

This Week @ Oak Bay Nation

Week of December 5-9, 2016



Student Report Cards

Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home with students on **Wednesday, December 7**. There will be a short Advisory at the end of the day for students to pick up their reports. Parents are asked to sign the envelope indicating you received the report card and have your student return it to their advisory teacher.

Update on B.C.'s New Curriculum

The Ministry of Education has just announced important updates on B.C.'s new curriculum – on how it will be implemented in grades 10-12, and on the Foundation Skills Assessments (FSA) written in grades 4 and 7. A letter from Education Minister, Mike Bernier, outlining these changes is attached. More information is available on the [Ministry of Education website](#).

Grad Photo Retakes

Grad photo retakes for grade 12 students are on **Tuesday, December 13** from 12 noon until 3:00 p.m. Grade 12s who missed the original photo session or who want to have their photo retaken, should sign-up in the office.

Students having retakes done need to return their proofs to the photographer. For first time photo sessions, there is a sitting fee of \$10.

Golden Gnome Debate

The 17th annual Golden Gnome Debate tournament has just come to a close - what a wonderful community we have here. Thanks to the more than 30 student volunteers, and to all of the parents who came out to judge. While we did not "bring the gnome home" this year it went to Pearson College for their first victory in this storied event. Everyone ought to know that the first Saturday in December - next year - we will be hosting a Christmas debate. It's not too early to put on your calendars now :)

Mr. Bradshaw

Community Leadership Students

A big THANK YOU to the Oak Bay community for their amazing support for all the Oak Bay High Leadership projects. Thank you for helping make our projects a great success. Wishing you a very Happy Holiday season!

Oak Bay High Community Leadership Students

Do you have an artificial Christmas tree you would like to donate to be used by our leadership students? Please email Ms. Taggart at rtaggart@sd61.bc.ca

Senior Boys Volleyball

Good Showing for the Sr. Boys Volleyball team at the BC Championships last week. The boys had a tough matchup in the round of 16, but narrowly lost to eventual 4th-place Seaquam. It was the 11th year in a row that the team has qualified for provincials, and should do very well next year, as only two players will graduate. Oak Bay was easily the most-improved team over the course of the season.

Mr. Carmichael

Senior Girls Volleyball

Oak Bay's Senior Girls Volleyball Team was over in North Vancouver competing at the Provincial Championships this past weekend. This is the third year in a row the girls have qualified for BC's. After placing second at the Island Tournament, Oak Bay entered the BC's ready to play. They started the tournament strong with a win against Lord Byng. Up against tough teams in the afternoon they lost to Semiahmoo and Earl Marriott which placed them third in their pool. A tough crossover game against Handsworth Secondary, who placed second in the tournament, moved Oak Bay to the consolation side of the tournament. The girls worked hard on the court, battling until the end of the 3 day tournament, finishing in 12th place. Congrats to the players and coaches for a strong year on the court!

Ms. Horton

DATES OF INTEREST

December 6

Choir Concert

December 7

Report cards sent home with students

December 8

Team Planning & Study Hall
No block 4

December 10

Tuba Christmas 1 pm at Market Square

December 12

Ukulele Poinsettia Concert

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PAC Meeting
7 pm in the Library
Guest speaker: Ms. Falls
Principal, Victoria High School

December 13

Grad Photo Retakes in pm

December 13

Jr/Sr Drama at 7 pm

December 15

Locker Clean Out

December 16

Polar Bear Swim and Winter Assembly

December 19 to January 2

Winter Break
Students return to school on January 3