

next week at colquitz

friday, december 13, 2024

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

It was a fun-filled week at Colquitz!

On Tuesday there was a hilarious Staff vs Students Basketball Game, where the staff managed to out-play the grade 8 boys team by a small margin. Congratulations to all of the players for putting on a fun and entertaining game!

On Thursday, we held our annual "Cram the Cruiser" event. Saanich police help us gather up the amazing food and toy donations made by YOU, our wonderful community, to bring to the Burnside-Gorge Community Centre. As you can see from the photos, we had an impressive amount of contributions. Division 4 came in first in our competition for a Pizza Party, Division 2 in second and Division 1 in third. THANK YOU again!

Learning Updates are in and being reviewed by Ms Elford and me —they will be ready for parents and guardians to view on Parent Connect on Friday, December 20th at 3pm. If you are unsure of how to access them, please don't hesitate to reach out.

As we move into our last week of school, we would appreciate you reinforcing to students that while many fun activities will be going on, we also need to continue to follow class and school expectations around kindness, respect and safety. We want everyone to enjoy this last week, and if we all work together to be mindful of how we are acting and treating each other, it will be a pleasant one for all. Thanks for your support.

May you all have a wonderful weekend with your family and friends.

- Carrie Schlappner - Principal



next week at a glance

- Monday, Dec 16 •
- Tuesday, Dec 17 •
- Wednesday, Dec 18 • Winter Concert @ **7:15pm**
- Thursday, Dec 19 •
- Friday, Dec 20 • Last Day of School before Winter Break (until January 5th)
• Learning Updates go home digitally through Parent Connect

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upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

Saturday, December 21	Winter Break Starts
Sunday, January 5	Winter Break Ends
Monday, January 6	School re-opens
Friday, January 10	Indigenous Student Lunch
Wednesday, January 15	Black Excellence Day
Tuesday, January 21	PAC Meeting @ 6.30pm
Friday, January 24	Pro D Day (No School today)
Wednesday, January 29	Chinese/ Lunar New Year
Friday, January 31	Grade 8's— <i>Deadline for Programs of choice and Career program applications</i>

Yearbooks are on sale now!

Yearbooks cost \$25

To order your child a copy of the yearbook, please go to **ybpay.ca** and use the order ID **13717625**.

Deadline to order yearbook is May 20th, 2025

If you have any questions please contact Megan Schuring at mschuring@sd61.bc.ca

Important Reminder for Grade 8 Families



As we prepare to send out Transition Letters to Grade 8 Families on **January 8th**, we encourage everyone to **update the school with any changes of address and provide the necessary supporting documents.** This will help prevent any surprises or concerns when they receive their child's transition letter in the New Year, which will reflect the next school based on the current information we have on file.

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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SPORTS @ COLQUITZ

Here is the schedule for Sports practices and games.

Please check in with your students around information from coaches.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ii_RjwQmRWcUiQaguArHIQ6Mj882QdROC2rNWcV1Q5k/edit?usp=sharing

Dec 16-20	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before school	Girls 6 rec volleyball practice 7:15	Gr 7 girls volleyball 7:00 *Gr 8 girls volleyball can arrive at 7 and practice w 7's or come at 7:30		Girls 8 comp ONLY 7:30	
Lunch practice		Boys 6/7 rec practice			
After school practice	Friendly Grade 8 Boys Basketball game VS Spencer @Colquitz	Boys 7½ comp volleyball	(*concert)	Boys 7½ comp volleyball	
Competition					

A huge thank you to all coaches, staff and parents who helped to begin our sports season so successfully.

****We are looking for a volleyball coach to possibly coach a 7/8 girls rec team and a possible 7/8 boys team. This will be determined once cuts are made in our competitive tryouts and interest is gauged. This would involve having a practice once a week (I can help with that) and three jamborees after school.**

If you are able to help, please contact Christine Crljenkovic crljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca

Help Needed for the Hot Chocolate Day on Friday, December 20th

Friday Morning: Dec. 20th is Hot Chocolate Day for the students. Thank you to the PAC for organizing this.

Please click below on the sign-up genius if you can help on the day of.

Mobile
signupgenius.com



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MUSIC

- Wednesday, December 18th is concert day! For the evening show, the call time for band students is 6:30pm.
- **It is required that everyone stays until the end of the concert to assist with clean-up.**
- Please make sure your student has **black** pants, socks or knee length skirt/tights for the concert on December 18th.
- December 16-20 is Week 15 of practice. (or week 6 on the second side of practice cards)
- Practice Records are due for December **this** Wednesday, the 18th (concert day)
- Tour information (Band/Strings/Choir 7/8 Only). The \$157 deposit and form reserving your student's spot is **very overdue**. If you wish to come on the trip, please get the form and payment in ASAP. The cost is \$400-\$500 a student.



The payment has been left open until **December 20th**.

