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***From the Raven’s Nest…***

**for Friday, November 26, 2021**

Dear Families,

***DECEMBER is here!***  First a big thank you to all of the students that were involved in the various concerts/events that started this week. Wednesday was our Fall concerts and we have two other events coming up soon. The first is the choir that will be performing as part of the Esquimalt Celebration of Lights on Dec 5 at 5pm and then we will be having our Winter concerts here at the school on Wednesday Dec 8. It has been so great to have people back in our school to celebrate the many gifts that our students have. I have to send a big thank you to Ms. McDonnell and to all of our families for their support given towards our music program

**What’s happening at Rockheights next week:**

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| **Monday, Nov 29th** – **Tuesday, Nov 30th** 3pm Gr 6/7 Boys Basketball practice**Wednesday, Dec 1st** * Noon - Music Pizza sales

**Thursday, Dec 2nd -** **Friday, Dec 3rd** * Fire Drill
* Dollar Dog Day – Hot Dogs and Freezies on sale for $1 each
* Manga/Anime Club at Lunch
 | **Looking Further Ahead:****Sunday December 5** – Choir performs **Monday December 6** – CC Afternoon**Wednesday December 8 –** Winter Concerts**December 13-17** – Winter Festivities Week**December 14** – PAC Meeting**December 15** – Young Entrepreneur Fair**December 17** – Report Cards Home* Last Day Before Winter Break
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***STUDENT SAFETY***

***RMS PAC News:***

Don’t forget about the December PAC meeting on Tuesday December 14. Details to follow next week.

**Just a reminder that we need to be extra careful when picking up or dropping off students here at Rockheights. The congestion that results, especially at the end of the school day, often results in unsafe situations for our students and neighbours. A few reminders that we ask you to follow:**

1. **Please remind your child that they should be using the dedicated crosswalks, as running across the streets is not acceptable and can surprise people driving through.**
2. **We also ask that parents not block driveways as our neighbours need to be able to come and go safely.**
3. **Lastly, can you please try to avoid turning around in front of the school as that adds to the congestion and has led to several close calls with students. I realize it is a little further to continue along Highrock, but it does make it much safer for students.**



***UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS***

**Sunday December 5th (5pm) - The Esquimalt Celebration of Lights- the choir will be singing at Archie Browning Recreation Centre.** Bring your family and loved ones for a light-up parade and to hear us sing with professional singer Lorraine Nygaard.

**Wednesday December 8th (6pm and 7pm) - music students will be performing in *Jolly Good Time!* Two short holiday sampler concerts in the Rockheights Gym.**

All 87 music students will be performing two short and cheery holiday-themed concerts. RSVPs required to attend in person, or watch on Zoom from home. You can find all of the information including the links on [www.rockheightsmusic.com](http://www.rockheightsmusic.com).

***Curriculum Completion Afternoon – Monday December 6th***

Once per term we have a “Curriculum Completion Afternoon” in which students who are all caught up on their work are dismissed early, while those that are missing tasks from the term are required to stay to complete those tasks. A form will be sent home at the beginning of next week that will indicate whether or not your child is up to date on all of their assigned tasks. Students that are eligible will be dismissed at 11:55 (our regular lunch time) and those that are required to stay will be working in the Learning Commons until their assigned tasks are completed. Students are welcome to be dismissed once they have completed their work as long as they have permission from you to do so.

We realize this can be an inconvenience for families, but if families prefer, you can indicate on the form, and students are welcome to spend the afternoon working/reading quietly even if they are up to date on their work.

Please feel free to email me directly if you have any questions or concerns about CC Day or any issues here at the school.

Sincerely, Mr. Maxwell