



THE GRIZZLY GAZETTE

March 14, 2025

Happy Friday, Everyone!

Greetings, Gordon Head Families. Another great week for the Grizzlies!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Music Concert on Tuesday. It was so nice to share an evening of music and song with everyone and be able to celebrate the talent and hard work of all our music and choir students.

Mrs. Meadows wishes to thank all the parents who brought in baked goods, all the parents who helped to sell and all the people who bought the goodies. We made close to \$800! Special thank you to Monique Cotton for being the head organizer for this fundraising endeavour! Our students in musical theatre are so very thankful!!

Thanks, Allison

Student Learning Updates (report cards) are available to access this Friday after 3:00 pm. Included in this week's Gazette you will find important information about the updates and how to access them online.

I hope you all have a wonderful Spring Break and we look forward to seeing you again on March 31.

Your Admin Team

Friday
March 14

Learning Updates
Available

March 17-28

Spring Break

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Learning Updates

Dear Parents and Caregivers:

We are writing to share that second term learning updates, previously called report cards, will be available to upload on Friday, March 14th. You will again notice your child's learning update indicates *Emerging, Developing, Proficient* or *Extending* rather than a letter grade or percentage, as well as a student self-reflection and goal setting section. Families can access learning updates via SD61's Parent Connect Portal on Friday, March 14th, after 3pm. Please [click here](#) to go to Parent Connect. This is the same spot you have used to sign all the back-to-school documents, e.g. allowing access to internet at school.

If you have not created a Parent Connect account, parents and caregivers need to first create one in order to review the learning update. For instructions on creating an account, visit our school district website or [click here](#).

If you require a paper copy of your child's report card, please reach out to your child's teacher first or speak to the school's office staff directly.

For more information on Curriculum, Reporting and Assessment, please [click here](#).

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about this, please do not hesitate to contact Carter or Jennifer.

Please read the following page for information on how to access learning updates and portfolios online.



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Accessing the Learning Updates through Parent Connect

If you have not already created a Parent Connect account, [please click here](#).

If you have a Parent Connect account, [please click here](#) to log in after reviewing the instructions below.

Instructions for viewing on a computer:

- Once logged in, click **ASSESSMENT HISTORY** on the left-hand side.
- In assessment history, you will see current year reporting information with **green icons** for learning updates and a **blue icon** for portfolio.
- When you click the learning update icon, the learning update will download to your computer.

Instructions for viewing on a phone/device:

- Once logged in, click on the 3 bars at the top left corner of the screen.
- Click on ASSESSMENT HISTORY.
- In assessment history, you will see current year reporting information with **green icons** for learning updates and a **blue icon** for portfolio.
- When you click on the icon it will open the learning update.



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Volleyball News

- Congratulations to the **grade 8 boys comp.** team for coming second in the City Finals at Lansdowne. They had a wonderful season and we are so proud of their efforts.
- Congratulations to the **grade 7 girls comp.** team for coming second in the City Finals at Dunsmuir. They had a wonderful season and we are so proud of their efforts.

Clubs and Meetings (will resume in April)

- 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 Message

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 are partially obscured. The lighting is soft, giving them a realistic but slightly stylized appearance.

GHMS

**GRADE 8
FAREWELL FEST
BOTTLE DRIVE**

April 5th 10am-2pm

In support of the
Grade 8 year end party!

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Hello Parents and Guardians,

We are 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.

JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL JOURNEY TO NEVERLAND!

The Racquet Club of Victoria proudly presents Peter Pan on Ice, a spectacular show that brings the beloved tale to life. Featuring stunning performances by National Ice Dancers alongside talented RCV skaters (**including GHMS students and alumni!**), this enchanting production will transport audiences of all ages to a world of adventure, imagination, and magic. Don't miss this unforgettable event!

March 22nd, 2pm

March 22nd, 7pm

March 23rd, 1 pm

Online tickets:

racquetclubofvictoria.com

or in person at Royal &
McPherson box offices

Archie Browning Sports Centre





PARKS, RECREATION
& COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Backdoor Youth Centre

Weekly Calendar

10-17yrs

January 2025

Monday

After School Drop-in
3:00-5:00PM

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



Tuesday

After School Drop-in
3:00-5:00PM

Crafters & Bakers 6:00-8:00PM
(Registered program)



Wednesday

After School Drop-in
3:00-5:00PM

Games & Swim 6:30-8:45PM
(Registered program)



Thursday

After School Drop-in
3:00-5:00PM

Guys Night Drop-in
6:00-8:00PM



Friday

After School Drop-in
3:00-5:00PM

FREE Friday Night Drop-in
5:00-9:00PM
PS5 Games Day!



Saturday

Sports Night 6:00-8:00PM
@Gordon Head Middle School
(Registered program)

Sunday

CLOSED




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

Program Info

*Closed on STAT Holidays

 FREE Drop-in program

 Registration and Payment
Required

Scan to Register





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
250-475-7100

Scan for more info:

