

# next week at colquitz

friday, january 10, 2024

## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

Welcome back to school, everyone!

This week was largely spent with everyone re-adjusting to getting up early and needing to use their thinking brains all day! Many thanks to everyone for being kind and gentle with each other in this transition back.

We already had one fun day this week—Silly Socks Day! We so appreciate how so many people—staff and students alike—take part in these spirit-building activities.

This is a reminder to access your child's Term 1 Learning Update if you have not already and review it with your child. Some guiding questions you may want to ask:

- What are you most proud of?
- What would you like me/us to notice?
- What was hard for you and why?
- Tell me more about your goals...how can you work towards them?
- How can I/we help you with your learning? With your friendships? With your participation in clubs, sports, or activities?



An email was sent before the break as well as this week to walk you through how to access them on Parent Connect if you are unsure.

Grade 8 parents—please see page 6 of the newsletter for important dates and reminders about your child's transition to high school. Also, please note that we will be holding a consultation meeting on Tuesday, January 21st instead of our PAC meeting for people who may want to ask questions about the district's request to install security cameras at our front entrance. See the email sent this week for details.

Have a wonderful weekend with your family and friends,

Carrie Schlappner  
- Principal

## next week at a glance

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| Monday, Jan 13    | •                             |
| Tuesday, Jan 14   | •                             |
| Wednesday, Jan 15 | • <i>Black Excellence Day</i> |
| Thursday, Jan 16  | •                             |
| Friday, Jan 17    | •                             |

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

Tuesday, January 21

PAC Meeting @ 6.30pm **(CANCELLED)**; **Security Camera Consultation taking place in its place from 6:30-7:30pm**

**Friday, January 24**

**Pro D Day (No School today)**

Saturday, January 25

*International Day of Commemoration to Honor Victims of the Holocaust*

Wednesday, January 29

*Chinese/ Lunar New Year*

Friday, January 31

*Grade 8's—Deadline for programs of choice and career program application*

## New Pick up and

## Drop off Location!

Starting January 6, daily school bus drop-off and pick up will be at the back parking lot, past the Gaga Ball pit. This measure will greatly improve traffic congestion in front of the school.



## Yearbooks are on sale now!

### **Yearbooks cost \$25**

To order your child a copy of the yearbook, please go to **[ybpay.ca](http://ybpay.ca)** and use the order **ID 13717625**.

**This is the email address that parents can send photos to:**  
**[colquitzyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:colquitzyearbook@gmail.com)**

**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)**

*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)

Jan 13-17	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before school	Girls 6 rec volleyball practice 7:15	Gr 7/8 (Kiet) girls volleyball 7:00 *Gr 8 (Lisa)girls volleyball 7:30 can arrive at 7 and practice w 7's	Grade 8 Girls Rec. Practice 7:15am		Kiet's 7/8 comp 7:00
Lunch practice		Boys 6/7 rec practice	Girls 6 Rec		
After school practice	Lisa's Gr 8 girls comp practice	Boys 7/8 comp volleyball	Boys 7/8 Comp volleyball	Boys 7/8 comp volleyball	Swimming 3:15
Competition					

**If you are able to help, please contact  
Christine Crljenkovic [crljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:crljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca)**

## 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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## MUSICAL THEATRE!

***Auditions for this year's school wide musical theatre production begin next week!***

### **January 13-17:**

**Monday during choir and again at lunch:** Group singing placement (so I know their range, diction, and pitch)

**Monday to Friday after school 3:00 - 4:30:** Speaking auditions (any student who wants even one line of dialogue should attend at least one of these, and they may attend as many as they like. Their time is their own, and they may leave at any point in the audition session. There is also one lunch option on Wednesday.)



**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday lunch:** Solo singing auditions. Students who would like to be considered for any solo singing may prepare up to 45 seconds of a song of their choice and attend one of these sessions.

### **January 20-23:**

**Monday and Tuesday at lunch:** Movement and Dance placement for all students. (This is just to see where their abilities are so I can assess how difficult my choreography should be!)

