



SEYCOVE SECONDARY  
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# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



June 21, 2024



Dear Families,

I hope you enjoy this newsletter, filled with accomplishments and celebrations that have made this year truly unforgettable.

From the joyous graduation ceremony that marked a new chapter for our students to the heartfelt award ceremonies recognizing outstanding achievements, our school community has much to be proud of.

Our talented students showcased their musical prowess in captivating concerts, while National Indigenous Peoples Day provided a meaningful opportunity to honour and learn about Indigenous cultures and traditions. Classrooms buzzed with vibrant activities, fostering creativity, curiosity, and a love of learning.

Join us in reflecting on these milestones and celebrating the spirit of our wonderful school community.

Sincerely,

Sarah Best  
Principal

## SEYCOVE CALENDAR

June	<a href="#">National Indigenous History Month</a>
June	<a href="#">Pride Month</a>
Jun 21	Nat'l Indigenous Peoples Day
Jun 21	Last Day of Classes
Jun 24	Review & Completion *Only invited students attend
Jun 25	Review & Completion *Only invited students attend
Jun 25	Grad Banquet 6pm
Jun 26	Learning Reports Published
Jun 28	Administrative Day - School Closed
Sep 3	School Reopens <a href="#">Calendar HERE</a>



# Grad 2024





# Updates & Reminders

## End of Year / Semester 2 - Review & Completion and Yearbooks

- June 21: Last day of regular classes for school year
- June 24 & 25: End of Semester **Review & Completion Days**  
Students & parents will be contacted by teacher if students are invited to attend R&C.  
**Only invited students should attend R&C.**
- June 26: Final Learning Updates Published
- June 27: **Yearbook Distribution - Gr 8-11 - Cafeteria**  
Grade 9 at 9:45  
Grade 10 at 10:30  
Grade 11 at 11:15  
Grade 12 at 2:15  
  
*\*Grade 8s will receive their year books in September. There will also be additional books for sale at that time. We will communicate purchase and pick up information in September.*
- June 28: Administrative Day - Students do not attend



Be sure to check out [seycove.ca/calendar](http://seycove.ca/calendar) for all year end events and dates!

## Year End Reminders - Fees/ Books / Uniforms



### Are your school fees paid? Uniforms returned? Textbooks and Library books handed in at the Library?

If not, please log into your [SchoolCash Online](http://SchoolCashOnline) account to pay all outstanding school fees and return uniforms to the Main Office and books to the Library prior to June 21st.

To avoid disappointment on yearbook distribution day, please ensure all fees are paid and items returned.



## Linear Timetable

Next year, students will take up to eight courses with four courses on Day 1 and four courses on Day 2. Day 1 & Day 2 will alternate all year.

**Please note, Tutorial time will remain on the timetable for next year.**

For more schedule information, visit [our website](http://our website).

	Week 1					Week 2					Late Start Wednesday
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Tutorial Time 8:30-9:10 AM											Staff Collaboration 8:30-9:50 AM
9:10-10:21 AM	1	5	2	6	3	7	1	5	2	6	2 or 5 9:50-10:51 AM
Transition											Transition
10:25-11:35 AM	2	6	3	7	1	5	2	6	3	7	3 or 6 10:55-11:55 AM
Transition											Transition
11:40-12:50 PM	3	7	1	5	2	6	3	7	1	5	1 or 7 12:00-1:00 PM
12:50-1:50 PM	LUNCH					LUNCH					LUNCH 1:00-2:00 PM
1:50-3:00 PM	4	8	4	8	4	8	4	8	4	8	4 or 8 2:00-3:00 PM
Late Start Wednesday Dates: ( 4 per year )	September 25, 2024					October 30, 2024					
	October 30, 2024					February 26, 2025					
	February 26, 2025					April 30, 2025					
	April 30, 2025										

