



# THE GRIZZLY GAZETTE

JANUARY 16, 2026

## Happy Friday Everyone!

Happy New Year Gordon Head Families. Thank you to everyone who came out to facilitate and/or support our Grade 8 bottle drive last Saturday. We really appreciate all that you do to help us all at GHMS.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our family board games night next Tuesday January 20th.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Tuesday  
January 20

Family Board Game Night

Monday  
January 26

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No School for Students

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# Clubs, Sports and Meetings



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## 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 Practice and Game Schedule (Games in Yellow)

Jan 19-23	Monday 19th	Tuesday 20th	Wednesday 21st	Thursday 22nd	Friday 23rd
Before School 7:30-8:30	8 boys comp	7 Comp Girls	7 girls comp	7 girls comp 8 girls Red Team	8 Girls Blue Team
Lunch 12-12:45	6/7 REC #3	6 boys comp	7/8 Rec Girls Team 5	6 Girls comp Team 1 & 2 6/7 Rec Girls	7/8 Rec Girls Team 5
After School 3-4:15	6 Girls Comp	8 girls red Team 1 and 2 6/7 Rec	8 boys comp HOST GAME	Team 3 – 6/7 boys rec 6 Boys comp	7 Boys Comp 7/8 Boys REC
After School 4:15-5:30				7 Boys Comp	

Dear GHMS Families,

 **SAVE THE DATE!** 



We're excited to invite you to Gordon Head Middle School's Family Board Game Night! Join in for a fun night of board games, pizza, and snacks while supporting our school programs.

 **When:** Tuesday, January 20th

 **Where:** Gordon Head Middle School

 **Time:** 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

### Why Join Us?

 **Dinner Made Easy:** Pre-order a whole pizza and drinks for the whole family or grab pizza by the slice at the event. Snacks and drinks will also be available for purchase at the Hollow Log Concession.

Pre-ordering is available through the GHMS Hot Lunch website:

Families can log in to <https://gordhead.hotlunches.net> to order whole pizzas and drinks. Click on Orders and select Board Game Night to place your order. If you are not yet part of the GHMS Hot Lunch program, please create an account to participate.

### Fun for Everyone:

Play a variety of board games with family and friends.

Get creative at our Lego Creation Station.

Be amazed by student projects from the GHMS Coding Club.

Try your hand at Magic the Gathering—whether you're a beginner or a pro!

Check out some of the amazing creations from GHMS's new Robotics Club!



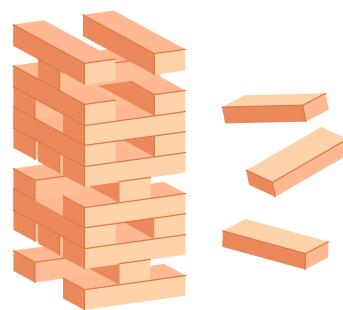
**Admission is by donation** – Suggested \$10 per family (of four). All funds raised will go towards purchasing equipment and supplies for the GHMS Robotics Club and supporting classes involved in the Salish Sea Program.

**Your donation also enters you into a prize draw for:**

 **A Family Movie Night Out**

 **A Home Movie Snack Kit**

 **A Family Board Game**



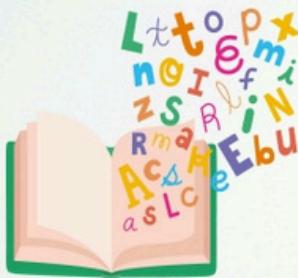
Don't miss this opportunity to connect with our school community, support great programs, and enjoy a fantastic evening!

**Please share this invitation with friends and neighbours—we can't wait to see you there!**



# LITERACY FAMILY FORUM

PRESENTED BY VCPAC



Join us for an inspiring evening dedicated to building stronger literacy foundations in our community. Hear from educators, connect with local families, and discover practical ways to support your child's learning journey.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS

### Dr. Shelby Pollitt

Literacy Coordinator  
Sooke School District

### David Hovis

Director of Instruction, Learning  
& Inclusion, School District #61

### Breanna Glover

District Literacy Teacher  
School District #61

- Learn about effective literacy strategies and supports
- Engage with educational leaders
- Discover ways to enhance literacy learning at home and support your child's education
- Open Q&A to share your questions and experiences



**SIGN UP**

**Thursday, January 22, 2026**

6:45 PM - 8:30 PM

Oak Bay High School Theatre 2121 Cadboro Bay Rd

Doors open at 6:15 PM, Presenters begin at 6:45 PM

**Pizza and games available for kids!**



# The Youth Centre

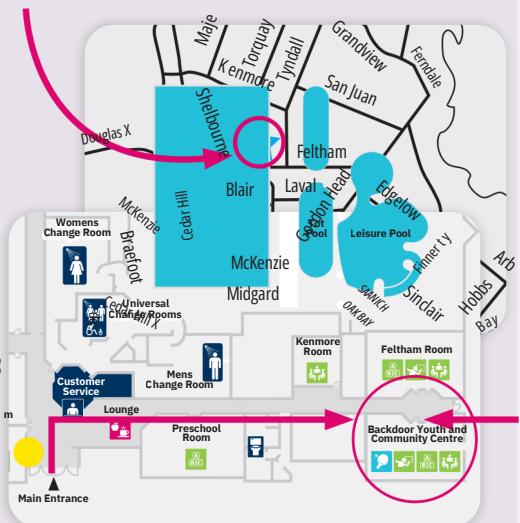
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GORDON HEAD RECREATION CENTRE



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

## SPECIAL EVENTS



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



**CHINESE DUMPLING MAKING WORKSHOP**  
GORDONHEADRECREATIONCENTRE  
**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

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