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday after school 3:00 - 4:30:** Speaking auditions. (this is one last opportunity for any students who may want another chance to try out or may have missed last week)

**Wednesday lunch:** Solo singing makeup session for anyone who may have missed last week.

**Thursday lunch:** Speaking audition makeup session for anyone who may have missed last week.

**Thursday after school:** Callbacks for main characters. This will be by invitation only, and students will be informed on Wednesday if they should attend.

All students will be invited to the google classroom for Musical Theatre once they have turned in their audition forms. Information will be posted there on a regular basis. Information, such as audition forms and rehearsal calendars, can also be found on the Fine Arts website: <https://colquitzfinearts.weebly.com/>

Or

Contact Caroline Mackenzie at [cmackenzie@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:cmackenzie@sd61.bc.ca) for more information!

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## MUSIC

- January 13-19 is Week 17 of practice. (or week 8 on the second side of practice cards)
- There was a required tour meeting on January 8th at 6:30pm for parents/guardians of participating students.

⇒ Please email Katherine Forster (kforster@sd61.bc.ca) if you were unable to attend that meeting to set up an alternate time.

- The tour payment for January, due January 15th, is not payable online. It will be \$157. **Online payment preferred. Cash and cheque must be exact amounts.**
- Tour forms will be due on February 12th.
- Practice Records will be due Wednesday, January 29th



### 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. Jazz band at lunch.

**All other information about Fine Arts can be found at our website:**

<https://www.colquitzfinearts.weebly.com/>

### Exciting Hockey Night with the Victoria Cougars!

Division 3 kicked off the new year with an exciting outing to a Victoria Cougars hockey game on January 5! The Cougars were thrilled to have such an enthusiastic and supportive cheer section, and they enjoyed connecting with all the students during the autograph session.

**Mark your calendars! The next Colquitz Family Hockey Night is on February 13.**

We look forward to another fun-filled evening of hockey and community spirit!



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## Survival Socks

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 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.

## 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	<b>Grade 8s</b> - Deadline to submit <b>Secondary Programs of Choice and Career Program applications</b>
February 10 – 13, 2025	<b>Grade 8 parents</b> 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 <b>Kindergarten to Grade 12 Student Transfer Process</b>
February 12, 2025	<b>Grade 8s</b> - Last day for <b>Secondary Schools to inform students re: acceptance into Programs of Choice and Career Programs</b>
February 13, 2025	<b>Deadline to submit ALL transfer requests</b> (no later than 3:30pm)
On or before March 14, 2025	<b>Notification of all transfer decisions</b> will be communicated to families
May 15, 2025	<b>District Orientation/ Student Transition Day</b> (grade 5s go to Middle Schools, Grade 8s visit high schools) in the afternoon

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**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.

### Connect with Us:

  
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**Nicola Mackay**  
Family Programs Manager  
250.686.9109  
carefamilies@bgcsvg.org



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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 DINNER SKATING & MOVIE

AGES 11 - 16  
\$5


Jan 10th - April 18th  
Fridays - 5:45 - 9:00pm

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


[REGISTER HERE](#) 

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

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



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## STORIES & SLIME YOUTH BOOK CLUB

AGES 11 - 15

Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:00pm  
Jan 15th - June 4th

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Are you ready for exciting adventures, mind-bending mysteries, and powerful stories? Whether you love fantasy, action, or stories that make you think, our book club has something for everyone. If you love reading, making crafts, and having a blast with friends, Stories & Slime is the place to be.



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## Youth FOOTBALL CAMP

FOR AGES 8 - 14

REGISTRATION: SATURDAY JAN 25

1:00PM-3:00PM ● ST. ANDREW'S HIGH SCHOOL

A ONE-DAY CAMP TO LEARN SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES. **GLATS, ONLY**

REGISTRATION FEE BY DONATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION



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## SAANICH YOUTH SERVICES 2SLGBTQIA+ SOCIALS


Ages 11 - 17

IN OUR YOUTH CENTRES  
MONDAYS 6:00 - 8:00PM @ GORDON HEAD RECREATION  
THURSDAYS 7:00 - 9:00PM @ PEARKES RECREATION

CLICK TO SIGN UP




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