



THE GRIZZLY GAZETTE

November 7, 2025

Happy Friday Everyone!

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

Basketball season has been in full swing this week and we are so pleased with all of our players and the effort they are putting in.

We wish you all a fantastic weekend and a meaningful Remembrance Day next week. Families are invited to join us at our Remembrance Day assembly at 10:30 am on Monday, Nov. 10.

We hope you all get the time to pay respects in the manner you see fit.

Your Admin Team

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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 **Wednesdays 7:30am - 8:30am**
- 6/7 Girls Recreational **Wednesdays & Fridays @ lunch**

Basketball Games

- Girls 6/7 Comp **Tues Nov 11th** No Game
- Girls 6/7 Rec **Tuesday Nov 11th** @ No Game
- Boys 6/7 Comp #1 **Thurs Nov 13th** @ GHMS vs Bayside 5:00
- Boys 6/7 Comp #2 **Thurs Nov 13th** @ Dunsmuir 3:45
- Boys 6 Comp #3 **Thurs Nov 13th** @ GHMS vs Bayside 3:45
- Boys 8 Comp **Mon Nov 10rd** @ Lansdowne 3:45
- Boys 8 Comp **Wed Nov 12th** BYE - No Game

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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LiBRARY NEWS

NOVEMBER 2025

NEWS

BookFairupdate

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Scholastic Book Fair! Lots of fun was had, and we were able to add quite a few new books to our collection.



Thank you

Non-fiction update

Students and staff have been getting used to the new organization of the non-fiction collection. Feedback has been positive!

We are still fine-tuning some of our labelling and signage so there will be minor changes to come.



Come check out our November displays!

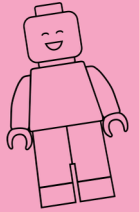
- Hindu Heritage Month
- Remembrance Day
- New Books
- Transgender Day of Remembrance



CLUB REMINDERS

Check out these **FUN** clubs in the library at lunch:

- **Monday** - GSA Club
- **Tuesday** - Lego Club
- **Tuesdays after school** - Math Challengers
- **Wednesday** - Library Club
- **Thursday** - Battle of the Books
- **Friday** - Chess Club



OCTOBER STATS

- 1833 books checked out incl.:
 - 635 fiction novels
 - 477 graphic novels
 - 230 manga books
- Lionel Messi was the top biography!



IT'S HERE!



NEW ARRIVAL



PAC News

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

Message 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+

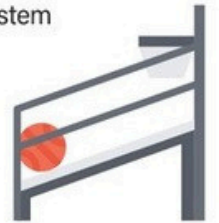
Come join us!

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

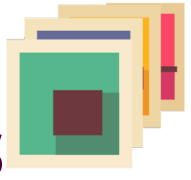


All Saanich youth programs are inclusive



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 					

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!

***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!



Sports and fitness



Scan me!



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

