From the Raven's Nest…

for Friday, November 13, 2026

Time flies when you are having fun… I can't believe we are in full planning for the first Learning Update and winter celebrations but the time is upon us. On November 20th we have our first Curriculum Catch Up afternoon of the year and there will be more information about that below. Teachers have been working since the start of the year to help students understand their progress and we will include some information with the update to help you have a conversation with your child about their progress. We truly believe that this is best for students as it will help them understand their strengths, challenges and what they can focus on moving forward. Learning Updates are a snapshot of where students are at right now and hopefully will give you a chance to have a meaningful discussion with your child(ren) about their progress.

Again this year, **all Learning Updates and the year end Summary of Learning will be accessed digitally**. We will send home a separate message about how that will happen through our ParentConnect system which is the same system you used for permissions at the start of the school year.

Monday, November 16th

- **Gr 8 Boys Basketball Practice at Lunch**
- **Gr 8 Boys Basketball Games at Colquitz**

Tuesday, November 17th

- **Rainbow Raven's in the Art Room at Lunch**
- **Athletic Leadership at Lunch**

Wednesday, November 18th

- **Grade 7/8 Girls Basketball Games at ROCKHEIGHTS**

Thursday, November 19th

- **DROP IN Intramural activities for all grades**
- **Subway Lunches for those that ordered**
- **Grade 8 Boys Practice after school**

Friday, November 20th

- **Curriculum catch Up afternoon – eligible students dismissed at 11:35**

Looking Further Ahead:

November 27 Pro D Day

December 6 Choir performs at the Celebration of Lights

December 9 Winter Concerts

December 16 Young Entrepreneur Fair at the School

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 We will still try to have a couple of slices for those students that forget to order online, but availability will not be guaranteed if you have not pre-ordered!



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1. **Visit:** https://fundraising.purdys.com/fundraising/campaign/000047003
2. **Click the "Start Supporting Now" button** and shop Hedgehogs, Sweet Georgia Browns, gift boxes & stocking stuffers!

ORDER DEADLINE: November 26, 2026
PICK-UP DETAILS: December 9, 2026, 2:45-3:30pm and right before the Winter Concert 6-7pm
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Esquimalt Celebration of Lights

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: ESQUIMALT CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

Sunday, December 6, 2026 • Volunteer 4:30 - 6:30pm • Parade Starts at 5:00 PM • Esquimalt Road

Help bring holiday magic to our community! We are looking for adult volunteers to help with security and optionally provide their vehicle as a barrier along the parade route at cross streets during the **2026 Esquimalt Celebration of Lights Parade** to help provide a safe, festive, and unforgettable night for families across Esquimalt.

Parade route: Along Esquimalt Road between Admirals Road and Lampson Street.

Rockheights Middle School Choir will be performing after the parade near Esquimalt Plaza so any choir parents please consider joining us!

VOLUNTEER ROLE:

- **Parade Route Marshals & Crowd Safety:** Help keep spectators safe along Esquimalt Road.
- **What is provided:** High visibility vests and light wands. We encourage wearing high visibility & festive attire!
- **More details to come…**

SIGN UP or QUESTIONS VIA EMAIL: pacforrockheights@gmail.com

Curriculum Catch Up Afternoon – Friday November 20

Three times a year, we have a "Curriculum Catch Up Afternoon" in which students who are all caught up on their work are dismissed early, while those that are missing tasks from the term are required to stay to complete those tasks. A form was sent home this week that indicated whether or not your child is up to date on all of their assigned tasks. Students that are eligible(caught up on their work) will be dismissed at 11:35 on Friday November 20. Those that are required to stay will be working in the Learning Commons or other spaces until their assigned tasks are completed. Students are welcome to be dismissed once they have completed their work as long as they have permission from you to do so. ***Please ensure you have received your childs's CC Day form and that you have signed and returned it to the school by Monday!*** *We realize this can be an inconvenience for families, but if families prefer, you can indicate on the form, and students are welcome to spend the afternoon working/reading quietly even if they are up to date on their work.*





SPIRIT WEAR IS BACK… At the recent PAC meeting we were asked about the chance of Spirit Wear prior to winter break. The good news is that our supplier can produce the items so they are available the week before Winter Break if we have **all orders submitted by Monday November 23.** It is a short order window, so we are keeping the options to t-shirts, hoodies and ¼ zip tops. If you are planning to order items as gifts and would not like them sent home with your child, please email me directly and I can ensure they are set aside for you to pick up from the office. All orders can be placed on www.schoolcashonline.com

We know that there have been some strong cold and flu bugs going through our community and we hope that you are reminding your child to continue best practices of hand washing, covering your mouth when they cough and dressing warmly for the weather. We are a community that takes care of each other and hope you are staying healthy and one of the best ways to do so is to stay warmly dressed.

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