

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

for Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025



**Tis the Season...** This past week we were happy to see many of you at our Winter Concerts. A huge thank you to all of the students and to Ms. McDonnell for all of the work that went into that event. And also a big thank you to all of the staff that came to help organize and enjoy the concert.

The last week of school before the break is an important time but also can be a busy time as we celebrate our progress this term and the upcoming holidays. Please note that there are events/activities happening each and every day (PLEASE see below for specifics). We also have a tradition here at RMS where each day there are elves hidden around the school so you may hear about the

search that your child has been involved in to try to earn special treats for their classmates. As you can imagine the energy of three hundred and twenty excited students is quite palatable at this time of year.

Thank-you for taking the time to review the Learning Updates (what used to be called report cards) that were posted on Monday. We hope you were able to access the information via <https://parentconnect.sd61.bc.ca/Identity/Account/Login> For instructions on creating an account, visit our school district website at <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/parent-connect/> as this is the process that will be used for all future updates. If you are still having issues accessing this document, please let me know and I can try to help you get it sorted.

## **What's happening at Rockheights next week:**

**Monday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> - Cosplay Day** – Students are welcome to dress up as their favourite fictional character

**Tuesday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Festive Colour Day** - Wear Red, White and/or Green clothing or accessories! Live it up!

**Wednesday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Crazy Hat Day - Dress it up!** Students are encouraged to wear a Santa hat, elf ears, bobbles, bobbers, bells or any other winter accessory! Have fun!

- Div 4-6 Skating at Archie Browning

**Thursday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> PJ Day** – Hopefully this is self explanatory

**Friday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Sweater Day** – we look forward to seeing your festive attire!

## **Looking Further Ahead:**

**January 5<sup>th</sup>** – School Reopens

**January 26<sup>th</sup>** – Middle School Pro D Day

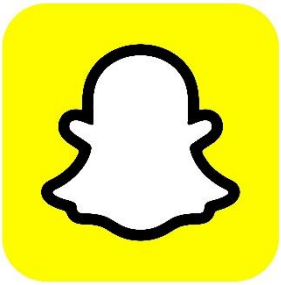
**Pizza and Subway are finished for this year.**  
**We will have ordering opportunities available again in January**



**WE NEED YOUR INVOLVEMENT: I wanted to ask that all families spend some time THIS WEEKEND**

connecting with your children about their social media presence and **especially those students that are using**

**Snapchat or TikTok**. There are several group chats that involve many students from our school that are places where inappropriate language, threats and cyber bullying are taking place. This is incredibly dangerous and a good reminder to be connecting with your children and actively monitoring their social media interactions to ensure they are safe and healthy especially as students may be connecting with their peers virtually over the holidays.



We were also made aware of Google Chat activity that was in violation of the School District's Acceptable Use Policy and Student Code of Conduct. Given the limited educational/pedagogical use of Google Chat in the school district, a district decision was made to disable Google Chat for students district-wide.

Our PAC is also planning to host a ***Parent Education Night*** in February (likely Feb 10), where we will have experts presenting on **Social Media and Anxiety in Adolescents**. This is a topic that I am sure all of you are interested in so please mark your calendars for this important evening. More information will be sent out in January.

We know that the holidays can bring many chances to celebrate, but they also can be challenging for many of our families. If families are struggling during the holidays there are resources available to them. Some of these resources can be found through FamilySmart and a summary of these can be found at

<https://mailchi.mp/familysmart/december-e-news?e=c1813332f1>

Please feel free to share these with families that you know that may need additional support.

We also know that every family has its traditions and one of the Rockheights traditions is that we send home hampers to many of our families in need. We have reached out to 50 families so they can pick up their hampers this week and we hope that will make the holidays a little brighter.



Sincerely,

*Aaron Maxwell*  
*Principal*

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*Beth Richardson*  
*Vice-Principal*