

# From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, December 1, 2023



**Did someone say WINTER?** As we get into December, the weather definitely is getting cooler. We could use your help with reminding/ecouraging your child to be dressing for the weather and, if anything, bringing an extra layer for the end of the day. I have included our district "Inclement Weather Protocol" as a reminder in case the weather changes. It is good to know where to get information about potential closures, but hopefully this will not be needed until after the winter break!

## What's happening at Rockheights next week:

**Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> -**

**Tuesday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>**

- Pizza sales today!- Preorder using [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com)

**Wednesday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>**

- Noon - Rainbow Ravens
- Division 7, 8, and 9 are skating
- 3pm-5pm Ravens Club in the Home Ec. Room
- 7pm Winter concerts in the gym

**Thursday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>**

- SUBWAY Lunches for those that ordered
- Grade 8's to Compassionate Warehouse

**Friday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>**

- Division 10, 11, 12, and 13 Skating
- Learning Updates are available on Parent Connect

## Looking Further Ahead:

**Tuesday December 12** – 6:30 – RMS PAC meeting

**Wednesday December 6** – 7pm- Winter Concerts at Rockheights

**Mon Dec 18 – Fri Dec 22** – Winter Festivities Week – details to follow next week

**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.

**Esquimalt Celebration of Lights**  
SUNDAY | DECEMBER 3RD 2023  
**FESTIVE FAMILY FUN!**  
3 PM TO 7 PM

- ★ LIVE MUSIC, PERFORMANCES, PARADE
- ★ 3 PM PERFORMANCES @ ARCHIE BROWNING
- ★ 5 PM PARADE START @ CANTEEN RD
- ★ 5:30 PM SNACKS BY DONATION, SANTA + MORE!

FEATURING CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH MAUREEN WASHINGTON & ROCKHEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL (5:30 PM) & SPECIAL GUESTS FROM EGLEE VICTOR-BRODEUR, ROCKBAY ELEMENTARY, JILL GRUBB, JOE PRICK (5:30)

BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR THE RAINBOW KITCHEN!  
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## UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

**Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> (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 6<sup>th</sup> (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](http://www.rockheightsmusic.com).

## Greater Victoria School District Inclement Weather Protocol

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is a priority for the Greater Victoria School District to communicate effectively to parents, students and community partners during inclement weather. With cooler temperatures in our forecast, the District would like to remind families of its inclement weather protocol and where to find information about the determination of school closures. The District assesses weather conditions on a daily basis and puts every effort into making a determination by 6:30 a.m. of whether or not schools will remain open. The status of schools and transportation is then provided to local media and communicated to our community.

### Inclement Weather Updates are provided through the following:

- School District website: [www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca)
- Local media outlets
- Social media channels
  - Twitter: [@sd61schools](https://twitter.com/sd61schools)
  - Facebook: [@sd61schools](https://www.facebook.com/GreaterVictoriaSchoolDistrict)
  - Instagram: [@sd61schools](https://www.instagram.com/sd61schools)

The District is regularly monitoring local weather conditions and Environment Canada's forecast, and will continue to do so over the weekend. Please stay connected with us for regular updates. The Greater Victoria Region is broad and we understand that some areas may be more difficult to travel than others. It's always a parent's decision if you choose to keep your child home due to road conditions. **For more information about notification of school impacts due to inclement weather:** <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/inclement-weather-notifications-2/>

## *LEARNING UPDATE INFORMATION*

As mentioned in earlier notices, all Learning Updates (what used to be called report cards) will be posted and accessed online. Parents will need to log onto the Greater Victoria Parent Connect site (<https://parentconnect.sd61.bc.ca/Identity/Account/Login>) which is the same website that you used to grant permissions at the start of the year. Please ensure that you are able to log on to this website as it will be how you get your child's progress report on December 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or struggles logging in, please let me know and I can try to support you with that.

## *Winter traditions at Rockheights:*

We have a couple of very important traditions at Rockheights that allow students and families to explore the spirit of giving and sharing with those less fortunate. The first is a **Donation Drive** which is happening from now until December 15. We are looking for small gift items that will be used to populate a "Santa's Workshop" so that students that need to, are able to visit and shop for one or two items for their family. We know we have many vulnerable families in our school community and hopefully this opportunity will allow some of our students to experience the joy of giving. *If you would like your child to be able to access this space please email me directly.*  
Your privacy will be respected.

Lastly, a big thank you to those that have been helping minimize the congestion with morning drop off and afternoon pick up. We appreciate you not blocking driveways or trying to turn around in front of the school. In fact, I have noticed some families dropping children around the corner or down by our field and that has helped a lot. Dropping students off away from the main entrance helps everyone as they get a little exercise and the reduced congestion improves everyone's safety. We really appreciate that.

Sincerely, *Aaron Maxwell and Tania Singh*