



Oak Bay High School

Next Week @ Oak Bay High

October 18th – 22nd

October 15th, 2021

Greater Victoria School District Seeks Input on School Police Liaison Officer Program

VICTORIA, BC – The Greater Victoria School District is reviewing the School Police Liaison Officer (SPLO) Program. The District is asking for feedback from all members of the learning community through a survey to gather input on people’s perspectives and experiences with the program.

In September 2020, the Board of Education passed a motion to form a committee to review the SPLO Program. The committee represents students, parents and guardians, key stakeholders, Indigenous groups, police officers, senior administration and trustees.

Over the last year, the committee has participated in educational learning opportunities on anti-racism and culturally committed approaches. The committee hosted a speaker series informed by school communities and members of the public about their interactions with the SPLO program, including the collection of written and recorded submissions that could be shared with the committee to review.

As part of the next steps, the District wants to hear from the community about the future direction of the SPLO Program, including individual experiences and perspectives. The results of the survey will inform recommendations for the Board’s consideration by spring 2022.

“The Board is committed to providing a safe, inclusive and culturally responsive learning environment for all of our students and staff,” said Ann Whiteaker, Board Chair. “We are working hard to understand how best to move forward with the program to meet the needs of our diverse community, in partnership with the policing community. It is important we hear the perspectives and experiences of our learning community and encourage participation in this survey on the SPLO Program.”

For more than 30 years, police liaison officers from multiple departments have served as resources to District schools. They assist with education and drug prevention, school safety drills, community and sports events, and addressing school violence. Currently, there are 12 police liaison officer positions serving elementary, middle and secondary schools in the District.

Please see attachments below for more information.

*The survey is open for two weeks. It will close on **Tuesday, October 26, 2021**, at 4 p.m.*

SURVEY: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SD61-SPLO-Program>

MESSAGE FROM PAC

The Oak Bay High PAC invites parents and guardians to our monthly PAC meeting Monday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Meeting attendance is limited to 30 participants total, so if you wish to attend, it is recommended that you sign up as soon as possible at the link below. (Parents are reminded that masks are required in all common areas of Oak Bay High. Parents will be asked to enter via the front doors of the school, use the hand sanitizer provided, and proceed directly to the library.)

If you would like to get involved, receive additional information about open positions, or if you have any questions, please contact Kimberley Rogers at kimberleyrogers68@gmail.com or visit the PAC webpage: <https://oakbay.sd61.bc.ca/parent-info/oak-bay-high-school-pac/>

Meeting sign up is at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444aeac2aaafe3-obhpac1>

UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 21

UBC Evening Info
Zoom @ 7pm

Oct. 22

Pro-D
School not in
session

Oct. 25

U of Toronto Info
Zoom @7:30pm

Oct. 26

UVic Info Session
Zoom @7pm

Oct. 27

Team Planning

FROM THE CAREER CENTRE

There are several university information sessions offered over the next 6-8 weeks in many different formats. Students will need to sign up for some and show up for others. Please take a close look and be sure to register ahead of time to any you are interested in. There are also a few virtually online from universities that will not be hosting specific Oak Bay sessions which I have taken directly from websites. Please email Ms. Giesbrecht if you have any questions about university information sessions. sgiesbrecht@sd61.bc.ca

- **University Info Sessions – Mandatory sign up for all sessions you wish to attend!!**
- **Oct. 19th - U of Calgary** at lunch – Library [Click here to sign up](#)
- **Oct. 21st - U of Guelph** at lunch virtually - [Click here to sign up](#) The Zoom Link will be emailed out the day of the event.
- **Oct. 21st - UBC** at 7pm virtually - [Click here to sign up](#) The Zoom Link will be emailed out the day of the event.
- **Oct 25th - U of Toronto Information Session for Victoria Public Schools**
<https://apply.adm.utoronto.ca/register/2021SD61>
- **Oct. 26th - UVic** 7pm - Virtually via Zoom - [Click here to sign up](#) The Zoom Link will be emailed out the day of the event.
- **Nov. 3rd - University of Alberta** 3pm - Library [Click here to sign up](#)
- **Nov. 9th - St.FX** at lunch - Career Centre
- ***If you are unable to access the links from here please go to the Career Centre website.** <https://oakbaycareercentre.weebly.com/>
- **Western University is hosting several virtual information sessions** of different content and times to meet all students' busy schedules. Please take a look and sign up at this link. <https://welcome.uwo.ca/what-is-western-like/presentations-events.html>
- **Get to know the University of Toronto** - sign up for online information sessions at this link. <https://discover.utoronto.ca/>
- Join **Dalhousie University** to explore faculties, learn about supports, connect with profs and students, and get a feel for student life on November 6th. Register here to attend. https://www.dal.ca/admissions/open_house.html
- **SFU** will be hosting several types of information session online over the next few months. Please go to the link if you are interested in learning more or applying. <https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/tours-events/upcoming.html>

