



THE GRIZZLY GAZETTE

December 12, 2025

Happy Friday Everyone!

Greetings, Gordon Head Families. It has been another great week at GHMS.

We are still looking for Volleyball Coaches to help with a few teams. Please check the volleyball section on the Clubs Sports and Meetings page for more details.

Important information sent on behalf of our district team. We are writing to let you know that recently we were made aware of Google Chat activity that was in violation of the School District's Acceptable Use Policy and Student Code of Conduct. Given the limited educational/pedagogical use of Google Chat in the school district, the decision was made to disable Google Chat for students district-wide.

One more week until the Winter Break. We hope to see many of you on Thursday December 18th for our Family Pancake Breakfast. Come join us for some delicious pancakes and time together.

Your Admin Team

**Thursday
December
18**

PAC Meeting

**Thursday
December
18**

**Family Pancake
Breakfast**

**Friday
December
19**

**Last Day Before Winter
Break**

**Friday
December
19**

**Learning Updates
Available Online**

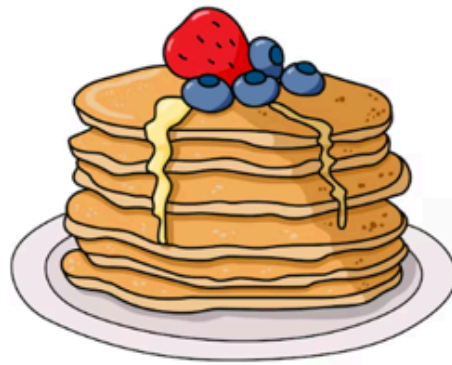
In This Weeks Gazzette

- Pancake breakfast
- Upcoming Sports/ Meetings
- Library News
- Hosting International Students
- Community Opportunities

You're Invited

GHMS Holiday Pancake Breakfast

Thursday, December 18th 8-9am



Let's go "GREEN"! Please bring your own plate, fork and knife



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

Sports - Games and Practices

Volleyball

Volleyball season will officially start in January but, during December, we will be organizing our teams and beginning to have practice sessions. We will continue with skill level assessments next week for all boys and girls hoping to play competitive volleyball. Please remind students to listen to the announcements for assessment times.

We still need coaches for the following teams:

Grade 7 Boys Competitive
Grade 7/8 Boys Recreational
Grade 8 Girls Competitive

If you can help with any of these teams, please contact Jennifer Adamson
jadamson@sd61.bc.ca

Next Weeks Schedule for Volleyball Assessments and Practices:

Stay tuned for future sessions' time and details.



LIBRARY NEWS

DECEMBER 2025

NOVEMBER STATS



Land of Stories 5, by Chris Colfer was the most popular fiction novel.

Heartstopper series was the most popular graphic novel.



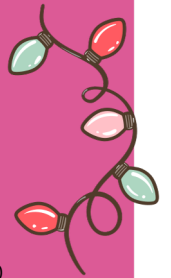
Division 13 took out the most books last month, just over 10 books per student! WOW!

AMAZING

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



WINTER READ IDEAS



DECEMBER DISPLAYS



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



NEW BOOKS



BOOKS ARE MAGIC



DE-STEM-BER

Host an International Student



JOIN VICTORIA'S HOSTING COMMUNITY

Short Term Stays (2 weeks - 3 months) & Long Term Stays (5 months +)
Middle School Students & High School Students

\$1260 per month provided for student support (pro-rated for short term programs)



250-592-6871



homestay@sd61.bc.ca



www.studyinvictoria.com



Join Victoria's Vibrant Hosting Community

The Greater Victoria School District's Homestay program is looking for new host families.

- Students come from around the world to participate in academic programming in Victoria's middle and high schools.
- Homestays are needed for both short term stays (2 weeks – 3 months) and long term stays (5 months +).
- Host families provide a supportive and caring environment, along with 3 meals per day + snacks.
- Training, homestay guidelines & 24/7 support is available from the homestay office.
- Hosting an international student is a wonderful opportunity for cultural exchange.
- \$1260 per month is provided for student support.

For more information:

Website: www.studyinvictoria.com

Email: homestay@sd61.bc.ca

Phone: 250-592-6871

Community
OPPORTUNITIES

LAMBRICK PARK



**SAVE YOUR
EMPTYIES**

JR GIRLS BOTTLE DRIVE

Where? Gordon Head Middle School Drop-off Zone

When?

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20TH

10 AM- 2 PM

Please help support the 9/10 girls' team!





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



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



REGISTER NOW



The Youth Centre

at Gordon Head Recreation Centre
10YR S+

GORDON HEAD RECREATION CENTRE



Come join us!

4100 Lambrick Way | 250-475-7100

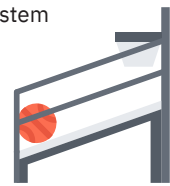


Amenities

- 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



Funding Support:
saanich.ca/financialassistance



All Saanich youth programs are inclusive

INTRO TO SPORT GIRLS PROGRAM 11-17yrs

Are you ready to have a blast, try new sports, and build your confidence? Discover the joy of being active—whether you've never played a sport before or just want to try something new!

