

next week at colquitz

friday, march 8, 2024

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

Here we are. Going into the last week before Spring Break. It's been a wonderful and wild ride so far this year!

It was International Women's Day today. I hope you all get a chance to celebrate and pay tribute to the important women in your life!

This week we saw Grade 9 Course Selection with our grade 8s (please return forms if you haven't already!), and our amazing Spring Concert. Students in Strings, Band, and Choir performed beautifully for their peers in the afternoon on Wednesday, and that night for their families. I am always so impressed by how professional our students sound! This takes a lot of dedication and hard work on behalf of students, and their teachers Ms. Montgomery, Ms. Mackenzie, and Mr. De Vries as well! The night culminated with a 180 person choir including some Grade 4/5 Choir students from Tillicum Elementary. It was moving and inspiring!

I'm off to read a sign a few hundred Learning Updates now! Looking forward to it!

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



next week at a glance

Monday, March 11

Tuesday, March 12 Tacky Tourist Day

Wednesday, March 13

Thursday, March 14

Friday, March 15 **LAST DAY BEFORE SPRING BREAK; Learning Updates home digitally**

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upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

Saturday, March 10	Ramadan Begins; Daylight Savings Time Notification of all Transfer Requests
WEDNESDAY, April 3	First Day Back after Spring Break. Note the later start!
NO PIZZA DAY THE FIRST THURSDAY!	
FRIDAY, April 5	Indigenous Student Lunch
Monday, April 8	Ramadan ends
Tuesday, April 9	Band Tour Meeting—7pm

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.

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](#)

March 11-15th

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	-7% recTB girls (B) 7-8:00	-7% comp girls	-7 tb comp girls 7:30-8:30		-7% comp girls -6 triple ball 7-8:00am
Lunch	girls 6 triple ball	Boys 6/7	Boys 6/7		
After school		*Boys 7% comp when there are no games 3-5	Boys 7 / 8 Comp 3 - 5 (depends on play offs)	Boys 7 / 8 Comp 3 - 5	7% girls comp 5-7
Game days	Boys 7% Comp Playoffs	Girls 6/7 TB comp Playoffs		scope	

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FINE ARTS UPDATES

Congratulations to all of the students who performed on Wednesday! It was a wonderful demonstration of your hard work!



MUSICAL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

MARCH						
sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
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3 Sunday rehearsal "GASTON" ONLY "BE OUR GUEST" & "HUMAN AGAIN"	4 Lunch: Enchantress transitions After school: Main Castle, Belle	5 Lunch: Dance Wolf attacks After school: Belle, Main Castle (No Beast)	6 After School NARRATORS	7 Lunch: Crew After school: Gaston & LeFou, M. D'Arque	8	9
10 Sunday afternoon rehearsal "GASTON" & "BELLE" REVIEW	11 Lunch: Enchantress transitions After school: Main Castle, Belle	12 Lunch: Dance Wolf attacks After school: Review all Belle scenes	13 SPRING COLLECT 11:15 & 7:00 PM	14 Lunch: Crew After school: Belle and Beast	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Spotlight on Learning

Many thanks to Kristi Bridgeman, who is grandmother to one of our students, who shared her Métis artistic knowledge and skills with Ms Elford's Community Action classes. She taught students how to make these gorgeous "moccasin socks" using rocks and paint.



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Lost & Found

Stop by to check out the clothing rack in the main foyer. Unclaimed items will be donated after March 14th



BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES GANG EDUCATION SEMINAR

This free seminar aims to empower parents and guardians, teachers, youth workers and administrators with knowledge and awareness on the current gang situation in our community to reduce risk and harm to our youth.

Hosted by West Shore Parks & Recreation in partnership with West Shore RCMP and CFSEU-BC's End Gang Life initiative.



NEW DATE MONDAY MARCH 11, 2024
6:15 – 8:15PM | FREE

JDF 55+ Activity Centre
Auditorium | 1767 Island Hwy.
(Registration is required:
wspr.ca > course code 13956)

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Understand current and local gang related activity
- Gang recruitment tactics
- How to identify early risk factors in youth
- Awareness and education on social media/substance use trends
- Importance of accessing community based supports

www.wspr.ca | 250-478-8384



MIDDLE SCHOOL TRADES EXPLORATION SUMMER PROGRAMS

Open to all students from our partnership school districts born between 2010-2012.

