

next week at colquitz

friday, december 12, 2025

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

This week was full of fun activities leading up to the break.

On Monday, we had our Indigenous Student lunch, and then students baked cookies with Ms. Cumming. Tuesday, Ms. Drouin and I surprised staff with a coffee cart and spread a little cheer in a mug. We played music and "decked" the drinks with things like whipped cream, eggnog and sprinkles.

Wednesday was our Winter Concert, where students performed beautifully in the Choir, Bands and Strings. Many thanks to Ms. Mackenzie, Ms. Forster, Ms. Rebstock and Ms. Van Der Velde (the fine arts student teacher) for all of their hard work and dedication in supporting students in this musical feat!

Thursday was our "Cram the Cruiser" event. Many thanks to Saanich Police, Burnside Gorge Community Centre for giving us the opportunity to engage in service for our community. We filled the van with goodies for local families, and had a lot of fun in the process. Congratulations to Division 6 and Ms Scott for bringing in the most contributions at 266 items!

As we head into the last week of school before winter break, we ask families to remind their children of the importance of always being kind, respectful and safe with each other, staff, and themselves.

Have a wonderful weekend with your friends and family.

- Carrie Schlappner, Principal



next week at a glance

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| Monday, Dec 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CPAPA Meeting @ 6.30pm• Candy Cane Grams |
| Tuesday, Dec 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holiday Sweater Contest• Candy Cane Grams |
| Wednesday, Dec 17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Candy Cane Grams |
| Thursday, Dec 18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indigenous drumming @8.20am in foyer (everyone welcome, no experience required) |
| Friday, Dec 19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PJ Day• Hot Chocolate in morning• Staff vs Students Basketball @ lunch• Assembly @ 1:15pm |

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upcoming important dates—mark your calendars!

Saturday, Dec 20	Winter Break Starts
Sunday, Jan 4	Winter Break Ends
Monday, Jan 5	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
Monday, Jan 5	CPAPA Meeting (CANCELLED)
Thursday, Jan 15	Black Excellence Day
Friday, Jan 16	Indigenous Student Lunch
	Family Game Night 5.30-7.30 pm
Monday, Jan 19	Fire Drill @ 1.30 pm
Tuesday, Jan 20	PAC Meeting @6.30 pm
Monday, Jan 26	Pro D Day (No School Today)

Yearbooks are on sale now!

Yearbooks cost \$26.

To order your child a copy of the yearbook, please [click here](#).

- Yearbooks are delivered to students at the end of June



Candy Cane Grams are being sold at lunch on December 16 and 17.

CANDY CANE GRAMS

All proceeds go to the Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island.

Candy Cane Grams are 25 cents each.

Please remind your kids to bring their quarters, loonies and toonies!

Mark your calendars!



Leadership Club is hosting a Family Game Night on January 17th from 5:30 -7:30.

Games will be provided by Interactivity Board Game Cafe.

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.**

Colquitz Winter Sports

Dec 15-19	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before school					
Lunch practice		Gr 6 yball practice/meeting	7/8 girls rec volleyball practice	staff vs student practice	Staff vs Student bball game!
After school practice	Jesse's 7 bball practice until 4:30?	Boys 7/8 comp practice with Mr Robillard 3:00-5:00 Girls 7/8 Comp practice w Kiet 5-7:00		Boys 7/8 comp practice with Mr Robillard 3:00-5:00 Girls 7/8 Comp practice w Kiet 5-7:00	Swim Club? **TBD Monday 15th.
Competition					

*******We are in need of coaches for grade 6/7 girls and 6/7 boys.**

Please email Christine Crljenkovic ccrljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca if you are interested.



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MUSIC UPDATE

Congratulations to all the students on an excellent first concert! Thank you to everyone who came to support your students and helped with the bake sale!

Tour Update:

Payment one must be paid by Friday, December 19th. Payment 2 will be due on Wednesday, January 14th. It will be posted in the new year.

Reminder: There will be a MANDATORY Parent/Guardian meeting on Wednesday, January 14th to go through the tour forms and to ask questions about the trip! Please make sure one parent or guardian can attend per student

Information will always be included in Next Week at Colquitz (NWAC), Ms. Forster's weekly emails (for band students) and on the Tour Google classroom, once students are signed up and accept their invitation.

Extra help/practice space is available:

Tuesday: Nut break

Wednesday: Nut break and lunch recess

Thursday: Nut break

Thursday: Lunch recess

Schedule:

We will play in band this week! Please make sure your student has their instrument! **All early mornings are canceled.**



Tuesday:

BAND 7/8 CANCELLED.

8:54 am: Band 6 Green

9:36 am: Band 6 Orange

Lunch: Jazz Band (Please come right at lunch EATING time.)

Wednesday:

BAND 6 CANCELLED.

10:33 am: Band 7

11:15 am: Band 8

Thursday:

JAZZ BAND CANCELLED.

8:54 am: Band 8

9:36 am: Band 6 Green

10:33 am: Band 7

11:15 am: Band 6 Orange

Reminder: If students do not have their instrument/ music, they are still expected to show up to class.

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CPAPA News

CPAPA meeting for January 5th is CANCELLED - we are taking an extended break to do some behind the scenes preparation for 2026 adventures.

We are welcoming all parents and caregivers to come and join us at the CPAPA table for the 2026/27 school year.

- We are looking for:
- Chair
- Co-Chair
- Secretary
- Communications Coordinator
- Members at large



All help is welcome as we start the transition to the new team early in the New Year!

Any questions please send along to cpapainfo@gmail.com.

CPAPA thanks all of the volunteers for their hard work, dedication and support.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

PAC UPDATE



PAC Update – Volunteers Needed!
We're down to the final week of school! To celebrate, students and staff will enjoy hot chocolate and apple cider before heading into winter break.

We still need more helping hands for setup (7:30–9:00 a.m.) and cleanup (11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.). It's a busy time of year, but if you can spare an hour, your support would make a big difference!

Sign up here: SignUpGenius-CMSHotChocolate2025

And don't forget to remind your student to bring a mug!

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Theatre

Thank You for Making Our Fall Play a Success!

A huge thank you to all our theatre families for your incredible support of the Fall Play! The joy on stage and behind the scenes was truly inspiring, and we couldn't have done it without those who stepped in to help.



Looking Ahead: The Lion King Jr.

Up next in January: auditions for our full school musical, *The Lion King Jr.* Students in grades 6–8 are invited to join this epic production!



We Need YOU!

To make this musical a success, we need volunteers from the very beginning. Construction on Pride Rock has already begun, and there are many other areas where your help is essential! Stay tuned for more information coming in January on how you can get involved.



FamilySmart

Together-Centred



[Find Support Here](#)

[Listen Here \](#)



[Read the Blog Post Here](#)

[Join Us Online](#)



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**DID YOU LEAVE
YOUR HOLIDAY
SHOPPING UNTIL
THE LAST
MINUTE?**



**HOLIDAY DROP
& SHOP**

DECEMBER 21ST
FROM 9:30AM - 4:00PM

LOCATED IN THE
FLIPSIDE YOUTH
CENTER

REGISTER ONLINE OR
AT FRONT DESK:
#155746

FOOD PROVIDED
IN REGISTRATION

DECEMBER 21ST 9:30AM - 4:00PM



REGISTER ONLINE OR AT
FRONT DESK: #155746

**HOLIDAY
DROP &
SHOP**



FOOD
PROVIDED:

PIZZA,
CUCUMBERS,
& APPLES



Did you leave your holiday shopping until the last minute? Do you need a chance to pick up some gifts childfree? Bring them to the Flipside youth centre for a day of games, crafts, toys, movies, snacks and fun with our staff team while you shop!

LOCATED IN FLIPSIDE YOUTH CENTER

SPECTRUM THUNDER ATHLETICS

WINTER 2025 VOLLEYBALL CAMP

SUNDAY
30 NOV 2025
07 DEC 2025
14 DEC 2025

1:00 - 4:00 PM
AT SPECTRUM SCHOOL

REGISTER AT
[THUNDERATHLETICS.CA/EVENTS](https://thunderathletics.ca/events)



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

In person Tuesdays 12-1:30pm Jan 6 - March 10 2026 at 3939 St. Peters Rd.

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


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PEARKE'S YOUTH CENTRE (FLIPSIDE)

WEEKLY CALENDER

10-17yrs


Jan-May 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
After School Drop-in 3:30-5:30PM (FREE) Girls on the Go - Girls Group 6:00 - 8:00 PM (FREE)	After School Drop-in 3:30-5:30PM (FREE) Magic: The Gathering Club 6:00 - 8:00 PM (FREE)	After School Drop-in 3:15-5:15PM (FREE) Pearkes Youth Art Hive 6:30 - 8:30 PM (FREE)	Homeschool Social Drop-in 12:00 - 2:00 PM (FREE) After School Drop-in 3:15-5:15PM (FREE) 2SLGBTQIA+ Dinner + Social Drop-in 6:00-8:00PM (FREE)
Friday	Saturday	SCAN TO REGISTER	
After School Drop-in 3:15-5:15PM (FREE) Flipside Fridays (Jan-Mar) 4:00-7:00PM (\$30) Teen 2 Chef (Apr-May) 5:00-7:30PM (\$15)	BIRTHDAY PARTY RENTALS 11:00AM - 1:00PM OR 2:00-4:00PM \$170		

Program Info

Closed on STAT Holidays and some Pro-D days
 All programs are free or low cost for the community

- Drop-in Programs include snack
- Registered Program



HOW TO REGISTER:

- Online via [Saanich RecOnline](#) site, through the above QR code, or through this direct [LINK](#)
- Phone: 250-475-5462
- In person at G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre Reception

G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre
 3100 Tillicum Road Victoria, BC V9A 6T2, 250-475-5400

The Youth Centre entrance is located beside the 5 minute loading zone parking at the front of the building



SAANICH YOUTH SERVICES

2SLGBTQIA+ DINNER + SOCIAL


Ages 11 - 17

FLIPSIDE YOUTH CENTRE @ PEARKE'S REC CENTER
 THURSDAYS 6:00 - 8:00PM
 DINNER INCLUDED, DROP IN OR REGISTER ONLINE

CLICK TO SIGN UP




WWW.SAANICH.CA 250 475 5462 TYLERA.SMITH@SAANICH.CA




No cost to participate!

Learn to Cope with Stress
 Y Mind

Everyone experiences worries and stress. Y Mind is here to help young people learn how to cope with stress so they can live their best lives.

Our FREE FALL Y Mind groups are:
 Teens-Tuesday evenings @ 6 pm, Oct 7- Nov 25, 202-1314 Lakepoint Way.
 Teens-Wednesday evenings @ 6 pm, Oct 15- Nov 26 at Oaklands Comm. Centre
 For more info please contact: mindfulness@vancouverislandy.ca or call 778-584-7360
 Please contact us if you are interested in a Youth (18-30) group, we can build it.

This free program is run by caring, trained staff, in a safe supportive environment.



*Use the QR code to register for required info session

<https://vancouverislandy.com/program-services/community-health/mental-wellness/>

