs are via zoom.

Registration: <https://bgcsvg.org/programs/parenting/>

erase | EXPECT RESPECT & A SAFE EDUCATION

Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities

Social Media Awareness Family Sessions: Saferschooltogether in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, have opened up four dates for "Social Media Awareness" Family Sessions. These sessions were designed to support families and caregivers in navigating the digital world.

Sessions are on January 23, February 7 and 28

Dates, times and information to register can be found in this link: [erase Family Sessions \(saferschooltogether.com\)](https://saferschooltogether.com)

Click any 6 digit code to register | GENERAL REGISTRATION **DEC 6**

SAANICH POLICE DEPARTMENT Please join us for the following seminar series presented by the Saanich Police Community Engagement Division. **FREE**

GANG EDUCATION & TRENDS
Join us for a FREE Gang Education & Trends Seminar. This is an opportunity for adults and youth to better understand the trends police are seeing in our community. Are you stuck for answers when your teen asks you the hard questions about their peer group? Are you looking for some insight about what's going on in the world of youth? Are you seeking resources and information for how to talk to your teen about gang awareness?
Saanich Youth Services in partnership with the Saanich Police Department is hosting a learning opportunity for parents, caregivers, and youth workers.
In this workshop, participants will have the chance to ask questions and gather all of the up-to-date information from police officers and youth workers in our community.

SAANICH COMMONWEALTH PLACE	110448	Tu	Feb 6	6:30-8pm	FREE
G. R. PEARKES RECREATION CENTRE	110449	Tu	Apr 9	6:30-8pm	FREE

GRADE 12 GRADUATION SAFETY
In partnership with Saanich Police, learn about how to ensure you stay safe during graduation celebrations. This seminar will give grade 12 students the tools to make informed smart choices while celebrating their graduation. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend with their youth.

G. R. PEARKES RECREATION CENTRE	110446	Tu	May 14	6:30-8pm	FREE
SAANICH COMMONWEALTH PLACE	110447	Tu	May 21	6:30-8pm	FREE

TEEN NEW DRIVER EDUCATION
In partnership with Saanich Police, calling all grade 10-12 new drivers. Focus on the graduate program, and best and safest practices around driving. Learn about the effects of drugs, alcohol, and distracted driving as well as how to remain safe while out with friends.

GORDON HEAD RECREATION CENTRE	110432	Tu	Jan 23	6:30-8pm	FREE
G. R. PEARKES RECREATION CENTRE	110433	Tu	Feb 20	6:30-8pm	FREE

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT ONLINE DATING SAFETY
In partnership with Saanich Police, learn about how to safely engage in online dating. What is a fake account? What information to give out, what to keep to yourself? What is consent? This seminar will give youth the tools to make informed smart choices while engaging online with peers. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend with their youth.

GORDON HEAD RECREATION CENTRE	110444	Tu	Feb 13	6:30-8pm	FREE
GORDON HEAD RECREATION CENTRE	110445	Tu	May 7	6:30-8pm	FREE

YOUTH PARTY SAFE
In partnership with Saanich Police, learn about the effects of drugs, alcohol, consent and how safe while out with friends. This seminar will give youth the tools to make informed smart choices while hanging out with their peers. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend with their youth.

SAANICH COMMONWEALTH PLACE	110434	Tu	Jan 16	6:30-8pm	FREE
SAANICH COMMONWEALTH PLACE	110435	Tu	Apr 16	6:30-8pm	FREE

YOUTH RELATIONSHIP SAFETY
In partnership with Saanich Police, this program focuses on safe dating, cyber security, and healthy relationships for youth. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend this event with their youth.

G. R. PEARKES RECREATION CENTRE	110450	Tu	Jan 30	6:30-8pm	FREE
GORDON HEAD RECREATION CENTRE	110451	Tu	Apr 23	6:30-8pm	FREE

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OAK BAY HIGH SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTS

GANG EDUCATION & TRENDS SEMINAR

FREE!



REGISTER NOW!

THURSDAY JANUARY 25, 2024

7:00-9:00 PM

DAVE DUNNET THEATRE
(OAK BAY HIGH SCHOOL)
PARKING IS LIMITED
FREE - REGISTRATION REQUIRED



AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH 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 (time permitting)
- Prize Draw - Free one-time use Oak Bay Parks, Recreation and Culture drop-in pass.

Oak Bay High School Parent Advisory Committee in collaboration with Oak Bay, Victoria, Saanich and Central Saanich Police Departments and partnership with Oak Bay Parks, Recreation and Culture.



Registration Required

Recreation.OakBay.ca

250-595-7946

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**. **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.

Survival Socks Initiative

The Survival Socks Initiative is back at Colquitz! The students in the Lead the Change Club are collecting toiletry items for our Survival Socks. Our goal is to put together 100 socks stuffed with toiletry items to deliver to people in need.

We are looking to collect **new** toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, small (hotel size/ sample size) shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, small tissue packages, feminine hygiene products, combs, band-aids, Q-tips, hand sanitizer or wipes, and new or nearly new and clean crew (or longer) adult sized socks. We can also stuff the socks with small non-perishable items such as Granola bars, fruit leathers and packages of gum. If families want to contribute, but would prefer to donate money to help our club buy some supplies, we are also accepting cash donations or online donations (through schoolcashionline.com)

Thank you in advance for any donations. This is a wonderful way to make a positive impact in our community.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Lead the Change teacher Brianne Irving at birving@sd61.bc.ca