2024-2025



# Updates & Reminders



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### 2024-2025 Calendar

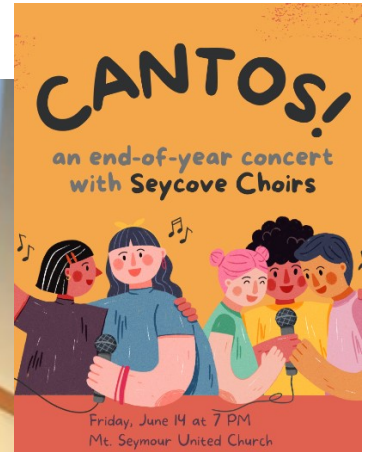
### Days of Instruction: 180 Days

Schools Open	Tuesday, September 3, 2024 (90 Minutes)
First full day of Classes	Wednesday, September 4, 2024
Staff Collaboration Day (student late start 9:50 am)	Wednesday, September 25, 2024
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – School Closed	Monday, September 30, 2024
Thanksgiving Day - School Closed	Monday, October 14, 2024
Province Wide Professional Day (no students)	Friday, October 25, 2024
Parent Teacher Interviews –early dismissal at 1:15 pm	Tuesday, October 29, 2024
Staff Collaboration Day (student late start 9:50 am)	Wednesday, October 30, 2024
Early Dismissal for Students per PTIs	Friday, November 1, 2024
Remembrance Day - School Closed	Monday, November 11, 2024
Review and Completion (no classes for students)	Tuesday, December 3, 2024
NVSD Curriculum Implementation Day (no students)	Friday, December 6, 2024
Last Day of Classes Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 20, 2024
Winter Vacation Period	December 23, 2024 – January 3, 2025
School Opens After Winter Break	Monday, January 6, 2025
School Based Professional Development Day	Friday, January 24, 2025
District Wide Professional Day (no students)	Friday, February 14, 2025
BC Family Day – School Closed	Monday, February 17, 2025
Staff Collaboration Day (student late start 9:50 am)	Wednesday, February 26, 2025
Review and Completion (no classes for students)	Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Last Day of Classes Before Spring Break	Friday, March 14, 2025
Spring Vacation Period	March 17 – March 28, 2025
School Opens After Spring Break	Monday, March 31, 2025
Parent Teacher Interviews-early dismissal at 1:15 pm	Wednesday, April 16, 2025
Parent Teacher Interviews-early dismissal at 1:15 pm	Thursday, April 17, 2025
Good Friday – Schools Closed	Friday, April 18, 2025
Easter Monday – Schools Closed	Monday, April 21, 2025
Staff Collaboration Day (student late start 9:50 am)	Wednesday, April 30, 2025
District Wide Professional Day (no students)	Monday, May 5, 2025
Victoria Day – School Closed	Monday, May 19, 2025
School Based Professional Day (no students)	Friday, June 6, 2025
Last Day of Classes	Friday June 20, 2025
Review & Completion (no classes for students)	Monday, June 23, 2025
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School Closes for Summer Vacation	Thursday, June 26, 2025
Administrative Day – School Closed	Friday, June 27, 2025

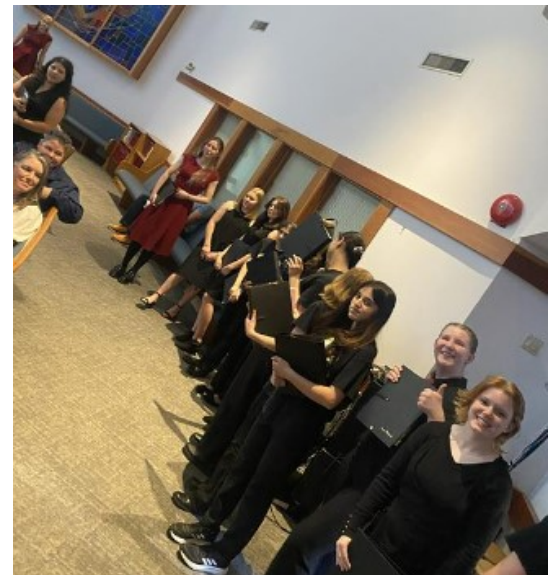


# Celebrations of Learning

## Year End Choir Concert



"CANTOS!" (named for the Portuguese word for "songs") proved to be a high-energy, emotional closer to this year's performance season for Seycove Choirs. This concert featured all groups—grade 8-12, concert/jazz choirs—as well as well-earned awards for hard-working students of all ages and sorts. We appreciate all of the work our students have put in each and every day of this school year, and we can't wait for more in the fall. Cheers to a restful summer! - Mr. Najjar

