



THE GRIZZLY GAZETTE

November 21, 2025

Happy Friday Everyone!

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

A very big thank you to our amazing PAC, last years and this years, for paying for the purchase and installation of a tech package in our music room. The tech package includes a new projector, sound system and screen. Thank you so much!!

We are looking for two more parents to help with grade 6 immunizations on Thursday, November 28th . The role will be to hand out cookies post immunization and watch for any symptoms. Nurses will be on hand to deal with any medical care needs. Please contact Jenn Adamson jadamson@sd61.bc.ca, if you can help out from 9:00-11:30am.

Your Admin Team

In This Weeks Gazzette

- Upcoming Sports/ Meetings
- Energy Drinks
- Library News
- PAC News
- Hosting Internationals Students
- Community Opportunities

**Tuesday
November
25 @ 11:30**

Lockdown Drill
(Students will be advised ahead of time)

**Tuesday
December
2**

CC Afternoon
(12:00 Early Dismissal)

**Thursday
December
18**

PAC Meeting

**Thursday
December
18**

Pancake Breakfast

**Friday
December
19**

**Last Day Before Winter
Break**

**Friday
December
19**

**Learning Updates
Available**



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

Volleyball

Volleyball season will officially start in January, but during December we will be organizing our teams and beginning to have practice sessions. There will be two meetings next week for anyone interested in playing volleyball this year. Monday November 24th, at lunch there will be a meeting for all girls interested in playing either competitive or recreational volleyball. Thursday November 27th there will be a meeting at lunch for all boys interested in playing either competitive or recreational volleyball. Our hope is to have as many teams as possible in order to give everyone interested a team to play on. Tryouts will then begin the following week.

Basketball Practices

- 8 Boys Comp. **Tuesday @ lunch**
- Boys Gr.6 and 6/7 **TBA**
- 6/7 Girls Comp. **Monday 7:30am - 8:30am**

Basketball Games

- Girls 6/7 Comp. **Tuesday Nov 25th** @ TBA
- Boys Gr.6 #1 **Thursday November 27th** @ Glanford
- Boys Gr.7 #2 **Thursday November 27th** @ GHMS 3:45
- Boys Gr.7 #3 **Thursday November 27th** @ GHMS 5:00
- Boys 8 Comp. **Mon Nov 24th** @ Royal Oak Middle School 3:45



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!

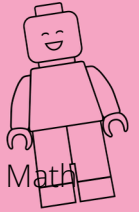
- Hindu Heritage Month
- Remembrance Day
- New Books
- Transgender Day of Remembrance



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**





Pizza & Games
for Kids

BUILDING BELONGING: A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

PRESENTED BY VCPAC *District Parent Advisory Council for SD #61*

Join Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (VCPAC) and community partners to explore inclusive education in BC schools. Students, parents and caregivers in SD61 welcome at this free event.

- ✓ What inclusive education means in BC schools today from School District #61
- ✓ Family perspectives and navigating challenges with Family Support Institute
- ✓ Teachers' insights on inclusive classrooms and partnerships home and school
- ✓ Open Q&A to share your questions and experiences



SIGN UP

<https://forms.gle/W3AT6k8f8Nn8EsGW7>



27 NOVEMBER, 2025
06:45PM - 8:30PM



OAK BAY HIGH SCHOOL
2121 Cadboro Bay Rd

DOORS OPEN AT 6:15PM, PRESENTERS BEGIN AT 6:45PM

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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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

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. While we will be in touch to schedule a more focused conversation with the school's leadership, we are hoping you may be able to pass on the information below to your families to help spread the word about the project and how they can participate. I have attached some visual materials which you are welcome to share in case it is useful, and I will come and drop off a poster at the school's reception later today or tomorrow, Tuesday.

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
[Saanich.ca/
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)

Besoin d'aide pour
comprendre cette
information? Demandez à
une personne de confiance
de vous l'expliquer.

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ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰਨ
ਜਾਂ ਸਮਝਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਕਹੋ।

이 정보를 이해하는 데
도움이 필요하신가요?
신뢰하는 분께 번역이나
설명을 부탁해 주세요.
¿Necesita ayuda para
entender esta información?
Pida a alguien de
confianza que se la
traduzca o se la explique.

هذه مهفل ءعاسم جاتحت له
صخش نم بلطت نا بجري ءامولعلا
كل اهرش وا اهتمجرت فونوم
زاین کمک هب تاعالطا نیا کرد یارب
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Contact:
250-475-5522 | saanich.ca

Kailangan mo ba ng
tulong para maintindihan
ito? Mangyaring humingi
ng tulong sa isang taong
pinagkakatiwalaan mo
para isalin o ipaliwanag.





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



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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

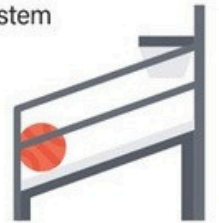


Amenities

- 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

