



Sept 27, 2024

Dear Parents, Guardians & Students,

Just some reminders for the upcoming week:

Monday, Sept 30 Oak Bay community ceremony at the Sno'uyutth pole for the
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
National holiday - schools not in session
9:30 am start

Sept. 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Looking for ways to honour and support the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation? Join the Oak Bay community ceremony at the Sno'uyutth ("Spreading Good Energy") Welcome Pole on the OBHS grounds at 9:30 am Sept. 30. Hosted by the ReconciliACTION Oak Bay Network.

You can also contribute directly to the Reconciliation process by making a donation to support the programs and services at the Victoria Native Friendship Centre through a Reconciliation Pledge: vnfc.ca/pledge and vnfc.ca/donate-pledge/

School Clothing

The **Back to School Sale ends September 30!** Get your crewnecks, drawstring bags, hoodies, mugs, sweatpants, t-shirts... and show your school spirit. **Nutty's Locker** (AKA the school store) is open Tuesday at lunch or order online at <https://bit.ly/obhschoolstore>.

Thank you.

Hot Lunch Program

Lunch cards are available through <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/57798/140/False/True> for 10 lunches (\$60) or 20 lunches (\$120). If you prefer to only buy a card for a smaller number (ex. 5 lunches), you can also see the accounts clerk, in the main office, with cash or card. Finally, you are always able to come to the line and pay with cash (and now card) if you prefer (\$6).

UVIC AND CAMOSUN INFORMATION EVENING - October 8th 2024 from 7-8pm

Oak Bay would like to invite you to join the annual UVic and Camosun College Information Evening on October 8th from 7:00pm-8:00pm in our theatre.

This event provides an opportunity for students and parents to learn about the programs offered at each institution. The representatives will also share information on scholarships, admissions, the application process and answer all your questions.

If you have any questions about the evening, please contact Ms. Giesbrecht at sgiesbrecht@sd61.bc.ca

We hope to see you there.

Cops For Cancer

Oak Bay's Cops for Cancer campaign had a garage sale this past weekend. Thank you to the families who helped by donating items, or coming by to support the cause. The students have been working hard to canvas the neighborhood and dropping flyers in mailboxes, in order to seek donations. Please go to the Oak Bay Team Fundraising Page, to make your donations (<https://bit.ly/OBC4C2024>). We have also extended the online auction which will be live until September 29th, and there are new items being added daily (<https://www.32auctions.com/OBC4C2024>). We had over 10 students including our new Vice-Principal, Jared Adams, get their hair cut for our Head Shave on Wednesday. A big thank you to the Avenue Barber for providing two hairstylists for the event. Our final event will be a bake sale held outside the Oak Bay Pharmasave on Saturday. Lastly, the riders will arrive on October 3rd and we will have a school wide assembly to greet the riders at 9:00 AM.



"Water is Life Exchange Program 2024/2025:

The Water is Life Exchange program is a partnership exchange between Maurick College in the Netherlands and Oak Bay High. Oak Bay students will visit Maurick College in April 2025 and Maurick students will visit Oak Bay High in May 2025. This exchange is open to grades 10-12, with priority for higher grades up to 8 students.

Students will have the opportunity to:

- Develop practical scientific field skills.
- Engage in a local, relevant, real world research project.
- Earn 4 credits through 'Directed Studies' course.
- Develop friendships and collaborative networks through an exchange with Maurick College.
- Visit and experience the culture of the Netherlands, including a chance to visit Amsterdam.

Our first meeting is at lunch on Wednesday October 9 in room 233, with an evening parent meeting to be determined the week following. Questions? Email djshrubsole@sd61.bc.ca or aheyes@sd61.bc.ca."

The Career Education Department at Oak Bay High School is excited to host our fourth *Career Connections Expo on November 6, 2024*, and we would love your involvement!

Our goal is to provide students with the opportunity to engage with professionals from a diverse range of career fields and learn directly from experts like you. During the expo, students will choose two sessions in career areas they are interested in. Each session will last 30 minutes, including a 15-20 minute presentation followed by a 10-minute Q&A.

We are currently looking to build our list of speakers. If you or someone you know works in the fields of pharmacy, veterinary science, cosmetology, or artificial intelligence and would be interested in participating, please reach out to Roxanne Taggart at rtaggart@sd61.bc.ca.

Thank you for helping us inspire and guide our students!