

WEEK AT A GLANCE

December 1 - 8, 2023

Monday Dec 4	Tuesday Dec 5	Wednesday Dec 6	Thursday Dec 7	Friday Dec 8
		<i>Collaboration Day (late start 9:50AM)</i>	<i>Hannukah (until Dec. 15)</i>	<i>Bodhi Day</i>
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HEALTH AND SAFETY

As we head into the cold and flu season, we would like to remind parents and students, that if a student is sick and cannot fully participate in all class work, they should stay home until the symptoms have resolved and the student is feeling better. Please help us keep everyone healthy and safe. If you need to let the school know about your child's absences, please call **604-668-7813**.

COLLABORATION DAY – DEC 6

Please be reminded of the **Collaboration Day** scheduled for **Wednesday, December 6th**. **Classes will start at 9:50 AM** and we will dismiss at the regular time (3:00 PM). The Bell schedule for the day will be emailed home on Tuesday, December 5th.

NEW YOUTH VAPING WEBSITE

The [QuitNow](#) website, funded by the Ministry of Health, has a new, dedicated mini-site and updated resources for youth interested in quitting or reducing their vaping. Feedback provided by the Youth Advisory Council at McCreary Centre Society and from young people across B.C. helped inform the development of these resources. Any questions or comments about the site can be directed to desouza@bclung.ca

SCHOOL MESSENGER – SMS/TEXT MESSAGING OPT-IN CAMPAIGN

As previously communicated, the Richmond School District is implementing a new communication tool that will enable both the district and the school to send you text messages. The purpose is to improve the ability to deliver time-sensitive information to you, including emergency notifications. Between November 15 and 30, parents / guardians were requested to opt-in for this service by sending a text message with a Y or Yes to the number **978338**. Any parents/guardians who have not opted-in by November 30 will receive one text message on December 1. This will be the final opt-in message sent for the 2023/2024 school year. Individuals can opt-out of this service at any time by Text **STOP** to **978338** or opt-out online at <http://schoolmessenger.com/txtmsg>. Please click on the links: [SMS District Notice – Nov. 15 English](#) or [SMS District Notice – Nov. 15 Chinese](#) for more info.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 06: Collaboration Day (late start 9:50am)
Dec 07: Dry Grad Committee Meeting 7pm
Dec 7-15: Hannukah
Dec08: Bodhi Day

HANNUKAH – DEC 7 – 15

Hannukah, or the Festival of Rededication, celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after its defilement by the Syrian Greeks in 164 BE. The eight-day festival has become a beloved and joyous holiday. It is also known as the Festival of Lights and usually takes place in December, at the time of year when the days are shortest in the northern hemisphere.

BODHI DAY – DEC 8

A Buddhist holiday that commemorates the day that Gautama Buddha (Shakyamuni) is said to have experienced enlightenment, also known as bodhi in Sanskrit and Pali.

SCHOLARSHIP – SCHOOL NOMINATION

We are now accepting school nomination forms for the **CMOLIK, BC EXCELLENCE, and SCHULICH Scholarships**. Nomination forms are due on December 14, 2023 at 3:00pm to Career Counselor, Mr. Ng. More info can be found on the the school website: <https://boyd.sd38.bc.ca/student-information/grade-12-information/scholarships-school-nominated>

DRY GRAD FUNDRAISING

If anyone is interested in purchasing a **Meridian Meats gift card**, please do so through the School Cash Online. **Deadline for orders is Dec. 11th**. **Gift Cards will be available for pick up on Dec. 15th at school outside of the office at 3pm**. Our next fundraising event will be held at **The Pioneer's Pub on Dec. 9th between 2-4pm**. Come out and buy a raffle for a chance to win a meat package (value \$200). There will be a 50/50 draw as well! Our **next Dry Grad Committee meeting will be on Thursday, December 7th at 7pm**. Grade 12 parents, come out and join our team.

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