We're all about fun, making friends, and developing your skills in a super supportive environment. No experience? No problem! This is the perfect place to get started.









GORDON HEAD MIDDLESCHOOL
(Jan-Mar) #154348
(Apr-May) #154431



REMINDER:

- General Registration for Winter/Spring programs opens Dec. 3 at 6:00am.
Register HERE: Gordon Head Youth Programs
- Pool and ice registration opens on Dec. 10 6:00am
- Check out our Junior Lifeguard Club (JLC) 8-15yrs
Jan 9-Mar 13
#151978

Gordon Head Recreation Centre Weekly Youth Centre Schedule - Winter/Spr

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
FREE AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN 3-5pm #151077 	FREE AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN 3-5pm #151077	FREE AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN 3-5pm #151077	FREE AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN 3-5pm #151077	FREE AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN 1:30*-5pm #151077	Check out our programs at Gordon Head Middle School ↓ INTRO TO SPORT GIRLS NEW @GHMS 2:30-3:30pm (Jan-Mar) #154348 (Apr-May) #154431 INTRO TO SPORT CO-ED @GHMS 3:45-4:45pm (Jan-Mar) #154350 (Apr-May) #154430 SPORTS NIGHT @GHMS 5:45-7:15pm (Jan-Mar) #151143 (Apr-May) #151144  	PARTIES/RENTALS Saturday and Sunday Birthday Party Bookings and Room Rentals available. Contact shannon.phelps@saanich.ca for more information.
FREE 2SLGBTQIA+ SOCIAL Snack included 6-8pm #151073 	CRAFTERS & BAKERS 6-8PM (Jan-Mar) #151074 (Apr-May) #151138  ROCK CLIMBING @CARSA 7-8:30pm (Jan-Mar) #151135 (Apr-May) #151136 	GAMES NIGHT & SWIM <i>Dinner now included!</i> 6-8pm (Jan-Mar) #151075 (Apr-May) #151139 	FitTok - Youth Fitness & Mental Health 6-8PM (Jan-Mar) #151076 (Apr-May) #151140 	FREE FRIDAY NIGHT SO CIA L & DINNER! 5-9PM 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.		

SPECIAL EVENTS



YOUTH ART WORKSHOP – VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS
 CEDAR HILL RECREATION CENTRE
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6
 #153750



CHINESE DUMPLING MAKING WORKSHOP
 GORDON HEAD RECREATION CENTRE
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28
 #153779



YOUTH COOKING ACADEMY – EASTER TREATS
SATURDAY MARCH 28
 #153718



YOUTH ART WORKSHOP – INDIGENOUS FLAT STITCH BEADING
FRIDAY APRIL 26
 #153760

BREAKOUT ADVENTURES SPRING BREAK CAMP 10-13yrs

Keen to hang out with your friends over Spring Break? Breakout Adventures is the place to be. Explore beaches, hike forest trails, swim, bake, cook, play sports and get creative as you want in our craft corner. Staff will facilitate a fun and safe environment where youth can chill with friends, walk to the local parks, and hit up several fun out-trips in a week.

GORDON HEAD YOUTH CENTRE | **MARCH 23-27** #153373

Jan 9	Movie + Popcorn Night	151132
Jan 16	Anime Night	153726
Jan 23	Karaoke Night	153727
Jan 30	Mac & Cheese Night	153728
Feb 6	Cupcake Decorating	153729
Feb 27	Nintendo 64 Night	153732
Mar 6	Keychains + Ice cream Sundaes	153733
Mar 13	St. Patrick's Day Party	153734
Apr 10	Waffle Night	153735
Apr 17	Maffia Game + Pasta Night	153736
Apr 24	Wings + Movie Night	153737
May 1	Pickleball + Picnic Night	153738
May 8	Skateboard Park + Taco Night	153739
May 22	Outdoor Volleyball Night	153741
May 29	Wind up BBQ + Outdoor Games (last day Youth Centres open)	153742



Friday Night Cedar Hill Youth Volleyball 12-17yrs

Jan-May 2026, 7-9pm at Cedar Hill Recreation Centre *weekly registration

151808 F Jan 16 7-9pm \$4	152298 F Apr 10 7-9pm \$4
151809 F Jan 23 7-9pm \$4	152301 F Apr 17 7-9pm \$4
151810 F Jan 30 7-9pm \$4	152302 F Apr 24 7-9pm \$4
152293 F Feb 13 7-9pm \$4	152305 F May 1 7-9pm \$4
152294 F Feb 20 7-9pm \$4	152308 F May 8 7-9pm \$4
152295 F Feb 27 7-9pm \$4	152312 F May 15 7-9pm \$4
152296 F Mar 6 7-9pm \$4	152313 F May 22 7-9pm \$4
152297 F Mar 13 7-9pm \$4	152314 F May 29 7-9pm \$4