

The Acorn

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Oak Bay High's Spring Fling

By Rocio de la Rosa



<https://www.cntraveler.com/gallery/15-beautiful-pictures-of-spring-flowers-around-the-world>

What better way to celebrate the approaching Spring season than by a school-wide dance! The dance will be taking place at Oak Bay on March 3rd for grade 9s and 10s and March 4th for grade 11s and 12s. Tickets will be on sale from February 19th-25th in front of the cafeteria during lunch and available via School Cash Online. Ticket prices are \$5.00 for grades 9-10 and \$10.00 for grades 11-12. Snacks, drinks, and desserts will be available at the dance.

Why should you attend the Spring Fling?

Taking part in fun events like school dances is a great way to make lasting memories with your friends and peers. The Spring Fling is open to all grades, so grades 9 through 11 have the opportunity to experience a school event that was previously reserved for grade 12 students in past years. If you are not graduating this year, take advantage of this

opportunity! School dances and events are also great community-building activities and a place where more than just one grade can come together and have fun.

The theme of the dance is Spring and the dress code is semi-formal. Bring your friends!

Oak Bay High Presents: The Prom

By Kali Weinzettl

As you might have heard, this year's senior musical is The Prom. The Prom is a fun musical with a meaningful message about Emma, a girl from small town Indiana, who just wants to bring her girlfriend to the Prom, but the homophobic PTA is trying to stop her. When four eccentric, struggling Broadway stars find out about Emma, they decide to try and help her for publicity and fame, and to give her the prom she deserves.

The opening night of The Prom is on Friday, February 28th, at 7:30 pm. After that, there are shows on March 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th. All of the shows are at 7:30 pm, except for Sunday, March 2nd, which is at 2:00 pm.

This musical is filled with incredible songs and exciting dances as well as hilarious comedic scenes that will leave you laughing. Tickets are available on school cash online or at the door. It is \$10 for students and seniors and \$12 for adults. We hope you enjoy!



<https://roxytheatre.ca/the-prom/>

Recipe of the month:

Snickerdoodles

Recipe from The Frugal South, Provided by Sophia Schlag



<https://www.thefrugalsouth.com/no-butter-snickerdoodle-cookies-recipe/>

When I get into the mood for baking, the first recipe I always reach for is this one. With simple ingredients and an easy assembly, these sweet and cinnamon-y cookies will soon become your favorite, as well. And it doesn't require butter or cream of tartar, either!

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs

- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon

For Sugar Coating:

- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon

Instructions:

- Preheat the oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Mix the oil, sugar, egg and vanilla until smooth. Add the flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon on top, then mix everything together to form a thick dough.
- Shape the dough into walnut-sized balls and roll each ball in the sugar coating.
- Place cookies a few inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet, flattening them slightly if desired.
- Bake for 8-10 minutes, until slightly brown on the bottom. Do not overbake!

Club Spotlight: Warhammer Club

By Ross Wilson

Do you like crafting, painting, playing tactical games, or role playing combat? Then this club might just be for you! As described by the interviewee, Will Hume, Warhammer is a bunch of hobbies in a trench coat. So, why not give it a try? They are always happy to accept new members.

What do you do at Warhammer Club?

Depending on your interests, you can paint miniatures, craft them, or play fun, fast-paced games. For those looking to play games, I would suggest that you go to the Thursday meetings, since there are usually more people there.

However if you're an introvert or would rather paint or craft in peace, I'd suggest the Friday meetings, as they have a calmer atmosphere with less people.

What does attendance look like?

The Warhammer Club meets on Thursdays and Fridays after school. Usually, it ends at around 5 PM. However, it officially ends whenever the last person leaves. (That doesn't mean you should stay until 12 AM.) The club is usually pretty flexible with attendance, so it's okay if you can't make it. However, they recommend that if you need to miss a day, you should come to the other meeting.

How do you play?

Though there are many different ways to play Warhammer, I will be giving you a general description of the game. Warhammer is a turn based game where there are two opposing teams. They both have an army and are trying to complete objectives by battling each other. The turns go like this: move, shoot, charge, fight. There can be a lot or no battle role play depending on the people playing.

What are the expenses?

Though getting into the hobby of Warhammer by yourself might be expensive, you can join the Warhammer Club at no cost! They have many extra figures and a lot of paints that you can use. One of their goals is to introduce people to the hobby at little to no cost. Though, if you want to bring your own supplies, that's completely fine, too!

Favourite things about the Warhammer Club.

Sam enjoys playing the game and painting.

Morgan's favourite thing is 100% painting. Kieran, the club's founder, enjoys painting, organising events, and introducing people to the hobby.

Elliot's favourite thing to do is painting, playing Warhammer, and crushing everyone.



Photo taken by Ross

Cultural Corner: Carnival of Binche

By Wren Mister-Mercer

The Carnival of Binche, held in Binche, Belgium, is a historic festival that will take place in March this year. Recognized by UNESCO as a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity, this event is deeply rooted in tradition and draws visitors from around the world.

The one specific element that sets this festival apart from the rest are the *Gilles*—men dressed in elaborate costumes featuring wax masks, wooden clogs, and large ostrich-feather hats. On Shrove Tuesday (Also known as Pancake Day, this is the day before Ash Wednesday, traditionally a time for feasting and preparing for the start of the Christian religious festival called Lent), they parade through the streets, performing



UNESCO.org

rhythmic dances to the sound of traditional drums while throwing oranges into the crowd. The oranges tossed represent good luck, and catching one is considered a special moment for a lucky spectator.

Beyond the Gilles, this festival includes an assortment of festivities such as parades, live music, and fireworks. The atmosphere is lively and immersive, with both locals and tourists participating in the celebrations, often wearing colorful costumes or hairpieces. Months of preparation go into making the event a success, with costumes often being handmade and passed down through generations.



<https://www.today.com/life/inspiration/interesting-facts-rcna130243>

- A group of owls is called a parliament.
- The Caesar salad was invented in 1924.
- The sun is about 400 times larger than the moon.
- The average person blinks 14 to 17 times per minute.

- 90 percent of the world's population lives in the Northern Hemisphere.
- Human teeth are the only part of the body that cannot heal themselves.
- Competitive art used to be an Olympic sport.
- Lemons float in water, but limes sink.
- The Eiffel Tower was originally made for Barcelona.
- The real name for a hashtag is an octothorpe.
- Neil Armstrong's hair was sold in 2004 for \$3,000.

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I'll call you later.

Don't call me later.

Call me Dad!

<https://www.southernliving.com/culture/best-dad-jokes>

- I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes. She gave me a hug.
- Why don't eggs tell jokes? They might crack up!
- What did the big flower say to the little flower? "Hi, bud!"
- I went to buy some camouflage pants, but I couldn't find any.
- What did the grape say when it got stepped on? Nothing, it just let out a little wine.
- I used to have a job at a calendar factory, but I got fired because I took a couple of days off.
- What do you call a snowman with a six-pack? An abdominal snowman!
- Why don't skeletons fight each other? They don't have the guts!

Types of Flowers

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CARNATION
 ROSE
 SUNFLOWER
 DAFFODIL
 CHRYSANTHEMUM
 TULIP
 DAISY
 HYDRANGEA
 ORCHID
 LAVENDER
 IRIS
 POPPY
 LILY

