



THE GRIZZLY GAZETTE

April 4, 2025

Happy Friday, Everyone!

Greetings, Gordon Head Families. It was a great first week back from break. Spring has finally arrived and we were blessed with the sun shining on us all week.

Our Grade 8 Bottle Drive is being held tomorrow, here at Gordon Head, from 10:00 - 2:00pm. We appreciate all bottle donations and thank you in advance for supporting the Grade 8 year end activities.

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**Saturday
April 5**

**Grade 8 Bottle Drive
10:00am - 2:00pm**

**Wednesday
April 16**

**PAC Meeting 7:00pm
Library**

**Friday
April 18**

**Good Friday
(no school)**

**Monday
April 21**

**Easter Monday
(no school)**



Sports

- Badminton Practices
 - Grade 6 @ lunch on Monday
 - Grade 8 @ lunch on Wednesday
 - Grade 7 @ lunch on Friday
- Badminton Matches (exhibition)
 - Wednesday after school against Lansdowne. Not everyone will be playing on Wednesday, so please check the list on Monday to see if you are playing in the match.
- Rugby Practices
 - Boys (both teams) after school on Tuesday and Thursday
 - Girls after school Wednesday
- Field Hockey
 - Practice - Tuesday after school
 - First Game - Thursday after school @GNS

Clubs and Meetings

- Robotics/Coding happens Wednesdays 3:00-4:00pm.
- Yearbook Leaders will meet again sometime after spring break.
- Magic the Gathering and Pokemon Club runs weekly on Thursdays at lunch recess.
- Dance Team meets every Wednesday at lunch and Fridays after school until 3:45, in the Dance/Drama room.
- GSA meets on Thursdays at lunch in the Library.
- Chess Club meets Fridays at lunch in the Library.

PAC Messages

Our GHMS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is reaching out in hopes of promoting interest for parents to join next year. Currently, our PAC Executive is made up of all Gr. 8 parents, so they'll be leaving next year. We need volunteers to help fill the following roles:



- Chair
- Co-Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary

- Fundraising (can be split among a group of people)
- Bookkeeper (this would be a paid job that would require minimal time but important for accuracy and clarity of funds)

The time commitment is manageable: one meeting per month (typically Wednesday evenings from 7–8 pm) and some additional work on your own schedule, depending on the role.

Without a full PAC Executive Team, we won't be able to apply for important grants that support our students' activities and education.

If you're interested or have questions, please reach out to Laird or Salina at ghmspac@gmail.com. You're also welcome to join any of our upcoming PAC meetings in the school library to learn more:

April 16: 7-8pm

May 21: 7-8pm

June 18: 7-8pm

Thank you,

GHMS PAC



The background of the entire image is a dense, overlapping collection of various plastic bottles and cans in shades of pink, purple, blue, yellow, and green. Some are upright, some are lying on their sides, and some have their caps removed, showing the interior. The overall effect is a vibrant, textured collage of recycled plastic.

GHMS

**GRADE 8
FAREWELL FEST
BOTTLE DRIVE**

April 5th 10am-2pm

In support of the
Grade 8 year end party!

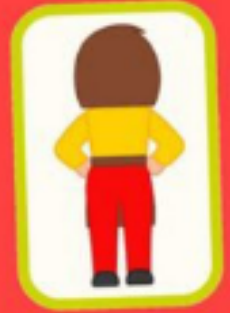
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Who Am I?



Guess My Job

Hello Parents and Guardians,

We are still looking for any parents, caregivers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, friends who might be willing to come share a bit about their job. On Monday, April 14th, 1-3pm, and Thursday, April 17th, 1-3pm, we will be hosting a panel style event in our library to groups of 60 students.

If you are interested or know of someone who might be able to help present at one of these sessions, please contact Jennifer Adamson at Gordon Head Middle School jadamson@sd61.bc.ca .

Student Learning Survey 2024/2025

Greetings Families. It is time again to conduct the Ministry Student Learning Survey. The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in 2025, the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 7, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement.

The surveys contain standard questions for the province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included. The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 2, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-477-1855.

Community **OPPORTUNITIES**



PARKS, RECREATION
& COMMUNITY SERVICES

GORDON HEAD YOUTH CENTRE


WEEKLY CALENDER

10-17yrs

April 2025

Monday

After School Drop-in
3:00-5:00PM (FREE)

 2SLGBTQIA+ Social
Drop-in 6:00-8:00PM (FREE)

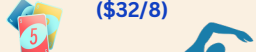
Tuesday

After School Drop-in
3:00-5:00PM (FREE)

Crafters & Bakers 6:00-8:00PM
(\$35/10)


Wednesday

After School Drop-in
3:00-5:00PM (FREE)

Games & Swim 6:30-8:45PM
(\$32/8)


Thursday

After School Drop-in
3:00-5:00PM (FREE)



Friday

After School Drop-in
3:00-5:00PM (FREE)

Friday Night Drop-in
5:00-9:00PM +Dinner
(FREE)

PS5 Games Day!



Saturday

Sports Night 6:00-8:00PM
@Gordon Head Middle School
(\$42/8)





SCAN TO REGISTER



Program Info

*Closed on STAT Holidays
*No After School drop-in on
Pro D Days

-  Drop-in Programs include snack
-  Registration and payment required



HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Online: saanich.ca/youth (create an account & register)
2. Phone: 250-475-7111
3. In person at Gordon Head Recreation Centre Reception

Gordon Head Recreation Centre
4100 Lambrick Way Victoria, BC V8N 5R3 250-475-7100

*The Youth Centre is located beside the skateboard park



PARKS, RECREATION
& COMMUNITY SERVICES

GORDON HEAD YOUTH CENTRE

FREE DROP-IN

10-17yrs

March 31 - June 13

**MON-THUR
3:00-5:00PM**

FRI

**1:30-5:00PM &
5:00-9:00PM**

Scan for more info:



- FREE snack! (Dinner on Friday Nights)
- Pool table, foosball & outdoor ping-pong
- Basketball hoop arcade game
- Arts & Crafts
- Board games, card games & puzzles
- TV + PS5 gaming system (Fridays)
- Socialize and meet new friends!



 Gordon Head Recreation Centre - Youth Centre
4100 Lambrick Way Victoria, BC V8N 5R3
250-475-7100
saanich.ca/youth



PARKS, RECREATION
& COMMUNITY SERVICES

2SLGBTQIA+

11-17yrs

SOCIAL



Jan 13 - Jun 2

FREE

MONDAYS
6-8 PM

Come join us for a fun safe & inclusive youth social and connect with other youth in your community!
Enjoy snacks, games, crafts, and more!

REGISTER or drop-in
saanich.ca/youth
250-475-7100

Scan for more info:



@ The Backdoor Teen Centre
Gordon Head Recreation Centre



PARKS, RECREATION
& COMMUNITY SERVICES



FREE

GUYS NIGHT HANGOUT

10-14yrs

**THURSDAYS
6:00 - 8:00PM**

Jan 30 - Mar 13

Apr 3 - Jun 5

Hangout, play games and learn new skills!
Our Teen Centre is equipped with a pool
table, foosball, outdoor ping pong, board
games, a PS5 and more!

@ The Backdoor Teen Centre
Gordon Head Recreation Centre



REGISTER Online
or Drop-in!

www.saanich.ca/register
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