



Oak Bay High School

Next Week @ Oak Bay High

May 17 – 21, 2021

May 14, 2021

Vancouver Island SOGI Summit 2021 - May 17 & 18

The Island SOGI Summit is just over two weeks away. The event will take place on the afternoon of Monday May 17th and the morning of Tuesday May 18th.

This event coincides with the [International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia](#) (May 17) and SD61 Rainbow Week (May 17-20).

The virtual program is FREE for all **students and staff** from Vancouver Island school districts and will be an opportunity to hear from local voices and 2SLGBTQ+ community leaders. Looking for more information about what the event will include? [Check out the full agenda here.](#)

[Register here for the Summit](#) to gain access to the learning, connections, and celebrations of SOGI-inclusive education. Teachers can attend individually or with their classes. You may also attend as many or as few sessions as you'd like.

While this event is open to all, we are not able to provide TTOC coverage or release time.

Soft close for registration is May 10th but responses will still be accepted until the end of that week.

To celebrate Rainbow Week, a new batch of rainbow stickers and temporary tattoos will be sent to all schools within the next two weeks.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions,

Jon Hamlin

District SOGI Lead

PAC News:

The next PAC meeting is the AGM on **Monday, May 17 at 7.00 pm on Zoom**

(<https://qvsd61.zoom.us/j/65237935160?pwd=cEVZaEVtdjhnTEVvUHIXWFY4dkxRdz09>). The PAC Executive Committee for the 2021-2022 school year will be elected at this meeting, so please join us if you can! And please reach out if you are interested in joining the PAC Executive Committee.

Current members are happy to answer any questions - contact details are on the PAC webpage: [Oak Bay High School PAC](#)

Saanich Police Career Pathways Information Evening - presented by SD61's Pathways & Partnerships Team

The Greater Victoria School District 61's Pathways and Partnerships Team, would like to invite parents, guardians, and students to an information evening hosted by Saanich Police focused on helping lower island students understand the pathway and process towards a career in policing.

Are you:

- a student or parent/guardian interested in learning more about Saanich Police's process for new recruits?
- interested in beginning to build your personal skills and experiences to help guide you towards the policing pathway
- curious to hear from Saanich Police's Recruiting Sargent, School Liaison Officer and a New Recruit?
- looking for more information and answers to questions about a career pathway with Saanich Police?
- wondering how your high school can help you with your next steps?

Please join us for a ZOOM Information Evening! Date: **Tuesday, May 18th 6:00-7:00pm** Please fill out the form in the link below to **REGISTER**. apzr.co/H3x You will receive communication and the Zoom link prior to the information evening.

UPCOMING DATES

May 17

PAC AGM meeting
@7pm

May 20

End of Term 1

May 21

Pro-D

May 24

Victoria Day

May 25

Term 2 starts

INCLUSIVE LEARNING PARENT SURVEY:

Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (VCPAC) has developed an Inclusive Learning* Parent Survey to collect evidence-based data on **all** learners' unique needs and experiences in the inclusive learning environments of schools within the Greater Victoria School District (SD 61). The key goal of the survey is to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by vulnerable students and their classmates while helping improve **all** students' learning experiences in SD61. We invite you to complete the survey drawing on both your child's/children's and your experiences on their learning paths within the SD61 framework. It is important that as many voices as possible are heard to reflect commonalities and differences; each individual voice validates the collective voice. The survey results will be a stepping stone for VCPAC to determine areas where future advocacy, research and questions are needed.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/inclusion-in-SD61>

Your feedback is important to us!

The survey will be open May 12 – 21.

Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils

* **SD 61 definition of inclusive education** :Inclusive Education in School District 61 is a way of thinking and acting, grounded in a belief that with the right supports, every learner can be successful in their schools and classrooms. Inclusive schools embrace the value of our diversity and see our differences as strengths. We believe that all students have an authentic sense of belonging in their school community and will be supported to develop their full potential in the academic, social-emotional and physical domains.

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/programs/student-services/>

French Immersion Survey: The Ministry is seeking to better understand the various factors which have led to an increase in demand for French Immersion programs across the province. This [survey](#) has been made available to our French Immersion families. Please consider providing the Ministry of Ed. with your feedback.

Graduation 2021 update

We are expecting to receive Provincial Health Order guidelines specifically about graduation by early next week and are holding off on our stage walk sign up until receiving these guidelines. Thanks everyone for your patience around our 2021 graduation event.

In the meantime if you have not already done so please consider ordering a Grad 2021 yard sign. The hope is to have as many of these signs as possible throughout Oak Bay promoting and recognizing our graduates. The deadline for ordering your sign is next Wednesday May 19th. The signs cost \$15 each and can be order via this link <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/>.

“Keys To My Heart Today And Always”

The vision for the keys was to highlight what inspires us and/or what our future goals are for ourselves, our friends, our family and our community. The keys on the bench are reminders of what unlocks the doors of our future, while honouring the present and our past. Each key was painted and personalized by a few Oak Bay High Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and one by the guiding and leading artists, Jamin Zuroski.

This initiative was started a year and a half ago as a small group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students worked together with local artist, Jamin Zuroski (www.jaminzuroski.com). Thank you to the student artists for your vulnerability in sharing with us and thank you to Jamin who continued to nudge this project along even through a pandemic.

