

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

for Friday, December 5, 2025



**Another BUSY week!** As we get into December there are more and more events. On Sunday, the choir will be performing as part of the Esquimalt Celebration of Lights at 6pm and then next week we will be having our Winter concerts here at the school on Wednesday Dec 10 (keep reading for more details). Please read carefully for some of the other upcoming events!

This week we will also be posting Learning Updates so that you can see how your child(ren) have been progressing. This week we will also 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 3pm. 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.

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

### **Monday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - Learning Updates posted at 3pm**

- Rainbow Ravens at Lunch in the Art Room

### **Tuesday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Young Entrepreneur Fair today in the Gym
- Pizza sales today!- Preorder online by Sunday evening using [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com)
- Book Fair in the LLC

### **Wednesday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**

- ELL Students to the public Library
- Book Fair in the LLC
- 7pm Winter Music Concerts

### **Thursday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**

- SUBWAY Lunches for those that ordered
- Div 1-3 Skating at Archie Browning

### **Friday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> -**

- Div 7-10 Skating at Archie Browning

## **Looking Further Ahead:**

**December 15-19** Winter Festivities Week – Details as we get closer to the date!

## **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 12. 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.

## RMS Music UPDATES:

1. **Celebration of Lights, 5-7pm, Sunday, December 7th outside Archie Browning Rec' Centre** - The choir performs this Sunday at the Esquimalt Celebration of Lights. This is a super fun, family-oriented event that includes the light-up parade, and an incredible on-stage performance by Ms. Stephanie Greaves, who is a highly-acclaimed local singer. We hope you will join us!

2. **Rockheights Music Winter Concert, 7pm Wednesday, December 10 in the Gym**

Every student in band, strings and choir will be performing in this first concert of the school year. Every student in the program wears a **red Rockheights Music t-shirt** when we perform. Please see the music website [www.rockheightsmusic.com](http://www.rockheightsmusic.com) for more information. Thank you!



**Pizza update** Thank you to everyone who placed their orders online using SchoolCash Online. **ALL ORDERS WILL NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY MIDNIGHT ON THIS SUNDAY.** All orders can be placed using [www.schoolcashonline.com](http://www.schoolcashonline.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!

## **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/>

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**  
Principal

&

**Beth Richardson**  
Vice-Principal

Please join us for the Young Entrepreneur Fair on **Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2:50pm** (closed 11:55-12:40 for lunch). Grade 7 students have been working hard to develop a product and business plan, conduct market research, complete marketing and branding exercises, and launch their products for sale. The Young Entrepreneur Fair empowers young people with the skills and entrepreneurial thinking needed to help them succeed in our rapidly changing world! **Please bring your cash to help support students and to stock up on gifts for the holiday season!**

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# ROCKHEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

## BOOK FAIR

Join us on

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, Tues - 8:30 to 3:30**

**Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, Wed - 8:30 to 3:30 &**

**Evening Winter Concert - 6:30 to 7:30**

*cash, cheque, debit & credit card accepted*

Every purchase benefits our school. School House will donate 20% of total sales for buying more books & resources for our school.

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### 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/X: [@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/>