



Oak Bay High School

Next Week @ Oak Bay High

October 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

Student Health

Immunization consent packages for grade 9 students will be sent home shortly. Follow the instructions inside the consent package and return the signed consent form to the school. Students in grade 9 will be offered immunizations in school-based clinics. Please discuss the information in the consent package with your child and include them in the decision to provide consent for immunization. This is an opportunity for adolescents to start making decisions about their own health.

A grade 9 student can make an informed decision about immunization regardless of their parent/guardian/representative decision to consent or refuse immunization. For more information visit HealthLinkBC: [The Infants Act, Mature Minor Consent and Immunization](#)

Contact the local Health Unit at 250-388-2200 if you have any questions.

UPCOMING DATES
<b>Oct. 25</b> U of Toronto Info Zoom @7:30pm
<b>Oct. 26</b> UVic Info Session Zoom @7pm
<b>Oct. 27</b> Team Planning

FROM THE CAREER CENTRE

University Info Sessions

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE CHECK THE DATES FREQUENTLY AS THEY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.\*\*\*\*\*

It is extremely important for safety reasons that students sign up for all university sessions they are interested in. This is how students will receive the zoom links or be able to attend an in person session.

\*\*\*Students will need to use the “sd61learn” emails to register\*\*\*      See below for links

- Oct. 25th **U of Toronto Info Session for Victoria Public Schools** at 7:30 pm <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.
- Oct. 28th **Ryerson** 6pm - Virtually via Zoom - [Click here to sign up](#) The Zoom link will be emailed out the day of the event.
- Oct. 29th **Quest University** - at lunch - Library - [Click here to sign up](#)
- Nov. 3rd **Camosun College Nursing** - at lunch - Library - [Click here to sign up](#)
- Nov. 3rd **University of Alberta** 3pm - Library [Click here to sign up](#)
- Nov. 8th **Queen's University** at lunch - Library [Click here to sign up](#)
- Nov. 9th **St.FX** at lunch - Career Centre - [Click here to sign up](#)

If you have any issues signing up for the university information session please email Ms. Giesbrecht at [sgiesbrecht@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:sgiesbrecht@sd61.bc.ca)

**SOCK DRIVE**

Oak Bay High’s “Kids for a Cause” Club is sponsoring a TOASTY TOES SOCK DRIVE!  
Socks are the most commonly requested item by the homeless and the least often donated.

Now that the fall weather has arrived, imagine what it would be like having wet feet all day and you soon realize why clean warm socks are so essential and needed by our homeless population.




New socks of any sizes are needed, but especially adult socks.

Please help us make a difference in our community and donate now. The donation box will be outside the office until November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Camosun College    IMPORTANT: PSBC Virtual Fairs Kickoff**

The PSBC virtual fairs kicked off on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 am and they are excited to see your students there! Fairs run on all of these dates: October 7 & 19, Nov 3, 9 & 18, and Dec 1 & 7 from 9 am – 7 pm each day. Find your post-secondary future at this virtual fair! We will be offering live presentations that students can join right from the fair platform 6 times throughout each fair day. We hope that you will be able to provide students with time and encouragement to attend at least one of those dates. Registration is from the Post-Secondary BC website [here](#).



POST-SECONDARY BC

FOR STUDENTS


FOR PARENTS

FOR COUNSELLORS

Find your post-secondary future at the 2021 PSBC Virtual Fair!

- Watch live presentations from 29 post-secondary schools across BC
- Connect with institutional representatives through text and video chat
- Download program information and watch additional video content
- Sign up easily for more information from any institution
- Door Prizes: Every student who visits the fair will be automatically entered into a draw for one of twenty-five \$100 Amazon gift cards.
- 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

REGISTER NOW: <https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/virtual-fair/>

## **2021 STUDENT COUNCIL**

- President - Griffin Foster
- Vice President - Annika Little
- Secretary - Lena Dietsch
- Treasurer - Robin Macdonald
- Club Liaisons - Katherine Lee and Ava Hansen
- Athletics rep - Trishna Gill
- Fine Arts rep - Ethan Moen and Annie Marcovitz
- Community Leadership Reps - Stella White and Fergal Maguire
- International Student Reps - TEN WATANAPRAKARNCHAI and BELLA NGUYEN
- French Immersion Reps - Clare Keating and Wonji Lee
- Oak Leaves Committee - Alizagada Tang and Lilly Theriault
- Social Committee - Jenny Lambert and May Lathigee
- Philanthropy Committee - Holly Smith and Trishna Gill
- Spirit Committee - Clare Keating and Ryza Rueda
- Member at Large - Amelia Watson

## **From the Math department**

27 keen students signed up for the University of Waterloo Math contest to be written on **Wed. Nov.17th in Rm 308 from 10am to 12 noon** (during Focus, Block B and part of lunch). Bring a pencil and calculator. Students can prepare with past contests on: [https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/past\\_contests.html](https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/past_contests.html).

