



# *From the Raven's Nest...*

for Friday, February 24, 2023

Dear Families,

Can you believe it is almost March and there are only three weeks left of term two!? Time flies in Middle School! As we work towards the end of the second term, we encourage students to take the next three weeks to finish all their tasks so they can all feel proud of their progress and accomplishments this term. **CC** afternoon is coming this Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> – parent forms will be sent home by Monday to let you know if your child can be dismissed early.

On Tuesday, our Grade 8 students will be completing their **course selection** for high school. I have attached a copy of the Esquimalt Grade nine course selection form for you to look at and if you would like more information you can refer to the Esquimalt High website:

<https://esquimaltcourses.sd61.bc.ca/> . Grade 8 Parents are also invited to Grade 8 Course Planning Information Meeting ESQ Wednesday, March 1, 2023 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (PST)  
[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_YzZiNGRiNjktZGI5Ni00MTM2LTgzYjktYzNmOTE1YzNhOGlx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%224e123748-aef8-4716-9afe-6ed0473f28fd%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22a8fd616c-2e97-4407-bd76-47b1e874a19c%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YzZiNGRiNjktZGI5Ni00MTM2LTgzYjktYzNmOTE1YzNhOGlx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%224e123748-aef8-4716-9afe-6ed0473f28fd%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22a8fd616c-2e97-4407-bd76-47b1e874a19c%22%7d)

Tap on the link or paste it in a browser to join.

## What's happening next week at Rockheights:

### Monday, Feb 27<sup>th</sup> -

- Grade 8 students to Camosun for Trades Tour
- **Grade 7/8 Boys** Volleyball practice at lunch and games after school at Journey Middle School

### Tuesday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup>

- Craft Club at NB in the LLC
- Dungeons and Dragons Club at Lunch
- Grade 8 Course selection in afternoon
- Pizza sales today!- Preorder online by Sunday evening using [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com)
- 6:30pm Grade 8 Recognition planning meeting in the LLC

### Wednesday, Mar 1<sup>st</sup> -

- Elementary School Music Tour
- Rainbow Ravens at lunch in room 1051
- 3pm-5pm Raven's Club in the Raven's Nest

### Thursday, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>

- **SUBWAY Day** for those that pre-ordered
- **Chess Club** at Lunch time

### Friday, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>

- **CC Afternoon** – Students dismissed at 11:55 if eligible

### Looking Further Ahead:

Mar 6 – Victoria Sings

Mar 14 - RMS PAC Meeting

Mar 17 – Last day before Spring Break

April 3 - School Re-opens after Spring Break



**Pizza reminder!** – If you are interested in ordering Pizza for your child please do so using SchoolCash Online **before Sunday at midnight**. All pizzas are on whole wheat crust and pre-orders are required.

## Student Learning Survey 2022/2023

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is a tool that gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

We have been administering the Student Learning Survey to all grade 7 students and it is also open to their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at [http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey). Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until April 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please call me at the school.

I realize that this is a busy time of year as we try to balance looking ahead to next year while still being present and celebrating the progress that students have demonstrated this term. Whether it is participating on our volleyball teams, taking part in our Gravity Car Races, reading daily for our Literacy challenges, or performing Random acts of kindness, there have been many opportunities for students to take on leadership roles and it is great to see students rise to the various challenges they are faced with.

Between now and Spring Break, teachers will be working with students to prepare their progress reports to give families an idea of where students are at this time. We hope you will take the time to discuss your child's progress with them as they reflect on the learning they have done this term. Our CC afternoon on Friday is a chance for students to ensure they have produced evidence of their learning and have goals set as they move into term three.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's Advisory teacher or to me directly.

Sincerely, *Mr Maxwell*

