

# next week at colquitz

friday, december 06, 2024

## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

Thank you to those people who have already sent non-perishable food donations and new, unwrapped toys to donate to our **"CRAM THE CRUISER"** event that benefits Burnside Gorge Community Association. It is **this coming Thursday**, so please keep the donations coming!

Some of the fun learning activities that I have had the chance to enjoy seeing this week include several classes going ice skating at Pearkes, and a Robotics Club with Science Ventures. There was also the "Aqua Pod Challenge", where five of our grade 8 divisions, compete for the coveted "Aqua Cup". After playing a variety of games, the division with the most points, wins. Congratulations to Division 13!

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

Carrie Schlappner



## next week at a glance

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|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Monday, Dec 9     | • CPAPA Meeting @ 6.30pm  |
| Tuesday, Dec 10   | • <i>Human Rights Day</i> |
| Wednesday, Dec 11 | •                         |
| Thursday, Dec 12  | • <i>Cram the Cruiser</i> |
| Friday, Dec 13    | •                         |

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## upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

Wednesday, December 18	Winter Concert @ <b>7:15pm</b>
Friday, December 20	Last Day of School before Winter Break (until January 5th) Learning Updates go home digitally through Parent Connect
Saturday, December 21	Winter Break Starts
Sunday, January 5	Winter Break Ends
<b>Monday, January 6</b>	<b>School re-opens</b> CPAPA Meeting @ 6.30pm
Friday, January 10	Indigenous Student Lunch
Wednesday, January 15	Black Excellence Day
Tuesday, January 21	PAC Meeting @ 6.30pm

## 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

If you have any questions please contact Megan Schuring at [mschuring@sd61.bc.ca](mailto: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](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**

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

Dec 9-13	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before school		Gr 7/8 girls volleyball 7:00am			
Lunch practice	Staff Shoot Around	Staff Versus Students Basketball Game	Girls 6 rec volleyball practice		
After school practice		Boys 7/8 comp volleyball	Boys 7/8 comp volleyball	Boys 7/8 comp volleyball	
Competition					

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

Please email questions to Christine Crljenkovic at [ccrljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:ccrljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca)

## Cram the Cruiser

- This is a school-wide event where each Division is challenged to collect non-perishable food donations and new, unwrapped toys to donate to Burnside Gorge Community Association - now until Dec. 12th.
- On Dec 12th the Saanich Police and Burnside Gorge will set up outside the main doors of the school with a police van to 'Cram' full of donations that will be distributed to families in need. This is a fun and friendly atmosphere, with music playing and the police wearing festive hats.
- This event is a HUGE fundraiser for Burnside Gorge and one that is IMMENSELY appreciated in supporting a significant amount of families in our community during the holiday season.

***The Division that brings the most donations will win a pizza party on the day of their choice!***

Thank you for your support!



NOW TAKING DONATIONS!  
NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS  
NEW TOYS  
GIFT CARDS

11TH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

*Cram*  
THE CRUISER

THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 12, 2024  
DROP OFF AT  
505 DUMERESQ ST

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:  
SAANICH POLICE  
BURNSIDE GORGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
COLQUITZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## MUSIC

The tour deposit for students in band, choir and strings 7/8 of \$157 and form are now due Friday, December 20th. The cost for each student has been reduced to \$400-\$500 per student. Please contact Katherine Forster ([kforster@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:kforster@sd61.bc.ca)) with any questions. It is payable via cheque, cash or online. There will not be a December payment because of this cost reduction.

- If your student sold Poinsettia's or Purdy's, pickup is this Wednesday, December 11th in the afternoon.
- Please make sure your student has black pants, socks or knee length skirt/tights for the concert on December 18th.
- Colquitz music shirts should arrive soon, we will hand shirts out when they arrive.
- There is a required tour meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm for parents/guardians of participating students. Please email Katherine Forster if you are unable to attend that meeting to set up an alternate time.



## BAND SCHEDULE

- Tuesday: Jazz Band 7:40 am
- Wednesday: Band 6 COMBINED (All instruments, amber and green pod) at 7:40 am.
- Thursday: Band 7/8 Combined 7:40 am (Last combined class before the concert)

**Pullouts will run as usual. If students do not have their instruments, they should still come to class.**

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](mailto:cpapainfo@gmail.com)**



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## Connect and Learn

### December Parent Education focuses on Experimenting with Substance :

**Now What? A beginning conversation for families when our kids begin experimenting with substances.**

Learning that our kids are trying substances can be scary. As families, we are a valuable resource to help them navigate the choices they are making, but it can be hard to know how to respond. This video introduces parents and caregivers to some ways that can help us move from reacting to our fears about substance use and towards a more thoughtful response that supports connection with our kids.

Join us to watch a conversation between Victoria Keddis, a parent with lived experience and Douglas Hardie, Registered Clinical Counsellor and Program Coordinator at YSTAR Cowichan and Nanaimo Discovery Youth and Family Substance Use Services.

#### **Times and Dates:**

Tuesday December 3rd - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Wednesday December 4th - 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm  
Thursday December 5th - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Tuesday December 10th - 6:30 pm - 8:00pm  
Wednesday December 11th - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

**Register:** <https://familysmart.ca/monthly-events/>

**Watch video now:** [https://youtu.be/Ohqrbrw62Tg?si=Hpl\\_QjBu2ph6-1D](https://youtu.be/Ohqrbrw62Tg?si=Hpl_QjBu2ph6-1D)

**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.

**Now What? A beginning conversation to support families moving from reacting to responding when our kids begin experimenting with substances.**

Cost: Free of Charge  
Date(s):

Tuesday, December 3rd, 6:30pm-8:00pm (PST)  
Wednesday, December 4th, 12:00pm-1:30pm (PST)  
Thursday, December 5th, 6:30pm-8:00pm (PST)  
Tuesday, December 10th, 6:30pm-8:00pm (PST)  
Wednesday, December 11th, 6:30pm-8:00pm (PST)

Registration required:  
[www.familysmart.ca/events](http://www.familysmart.ca/events)

FamilySmart  
Together-Centred

heretohelp  
EDUCATION EVENTS

THE COLUMBIA  
YOUTH SERVICES

**Just a reminder** that everyone who works for FamilySmart, has lived experience with our own children and we offer **parent support** and we can also help you **navigate the Mental Health System** and recommend **resources in the community**.

If you would like to set up a phone or video chat meeting please let me know. or here is a link to my calendar to book a time: <https://lisatate.youcanbook.me/>

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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](mailto: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.

[Tyler.smith2@saanich.ca](mailto:Tyler.smith2@saanich.ca)   [saanich.ca/youth](http://saanich.ca/youth)   250 475 5462



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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