Gordon Head Middle School

THE GRIZZLY GAZETTE

November 20, 2026

Happy Friday, Everyone!

Greetings, Gordon Head families.

Next week our grade 6/7 girls, grade 7 boys, and grade 8 boys basketball teams are competing in the playoffs. Please see the schedule below for dates and stay tuned for location announcements. Goodluck to all of our teams .

The early morning darkness is here for a while so please continue to encourage lots of bright reflective clothing on the way to school.

We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.

Friday November 27	Pro D Day
Tuesday December 1	CC Afternoon 12:00pm dismissal
Tuesday December 15	Winter Concert
Friday December 18	Pancake Breakfast Last Day of School before Winter Break

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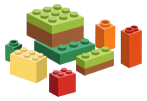
Clubs and Meetings







- Mellow Monday - **Mondays** in the Library at lunch after the eating period. A calm, quiet place to really get into books
- Lego Club - **Tuesdays** at Lunch after the eating period
- GSA Club - **Wednesdays** in the library, at lunch after the eating period. A social club for 2SLGBTQ+ folks and their allies



- Coding Club - **Wednesdays** 3-4:30 in Ms. Lamond's room



- Dance Club - Group 1: **Fridays** at the Lunch hour
  Group 2: Wednesdays after school 3 to 3:30pm



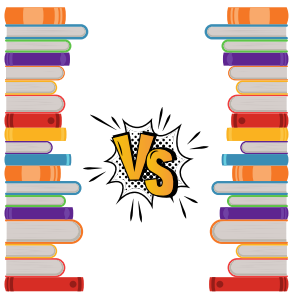
- Pokemon /Magic/ D&D Club - **Thursdays** @ lunch in the art room



- Chess Club - **Fridays** at lunch in the Library after the eating period.
- Musical Theatre- Gr 8 Girls Tuesday @12:15pm, Gr 6/7 Girls in Dance Club Wednesday @12:15pm, Gr 6/7 girls not in Dance Club Wednesday 3pm - 3:30pm, Boys Friday @ 12:15pm

Battle of the Books - competitive reading team meets **Thursdays** in the Library at lunch after the eating period.

The Battle of the Books team is starting up! Battle of the Books is a competition for Greater Victoria middle school students. Our team will spend the next few months reading and studying six books, then in April, we will gather with teams from the other schools for a trivia tournament to see who knows the most about those books. It's always a fun and exciting day focused on the joy of reading, teamwork and making new connections with other readers. New team members are welcome; please come to our next meeting (Thursday, Nov. 19) or see Ms. Aerts in the Library.



This year's books are:

- Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed
- One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
- The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang
- The Screaming Staircase by Jonathan Stroud
- Suggested Reading by Dave Connis
- Weird Rules to Follow by Kim Spencer

Upcoming Sports Practices and Games

GYM AND PRACTICE SCHEDULE — November 23rd - 27th

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:30 - 8:40					
Gym Court 1	Grade 7 Boys COMP (Kierat)	Grade 6/7 Girls COMP (Nicole)	Grade 8 Boys COMP (Joshua Barry)	Grade 6/7 Girls COMP (Nicole Mackie)	PRO-D Day
Gym Court 2					
12:00 - 12:40					
Gym Court 1		Grade 7 Volleyball Play Sessions and Sign-ups	Grade 6 Volleyball Play Sessions and Sign-ups	Grade 8 Volleyball Play Sessions and Sign-ups	
Gym Court 2					
3:00 - 4:30					
Gym Court 1		(if gym is available) Grade 8 Boys COMP Practice (Joshua Barry) Grade 7 Boys COMP PLAYOFF Game (Location TBD) (Start Time TBD) Please ask coaches	Grade 8 Boys COMP PLAYOFF Game @ Royal Oak Middle School Start time @ 5:00 p.m.	Grade 6/7 Girls COMP PLAYOFF Game (Location TBD) (Start Time TBD) Please ask coaches Grade 7 Boys COMP PLAYOFF Game (Location TBD) (Start Time TBD) Please ask coaches	


Purdys
CHOCOLATIER
Canadians Make Life Sweeter®
Hey chocolate lovers!
We're kicking off our Purdys Fundraiser and you're invited to help us reach our goal.
Order your winter treats through our custom link and up to 30% of your purchase goes directly to
GHMS PAC.
Everything is made in Canada and packed with care at the Purdys Vancouver chocolate factory.
Proudly Made in Canada
ORDER HERE!
Please order by:
November 30th, 2026
Pickup at the school starting December 12, 2026
SWEET TREATS.
BRIGHTER FUTURES.

Community Information and Opportunities

Forwarded on behalf of the The University of Victoria Entrepreneurship Club (UVEC):

For students thinking about engineering, computer science or a career in technology, this evening is a rare chance to see the future up close. Our theme this year is "The future is in the room": UVic students, industry leaders, hiring managers, student clubs, startups, high school students and their families, all together face to face.

What your students can experience:

• See what UVic students build: eight student teams will present their posters and prototypes, created after working with industry mentors on real client problems all term
• Talk to industry professionals: meet people from Victoria's tech community and ask them about their work and careers
• "The future, face to face" industry panel: tech leaders answer the question on everyone's mind, which is what students should learn now that AI can write code, followed by an open Q&A where your students can ask their own questions
• "Hiring in 2030": hiring managers talk about what they will look for in future employees and how students can start preparing now
• Pizza and networking: a relaxed, welcoming space to chat with UVic students, faculty and industry guests

Program:
4:00 Registration (ECS Lobby)
4:30 Welcome and keynotes (ECS 125)
5:00 Industry panel: the future, face to face, then Q&A (ECS 125)
5:45 Pizza and networking (ECS Lobby)
6:00 Student posters and prototype demos (ECS Lobby)
7:00 Hiring in 2030 with hiring managers (ECS 125)
7:30 Prizes and closing (ECS 125)

We would especially love for parents to join too. Choosing a university program and a career path is a big decision, and this is a great opportunity for families to explore it together, see what university-level work looks like, and hear directly from the people who hire.
If you have any students who are budding entrepreneurs starting or thinking about starting their own businesses, they are invited as well.

