

# From the Raven's Nest...

for Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024



**Another BUSY week!** As we get into December there are more and more events. This week we have the Young Entrepreneur Fair where our Grade seven students have been creating products that they will be selling on Tuesday from 1 until about 4pm. Parents are welcome to come by to do some shopping. Then on Wednesday we have our music concert and we look forward to seeing everyone as we celebrate the season and enjoy the talents of the students in our music program. Lastly, this week we will also be posting Learning Updates so that you can see how your child(ren) have been progressing.

## What's happening at Rockheights next week:

**Monday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - LEARNING UPDATES POSTED THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Pizza sales today!- Preorder online by Sunday evening using [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com) – THIS IS THE LAST WEEK!
- 1pm until 4pm Young Entrepreneur Fair in the gym

**Wednesday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 7pm Winter Music Concert in the gym

**Thursday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**

- SUBWAY Lunches for those that ordered – THIS IS THE LAST WEEK!

**Friday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> -**

- Hot Dog day – please bring your twoonies!
- Div 11, 12, 13, and 14 are skating– Please bring helmets!

## Looking Further Ahead:

**December 15-20** Winter Festivities Week – Details as we get closer to the date!



**Pizza reminder** Thank you to everyone who placed their orders online using SchoolCash Online. **ALL ORDERS WILL NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY MIDNIGHT ON THIS SUNDAY. THIS IS THE LAST WEEK UNTIL THE NEW YEAR!** All orders can be placed using [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com) We will still try to have a couple of pizzas for those students that forget to order online, but availability will not be guaranteed if you have not pre-ordered!

## **Winter Music Concert!**

**Wednesday December 11<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 concert. You can find more information on [www.rockheightsmusic.com](http://www.rockheightsmusic.com).

## Winter traditions at Rockheights:

We have a very important tradition at Rockheights that allows students and families to explore the spirit of giving and sharing with those less fortunate. It is a **Donation Drive** which is happening from now until December 13. 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.

## LEARNING UPDATE INFORMATION

As mentioned in earlier notices, all Learning Updates (what used to be called report cards) will be posted and accessed online. They will be posted starting on Monday afternoon at 3pm. We hope you can log on via <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. For instructions on creating an account, visit our school district website at <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/parent-connect/> If you are unable to successfully access Parent Connect, I will be available to help any interested parents prior to our PAC meeting on Tuesday December 10 from 5pm to 6:30pm in our Library Learning Commons. Please feel free to join me and I am happy to help you log in, or if necessary, we can even print a paper copy of your child’s learning update.

We have an exciting opportunity for a cross-cultural experience, in our school, with a group of grade 8 students and their teacher-chaperones from Brazil, January 5-February 28, 2025.

**We are currently looking for a host family for a 14-year-old boy** who enjoys tennis, skiing, volleyball, history, geography and many other activities. He would be very happy to have a sibling around his age. Arrangements for his host family need to be confirmed before winter break.

Host families provide 3 meals a day, healthy snacks, a private bedroom and a welcoming environment. \$1260, prorated, is provided as reimbursement for student support. Orientation and 24/7 support are available from the Homestay Office.

For more information:

Website: [www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay](http://www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay)

Phone: 250-592-6871

Email: [homestay@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:homestay@sd61.bc.ca)

We look forward to seeing many of you at either the Young Entrepreneur Fair on Tuesday or the Winter Concert on Wednesday (or both!). If you ordered chocolates through the PAC, they will be available to pick up at the Winter Concerts on Wednesday. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely, *Aaron Maxwell & Tania Singh*