There will **NOT** be a December payment, but the payments in January and February will remain.

BAND SCHEDULE

- **Tuesday:** Jazz Band 7:40 am
- **Wednesday:** Band 6 **COMBINED** (All instruments, amber and green pod) at 7:40 am.
 - Noon: Required** Run through of concerts (ALL STUDENTS ATTEND)
 - 1:00 pm:** Students return to the band room for afternoon concert.
 - 6:30 pm:** Call time for all band students in uniform. (Concert starts at 7:15pm)
- **Thursday: NO BAND 7/8.** Please sleep in! Jazz band will still happen at lunch!

Pullouts will run as usual. If students do not have their instruments, they should still come to class. Grade 6 students who have signed up for band are asked to remain until the December 18th concert has concluded.

All other information about Fine Arts can be found at our website: <https://www.colquitzfinearts.weebly.com/>

CPAPA

Colquitz Performing Arts Parents Association (CPAPA)

CPAPA is an organization of parents of performing arts students.

We help support the performing arts at our school throughout the school year.

Join us in the art room for our next meeting at **6:30 to 7:30pm on Monday Feb 3, 2025**
The door will be open at the front of the school to the right of the main entrance.

Contact CPAPA at: cpapainfo@gmail.com

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Registration, Transition and Transfer Processes to be aware of:

Families, especially Grade 8 Families: Please note the following important registration dates and refer to the [Registration Guide](#) if you have any questions. Thank you!



January 31, 2025	Grade 8s - Deadline to submit Secondary Programs of Choice and Career Program applications
February 10 – 13, 2025	Grade 8 parents who may want their child to go to a high school other than their catchment, or families considering a change of school – you must put in for a transfer during Kindergarten to Grade 12 Student Transfer Process
February 12, 2025	Grade 8s - Last day for Secondary Schools to inform students re: acceptance into Programs of Choice and Career Programs
February 13, 2025	Deadline to submit ALL transfer requests (no later than 3:30pm)
On or before March 14, 2025	Notification of all transfer decisions will be communicated to families
May 15, 2025	District Orientation/ Student Transition Day (grade 5s go to Middle Schools, Grade 8s visit high schools) in the afternoon

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Parenting Programs

BGC South Vancouver Island offers two programs to support parents of teens: Parents Together, an ongoing online program, and Parents in the Know, a 10-week in-person program. Both provide tools, skills, and support to help parents guide their teens with confidence. Your teen's future starts with your support. Let's navigate this journey together!

Parents Together

**When: Tuesdays Online
Time: 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
(Ongoing)**

Join this flexible online education and group support program designed for parents of teens. Gain valuable skills, knowledge, and confidence to guide your teen through their journey into adulthood. The program focuses on 10 key topics, with content tailored to the needs of participating parents.

Parents in the Know

**When: Tuesdays In-Person
at 345 Wale Rd
Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
(10 Weeks)**

Looking for a more structured experience? This 10-week in-person program offers the same comprehensive topics and support as Parents Together but with a clear beginning and end. Build meaningful connections while learning in a supportive environment.

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Are You a Parent, Adoptive Parent, Kinship Parent, or Foster Parent?

Is your pre-teen or teen struggling with depression, anxiety, or other intense emotional difficulties? Are they getting into trouble or having severe behavioural difficulties?



is an evidence-based 10-week attachment-based program that helps parents support youth ages 8-18 years, delivered **in-person** or **online**.

www.connectattachmentprograms.org

Contact us or visit our website if you're interested in learning more.



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SUBWAY AND PIZZA LUNCHES

Tuesdays - Subway

We are pleased to offer Subway as a lunch option to order on Tuesdays

Thursdays -- Pizza Day



We are pleased to offer pizza as a lunch option to order on Thursdays. If you are interested, you may order through **School Cash Online (NOT through the Lunch Box section)**. Please note that you need to order pizza WEEK TO WEEK, thus giving you the option to skip weeks if you so choose.

Please note that there are no refunds for unclaimed pizza or Subway.

Parents – you can arrange to pick up your order the same day or transfer it to another student if you inform us by 11am on Tuesdays and Thursdays at colquitz@sd61.bc.ca or call 250-479-1678.

The weekly deadline to place orders for Subway and Pizza for the upcoming week is Monday at noon

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 \$5



Sept 20th - Dec 20th
Fridays - 5:45 - 9:00pm

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

REGISTER HERE 


Bring your friends and hang out on a Fridays at the Flipside. Enjoy pizza, themed skates & a movie in our awesome youth centre.

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PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES


STORIES & SLIME YOUTH BOOK CLUB

AGES 11 - 15



Thursdays - 6:00 - 8:00pm
Sept 19th - Dec 19th

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

REGISTER HERE 

Calling all book readers and slime makers! Join us at the Flipside youth center for our youth book club, where we meet weekly to make all types of slime and discuss the books we read.

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