Expressions of Interest:
March 4 to April 5

JULY 2-5 PROGRAMS

- Pipe Trades
- Build Green Together
- Culinary

JULY 8-12 PROGRAMS

- Future Women in Trades Sampler
- Sheet Metal

Generously sponsored by
Camosun and Industry
\$50 / student

On site at Camosun College Interurban, 76 seats per program



For more information please scan the QR code or visit:
camosun.ca/dual-credit



Community Action is collecting clean, gently used clothing to donate to the Burnside Gorge Community Association. All sizes, baby – adult, are accepted. Please drop off donations by March 14th to the box in front of the office. Thank you for your support!

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JOIN THE GREATER VICTORIA GREEN TEAM AND UVIC TO HAVE FUN & REMOVE INVASIVE PLANTS!

DATE: Saturday March 17th
TIME: 9:45am - 1:00pm
LOCATION: Sedgewick Building, UVic
 (near parking lot 4)
SIGN-UP: On Meetup: bit.ly/GVGT-Mar17

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! All ages, abilities & experience levels welcome.
 Instruction, tools, gloves & snacks provided.



Questions & Sign Up:
 Email: Severine@GreenTeamsCanada.ca

Activity made possible through partnership between UVic Planning & Sustainability and the Greater Victoria Green Team



'intheknow'

Connect and Learn

For families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with mental health and/or substance use challenges.

EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'. WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.

Beyond Behaviours: When is It More? What it Looks Like in Ages 13-18

It can be tricky to tell if our kids' development is on track, if they are going through a phase, or struggling with something more? You are not alone. Come together with other families to watch this 25 minute video presentation featuring speaker Victoria Keads, a parent with lived experience and Karan Peters, a mental health therapist who supports children, teens and families, for a discussion about understanding challenging behaviours in the younger years.

Come together with other families to watch this video presentation followed by a facilitated discussion by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker

Cost: Free of Charge

Dates:

- Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 6:00pm (PST)
- Thursday, March 7, 2024, 6:30pm (PST)
- Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 12:00pm (PDT)
- Thursday, March 14, 2024, 6:30pm (PDT)
- Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 6:00pm (PDT)

Registration required:
www.familysmart.ca/events

Oak Bay Recreation Oak Bay
 (250) 595-7946

Login

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INTRODUCTION TO TABLE TENNIS

📅 25-Mar-2024 - 28-Mar-2024
 🕒 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Registration Dates

Members: 06-Dec-2023 at 6:30 AM
 Residents: 06-Dec-2023 at 6:30 AM
 Public: 06-Dec-2023 at 6:30 AM

Fees

General **\$85.00**
No Tax

Course Dates

4 sessions		Every Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu
25-Mar-2024	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Gymnasium
26-Mar-2024	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Gymnasium
27-Mar-2024	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Gymnasium
28-Mar-2024	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Gymnasium

About this Course

A fun and educational way to learn basic table tennis techniques! Campers learn about equipment, serve rules and match rules. Using practical exercises, activities, and drills, campers are introduced to basic strokes such as: Forehand/Backhand Drive, Forehand/Backhand Push, and Forehand/Backhand serves. The focus is on fun to cultivate a lifelong enjoyment of the game.

Henderson Recreation Centre [Show Map](#)
 Course ID 00177613

Instructor

South Island Table Tennis Club

Restrictions

Age Restriction 8 to 14 y 11 mos

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PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

PEARKES AFTER SCHOOL DROP IN

FREE!



January - June
Monday to Friday - 3:15- 5:15pm

@ The Flipside Youth Centre
Pearkes Recreation Centre

A FREE supervised social for youth with snacks, pool, foosball, board and video games and more!

Tyler.smith2@saanich.ca saanich.ca/youth 250 475 5462

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.

March sales are open. NOTE THAT PIZZA WILL RESUME AFTER SPRING BREAK IN THE SECOND WEEK BACK ON APRIL 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.schoolcashonline.com/>



PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

FRIDAY NIGHTS PIZZA SKATING & MOVIE

AGES 11 - 16
\$7.50



January 19th - April 19th
Fridays - 5:45 - 8:15pm

@ The Flipside Youth Centre
G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre

Come hang out with your friends on a Friday night. Enjoy pizza, skating & a movie in our awesome youth centre.

REGISTER HERE

Tyler.smith2@saanich.ca saanich.ca/youth 250 475 5462

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	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
	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