



# THE GRIZZLY GAZETTE

**December 5, 2025**

## Happy Friday Everyone!

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

Next week is our annual Winter Concert and we look forward to seeing many of you there to celebrate our amazing Music and Fine Arts programs.

We are still looking for Volleyball Coaches to help with the following teams that we are really hoping to be able to run this year:

Grade 6 Boys Rec (Games Thursdays)  
Grade 7 Boys Competitive (Mon or Thur TBD)  
Grade 7/8 Boys Rec (Games Mondays)

If you can help with any of these teams, please contact Jennifer Adamson  
[jadamson@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:jadamson@sd61.bc.ca).

Your Admin Team

## In This Weeks Gazzette

- Winter Concert
- Upcoming Sports/ Meetings
- Library News
- PAC News
- Hosting International Students
- Community Opportunities

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| Thursday<br>December<br>11 | Winter Concert 7:00pm             |
| Thursday<br>December<br>18 | PAC Meeting                       |
| Thursday<br>December<br>18 | Pancake Breakfast                 |
| Friday<br>December<br>19   | Last Day Before Winter Break      |
| Friday<br>December<br>19   | Learning Updates Available Online |

# Winter Concert

**Please join us for our Annual Winter Concert next Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm. Come celebrate our talented students with performances by our:**

**Concert Band  
Strings Ensemble  
Jazz Band  
Choir  
Dance Troupe  
Musical Theatre**

**Don't miss our sales tables where we will be selling awesome 3D-printed goods as well as a delicious selection of baked goods. Grab a sweet treat, pick up a fun gift, and enjoy the festive vibe.**

**Every purchase supports our grade 8 year-end activities, our school's mural project, and coding club. Come cheer on the band, enjoy some goodies, and help bring even more creativity and innovation to our amazing school.**





## 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

### Basketball

Congrats to the girls 6/7 competitive team for finishing 3rd in the city after last night's win out at CML. Well done all of you! You worked so hard this season and represented GHMS with class.

### 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.

### Next Weeks Schedule for Volleyball Assessments and Practices:

Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> Girls Grade 8 Competitive tryouts @ Lunch  
Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> Girls Competitive Grade 7 **Practice 7:30-8:30 am**  
Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> Boys Grade 6 Competitive tryouts @ Lunch  
Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> Girls Competitive 7 **Practice 7:30-8:30 am**  
Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> Boys Grade 8 Competitive tryouts @ Lunch  
Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> Girls Grade 6 Competitive tryouts @ Lunch





# 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

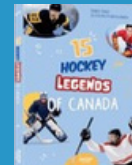
## CLUB REMINDERS

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)*



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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](http://www.studyinvictoria.com)

Email: [homestay@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:homestay@sd61.bc.ca)

Phone: 250-592-6871

# Community OPPORTUNITIES

## District of Saanich's [Lambrick Park Campus Renewal Project](#)

This project is led by the Parks Division, in collaboration with colleagues in the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department including Gordon Head Recreation Centre.

Round 1 Engagement opportunities that are open to the public include:

- [Online questionnaire](#) – open now until December 6, 2025
- Open House at Gordon Head Middle School (band room), Saturday November 22, 2025, noon - 4pm
- Online Info Sessions with Q&A, Thursday November 27, 2025, noon-1:30pm and 7-8:30pm

More information about the above engagements can be found at  
[Saanich.ca/hellolambrick](https://saanich.ca/hellolambrick).



# Lambrick Park

## CAMPUS RENEWAL PROJECT

**Help us re-envision  
Lambrick Park Campus  
as a key community asset  
that meets the needs of  
our evolving community.**

As our community is growing and changing, so are the needs for the Lambrick Park Campus. Saanich is developing design options for the future of the park and Gordon Head Recreation Centre, and we want to hear from you! Join the conversation to help make this great parks, recreation, and community space even better.

### Get Involved:

**Online Info  
Sessions  
With Q&A**  
Thursday  
November 27,  
2025

Noon - 1:30 pm,  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

[Saanich.ca/  
hellolambrick](https://saanich.ca/hellolambrick)

**Open House**

**Saturday  
November 22,  
2025**

Noon - 4:00 pm  
**Gordon Head  
Middle School**

**Online Survey**

**Open until  
December 6, 2025**

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hellolambrick](https://saanich.ca/hellolambrick)

**Help shape  
the future  
of Lambrick  
Park!**

SCAN ME



For more  
information, visit:

**[Saanich.ca/hellolambrick](https://saanich.ca/hellolambrick)**



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**Contact:**  
250-475-5522 | [saanich.ca](https://saanich.ca)





# 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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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

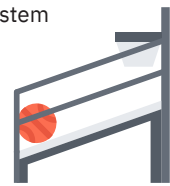


### Amenities

- 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](https://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



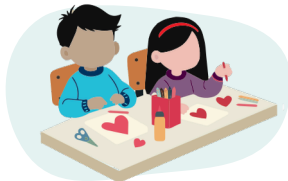
## REMINDER:

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