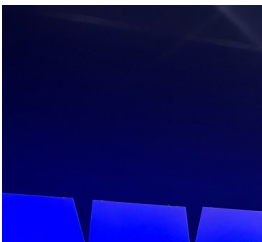
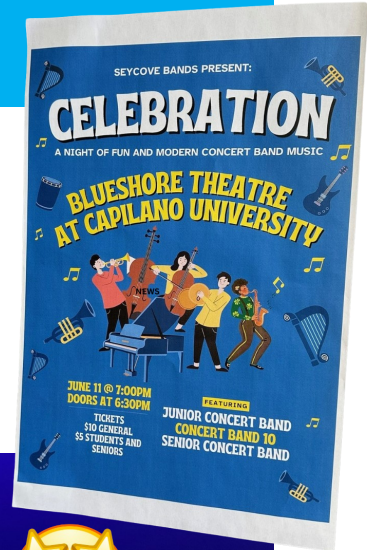




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## Year End Band Concert

Bravo to our band students for hitting all the right notes this year! Their performances in the year end show, Celebration, was the crescendo of their hard work. Congratulations and thank you to all of our talented musicians and to our dedicated band teacher, Mr. Barnes, for an outstanding evening.





# Celebrations of Learning

## Indigenous Peoples Day - School Wide Activities

On Friday, June 14th Seycove celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day. Seycove students had the opportunity to participate in celebrations around the school reflecting on the importance of Indigenous peoples to the fabric of British Columbia and Canada.

In the cafeteria, B.C. First Peoples 11 students hosted the annual BCFP Exhibition, presenting their final inquiry projects to students, community members, and elementary school visitors. Projects were guided by individual inquiries answering the course driving question: What can I do, even if only in a small way, to be a part of Reconciliation?

In the Vortex theatre, guests from our host nations came to share traditional song and stories with the students. Thank you to Robbie George, Laura George and Indigenous student support workers Nick Kofi and Laura Lewis for sharing their time and stories with us.

In the gym, NVSD Indigenous Support Workers, Evan Skye and Dallas Guss, taught learners about lacrosse. Skye and Guss shared about the traditional roots of lacrosse in Indigenous culture, and its significance today. Students were then invited to try out the equipment and participate in a game.

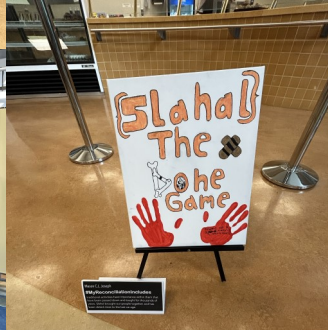
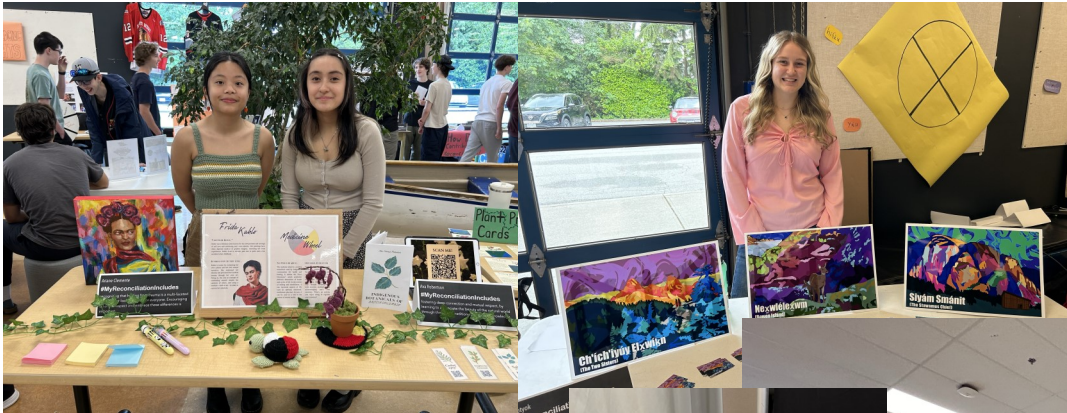
Thank you for all the hard work of the B.C. First Peoples 12 students for their presentations, and to Laura Lewis and all the organizers who made the day possible.





