



# This Week in the Dog House



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November 21 - November 25, 2016

Please "no idling" while waiting in our pick up drop off zones. Please remember to turn off your vehicles when waiting to pick-up. Let's work together to protect our environment

**GRADE 12s.** Second Semester course changes now overdue!

## MONDAY, November 21st

- Grad Portraits in the Learning Commons 8:30 am - 9:00 pm

## TUESDAY, November 22nd

- Belmont Cheer Team practice @ 3:30 pm
- Swim Team meet @ YMCA 3:45 - 4:45 pm
- Grad Portraits in the Learning Commons 8:30 am - 9:00 pm
- Extraordinary DH meeting
- Prom/SafeGrad meeting @ 7 pm in the Learning Commons

## WEDNESDAY, November 23rd

- Belmont Cheer Team practice @ 3:30 pm
- Lakeside Café will be offering food choices on Wednesdays at lunch.
- Honour Roll certificates handed out in TAG
- Winter Formal Tickets going on sale
- Global and Intercultural Meeting in room B307
- Grad Portraits in the Learning Commons 8:30 am - 9:00 pm

## THURSDAY, November 24th

- Belmont Homework Study Club meet at lunch in Room A201
- Grad Portraits in the Learning Commons 8:30 am - 9:00 pm
- Wellness Centre at Belmont Open house
- 3 hr. early dismissal Learning Conferences

## FRIDAY, November 25th

- Pro-D (school not in session)

## Saturday, November 26th

Scouts Canada- Greater Victoria Area will be planting Douglas fir seedlings and some understory native shrubs on the bank on the west side of the playing field at the rear of Belmont High School on Saturday November 26, 2016 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

**Want to get you photo in the yearbook? It is easy!** On Wednesday morning, the yearbook staff will be taking pictures of people dressed up as twins or natural twins too! This will happen during block C at the Lakeside Café.

**Winter Formal tickets going on sale starting this Wednesday.** In TAG this week you will receive the consent form with all the information. This event is for grade 12s only. Sorry, no guests.

**GRAD photos have started!** To sign up for your grad photos please go to [www.lifetouch.ca/victoria](http://www.lifetouch.ca/victoria).

The sitting fee is \$25.00 cash or cheque. Grad Photos are being taken in the Learning Commons from 8:30 am till 8:30 pm. We are at Belmont school from November 18 to December 2

**Island Champions two years in a row!!** The Junior Girls Volleyball Team won their Island Championships, with huge upset wins over Dover Bay in the semi-finals and then Reynolds in the final! This is a BIG achievement. It is extremely hard to do once!

**Our Senior Girls also played well this weekend** but fell short in an epic semi-final against an inspired Mt. Doug team (at Mt. Doug). They recovered nicely from that to defeat Dover Bay for the bronze. Hannah May and Savannah Purdy were tournament all-stars. The road to B.C.'s now takes us to Riverside in Port Coquitlam for the wild-card tournament this Saturday. There are eight teams participating, of which two will advance to B.C.'s in North Vancouver. We should advance and still believe we are in the hunt for the Provincial championship banner!

**OPEN HOUSE at the Wellness Centre @ Belmont.** The Wellness Centre will be open for tours and to meet some of the staff on Thursday, Nov. 24th, 1-7pm during the parent-teacher-student conferences.

**Lattitude Global Volunteering** will be putting on 2 information sessions at Belmont, on Thursday, Dec 1st, once during A block and again during B block. "This is an international volunteering gap year program, available to 17 - 25 year olds." The information is mostly of interest to students in their graduating year of high school, but younger students are certainly welcome to hear the presentation. To read more about the organization, see <http://www.lattituedeCanada.org/>  
Students are welcome to sign up in the counselling suite, and must ensure to seek permission from the appropriate A or B block teacher in order to attend.

**Two new courses coming for the second Semester!** If you are interested, please sign up on the list in the counselling suite. If we have enough interest, we will make them happen!!

City of Langford Parks and Recreation staff will be on hand to lead the planting of the trees and shrubs.

Scouts and Cubs will be bringing along shovels, trowels and gloves for the event. Additional tools will be supplied by the City of Langford. Parking will be available in the parking lot fronting the school off Langford Lake Road. Please dress accordingly as the event will take place rain or shine.

