

From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, November 17, 2023



Time flies when you are having fun... I can't believe we are in full planning for the first Learning Update and winter celebrations but the time is upon us. On November 27th we have our first Curriculum Catch Up afternoon and there will be more information about that below. With the new Reporting Order, the Learning Update that will be sent home will look a little different than report cards from previous years. There will not be any letter grades on the Learning Update, but rather an indication of the level of proficiency (emerging, developing, proficient, or extending) that they have demonstrated in terms of each of the competencies covered. Teachers have been working all year to help students make that shift and we will include some information with the report card to help you have a conversation with your child about their progress. This shift is a result of the curriculum and a focus on trying to help students understand their learning and what they need to continue to work on, rather than just what mark they received.

We know that for some families this is a change that will take some time, but truly believe that this is best for students as it will help them understand their strengths, challenges and what they can focus on moving forward.

Also this year, **all Learning Updates and the year end Summary of Learning will be accessed digitally.**

We will send home a separate message about how that will happen through our ParentConnect system which is the same system you used for permissions at the start of the school year.

What's happening at Rockheights next week:

Monday, Nov 20th - Pro D Day – No School for students

Tuesday, Nov 21th

- Pizza sales today!- Preorder using www.schoolcashonline.com
- 3:45pm Gr 6/7 Girls Basketball games at ROCKHEIGHTS

Wednesday, Nov 22th

- Noon - Rainbow Ravens
- Div 1,2, 3 and 4 are skating – please bring helmets
- 3pm Gr 6/7/8 Boys basketball practice in the gym
- 3pm-5pm Ravens Club in the Home Ec. Room

Thursday, Nov 23th

- SUBWAY Lunches for those that ordered
- 12pm Gr 6/7/8 Boys basketball practice in the gym
- 3:45pm Gr 6/7 Boys Basketball games at ROCKHEIGHTS

Friday, Nov 24th

Looking Further Ahead:

Monday November 27 –Curriculum catch up afternoon – More information below

Sunday December 3 – Esquimalt Celebration of Lights

Wednesday December 6 – 7pm- Winter Concerts at Rockheights

Friday December 8 – Learning Updates available through ParentConnect

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 SAFETY

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 creates 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.



Rockheights Ravens

Student's Name: _____ Div: _____
Teacher: _____
Parent Name: _____
Parent Contact phone #: _____
Parent Email: _____

Cotton T-Shirts
Full Front Logo
#1) Red
#2) Sport Grey
Sizes: Youth S-XL
\$15.00

Fleece HOODIES
Full Front Logo
#3) Red
#4) Sport Grey
Sizes: Youth S-XL
\$31.50

Prices Include Tax

Item #	YOUTH or ADULT	Size	Price

Total: _____

SPIRIT WEAR!

LAST CALL FOR SPIRIT WEAR ORDERS - ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19! 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.schoolcashionline.com. They will be the same style as last year, but the logos will be printed in full colour this year. 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.

Curriculum Catch Up Afternoon – Friday December 2nd

Three times a year, we have a “Curriculum Catch Up 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 (by Wednesday) 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) on Monday November 27. 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.

SD61 Climate Action Plan

On September 25, 2023, the Greater Victoria School District Board of Education passed a motion to approve the Greater Victoria Climate Action Plan. Please see the attached document for more details.

We know that there have been some strong cold and flu bugs going through our community and we hope that you are reminding your child to continue best practices of hand washing, covering your mouth when they cough and completing daily health checks. We are a community that takes care of each other and hope you are staying healthy.

Sincerely, *Aaron Maxwell and Tania Singh*