# Celebrations of Learning

## National Indigenous Peoples Day Learning & Sharing







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## Indigenous Peoples Day Student Art Spotlight



### An Opportunity to Heal & Learn

By Maya Graham (grade 11)

In 1996 the Governor General proclaimed June 21<sup>st</sup> as National Indigenous People's Day. Many Indigenous groups and communities have celebrated their cultures on this day, or around this time of year, because of the significance of the summer solstice. As a person of Indigenous descent, from the San Carlos Apache Nation and the Yavapai- Apache Nation, Maya Graham recently had the opportunity to learn more about her heritage and the histories of her people.

This original art painting, "An Opportunity to heal and learn," combines the different aspects of National Indigenous People's Day. June 21<sup>st</sup> is an opportunity to learn about and celebrate the unique and diverse Indigenous Peoples of Canada. What a lot of Canadians do not realize is that there is not one universal Indigenous belief and culture or style of art. There are many diverse Nations in Canada who all have their own unique culture, and heritage. In Maya's painting, she included culturally significant belongings from multiple Nations across Turtle Island. Today, we also recognize Canada's colonial history and past and ongoing treatment of Indigenous Peoples. This painting includes objects that symbolize the experiences of the first peoples and ongoing issues in Canada. This includes the history of residential schools, generational trauma, and missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

### RAVEN

By Kiera Loverin (grade 8)

I chose to paint a raven because that is my clan. Red is a strong part of Tahltan and Tlingit art and culture and in the modern day represents Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women.





# Celebrations of Learning

## Econ 12 - The Way the Cookie Crumbles...



Well, it was a crumbly situation in Econ class this week as we simulated wealth inequality by distributing Oreo cookies. Applying the 80/20 rule, a small group (20%) hit the jackpot while the rest (80%) were left crumbling over just a few measly crumbs.

As some students basked in the chocolately bliss of their Oreo wealth, it was a sobering reminder that such indecencies impact real people every day. The very cookies we consumed are made by Mondelez's Nabisco division - a company known for exploiting workers, using child labor, and underpaying the powerless.



There some students sat, elite "cookie capitalists" indulging in the fruits of economic injustice. While some stuffed their faces, other students realized that around the world many cannot afford a single Oreo.



For the cookie "have-nots," it was a harsh glimpse into what life is like for the world's poor. As the crumbs rapidly depleted, students got a sense of the powerlessness experienced in underdeveloped nations. Suddenly, the playing field didn't feel so level.



Cries for justice and equality rang out as the have-nots tried all tactics imaginable. Some demanded wealth redistribution (and cookies) from their rich classmates. Others tried stealing treats, offering to trade, or cozying up to the elite for protection.

Students gained a deeper understanding of natural resource - intensive production, the debt burden, population growth and child labour and breaking the vicious cycles of poverty. Lastly, students ended the course by looking beyond GDP per capita looking at measures of happiness and well-being.

All the best to Economics 12 Grads- well done!!! -Ms Rajan

## Social Studies 8 - Designing Cities

### Mapping Skills and Creativity Shine in 8th Grade Project

The 8th grade class recently completed an impressive 'Design a City' project that allowed them to apply their mapping skills and unleash their creativity. Students worked diligently to plan and design their own unique cities, carefully considering elements like zoning, transportation, and sustainable development.

This hands-on project not only reinforced their understanding of cartography and urban planning but also encouraged critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork. The final city designs were a testament to the students' hard work and ingenuity, showcasing their ability to merge practical knowledge with artistic expression.

Congratulations to our Socials 8<sup>th</sup> students on their amazing projects!

Enjoy your Summer break.