From the Math department

Do you want to write a **University of Waterloo Math contest** this year? There is a 2 hour one on **Nov.17th** with math content up to Grade 11 (excellent to submit scores to universities for December application, Gr.12s!), and the Pascal (Gr.9)/Cayley (Gr.10)/Fermat (Gr.11) one on **Feb.23rd**. Come sign up in **Rm 308 with Mrs. Smith BY Mon. OCTOBER 18th** if you are interested, \$2 per contest (math department will subsidize rest of cost). Get a full size chocolate bar on the day of the contest too!



Sports News



Girls' basketball is just around the corner. In the weeks following Thanksgiving, the girls basketball program will be offering open gyms for all girls interested in playing. These are not tryouts and are not compulsory to attend (no evaluation and no coaching will occur). The goal of these open gyms is to provide girls at Oak Bay High an opportunity to play in semi-organized games prior to official tryouts. Any athlete already competing on a school team must make that team and their studies their top priority from an athletic and academic stand point. If you have not already done so, please join the Girls Basketball Google Classroom at [gkfccav](#) for more information and to fill in a background questionnaire. Open gym times will be communicated to the girls registered in this classroom.

Senior Girls basketball tryouts will begin next week, Monday, October 18th after school.

We are always looking for coaches to help support our teams. If you are interested in helping with our girls basketball program please reach out to our athletic director Mr. Rich Fast (rfast@sd61.bc.ca) or girls basketball coach Mr. Aaron Frampton (aframpton@sd61.bc.ca)

Cross Country

This year the Oak Bay Cross Country team took their Mystery Tour out to Camp Barnard, where they typically have their annual summer Cross Country Camp. The team participated in many challenging athletic events such as, bean bag volleyball, balloon pop, the bog run, and tug o' war. It was a great opportunity for team building, and to continue the incredible OBXC traditions. The team will all race at the Island Zone Championships at Beaver Lake on Wednesday, October 20th, where we have strong teams in all four divisions aiming to qualify to the BC Championships.



Band Fundraiser

This year, the Oak Bay Band Parents Association (OBBPA) is launching a new fundraiser to support our instrumental music program, working with FlipGive, a free team funding app.

The OBBPA will earn a percentage back on every purchase you make all year long! All you have to do is shop anytime with the brands you already love like Home Depot, Walmart, Sport Chek, Indigo, Starbucks, Apple, Esso and so many more. It is completely virtual, contactless and free to use. You can purchase e-gift cards through the FlipGive website or the FlipGive app and they are stored in your 'wallet' or shop online directly through FlipGive's link to the brand or business's website. Join our team now and you'll get a \$5 bonus the first time you shop!

<https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=SVNCND>

Or enter this code if you already have FlipGive set up: SVNCND. Please send the link to friends and family - anyone can use it!

Note: This is a fundraiser for the instrumental program; it is not a fundraiser for individual students. When you first sign in, you will have an option to enter your child's name or select that you are wanting to 'support the team'. Please select the team option. (All monies raised will be used to purchase musical instruments, music, and other supplies needed to support and enhance music education at Oak Bay High.)

Any questions, just ask!