\*9 questions; 6 are answer only and 3 are full-solution questions

\*2 hours

\*60 total marks

Marks are awarded for completeness, clarity, and style of presentation. A correct solution, poorly presented, will not earn full marks.

Results will be e-mailed to you by early December. Teachers will receive a list via e-mail on which students are missing Block B on Nov.17th. See Mrs. Smith in Rm 308 for more info! Good luck to all contest writers...Oak Bay rocks (in math too!)



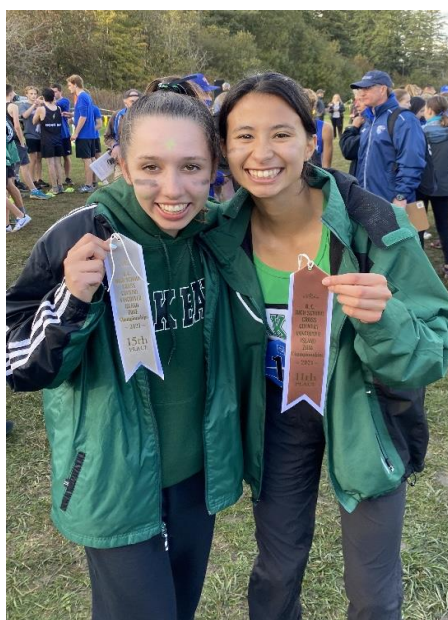
## **Sports News**



### **Cross Country**

This week the Oak Bay Cross Country team competed at the Vancouver Island championships. The Junior Girls team finishing in 3rd, Junior Boys in 1st, Senior Girls in 3rd, and Senior Boys in 1st. We had top fifteen finishes from Pippa Whitfield (5th) and Maia Lawrence (15th) in the Jr. Girl's race; Tyler Browne (2nd), Owen Lewis (7th) and Will Powell (14th) in the Junior Boys race; Ines Ciccaterri (11th) in the Senior Girls race and Basil Parkins (3rd), Julian Cameron (4th), and Railay Fawkes (15th) in the Senior Boys race. All four teams have qualified for the BC Championships at Jericho Beach, in Vancouver, BC on Saturday, November 6th.





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

### **Leadership Message**

This year's grad leadership class is organizing a Halloween food drive for this coming week, Monday the 25-Thursday the 28! From the leadership class: "We will be in the foyer from 11:35-12:25 every day that week, collecting canned goods and other non-perishable food items. For every food item your child brings, they will receive one entry into our halloween candy giveaway. Friday afternoon we will drive all of the donated food to the Mustard Seed, and also draw one name to see who will win the candy! We hope that you will encourage your child to participate, and we hope you have a happy Halloween!"

## **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](mailto:flipgive@oakbayband.com)

About the program: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vTO\\_Qg4n80](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vTO_Qg4n80)



## PATHWAYS & PARTNERSHIPS

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LEARN MORE ABOUT DISTRICT-WIDE CAREER  
AND TRANSITION OPPORTUNITIES IN A VARIETY OF PATHWAYS

• 7:00PM - 8:00PM •

✓ MIDDLE SCHOOL    ✓ HIGH SCHOOL    ✓ POST-SECONDARY

Contact Lindsay Johnson: 250-475-4182 ([ljohnson@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:ljohnson@sd61.bc.ca))  
for more information

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# PARENTS AS EDUCATION AND CAREER COACHES - GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.61

## VIRTUAL ZOOM SESSION

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An interactive session designed to support parents in guiding their student in making informed decisions about their education and career choices after high school.

What you can expect:

1. Overview of all the resources available on [EducationPlannerBC.ca](https://EducationPlannerBC.ca)
2. Discover the different pathways available for students
3. Supports available at post-secondary institutions
4. Tips on scholarships and financial aid
5. Q & A

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021  
7:00pm - 8:30pm



### Community News

#### 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>




# 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.



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



There are currently 12 SPLOs in the Greater Victoria School District




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!

One *Learning* Community

[www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca)





# 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.