**GSA** would like to have its first fundraiser this year by selling **hot chocolate and candy canes** on Thursday Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Coming Soon in September...**

- Nov 21 - Dec 2 - Grad Portraits in the Learning Commons 8:30 am - 9:00 pm
- Nov 26 - Advanced Dance group is performing in the Santa Light Parade
- Nov 30 - Movember Assembly/Clothing drive ends
- Nov 30 - SPEAC Emergency Planning Meeting from 7-9pm in the Learning Commons
- Dec 1 - GSA fundraiser selling hot chocolate and candy canes at the Lakeside Café.
- Dec 1 - Rafiki Sale starts
- Dec 1 - 12 Days of Christmas Starts
- Dec 1 - GSA selling hot chocolate and candy canes in the lakeside cafe
- Dec 6 - Dept. Head mtg. @ 3:40 pm Learning Commons
- ~~Dec 6 - PAC Meeting @ 7 pm in the Learning Commons - Cancelled~~
- Dec 7 - 10,000 Tonight
- Dec 8 - Winter Concert in Learning Commons & Theatre @ 7:00 pm
- Dec 12 - 16 - Christmas Spirit Week
- Dec 13 - 15 - Bake for Change
- Dec 13 - Staff mtg. @ 3:40 pm Theatre
- Dec 14 - Winter Formal @ Westin Bear Mountain Resort
- Dec 16 - Santa's Breakfast in Social Commons
- Dec 19 - Jan 2 - Winter Vacation
- Jan 12 - "Indie Night" ( Music, Poetry, Dance, Art Show)

**Encounters With Canada** is a federal program, through **Historica Canada**, that provides participants (ages 14-17 years of age) to participate in one of 13 different theme weeks. These themes enable students to explore potential careers and areas of personal interest. The exclusive weeks happen during the school year, gathering students from all

\* Sustainability 9, 10, 11 and 12 - Will be in Block A next semester. It is a course for those keenly interested in taking care of Mother Nature (the environment). One major project this class will work on is the design and building of the school garden.

\*Lifesaving 9, 10, 11 and 12 - Will be in C block next semester. The course is the same as the one operating this semester. It is in conjunction with the "Y" and the goal is to earn all the credentials to be a life guard or close to it.

**SHAD** is seeking high achieving students interested in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) with incredible intellect, drive, initiative and creativity, who are seeking an enrichment experience. Grades 10, 11 & 12 students can apply for the SHAD 2017 program.

The online application due date is **November 28\***, by 11:59 PM (in whatever time-zone you are in). The admission process is **competitive**. The application takes into consideration both academic results and extra-curricular participation. Please review the application requirements below before starting the online application. Preparing some information before-hand is recommended (e.g. essays, identifying a reference, etc.). **Review a [PDF version of the application](#) and our [application FAQs](#) to learn about the different sections.**

#### **SOLDIER FOR A DAY**

Congratulations to Rosalee Gringrass, Jonathan Bell, Jakob Dielschnider, Victoria Crowther, Douglas Fetherston, Christopher Herbert, Micheal Hillier- Brook, Dylan Lintern, Keagan Tait and Zachery Zorn who attended Soldier for a Day on November the 5th. The students had an introduction to the various career opportunities available in the Canadian Armed Forces through interactive, unique tactics and training experienced by Canadian Soldiers. This is an annual event that typically occurs on Saturday in November every year. Students must apply to participate.



For a list of **volunteer opportunities**, please see <http://bsscareercentre.weebly.com/volunteer.html>

**Grade 12s, Don't forget to check the scholarship weebly for updates.** <http://belmontscholarship.weebly.com/home.html>

**Science Venture** sponsored by the University of Victoria is offering a **MAKERTECH** for students in Grades 7-9. The project for MAKERTECH is the Mystery Box which introduces students to mechanical and electrical engineering in a fun and unique way that is full of switches, servos and so much more. For more information regarding registration, the cost, location and schedule go to <http://www.scienceventure.ca/clubs/afterschool/>

parts of Canada, for an unforgettable opportunity. Interested students are invited to read over further information at: <http://www.encounters-rencontres.ca/> or see Ms. Handy in the counselling suite.

**Medical Information** - If your child has a serious medical condition, such as Anaphylaxis or Diabetes, and you have not already filled out a medical action plan for the school, please contact Jen Wurban at [jwurban@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:jwurban@sd62.bc.ca)