

# next week at colquitz

friday, february 27, 2026

## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS

Hello Colquitz Families,

Here we are at the end of February, and only two more weeks to go before Spring Break.

Teachers are busily working on their **Learning Updates**. Please know that they will not be able to accept late work at a certain point, so connect with your child's teacher around when their "hard line" is.

**Grade 7 parents** - Please take some time to complete the Learning Survey that Sam Bender emailed you about. Your child will also be completing the survey here at school. Participating in this survey provides the Ministry of Education with important information to help guide their decision-making, planning, and choices.

**Grade 8 parents**—we will be doing Grade 9 Course Selection with Spectrum on Wednesday the 4th. Please be sure to review course options on their website here: <https://spectrumcourses.sd61.bc.ca/>. If your child is attending another high school, just visit their website for course forms and options.

This week included CC Day on Monday and **Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday**. It always warms my heart to see the sea of pink on Pink Shirt Day. We of course promote and teach kindness, safety, and respect every day, and Pink Shirt Day helps us bring it even more into focus. I experienced that first hand when, on Thursday, I was greeted throughout the day with "Happy Birthdays" from staff and students. I am so grateful to be part of such a kind, caring community. :)

Lastly, **please go visit our SPIRIT WEAR STORE!!!** Here is the link: <https://cmsspr2026.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Please note the special **ANNIVERSARY EDITION of The Salmon People design shirts and hoodies in BLUE and WHITE**. We will be celebrating the anniversary in MAY. As part of our **commitment to Reconciliation**, all **proceeds from the sale of spirit wear this round will go to the Victoria Native Friendship Centre**.

Enjoy the weekend with your friends and family,  
- Carrie Schlappner, Principal



## next week at a glance

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| Monday, March 02    | • CPAPA meeting @6.30 pm                                       |
| Tuesday, March 03   | •  |
| Wednesday, March 04 | • Cycle 2 Theatre Pull-out ends<br>• Spectrum course selection |
| Thursday, March 05  | •  |
| Friday, March 06    | • Spirit Day: Dress like a teacher/student day<br>• Treat Sale |

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

Monday, March 9	Fire drill @ 9am Indigenous Student Lunch
Wednesday, March 11	Spring concert @1.15 pm Spring concert @7 pm
Friday, March 13	Last day of school before Spring Break
<b>Saturday, March 14-29</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>
<b>Monday, March 30</b>	<b>School Re-opens</b>
Tuesday, March 31	Int'l Transgender Day of Visibility
Wednesday, April 1	April Fool's Day
Thursday, April 2	World Autism Awareness Day

## 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*

*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.**

Mar2- Mar 6	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before school	Girls 7 <sup>th</sup> Comp practice w Kiet and Mark 7:00am			Girls 7 <sup>th</sup> Comp practice w Kiet and Mark 7:00am	7 <sup>th</sup> girls Rec Practice 715am
Lunch practice			7 <sup>th</sup> girls rec volleyball practice	Grade 6 Boys rec	Staff Vs. Student Game
After school practice		Boys 7 <sup>th</sup> practice with Mr Robillard 3:00-5:00		Boys 7 <sup>th</sup> comp practice with Mr Robillard 3:00-5:00	Swim Club
Competition	7 <sup>th</sup> boys @ Spencer (exh)		Playoffs: 7 <sup>th</sup> girls comp blue @ Central  7 <sup>th</sup> girls comp white @ Arbutus		

Please email Christine Crljenkovic [ccrljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:ccrljenkovic@sd61.bc.ca) if you have any questions



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## MUSIC UPDATE

### Tour Update:

There will be a **MANDATORY** meeting for parents and guardians on **Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 at 6:30pm in the drama room. At least one parent/guardian per student** must attend this meeting.

Please bring \$2.00 to this meeting as a contribution for a thank you gift for our bus drivers!

