



January Newsletter

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The New Year is a season of reflection and action. More than ever in these ever-changing times, our actions have a huge impact on our lives and those around us. This is especially true in education. Our school community significantly influences children's lives each day. Making a positive impact in the lives of our students is vital because we know that their attitude towards learning influences their future. As we work together, our primary goal at Ocean Grove is to fully meet the academic and social needs of all our students.

Attendance at school also plays a huge role in student success. Learning occurs in a sequential manner. Each day absent is a missed link in the chain of learning. In addition, absent students miss out on the richness of classroom discussions and the opportunity to interact with other students in both a social and learning environment. Research data shows that students who do not attend school regularly achieve at a lower level than their classmates.

With your continued support, we can make a great impact on every child attending Ocean Grove. We should always act as if what we do makes a difference – because it does!

All the best as we head into 2025 – a new, exciting year of learning!

Warm Regards,
Hendrick Horsthuis



IMPORTANT DATES:

January 14th– PAC Meeting 6pm

January 16th–Spirit day: Look alike day

January 17th–Pro D Day–No School



While we try to keep schools open on every instructional day, there may be times when schools must close due to extreme weather, particularly heavy snowfalls. Our default is always to try to keep schools open if possible, except for when our school buses may not be able to safely run and there are serious safety risks for students travelling to and from school.

Parents, students and school district staff will be informed when schools are closed through the school district's website, their school website, [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X/Twitter](#) by 7 a.m. at the latest. Those who have downloaded and enabled notifications from the district's [parent portal app](#) will get a notice to their cell phone as soon as the message is posted to our websites.

When all schools across the district are closed, or if power outages prevent us from posting a closure notice, the local media will be notified. If there is no announcement on the school website/social media, listen to one of the local radio stations:

- **99.7 FM** – The River
- **97.3 FM** – The Eagle
- **98.9 FM** – The Jet

No announcements by 7:00 a.m. means schools are open and operating as usual.

Even if schools are open, we respect and support parents if you feel that it is unsafe to send your child to school or wish to pick-up your child early due to potentially unsafe weather conditions. If you choose to keep your child home, please report your child's absence through the school's attendance line.



**Hot Lunches will begin on Thursday
January 16th (Pro-Day on Friday
January 17th)**



2025-2026 Kindergarten Registration

If your child is turning 5 in 2025 it's time to register for kindergarten! Kindergarten registration week will begin February 3, 2025 and continue until the end of the week on February 7. Register by May 12, 2025 to secure your space in your neighborhood school. When you register either online or at one of our school offices, you will need to provide copies of the following identification documents to satisfy proof of age, address, etc:

- Child's birth certificate (Canadian) or proof of citizenship;
- Child's Care Card;
- Proof of current residence (hydro bill, completed purchase/rental agreement, or property tax notice/assessment); and
- Custody agreement, if applicable.

The school office may require you to verify documents by presenting the originals at a later time. Please provide an accurate email address and phone number for parent/guardian contact.

Complete the online PDF fillable form and drop it off at your neighborhood catchment school. If you don't have printer access, you can register in person at the school office.



Battle of the Books is back!

Meetings TBA

First battle is:

February 19th from 9am-12pm

Grade 3-9am-10am

Grade 4- 10am-11am

Grade 5- 11am-12pm

Please stay tuned for more Zone Battle
dates

*Donations
are greatly
Appreciated!*

Donation Collection for Our
Online Auction Fundraiser
begins

Jan 12 - Feb 19.

Online Auction will take place
via Facebook group Ocean
Grove School Online Auction
2025 on February 28th at 9am
and end February 28th at 9am.

If you or someone you know
would like to donate any items
or you'd like to ask a local
business/company for
donations, a donation request
letter will be available upon
request.

Registration for the Late French Immersion program starting in September 2025 opens on February 3 at 9 a.m. All current grade 5 students are eligible. The registration form will be available on the district homepage on February 3 at 9 a.m. Interested families should complete the registration form and either drop it off at the school board office (425 Pinecrest Rd, Campbell River) or email to student.registration@sd72.bc.ca

Please contact pacoceangrove@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer in any way
for the remainder of the year

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JANUARY POOLS

Strathcona
REGIONAL DISTRICT

Lifeguard Programs

Lifeguard Programs for Ages 8 to 13

Junior Lifeguard Club: Fridays - 4pm to 6pm
NEW Lifesaving Sport Fundamentals: Tues &
Thurs - 7:30pm to 8:15pm.
Find out more online:
strathconagardens.com/special-aq



Lifesaving Sport Program

Fun Events in the Pool

January 12 - Water Wars. 2:00pm to 3:00pm during the public swim. Bring your own water guns and get the lifeguards wet! All ages, regular drop-in admission.

January 25 - Youth Glow & Pizza Swim. Ages 11-15, 6:00pm to 7:00pm. \$11 admission includes a glow item, 2 slices of pizza, snacks and a drink. Music will be bumpin' - bring your friends!

Drop-in for our Public Swim

- ✓ Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 6:30pm to 8:00pm
- ✓ Saturday & Sunday - 2:00pm to 3:30pm

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JANUARY ARENAS

Strathcona
REGIONAL DISTRICT

Hop on the Skating School Bus!

The Skating School Bus program is back!
Students ages 7 and up can get a ride to the rink after school and join the Everyone Welcome & Pond Hockey session for only \$15/day. Visit strathconagardens.com/skatebus for more information. Registration starts two weeks in advance and can be done through our front desk staff anytime up to noon of the same day.



Join us after school

Fun on the Leisure Ice

January 10 - Friday Night at the Movies. 5:15pm to 8:00pm. Movie is Toy Story 4. \$7 admission includes 2 slices of pizza and a juice box.

January 24 - Friday Night Pajama Skate. 5:15pm to 8:00pm. Wear your favourite pajamas or onesies! Disco ball, glow lights, and music will be on and prizes for the best onesie/pajamas! Regular admission.



Drop-in for Skating & Pond Hockey

- ✓ Monday to Friday - 2:45pm to 5:00pm
- ✓ Saturday - 1:30pm to 4:30pm
- ✓ Sunday - 3:00pm to 5:30pm