Ms Rajan and the Class Manager Team



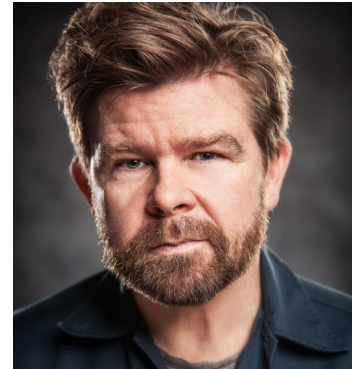


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## Block 5 Drama - Workshop with Bart Anderson

Drama enjoyed a visit from Bart Anderson last week. Bart has been an established actor, writer, director and producer since graduating from Ryerson Theatre School in 1985. He currently teaches actors and film students as Head Teacher at Vancouver Film School, Adjunct Professor at the University of British Columbia, and as an instructor at Spotlight Academy in Nanaimo, BC.

Bart facilitated a workshop called "**Being and Believing on Set**" A workshop that puts the students in an on-set environment and introduces them to those tools that the pros use to ensure a dynamic and truthful performance on camera.



## Learning In and Out of the Classroom

Fallon, below, got to enjoy a tour of all the boats at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club.



Fallon and Aleia, above, challenging each other to a game of air hockey. The students enjoy playing a variety of games together.



# Learning Beyond the Class

## PLP 11 & 12 - Symposium on the Holocaust

On June 4, PLP 11 and 12 learners attended the 46th annual Symposium on the Holocaust at UBC. Both grades had just completed Holocaust-centered projects and were fortunate to have the opportunity to deepen their learning with Professor Emeritus of History, Chris Friedrichs and Historian Dr. Lauren Faulkner Rossi; Holocaust Survivor and Author Mariette Doduck; and filmmaker Dan Schubert, who shared his National Film Board of Canada documentary *Martha*, a moving tribute to his grandmother, also a survivor. During the Q&A panels, a PLP 11 student asked what young people could do to counter the rise in antisemitism as well as intolerance in general. The panelists advised students to educate themselves, and to do so from multiple sources, and to speak up when they witness acts of intolerance. As survivor and Noble Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel said, "The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference."

"One of the points from the lecture that was memorable to me was, 'Genocide happens because people believe and were taught to believe that they are superior to other people because of ethnicity and religious reasons. They hate Jews not because the Jews harmed them but because they belong to the other group.'"

"It was immensely impactful to be able to hear the story of a survivor in-person, especially since we will be one of the last generations able to."

"I found the videos and slideshow of how family members died very impactful as they gave us faces to go with the horrific historical information."

"I found the documentary created by the grandson of a Holocaust survivor very impactful as it showed us a sweet, funny grandmotherly woman who had lived through such horrible experiences and it was heartbreaking to see her learn some even darker truths about her relatives."

"From Dr. Faulkner Rossi: 'When you see something wrong happening, say something.'"

"The symposium was very enlightening. Being able to hear this story, in person, serves as a grim reminder that the Holocaust wasn't just an event in our past, but rather, something that lives on with its survivors and their families."

### SPEAKERS



#### Dan Schubert

Third Generation Descendant, Writer and Filmmaker of *Martha*  
Dan's film *Martha*, a National Film Board of Canada documentary, is a funny and touching portrait of his grandmother, Holocaust survivor, Martha Katz. Daniel attended The Capilano University School of Motion Picture Arts in Vancouver and The Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre in Los Angeles, where he learned the art of comedy writing and improvisation.





