

From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, November 25, 2022

Dear Families,

DECEMBER is here! and with it are all of the various events and celebrations that the end of term and the holiday season bring. On Friday is our Curriculum completion day (please see below for more information) and then on Sunday, the choir will be performing as part of the Esquimalt Celebration of Lights at 6pm and then next week we will be having our Winter concerts here at the school on Wednesday Dec 7. Please read carefully for some of the other upcoming events!

What's happening at Rockheights next week:

Monday, Nov 28th –

- 12pm Gr 7/8 Boys Basketball practice
- Legend of Zelda club at lunch
- Gr 7/8 Basketball games at Lansdowne

Tuesday, Nov 29th

- Pizza Day- (Please preorder by Sunday night)
- Dungeons and Dragons Club at Lunch
- Skating for Div 4,6,11 and 12
- LAST DAY TO ORDER SPIRIT WEAR!

Wednesday, Nov 30th

3pm-5pm Ravens Club

Thursday, Dec 1st -

Chess Club at Lunch

Friday, Dec 2nd

Drama Club at Lunch

Looking Further Ahead:

Wednesday December 7 – Winter Concerts

December 12-16 – Winter Festivities Week

December 13 – PAC Meeting

<u>December 14</u> – Young Entrepreneur Fair

<u>December 16</u> – Report Cards Home Last Day Before Winter Break

RMS PAC News:

Don't forget we are still collecting Country Grocer receipts. If you shop at Country Grocer please send receipts to the school. They can be dropped off in the office! Thanks!



<u>SPIRIT WEAR! –</u> Yes, with the completion of our school logo at the end of last year we are very excited to offer Spirit Wear for purchase this year. The order window is tight as we wanted the order to be in so that the spirit wear can be ready before the break. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30!** At this time we are happy to be able to offer a t-shirt option and a hoodie option in both grey and red.

Orders can be placed through www.schoolcashonline.com or we will have order forms available in the office. Please email me directly if you would like this as a surprise gift for your child and we can hold onto it for parent pick-up when they arrive in December.

<u>Curriculum Completion Afternoon – Friday December 2nd</u>

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.

Winter traditions at Rockheights:

We have a couple of very important traditions that we have at Rockheights that allow students and families to explore the spirit of giving and sharing with those less fortunate.

The first is a <u>Clothing Drive</u> which is happening from now until the last day of school. Students can drop off clothing items at the office and for every item contributed they will get a ticket to enter their name for a draw for prizes. Clothing will be used both in our school clothing room and also donated to local charities.

The second "drive" is a <u>non-perishable food drive</u> that is taking place in all of our classes. The classes are competing and the class that brings in the most items will win a prize for the class. The deadline for food items is on Wednesday Dec 14! All items will be used in our Christmas hampers that will be distributed to families in our school community.



SOCIAL MEDIA REMINDER: Lastly, I wanted to ask that all families spend some time connecting with your children about their social media presence. We have had a few incidents with students that have been messaging people that they do not know through platforms such as Snapchat. We have also had students approached, virtually, and offered illegal products such as vapes and even narcotics. This is incredibly dangerous and a good reminder to be connecting with your children and actively monitoring their social media interactions to ensure they are safe and healthy.

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



UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS



Sunday December 4th (6pm) - 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 Maureen Washington.

Wednesday December 7th (7pm) - music students will be performing in our Winter concerts in the Rockheights Gym.

All music students will be performing in our holiday-themed concerts. You can find more information on www.rockheightsmusic.com.