The rooming and lunch selection form has been posted. If your student needs a paper copy, let Ms. Forster know. *They need to be submitted by March 3rd.*

**Tour payment 3 is up! It will remain open until spring break begins, but please pay it as soon as possible.**

There will be a **MANDATORY** meeting for students joining us on tour on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at lunch eating time (11:57am) in the **BAND ROOM.**

### 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 (All instruments, both pods)**

10:33 am: Band 7

11:15 am: Band 8

#### Thursday:

**7:40 am: JAZZ BAND**

9:36 am: Band 6 Green

10:33 am: Band 7

11:15 am: Band 6 Orange

#### Practice space is available:

**Tuesday:** Nut break

**Wednesday:** Nut break and lunch recess

**Thursday:** Nut break and lunch recess  
(lunch recess is practice only)

## CPAPA Update

**CPAPA Monthly meeting on:**

**Monday March 2, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Art Room (In Person)**

<https://meet.google.com/bxt-ibcp-qxy> (Virtual)

We are looking for volunteers for our upcoming SPRING CONCERT BAKE SALE!!! Signup to let us know what yummy treats you are bringing, or if you would like to volunteer behind the table or even better both! We appreciate your time and support and could not do this without you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA4A923A2FDC52-62652563-spring>

We are looking for parents and caregivers to join and prepare to carry CPAPA through the 2026-27 school year! Help keep the performing arts alive at Colquitz!

*Drop us a line at [cpapainfo@gmail.com](mailto:cpapainfo@gmail.com) if you are interested*

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## Craft Night

Monday's craft night for the musical was another wonderful success!

The art room was buzzing with creativity—students and parents worked on everything from beautiful flower headpieces to impressive porcupine quills. It was amazing to see so many hands come together to bring the show to life!



Our next craft night will take place right **after Spring Break on Monday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the art room.** A reminder will be sent to all parents who have already shared their email addresses to volunteer.

*If you'd like to join the fun (and we'd love to have you!), please email [SerenaBirkSamra@gmail.com](mailto:SerenaBirkSamra@gmail.com)*

## PAC UPDATE

PAC minutes from the January meeting are available on the CMS website. Click [here](#) to stay informed and review the latest updates.

**As a reminder, Spring Break is coming up and there will be no PAC meeting in March.** Our next meeting will be held on April 21 at 6:30 in the library.



**There is still time to volunteer for a PAC Executive role. These positions are essential and the list of available roles can be found on the same webpage as the meeting minutes.**

A PAC Executive is crucial and required in order to apply for and receive the Gaming Grant, which is the primary source of PAC funding. These funds directly support the many valuable opportunities available to our students. As we look ahead, new volunteers will be essential to ensure the continued success of the PAC and its ability to support the school. Please keep this in mind and watch for information about PAC elections taking place in the spring.

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Announcing a new fundraiser:

**"THE CARD PROJECT" is coming to our school!**

"The Card Project" is an art-based fundraiser. The children are working on a special art project that can be professionally printed on a range of beautiful, quality products.

Every child will receive a free greeting card that showcases their own art.

Orders open Monday, February 23



Your child's artwork will be online at [www.TheCardProject.ca](http://www.TheCardProject.ca)

Our school's access code is CQ37

The deadline for orders is **Sunday, March 8** with delivery in the week of March 30 - April 3.

This is a wonderful fundraising initiative for our school. We receive 20% of the sales.

Questions? Contact Marcelle at [Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca](mailto:Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca)



Victoria Women's  
Transition House

## Spring Break Camp

9:30am - 3pm | **MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup>** | for female identifying youth ages 11-13

**LEARN ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, SELF-CARE, BOUNDARIES, SELF COMPASSION AND MORE**

**CAMP IS FREE AND WILL INCLUDE SNACKS/LUNCHES**

**WE WILL BE BUILDING SKILLS AND LEARNING THROUGH CONVERSATIONS, ART, AND FUN OUTINGS**

**OUTINGS INCLUDE MANICURES, JEWELRY MAKING, POTTERY PAINTING AND MORE**

To inquire or register email: [hayleew@vwth.bc.ca](mailto:hayleew@vwth.bc.ca) or call/text 250 216 1228



## PEARKE'S YOUTH CENTRE (FLIPSIDE)

### WEEKLY CALENDER

10-17yrs

**Jan-May 2026**

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

**HOW TO REGISTER:**

1. Online via [Saanich RecOnline](#) site, through the above QR code, or through this [direct LINK](#)
2. Phone: 250-475-5462
3. 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\*

**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

