

# next week at colquitz

friday, february 2, 2024

## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

Welcome to February!

**Black History Month started on Thursday.** In addition to numerous classroom activities, we have a small but mighty group of students who are organizing activities to highlight and celebrate the accomplishments of black Canadians, including announcements every day, playing a song by a Canadian artist at the end of each day, and we are planning a school-wide assembly. Let your child know if you think they would be interested in joining in.

As I also mentioned last week, we would 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](mailto:cschlappner@sd61.bc.ca) if you would like to discuss ideas, planning, or presenting in some way. The Lunar New Year begins on the 10th, and we would also welcome family members who would like to come into the school to help us with ideas to celebrate.

Just a reminder that Term 2 is a short one, and we are already at the half-way point. We encourage them to share their learning with you, and keep up rather than catch up!

Have a wonderful weekend with your family.

- Carrie Schlappner—Principal



## next week at a glance

Monday, Feb 5	<i>Candy Grams sold this week</i>
Tuesday, Feb 6	Lahal at lunch
Wednesday, Feb 7	Black History Month Assembly Planning at lunch Cycle 2 Enrichment Starts
Thursday, Feb 8	Indigenous Drumming in Foyer at 8:20am Pizza Day
Friday, Feb 9	Black History Month Assembly Planning at lunch

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## upcoming important dates—mark your calendars!

<b>Saturday, Feb 10</b>	Chinese / Lunar New Year begins
<b>Mon-Fri, Feb 12-16</b>	Transfer week—(see page 7 for details)
<b>Friday, Feb 16</b>	ProD Day—no school for students
<b>Monday, Feb 19</b>	Family Day—No School
<b>Tuesday, Feb 20</b>	PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm in library
<b>Friday, Feb 23</b>	CC Day #2—Early Dismissal at 11:45am
<b>Wednesday, Feb 28</b>	Pink Shirt Day
<b>Thursday, Feb 29</b>	Leap Year!
<b>Friday, March 1</b>	Indigenous Student Lunch
<b>Wednesday, March 6</b>	Spring Concert at 7pm
<b>Thursday, March 7</b>	Battle of the Books (select students)



### 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 indoor 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](mailto: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](#)

### February 5-9th

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before school</b>	-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
<b>Lunch</b>	girls 6 triple ball (starting 15th)	Boys 6/7	Boys 6/7	Gr ½ Rec A (Irving)	
<b>After school Practice</b>				Boys 7 / 8 Comp 3 - 5	
<b>Game days</b>	Boys ½ Comp @Colquitz	Girls 6/7 TB comp @ Colquitz,	Girls ½ Comp @Colquitz		

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## Band

### February is "Practice Challenge Month"

Students have been given a purple piece of paper to record their practicing for the month. It must be handed in on February 27th or 28th (based on grade), must be totaled in minutes, and must be signed by a parent. Winners will get a free lunch.



### Hockey Game Performance

February 15th 6:15 pm – Grade 8 band plus a few grade 7 students will be playing O Canada at a Victoria Cougars Hockey game. Students and parents can stay and watch the game. You are responsible to get your own instrument there.

### Field trip to Spectrum Community School for Band 8, Thursday, February 22nd

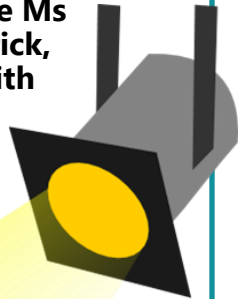
Students will walk to Spectrum and spend the morning with their junior concert band, playing their pieces and ours.

## TOUR UPDATE

*The second payment should have been made already and the final payment is coming in February. Payments can be made either with school cash online or by cheque/cash. Please don't be late on the third payment as I have to make the total payment 8 weeks before tour. Medical forms have almost all been handed in.*

## Spotlight on Learning

We are very fortunate to have Ms Montgomery's husband, Patrick, volunteer his time to work with keen math students in "Math Challengers". This is in part preparation for the Gauss Math Contest in the spring. Thank you, Patrick!



**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)

## 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.

### February sales are open.

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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## 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/>



## Hockey, Hockey, Hockey!

Colquitz families are invited to watch the **Victoria Cougars** play the Oceanside Generals on **February 15 at 7:00pm at the Archie Browning Sports Centre.**

**This event is free for all Colquitz families!**

**Please note that students must be accompanied by an adult for safety reasons.**

If you have any questions, please email Ms. Goldman at [mgoldman@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:mgoldman@sd61.bc.ca).

**Thank you, Ms Goldman, for organizing!**



## Youth

Click any 6 digit code to register | GENERAL REGISTRATION



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	110432	Tu	Jan 23	6:30-8pm	FREE
SAANICH COMMONWEALTH PLACE	110437	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 hanging out with their peers. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend with their youth.

GORDON HEAD RECREATION CENTRE	110444	Tu	Feb 13	6:30-8pm	FREE
	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
	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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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](mailto: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](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.

## Survival Socks Initiative— Please donate by **FEBURARY 5th!**

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](http://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](mailto:birving@sd61.bc.ca)

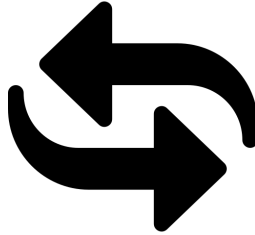


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## Student Transfer Process – February 12-16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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 12-16<sup>th</sup> (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 Programs of Choice

Are you thinking about re...  
Choice for the 202...  
Attend an...

**If you missed these opportunities and would like to find out more, please contact the Secondary School in question directly.**

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 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



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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## Accepting Applications for 2024-2025

- CHARACTER
- ACCOUNTABILITY
- CITIZENSHIP
- TIME MANAGEMENT
- HEALTHY ATHLETIC LIFESTYLE



**REGISTRATION PACKAGE**

[www.SpectrumHockey.ca](http://www.SpectrumHockey.ca)

**February 16  
deadline**

**SPOTS ARE FILLING UP FAST!**