



From the Raven's Nest...

for Thursday, January 11, 2024

Dear Families,

Please excuse this special notice, but there are some very important time sensitive items that we wanted to highlight for you. They include:



1. **PIZZA ORDERS** – Pizza Tuesdays will resume next week. As of this afternoon you will be able to bulk order (for the entire 9 weeks) or just one week at a time through www.schoolcashionline.com

2. **SUBWAY ORDERS:** Also starting this week, and continuing until Thursday Jan 18, you can place your order for the next session of Subway orders that will be delivered on Thursdays. This is a one-time order that will be delivered on each of the Thursdays (8 weeks) up until Thursday Mar 14. This time we will be using www.schoolcashionline.com to collect the orders. Be sure to select the type of sandwich as well, as any of the toppings, your child would like on their sandwich. Ideally all orders will be submitted using www.schoolcashionline.com but if you would prefer to pay by cash or cheque, order forms will be available in the office until January 18.



3. **PAC Fundraiser – KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUT SALE - \$15 per dozen:** On Friday January 19 you will be able to pick up FRESH Krispy Kreme doughnuts from the school at the Family Games Night for only \$15 per dozen. To ensure that you will be able to get these we have a pre-order system through <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/51944/140/False/True> that will allow you to place and ensure your order is available.




4. **Family Games Night – January 19**

On January 19 from 6pm until 8:00pm there will be a special event for all families from Rockheights Middle School. The RMS PAC will be hosting a Family Fun Games Night with food, fun, and friends. We hope that many of our families will be able to join us!



The Esquimalt Lions will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs (by donation- suggested minimum donation of \$2 per hamburger or hot dog). There will be games, crafts, and activities for people of all ages. All proceeds will be going to support our grade 8 recognition events. We hope that you can join us for this special community building event.

Volunteers are NEEDED! – If you are able to help out for an hour or more at this event please indicate on the following Google doc https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lQd6O5sajnW7fJsRwBqPxUxFmGHkHRT-0HlIie3e_s/edit?usp=sharing . We can not do this without your help!

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5. **INCLEMENT WEATHER PROTOCOL** - Please see the attached document for the district Inclement Weather Protocol. The forecast is for colder weather over the next few days and even the potential for snow. I know that families are often curious how to get the most up to date information about school closures and this document reviews all of those processes.

6. **Music Program meeting for grade 7 and 8 families – Wednesday January 17 at 7pm** in the Library Learning Commons - A field trip is proposed for all grade 7 and 8 music students (52 students) for Wednesday April 10th and/or Thursday, April 11th. Parents are invited to attend this evening information session to find out more about the itinerary, costs and more as the trip is planned. A Zoom link will be available closer to the date for anyone who wishes to attend online.

7. And lastly...

Rockheights Human Library Event – Wednesday Jan 31

Do you have a unique hobby or an interesting job? Are you an entrepreneur, an artist, or do you have a fascinating life story that you would be willing to share? Rockheights is planning a Human Library Event! We are looking for “Human Books” who would be willing to have a conversation with our students.

If you answered yes to any of the above questions then we need you! (Or if you have a friend or relative that you think would be interested then please share this with them as well)

We know that middle school is a time for students to explore and try new things. Many of you were probably inspired by people you met when you were the age of our students and this is a chance to maybe pass that on to our students. The “Human Library” is an activity where people are the books and students get a chance to meet some adults that are willing to share some of their experiences. It is not about doing a formal presentation about your experiences but rather having an informal conversation with our students about what you have experienced or what inspired you in the direction of your life. Participants can come for a couple of hours, for the morning or afternoon or for the full day depending on your availability.

If you have an artifact(s) that is related to what you do, or have experienced, then you can have them displayed and students will be touring around and asking questions to hear your story.

I have been involved in this activity several times and it has been great to see parents, the public, and even former students share their experiences and hopefully plant the seeds of inspiration for our students. If you are willing/interested in taking part in this event, then please complete the form found at: <https://forms.gle/ep4mjzcHcjGiogd9> and I will connect with you to get you more details. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to email me directly at amaxwell@sd51.bc.ca Thanks!

Sincerely, *Mr Maxwell and Ms. Singh*