



THE GRIZZLY GAZETTE

October 31, 2025

Happy Friday Everyone!

Greetings, Gordon Head Families. We've had another great week at GHMS.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

to anyone who takes part.

Please be careful out there if you and your children are trick or treating. It looks to be a very dark and rainy night, so please make sure everyone is wearing reflective clothing and/or carrying lights with them.

It is Daylight Saving on Sunday, so please remember to set your clocks backward 1 hour.

An important request from the office staff to all parents leaving messages by phone and or through email, to please include your child's first **and** last name in order for us to efficiently accommodate your requests. Thanks Everyone.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and most importantly....

**GO
JAYS**



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Friday
October
31

Halloween

Sunday
November
2

Daylight
Saving Time

Tuesday
November
11

Remembrance Day
No students at the
school.

Thursday
November
20

PAC Meeting

Friday
November
21

Pro D Day
No students at the
school.

Tuesday
December
2

CC Afternoon
(12:00 Early Dismissal)



Clubs and Meetings

- GSA Club - **Mondays** in the library
- Math Challengers - **Tuesdays**, after school, in the library
- Musical Theatre - **Tues and Fri** @ lunch and **Wed** after school
- Dance Ensemble - **Wednesdays** @ lunch
- Coding Club - **Wednesdays**, after school
- Library Club - **Wednesdays** in the library
- Pokemon and Magic Club - **Thursdays** @ lunch
- Chess Club - **Fridays** @ lunch

Upcoming Sports - Games and Practices

Basketball Practices

- 8 Boys Comp **Tuesdays & Thursdays @ lunch**
- 7/8 Girls Rec **Tuesdays @ lunch**
- 6/7 Boys Comp #1 **Tuesday @ lunch**
- 6/7 Boys Comp #2 **Monday and Wednesday @ lunch**
- 6/7 Boys Comp #3 **Monday 3:@ Lunch & Tuesday 7:30am**
- 6/7 Girls Comp **Mondays & Wednesdays 7:30am - 8:30am**
- 6/7 Girls Recreational **Wednesdays & Fridays @ lunch**

Basketball Games

- Girls 6/7 Comp **Tues Nov 4th** @ GHMS vs SMUS 3:45
- Girls 6/7 Rec **Tuesday Nov 4th** @ St. Pat's 3:45
- Boys 6/7 Comp #1 **Thurs Nov 6th** @ Arbutus 5:00
- Boys 6/7 Comp #2 **Thurs Nov 6th** @ GHMS vs Central 3:45
- Boys 6 Comp #3 **Thurs Nov 6th** @ Arbutus 3:45
- Boys 8 Comp **Mon Nov 3rd** @ GHMS vs Dunsmuir 3:45
- Boys 8 Comp **Wed Nov 5th** @ GHMS Monterey #1 3:45

Gordon Head Grizzly Gear

Here is the store link to order this year's Grizzly Clothing.
The store will be open for two weeks, closing Sunday, November 16th.
All orders will arrive before Winter Break.

(Please note that the order website provides both youth and adult sizing.)

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Youth

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YOUTH Navy Gildan Ultra Cotton T-Shirt

\$20.00



YOUTH Sport Grey Gildan Ultra Cotton T-Shirt

\$20.00



YOUTH Navy Gildan Heavy Blend Hooded Sweatshirt

\$35.00



YOUTH Sport Grey Gildan Heavy Blend Hooded Sweatshirt

\$35.00



YOUTH GRAD26 Navy Gildan Heavy Blend Hooded Sweatshirt

\$42.00



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\$42.00

PAC News

Our next PAC meeting will be on **Thursday, November 20th, at 7:00pm**, in the Library.

Mesassage from the PAC Chair

I'd like to take a moment of your time to introduce myself and provide a brief outline of plans for the 2025/2026 PAC (which I am Chair of this year because it sounded like nobody else was keen;)

My name is Danielle but I'm also known by many as Danni. I have two daughters at GHMS, one in Grade 6 and one in Grade 7. By day I am a Dock Hand and Reservation Agent at the Victoria Clipper and by night I am a yoga teacher, artist and vintage furniture restorer and seller.

I went to Torquay from grade 2-7 and Lambrick from grade 8-12 and grew up in this very neighbourhood, although it looked much different when I was a kid. We roamed farms and orchards and fields and scared ourselves at night by daring each other to go inside this creepy abandoned chicken barn by our house. We attended so many beach and hillclimb parties as teens it actually feels strange to go to those same beaches with my kids sometimes.

What I love the most about living here is all the nature we have at our doorstep, the small community feel and the people. People I run into from my childhood. My high school gym teacher was my neighbour at one point (Miss Johnstone, so many of you Gordon Head Original parents know her of course). And I drove past Mr. Rooksby yesterday, one of my high school teachers. And I run into people I know from 30 plus years ago every day. And I love that about where we get to live.

