

next week at colquitz

friday, december 19, 2025

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

It was a fun-filled last week of school before Winter Break! Lots of field trips were had, as well as activities to get everyone into the holiday spirit.

There was a Holiday Sweater Contest on Tuesday, and we also had a staff Rock-Paper-Scissors Beads Battle that went into Wednesday. Mr. Singh was the big winner! (My beads were for show, not hard-won like his!)

Wednesday and Friday, we had caroling in the foyer before school with Ms. Reintjes on piano, Mr. Guizzo and Ms. Thom on guitars, and many other staff and students who joined in. It was a lovely way to start each day, including our usual Indigenous Drumming on Thursday morning. The piano that was left in the foyer became a pit-stop for students with amazing talent—it was such a joy to hear music fill the foyer and office throughout each day

Today was PJ day, hot chocolate in the foyer (sponsored and served by PAC! THANK YOU to all of the volunteers!!!), a Staff vs. Students Basketball game at lunch, and our Winter Assembly in the afternoon! Phew! It was a full and fabulous day!

With so much going on, we wanted to share lots of photos—please enjoy these and a few more on the next page.

Have a wonderful holiday with your friends and family. We look forward to seeing you January 5th. Happy New Year!

- Carrie Schlappner, Principal



next week at a glance

Monday, Jan 5

- School re-opens after Winter Break
- CPAPA Meeting (**CANCELLED**)

Tuesday, Jan 6

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Wednesday, Jan 7

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Thursday, Jan 8

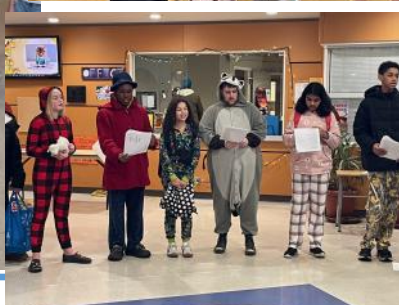
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Friday, Jan 9

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upcoming important dates—*mark your calendars!*

Thursday, Jan 15	Black Excellence Day
Friday, Jan 16	Indigenous Student Lunch (may be postponed) 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)
Tuesday, Jan 27	International Day of Commemoration of Honour the Victims of the Holocaust
Thursday, Jan 29	National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia

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



Pizza Update!

We are now offering a **gluten-free pizza option** for pizza day.

The price per slice will still be \$4.00 but the slice size is slightly smaller than the regular pizza.



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.**

Jan 5-9	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before school	Girls 7 th Comp practice w Kiet 7:00am	**Tryouts for a 2nd 7 th girls comp team. 7:15 am	Grade 7 th Rec Girls	Girls 7 th Comp practice w Kiet 7:00am	7 th girls Rec Practice
Lunch practice		Gr 6 vball practice/meeting	7 th girls rec volleyball practice	Grade 6 Boys rec	Grade 6 girls volleyball
After school practice		Boys 7 th comp practice with Mr Robillard 3:00-5:00	Grade 6 girls volleyball	Boys 7 th comp practice with Mr Robillard 3:00-5:00	Swim Club? **TBD Monday 5th.
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

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.

Practice Records:

Practice records will not be posted over the break, and students do not need to record their practice. It is recommended to do a bit of playing to keep it all fresh, but no practice records!

Schedule:

Tuesday:

7:40 am: BAND 7/8

8:54 am: Band 6 Green

9:36 am: Band 6 Orange

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

Wednesday:

7:40 am: BAND 6 COMBINED

10:33 am: Band 7

11:15 am: Band 8

Thursday:

7:40 am: JAZZ BAND

8:54 am: Band 8

9:36 am: Band 6 Green

10:33 am: Band 7

11:15 am: Band 6 Orange

Happy Holidays!

-Katherine



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[2025 Christmas Dinner List & Winter Break Info](#)

We're excited to share the updated **Christmas Dinner list** for this year!

Please **call ahead** in case any details are missing or have changed.

⇒ We've also attached **Rainbow Kitchen's winter break dates and open times** so everyone can plan accordingly.

⇒ A comprehensive list of Food Security resources in Greater Victoria.



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

AGES 5-12



\$25

JOIN US FOR OUR

**HOLIDAY DROP
& SHOP**

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

REGISTER ONLINE OR
AT FRONT DESK:
#155746

LOCATED IN THE
FLIPSIDE YOUTH
CENTER

FOOD PROVIDED
IN REGISTRATION

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**HOLIDAY
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**AGES
5-12
\$25**

FOOD
PROVIDED:

PIZZA,
CUCMBERS,
& 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

**YOUTH
WINTER
CAMPS**

Burnside Gorge

AGES
9-12

ACTIVITIES:

- Swimming
- Trampoline Park
- Winter Crafts
- Board Game Cafe
- Special NYE party!

December
29-31st
January
2nd

CALL TO REGISTER
(250) 388-5251

**SUBSIDIES
AVAILABLE**

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL:
ANABELLE@BURNSIDEGORGE.CA

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OF AFRICAN DESCENT**

Register for Black Grad 2026!




Registration Closes on December 31, 2025!

Blackgradbc@gmail.com

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PEARKE'S YOUTH CENTRE (FLIPSIDE)

WEEKLY CALENDER

10-17yrs

Jan-May 2026

Monday After School Drop-in 3:30-5:30PM (FREE) Girls on the Go - Girls Group 6:00 - 8:00 PM (FREE)	Tuesday After School Drop-in 3:30-5:30PM (FREE) Magic: The Gathering Club 6:00 - 8:00 PM (FREE)	Wednesday After School Drop-in 3:15-5:15PM (FREE) Pearkes Youth Art Hive 6:30 - 8:30 PM (FREE)	Thursday 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 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)	Saturday BIRTHDAY PARTY RENTALS 11:00AM - 1:00PM OR 2:00-4:00PM \$170	SCAN TO REGISTER 	Program Info *Closed on STAT Holidays and some Pro-D days* All programs are free or low cost for the community <div> <div></div> Drop-in Programs include snack </div> <div> <div></div> Registered Program </div> 

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




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