# Seycove Snapshots



## Grad Rehearsal



Above & Left: Grads practicing for the big day!  
Right: Student Council Lead, Andrei, rewarding grads with some Harmony Donuts on behalf of Council

Below: Huge Thanks to Syllas Koop and his tech skills for keeping the AV side of the grad ceremony running smoothly



## SEYCOVE SECONDARY CLASS OF 2024



## Graduation dinner & dance

JUNE 25, 2024  
PINNACLE HOTEL AT THE PIER  
NORTH VANCOUVER



# Seycove Snapshots



## Grade 7/11 Tours and Hot Dog Lunch

We were excited to welcome next year's incoming grade 8s to a special preview day and hot dog lunch last week. The grade sevens from Cove Cliff, Sherwood Park, Dorothy Lynas, Blueridge, West Bay, Emily Carr, Brockton and Lynnmour got to experience an introduction to the school. The day included tours by grade eleven students who took the new students around the school to different stations to learn more about having a successful high school experience. The stations included how to open a combination lock, what kinds of clubs and sports are offered at Seycove, where to find information on the website, helpful information to combat peer pressure, tools to stay organized and more. The visit concluded with a hot dog lunch and games hosted by Seycove's Student Council. Big thanks to our amazing Grill Team of Ms. Eyton and Patty!



## Awards and Recognition Ceremonies

Seycove celebrated students in various categories at the annual Awards and Recognition Ceremony last week. Students were recognized for their significant achievements through Subject Awards, Scholastic Achievement Awards, Service Awards and the Seyhawk Awards. The ceremony also highlighted the achievements of Seycove's many athletic teams. Congratulations to all the students who received awards and for the outstanding service contributions made by so many of our students.





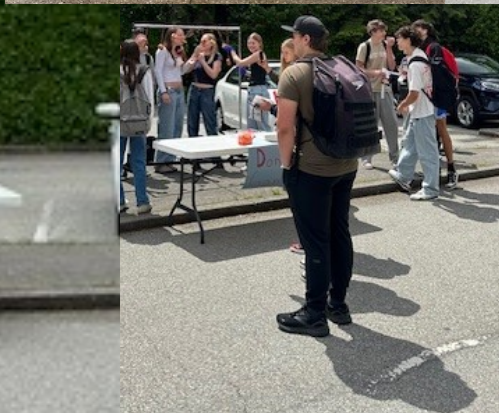
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## Celebration Day Lunch & Fun



Student Council organized an all-school lunch party last week. Students enjoyed hot dogs, chips, freezies, games and prizes. Thanks to our grill-masters, Ben & Jen (left), for cooking up over 600 hot dogs!





# Seycove Snapshots



## Preschool Cookie Visit

Foods 11/12 had a sweet visit from our favourite little neighbours, Deep Cove Parent Participation Preschool. The Foods students baked up sugar cookies and invited the preschoolers to come and decorate them. The mini chefs went to town topping their cookies with copious amounts of icing, sprinkles and candies. It was a sweetness overload for everyone.







# Seycove Seyhawks



## Congratulations Wyatt!

Congratulations to Seycove Senior, Wyatt Harrington, for receiving the Outstanding Athlete award from the NVSD Rowing Academy. Wyatt excelled in leadership, sportsmanship and athleticism this year with the Rowing Academy.  
Congratulations Wyatt!



## OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

### NVSD ROWING ACADEMY

This certificate is presented to

*Wyatt Harrington*

This exceptional athlete's unparalleled skills, unwavering determination, and remarkable achievements make them the true embodiment of excellence, deserving the Outstanding Athlete Award

**Jillian Trigg**  
LEAD ACADEMY COACH

**Kate Cook**  
ASSISTANT ACADEMY COACH

**Colin Gray**  
DCRC HEAD COACH

## Provincial Field Hockey Team Athletes



Congratulations to Lydia Harrington and Nova Walker for being selected by the BC Provincial U16 Field Hockey Team and to Maisie Fulton Stephenson for getting a spot on the U18 Field Hockey Team. The girls will be playing at the Nationals this summer. Way to go Maisie, Nova & Lydia! Follow along here: [2024 Provincial Teams - Field Hockey BC](#)

## Grade 8/9 Boys Volleyball Undefeated!

The Grade 8/9 Boys had an undefeated exhibition season this spring. Congratulations to all of the players who demonstrated excellent athleticism and sportsmanship. Thank you to our dedicated and fun coaches Quinn and Raymond.

A fun wrap up to the season was the junior vs juvenile boys volleyball game and ice cream.

The next boys volleyball season will be in the fall with junior and senior teams. Enjoy the summer playing grass and beach!

