

next week at colquitz

friday, january 26, 2024

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

Well, the snow has melted and the temperature has risen—hooray! I realize that the snow has its fun elements, which I hoped the majority of students enjoyed—and I know as the adults, we appreciate clear roads and knowing our kids can get to and from school safely. I am relieved to leave the Winter Wonderland behind for now.

This week we had a fun **TWIN (sometimes triplets) DAY**. Both staff and students participated enthusiastically. I must admit, I love these days for their reinforcement of community, connection and belonging. Many thanks to Ms Schuring and Ms Irving who organize all of these Spirit Days!

We also had a **ProD Day** today, where staff learned more about **Anti-Racism and EDI**—see page 3 for details.

Black History Month begins on Thursday. We will be inviting students to assist with planning school-wide activities and events like an assembly. Let your child know if you think they would be interested.

As I mention on Page 3's "Spotlight on Learning", we would also like to extend an **invitation to family members** who would like to support our students' learning about Black history, heritage, culture and experiences. Please email me at cschlappner@sd61.bc.ca if you would like to discuss ideas, planning, or presenting in some way.

Have a wonderful, warmer weekend with your family.
- Carrie Schlappner—Principal



The beauty of anti-racism is that you don't have to pretend to be free of racism to be an anti-racist. Anti-racism is the commitment to fight racism wherever you find it, including in yourself. And it's the only way forward.

-Ijeoma Oluo

WCEP WILLIAMSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY



next week at a glance

Monday, Jan 29	Musical Parent Info Night @ 6:30
Tuesday, Jan 30	
Wednesday, Jan 31	
Thursday, Feb 1	Black History Month begins Pizza Day
Friday, Feb 2	Deadline for Grade 8 Applications to Secondary Programs of Choice

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upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

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 7 for details)
Friday, Feb 16	ProD Day—no school for students
Monday, Feb 19	Family Day—No School
Tuesday, Feb 20	PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm in library
Friday, Feb 23	CC Day #2—Early Dismissal at 11:45am
Wednesday, Feb 28	Pink Shirt Day
Thursday, Feb 29	Leap Year!
Friday, March 1	Indigenous Student Lunch



Indoor Gym Shoes, Please!

These days, we are a lot less strict about gym strip in Phys Ed class. However, we would very much appreciate if all students could **keep a pair of running/gym shoes in their locker to wear for**

PE. Having appropriate shoes for PE is important for two main reasons:

Safety – When students are not in runners, they can more easily twist ankles or knees, especially when doing activities that require speed and agility.

Damage to Gym floor – Students’ shoes get rocks in them that scratch the gym floor, mud causes floors to be slippery and can lead to falls, and some boots can leave black marks as well. This increases the frequency with which we need to repair the floor, which costs money. We would much rather have funds go to things that more directly benefit students!

If your family needs assistance with purchasing gym shoes, please let us know, and we will see what we can do to help.

Thanks in advance for your help with this.

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

SPORTS @ COLQUITZ Volleyball This Week:

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

January 29-Feb 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	-½ recTB girls (B) 7-8:00	-½ comp girls -Gr 7/8 TB rec (A)(Irving + Olive) 7-8:00 am	-7 tb comp girls 7:30-8:30		-½ comp girls -6 triple ball 7-8:00am
Lunch	girls 6 triple ball	Boys 6/7	Boys 6/7	Gr ½ Rec A (Irving)	
After school Practice		Boys ½ comp 3-5		Boys 7 / 8 Comp 3 - 5	
Game days	Boys ½ @Centre Mtn Lellum	Girls 6/7 TB comp @ Spencer 6/7 Girls Rec @Victor Brodeur	Girls ½ Rec B @Colquitz Girls ½ Comp @ CENTRAL Girls ½ Rec A @Victor Brodeur	Boys 6/7 Rec @Lansdowne	

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FINE ARTS

Musical Theatre

Monday at lunch will be a "make up session" for any students that might have missed any element of the audition process due to illness, snow, or other extenuating circumstances.

Callbacks (where actors are called back to confirm casting) for certain characters on **Monday after school**.

**Monday night will be an Information Meeting for families and parents of Musical theatre students in the Art room at 6:30 - 7:30pm*

Cast list will be posted in the google classroom and at school on **Tuesday after school**.

Full cast read through and script pick up Wednesday after school (until 4:30pm)

First Sunday rehearsal on February 4th for all actors in the "Village" scene for the song "Belle" from **1:00 - 4:00pm**. Enter through the Art room!



Band

Hockey Game National Anthem for Grade 8 Band and guests February 15th
Fun field trip to Spectrum for Grade 8 Band on Thursday morning, February 22nd.

Please keep checking Mrs. Montgomery's website for Tour updates and information. I am still missing some medical forms and we will soon be assigning room groups, so students have to pay attention to announcements

<https://montgomerymusic.weebly.com/>

erase | EXPECT RESPECT & A SAFE EDUCATION

Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities

Social Media Awareness Family Sessions:

Saferschoolstogether 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.

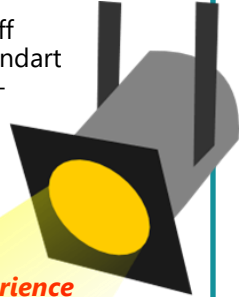
Sessions are on February 7 and 28

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

Spotlight on Learning

Today's Spotlight is on STAFF Learning. At our ProD Day today, staff participated in a workshop led by Mandart Chan on Anti-Racism and EDI (Equity-Diversity-Inclusion). Staff deepened their learning and made goals to apply new insights in their personal lives, their professional practice, and the school.

*If you are a parent who is interested in sharing your **knowledge and experience with staff and students around Anti-Racism and EDI topics, including around the upcoming Black History Month, please contact Ms Schlappner at cschlappner@sd61.bc.ca We would love to have more connections with parents and community in our school.***



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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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



Parent Education Opportunities

(1) FamilySmart Parent Education Opportunities

Topics range from Eating Disorders, Anxiety, "Beyond Behaviours", and Depression

Dates and Times available: <https://familysmart.ca/monthly-events/>

(2) 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

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://bgcswi.org/programs/parenting/>

More "TWINNING" and "TRIPLETING!"



Youth

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 Saanchich 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 Saanchich 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 Saanchich 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 Saanchich 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 Saanchich 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 Saanchich 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 Saanchich 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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Tuesdays
Jan 16 –
Feb 27

Burnside Gorge

Board Game Drop-in

Free
Entry

Ages 12–17

Join us at the BGCA Youth Centre for an evening of board game fun. We have a great collection of games that range from old classics to games you've never heard off

Contact Ryder at ryder@burnsidegorge.ca for more details

Burnside Gorge Community Centre
471 Cecelia Rd.5



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



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Colquitz Grade 8 Grad Spirit Wear



Russell Fleece Hoodie
Left chest embroidered logo
Royal Blue
Black
Sport Grey
Sizes: Youth S-XL
Adult S-XXL
\$38.00
Student's Signature inside "24"



Cotton T-Shirt
Left chest embroidered logo
Royal Blue
Black
Sport Grey
Sizes Youth S-XL
Adult S-XXL
\$17.00
Student's signature inside "24"

Orders can be placed on School Cash online between open now until February 5 2024. Order deadline February 5 at 12pm. Sorry, but no exceptions will be made.

ALL PRICES INCLUDE TAX

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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 this year?

Attend an information session for guardians and students to learn more about the options.

Date	Program	Location	Time
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.

Discover Your Passion

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