Joanne Gemmill (Grade 9 and Grade 12 parent)

flipgive@oakbayband.com

About the program: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vTO_Qg4n80

Community News

The District of Oak Bay currently has a Budget Questionnaire looking for public feedback from all Oak Bay Residents on special projects and services and levels of service currently provided by the District. The Budget Questionnaire is available online here: <https://connect.oakbay.ca/budget-questionnaire> and paper copies are available at Oak Bay Recreation Centre, Henderson Recreation Centre and Monterey Recreation Centre. **The questionnaire is open until October 24, 2021.**



School Police Liaison Officer Backgrounder

School Police Liaison Officers (SPLOs) work in collaboration with the School District and School Administrators to tailor services for schools. Tri-District meetings with all liaison officers and supervisors take place five times a year, and individual School Police Liaison Officers meet routinely with their assigned school teams.



30+ Years

The SPLO program has been in the Greater Victoria School District for 30+ years



12 SPLOs

There are currently 12 SPLOs in the Greater Victoria School District



20,000 students

The Greater Victoria School District has more than 20,000 students across six communities and two Nations*

*Victoria, Esquimalt, Saanich, Oak Bay, View Royal, Highlands, Esquimalt Nation and Songhees Nation.

The role of a School Police Liaison Officer includes:

- Relationship building
- Program development
- Completing Violent Threat Risk Assessments with School and District Teams
- Supporting schools during aftermath of Critical Incidents (i.e. student deaths)
- Training and drills for Lockdown and Hold and Secure Procedures
- Guest speaker in subject specific classes (i.e. Law 12)
- Class discussions on topical issues such as Substance Use, Consent, Bullying, Cyberbullying, Sextortion, Age of Consent, and Halloween Safety



The role of a Police Officer includes:

- Police Officers focus on patrol and enforcement
- They are contacted through emergency or nonemergency lines (having no prior relationship to schools) in the event of any illegal activities impacting the school (trespassing, threats, potential weapons, assaults etc.)

Police Officers and SPLOs wear the same uniform but perform different roles in our school community!

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School Police Liaison Officers (SPLOs) are in the following schools:				
POLICE DEPARTMENT:	ELEMENTARY:	MIDDLE:	SECONDARY:	OTHER:
VICTORIA / ESQUIMALT <i>Currently no SPLOs*</i>	Macaulay Vic West George Jay Oaklands James Bay Quadra South Park Margaret Jenkins Sir James Douglas	Rockheights Central	Esquimalt Vic High SJ Burnside	Victor
SAANICH 4 SPLOs 1 supervisor 2 Youth Team Officers	Braefoot Lakehill Rogers Strawberry Vale Marigold McKenzie Northridge Tillicum Hillcrest Torquay Cloverdale Doncaster Campus View Craigflower Frank Hobbs	Cedar Hill Colquitz Glanford Arbutus Gordon Head Lansdowne	Spectrum Reynolds Mt Doug Lambrick Park	Ledger
OAK BAY 1 SPLO	Willows	Monterey	Oak Bay	
RCMP 1 Supervisor 1 First Nations Policing Position 2 Constables for Schools	Eagle View View Royal Craigflower (First Nations Policing Position, supporting Songhees and Esquimalt Nations)	Shoreline		

**Note: In the 2018/19 school year, budget restraints in Victoria PD required deployment of officers to the front lines. Since the removal of SPLOs in the municipalities of Victoria and Esquimalt, patrol officers now go into the schools.*

School Police Liaison Officer *Backgrounder*

What is Required to Become a School Police Liaison Officer?



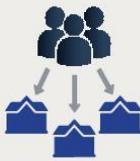
Applications are Taken

Each department invites police officers to apply for a term position as a SPLO (terms may differ in length depending on department).



Specialized Training

Successful candidates are then given specialized training in Violent Threat Risk Assessment for Youth, Critical Incident Responses in schools, Digital Threat Assessment, Critical Incident De-escalation etc.



Assigned to Schools

Police are generally assigned specific schools for on average, three-year terms, to support relationship building with specific school communities.



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- Survey Prizes: Fill out our Guest Survey after the event, and you'll be entered into a separate draw for another \$100 Amazon Gift Card.

Fair Schedule



The Virtual Fair will be open from 9:00am to 7:00pm on the following dates:

October 7th and 19th

November 3rd, 9th and 18th

December 1st and 7th

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