Registration (please register so we can plan for food and seating):
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/pYkWgaeu4u (see poster below for more information)

Thank you so much for helping your students explore their futures. We would love to welcome them to UVic!

Sincerely,

The University of Victoria Entrepreneurship Club (UVEC)
uvec.ca

Community Information and Opportunities

UVIC TECH CHALLENGE 2026 5TH EDITION

SHAPING THE FUTURE

THE FUTURE IS IN THE ROOM.

FRIDAY
DEC
04

4:00 – 7:45 PM
ECS 125 + ECS Lobby
University of Victoria

Industry is stepping up for the next generation. Victoria's tech leaders meet UVic's future engineers face to face, then eight student teams show what three months of mentored, requirements-first work can build.

Open to UVic students, high schoolers and parents, faculty and industry.

THE PANEL
Industy steps up

Victoria's tech leaders tell the next generation what to learn now that AI writes code, then take your questions.

THE TEAMS
Mentored for three mont hs

Eight SENG 321 teams worked with industry mentors, meeting regularly on a real client's problem.

THE PROTOTYPES
UI prototypes, not products

Clickable prototypes and the engineering behind them, judged live. $1,000 in prizes.

REQUIREMENTS ENGINEERING, TAUGHT IN THIRD YEAR AT UVIC

Elicitation • Refinement • Feasibility • Design • Ambiguity resolution • Prototyping

Before any code: talking to the client, pinning down what they need, and testing it with a prototype.

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REGISTER NOW

Scantosave yourseat.
Pizza is on us.

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UVEC University of Victoria Entrepreneurship Club
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IEEE Victoria Section serving members and the community since 1956
The Victoria Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA IEEE STUDENT BRANCH



AFTER SCHOOL DROP IN

September 23 - June 4, 2026

10 - 17yrs

Gordon Head YouthCentre

FREE

MON/WED 3:00-5:00PM
FRIDAYS 1:30-5:00PM

Closed Tue/Thu, Pro D Days and Holidays

Get in Touch

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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

10YRS+

Come join us!

4100 Lambrick Way | 250-475-7100



Amenities

- Kitchen & Dining area
- Pool table
- Indoor ping pong
- Outdoor ping pong
- PS5 gaming system
- 65" TV
- Sports equipment
- Board games and card games
- Arts and crafts



Schools and neighbourhoods served

- Lambrick Park Secondary School
- Reynolds Secondary School
- Mount Douglas Secondary School
- Gordon Head Middle School
- Arbutus Global Middle School
- Cedar Hill Middle School
- Braefoot Elementary School
- Hillcrest Elementary School
- Doncaster Elementary School
- Torquay Elementary School
- Campus View Elementary School
- Lochside Elementary School



Check out our **FAQ's**

Funding Support

All Saanich youth programs are inclusive

Click any 6-digit code to register AUG 12

Gordon Head Recreation Centre Weekly Youth Centre Schedule - Fall*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN 3-5pm FREE	Closed	AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN 3-5pm FREE	Closed	AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN 1:30*-5pm FREE	ROOM/PARTY RENTALS AVAILABLE Click here for more information	
AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN: REGISTER FOR THE WHOLE YEAR HERE: 167747						
2SLGBTQIA+ SOCIAL DROP-IN + SNACKS 6-8pm Click to view FREE	CRAFTERS AND BAKERS 6-8pm ROCK CLIMBING @CARSA 7-8:30pm	BOARD GAME CAFÉ AND SWIM + SNACKS/DRINKS 6-8pm NEW!	FITTOK - YOUTH FITNESS, HEALTH AND WELLNESS GROUP 6-8pm	FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL 5-9pm	SPORTS NIGHT AND SWIM 6-9pm NEW!	

*Closed on Pro D Days, STAT holidays and School District 61 holiday breaks

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.

Sep 18	Welcome Back BBQ
Sep 25	Ping Pong Tournament
Oct 2	UNO + Mac N Cheese Night
Oct 9	Thanksgiving Community Dinner
Oct 16	Pumpkin Spice Everything Night
Oct 30	Halloween Costume Party!
Nov 6	Movie + Pizza Night
Nov 13	Pool Tournament
Nov 20	Breakfast for Dinner Night
Dec 4	Spa Theme Night
Dec 11	Gingerbread Cookie Decorating
Dec 18	Holiday Party!

SPECIAL EVENTS



MEXICAN COOKING WORKSHOP 11-17YRS
NOVEMBER 7
Learn to make authentic Mexican cuisine in this fun and engaging three course youth cooking workshop! Participants will make a main dish, side dish and a dessert with recipe cards to take home.
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



KIDS COOKING ACADEMY: HOLIDAY BAKING
DECEMBER 5, 12
Spend time preparing special festive treats for the holidays! Projects include cookies, bars, and other delicious snacks. Fee includes all supplies and ingredients.
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER







REGISTER NOW

Questions?
CONTACT
250-475-7100
saanich.ca/register