Lately, I've noticed that everyone has gotten a little too busy these days. A little too stressed. A little too tired. I get that. So when the school PAC wants parent volunteers (or our money) I think a lot of us are already juggling too much and paying for too much. I would like to bring new ways of fundraising that don't require a lot of parent volunteering like online raffles and drop in outdoor yoga classes in the spring. I would like to have more fun events that don't require a ton of parent volunteers but bring people together in person so we can start building back this wonderful community. I remember I never loved school but I did love dances and spring fairs and markets and fun days. Those are the things we remember from school. Like when our elementary school Principal Mr. Tuttle and some of our teachers sat in a dunk tank for the spring fair. Do you know how many kids lined up to dunk the staff? They probably used up all their savings! Fun is so important.

I also feel that fundraising is very important. The PAC Budget is healthy, however there are essential items our children could be benefitting from such as classroom tech packages and outdoor equipment that the school needs to buy and they come with a hefty price tag. Our goal is to purchase at least 2 tech packages this school year as well as upgrade GHMS's outdoor space and equipment for our kids. The PAC and the administration will be working together to come up with a plan later in the school year and more details will come.

Having said all that, we are still looking for a core group of parents to form a volunteer base for future events, grade 8 Advancement Celebration planning, fundraisers and fun lunch. Please email me if you are interested in being added to my list for Events and Fundraising. I promise there will be fun things this year;)

Danielle: theamazingdanni@gmail.com

If you are interested in volunteering for the Grade 8 Advancement Celebration Committee please email Chrissy: chrissykess@icloud.com

If you are interested in volunteering for Fun Lunch (just one hour every Thursday from 11:00-12:00 and you get a free lunch out of it) please email Julianna:

JuliannaMoore@hotmail.com

Looking forward to an awesome school year. Thanks for your time.

Danielle
GHMS PAC Chair

Community
OPPORTUNITIES



AFTER SCHOOL DROP IN

September 8 - December 19



10 - 17yrs



Gordon Head Rec Centre
- Youth Centre



FREE



Mon-Thur 3:00-5:00pm
Fri *1:30-5:00pm

Get in Touch



250 457 7111



Shannon.Phelps@saanich.ca



Gordon Head Recreation Centre
4100 Lambrick Way
Victoria, BC V8N 5R3



REGISTER NOW



The Youth Centre

at Gordon Head Recreation Centre

10YRS+

Come join us!

4100 Lambrick Way | 250-475-7100

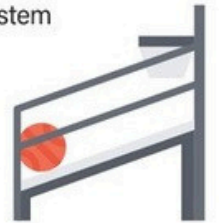


Amenities

- Kitchen & Dining area
- Pool table
- Outdoor ping pong



- Basketball arcade game
- PS5 gaming system
- 65" TV
- Board Games



Schools and neighbourhood served

- Lambrick Park Secondary School
- Reynolds Secondary School
- Mount Douglas Secondary School
- Gordon Head Middle School
- Cedar Hill Middle School
- Doncaster Elementary School
- Torquay Elementary School
- Braefoot Elementary School
- Campus View Elementary School



Check out our
FAQ's

Funding Support

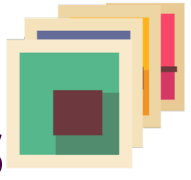


All Saanich youth programs are inclusive



Gordon Head Recreation Centre Weekly Youth Centre Schedule - Fall

REMINDER
The Youth Centre is **CLOSED**
on Pro D Days and Holidays

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN 3-5pm FREE 	AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN 3-5pm FREE	AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN 3-5pm FREE 	AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN 3-5pm FREE	AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN 1:30-5pm FREE	SPORTS NIGHT @GHMS 4:30-6pm #145076, \$45 	BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND ROOM RENTALS 
2SLGBTQIA+ SOCIAL 6-8pm #145333 FREE 	CRAFTERS & BAKERS 8PM #145054, \$55 	GAMES & SWIM 6-8pm #145058, \$45 	FitTok THURSDAYS 6-8PM #146754, \$40 	FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL! 5-9PM 	SPORTS NIGHT @GHMS 6:15-7:45pm #145084, \$45 	
	ROCK CLIMBING @CARSA 7-8:30pm #146942, \$320 			*Friday Night Social does not run during Fall Special Events Looking for a fun way to kick off your weekend? Swing by our supervised Friday Night Social Drop-In at Gordon Head Recreation Centre — a free, casual hangout where you can chill with friends, meet new people, and dive into a variety of awesome activities. Dinner included!		

SPECIAL FRIDAY NIGHT EVENTS



 **YOUTH FALL FEST PARTY + PIZZA!**
SEPTEMBER 26
\$12



 **YOUTH HALLOWEEN MOVIE, PJS & PIZZA PARTY**
\$15



 **YOUTH NEON GLOW PARTY & PIZZA!**
NOVEMBER 14
\$12



 **YOUTH UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER PARTY & PIZZA!**
DECEMBER 12
\$12



Interested in more?
View all Saanich
Youth offerings here!



Sports and fitness

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Scan me!



Advanced aquatics



Scan me!

FITTOK THURSDAYS - Have fun tackling obstacle courses, team relays, yoga and TikTok like dances—every week brings a new way to get moving, build strength, and boost energy. After the action, we cool down with guided mindfulness exercises, creative journaling, confidence-building discussions, and breathing techniques.

Thursdays, 6-8pm.
#146754, \$40

