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Eurovision Song Contest 2025

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On Saturday, May 17, the finals for the 69th Annual Eurovision Song Contest were held in Basel, Switzerland. Earlier that week the two semi finals took place, narrowing down the 37 European countries (as well as Australia, Israel, Azerbaijan, and Georgia) to 26 competing entries.

These 26 competitors included “The Big Five” (the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Spain, and Italy), the top countries who contribute the most financially to the Eurovision Song Contest and who automatically get placed into the finals, along with the country that won the previous year.

Although Eurovision started in 1956 as a very formal performance, it has come to be known as a traditionally flamboyant show of tongue-in-cheek humor, dance tracks, and an occasional ballad.

This year's surprise winner was JJ, an

Austrian opera singer who sang an original song titled Wasted Love, taking home Austria's first win in the ESC since 2014, with 463 points (points are from a jury who represent each country respectively, and a public vote). In second place was Israel's Yuval Raphael, who sang New Day Will Rise, gaining 357 points. In third was Estonia with Tommy Cash taking home 356 points for Espresso Macchiato, a song in Italian.

Oak Bay High's Trades Expo 2025

By Rocio De La Rosa

On May 14th, Oak Bay High School hosted the 2nd trades expo career fair at the school's entrance. Throughout the day students from grade 9 to 12 were called down to walk through the fair and learn about the many possible careers available in the trades industry. Students had the opportunity to explore careers in unique trades, try their hand at various skills, and talk one-on-one with individuals working in trades.. Some of the trades on display included sheet metal, electrician, bricklaying, solar power, and hairdressing, with each station showing off an interesting display or allowing students to try out the unique skills of each trade.

A career in trades has a high earning potential, is high in demand for employment, and centres around hand-on-work that is crucial to how our communities function.

Trade school may be the right option for you



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if you are interested in a career helping others, practicing creativity, or generally just enjoying a satisfying and tangible career path.

At Oak Bay's Trades Expo 2025, I explored the career path of an electrician. The hands-on activity of splicing wires gave me a good idea of what some daily activities of an electrician would be. The presenters emphasized the flexibility and satisfaction they experienced at their jobs, especially stressing how fun they find their work. From these presenters and the rest of the company representatives who appeared at the fair, I got a strong sense of the passion and fulfillment that follows a career in trades and it was inspiring to see so many people wanting to speak about their work.

Oak Bay High's Grad Dinner Dance

By Sophia Schlag

This Friday, May 23rd, Oak Bay High's Class of 2025 will be dressing up and having their dinner dance, an event that many are looking forward to. This dance is a chance for grads to come together and celebrate what they've accomplished in their 13 years of school, while looking their best. The evening is divided into 2 parts: the block party at Willows beach, where all

family and friends are invited to celebrate their grads, and the dinner dance at the Delta Hotel just for the students.

Over the years, the locations of both events have shifted. Before COVID, the block parties were typically held on actual streets in the neighbourhood, before moving to Willows in 2019. The dinner dance has also been held in many locations, but with the size of this year's grad class, the Delta Hotel is one of the only venues that can accommodate. Wherever it has been, these evenings have been the highlight of many student's years.



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For those who want to wear dresses, the choice can be quite stressful. Seeing as there's only one store in Victoria dedicated to grad dresses, options can be limited and prices high - \$1000 for a dress is far from unheard of. However, there are other options: Second hand stores and sites can offer much lower prices, and are a better choice for the environment. Many also buy new dresses online, though the quality can vary. It's in situations like these that suits can feel much more desirable.

Whatever you wear, the dinner dance is bound to be a good time, and the class of 2025 is very excited!

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

By Ava Navaee

Each May, Canada celebrates Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. This month celebrates and highlights all the contributions Asian Canadians have contributed to Canada, and celebrates and honors the rich cultures, traditions, and histories from all different parts of Asia. These parts include: East, South, Southeast, and Central Asia.



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Asian Canadians have played a vital role in the making of Canada. For example, aiding in building the railways. In the 1880s, thousands of Chinese workers were brought to Canada to help build the Canadian Pacific Railway. The work they did was incredibly dangerous and they were extremely underpaid, but their work paid off. The railway ended up being extremely important to the growth of Canada, as it enabled the connection of the country from coast to coast. This completely changed Canada, united the country and helped it grow economically.

Asian and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month

also reflects on past injustices that have occurred, such as the Chinese Head Tax, the internment of Japanese Canadians during World War II and the Komagata Maru. For example, The Chinese Head Tax was a fee that only Chinese immigrants had to pay to enter Canada. This was first introduced in 1885, right after the completion of the railway (which thousands of Chinese workers had helped build). This law caused the people working on the railways not to be able to reunite with their families.

Overall Asian and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month is a great celebration of the importance and contributions of Asian Canadians to Canada and a celebration of the rich and different cultures of Asia.

Unscramble the names of these Countries in Asia!

DINAI

THSUO AEKRO

APNASKIT

LISPIPIHENP

NICAH

DISEIANON

SALO

RIS AKNLA

NPLEA

AWTANI

Recipe Of the Month: Chocolate Raspberry Crumble Bars

Contributed by Kali Weinzettl, recipe by Chocolate Covered Katie

These bars are a delightful snack or dessert to have at any time of the day. I made them over the weekend to give to my mom for mother's day, and she absolutely loved them! They are perfect as gifts, fun little snacks, or to share with your friends and family.

The batter will look very dry, so don't worry if you think you didn't put enough liquid in, and also make sure to use more than half of the batter for the base, and about a quarter for the top.

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups spelt flour or all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup and 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons milk of choice
- 2 cups raspberries (fresh or thawed frozen)
- ½ cup chocolate chips
- 3 tablespoons pure maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease an 8x8-inch baking dish or line with parchment paper and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, salt, and dry sweeteners and stir very well. Add the oil and milk and stir until a dough forms.



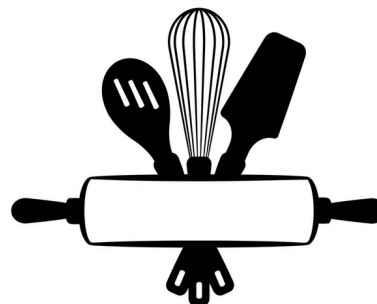
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Transfer half the dough to the baking dish and press down very firmly with a spatula.

In another large mixing bowl, combine the raspberries, chocolate chips, maple syrup, vanilla, and cornstarch. Stir well. Pour this mixture evenly over the dough in the baking dish.

Sprinkle the remaining dough over the baking dish and press down lightly. Bake for 45 minutes, until firm. Remove from the oven and allow to cool for at least 15 minutes in the pan before slicing into bars.

Refrigerate leftovers in a covered container for up to 4 days.



Six weeks till Summer Vacation!

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 SWIM
 FREEDOM
 ICE CREAM
 BARBEQUE
 JOB
 RELAX
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 TRAVEL
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 BEACH
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