

SEYCOVE SECONDARY at sáyamətən

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 9, 2024

Dear Seycove School Community,

As we begin the month of February, I am delighted to reflect on the multitude of celebrations and reflections that define this time of the year. February is not only a time for us to honor Black History Month, but also to recognize the vibrant traditions of Lunar New Year, and to reaffirm our commitment to fostering acceptance and belonging within our Seycove family.

Black History Month stands as a beacon of remembrance and recognition, a time to commemorate the achievements and contributions of Black individuals throughout history. It is an opportunity for us to amplify Black voices, to celebrate resilience, and to reflect on the ongoing journey towards equality and justice. This month, let us engage in meaningful dialogue, educate ourselves, and uplift the stories that have shaped our world.

February also heralds Lunar New Year, celebrating new beginnings, renewal, prosperity, and familial unity. As we enter the Year of the Dragon, let us embrace the rich tapestry of cultures that comprise our Seycove community. Let us learn from one another, share in the joy of diversity, and honor the traditions that enrich our collective experience.

At Seycove, we remain steadfast in our commitment to cultivating an environment of acceptance and belonging. Each member of our community brings a unique perspective and set of experiences that enrich the fabric of our school. Together, we have the power to shape a future where diversity is celebrated, differences are embraced, and every voice is heard.

February also brings new beginnings to Seycove with a change in administration. As we bid farewell to a cherished member of our school family, Mrs. Shannon Sharp, I am filled with mixed emotions. While we are sad to see Mrs. Sharp leave her role as Vice Principal, we are also excited for her as she embarks on a new chapter in her journey. Her contributions, dedication, and warmth have made Seycove a better place for all of us. Mrs. Sharp's unwavering commitment and dedication to Seycove have been nothing short of outstanding. From the moment she joined our community, her willingness to jump in and get the job done, coupled with her ability to connect with both staff and students, has left a memorable mark on us all. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Sharp for her leadership, and genuine care for Seycove.

I also extend a warm welcome to Mr. Paul Ruben, who will be joining us as Vice Principal. Mr. Ruben comes to us with a wealth of experience and expertise as a secondary administrator. Paul's background includes teaching elementary school, humanities, English language learning, learning support, and serving as a secondary counsellor. His diverse experiences have equipped him with valuable insights and skills that will benefit our school community tremendously. Furthermore, Mr. Ruben has a strong passion for athletics and an enthusiasm for nature and stewardship of the land. His interests and expertise will undoubtedly enrich our Seycove community and culture.

Please join me in wishing Mrs. Shannon Sharp all the best in her future endeavors and welcoming Mr. Paul Ruben to Seycove School.

Sincerely,

Sarah Best
Principal

Lunar New Year 2024

February 10 is Lunar New Year — also known as the Spring Festival, Chinese New Year, Tet for [Vietnamese Canadians](#), or Solnal for [Korean Canadians](#) — is celebrated in Canada and several other countries. It is one of the largest celebrations for Canada's [Chinese](#) population, it is also celebrated by Canadians from Vietnam, Korea and Southeast Asia. Although it is not a statutory holiday in Canada, many Asian Canadian businesses are closed or have reduced hours for the occasion. Since June 2016, this celebration has been recognized as an official holiday in Canada.



To learn more about Chinese New Year or Lunar New Year, visit these resources:
[Chinese New Year 2024](#)
[The Canadian Encyclopedia](#)
[Britannica - Lunar New Year](#)
[HISTORY - Lunar New Year](#)

Seycove Calendar

Feb 10	Lunar New Year
Feb 13	PAC Meeting—7pm Library
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 16	District Wide ProD Day No classes for students
Feb 19	BC Family Day—Stat Holiday School Closed
Feb 21	Gr 8/9 All About Consent
Feb 22	Well-Fed Lunch Pre-Order— International Day
Feb 28	Staff Collab—Late Start



Updates & Reminders

February is Black History Month

Notable Black BC Trailblazers

Dr June Francis: VanMag's 2022 Power 50 List says: "The marketing professor (and chair of the Hogan's Alley Society board of directors) has been a strong advocate at the forefront of local discussions on racism. In July, Francis became special advisor to the president on anti-racism at SFU. Following her appointment, the university committed to hiring 15 more Black faculty members and signed the Scarborough Charter on Anti-Black Racism and Black Inclusion. While acknowledging small victories, Francis remains focused on the ongoing work of anti-racism (for example, after the United States' Ahmaud Arbery verdict in November, Francis urged those of us north of the border to address the racial discrimination in Canada's justice system)."

Rosemary Brown: Rosemary Brown was a politician, feminist, writer and educator. She has made many noteworthy contributions to B.C. and Canada including being the first Black woman elected to the BC Provincial Legislature in 1972 and running for leadership of the Federal NDP party in 1975. Brown dedicated her life to helping others and those from marginalized communities. She founded the BC Association for the Advancement of Coloured People to advocate for housing and employment for Black people in the province. Rosemary Brown was a recipient of a YWCA Women of Distinction Award in 1989 and the Order of BC and the Order of Canada in 1995 and 1996 respectively.

[Article Continues](#)—More Notable Black Canadian Trailblazers



Semester 2 School Fees Posted

Semester 2 school fees are now due and can be paid through your [School Cash Online](#) account.

Supplemental fees may be charged for goods and services associated with optional enrichment activities and take home items that extend learning outcomes for students beyond their basic educational program.

Supplemental fees are published on our Course Information and Description page on the Seycove website [HERE](#)

University of Waterloo Math Contests—Register Now

The time is approaching for the 2024 University of Waterloo Math Contests. For all tests, students must register in advance—**Deadline is Monday, February 12, 2024.** [Pay the registration fee in your SchoolCash Online account:](#)

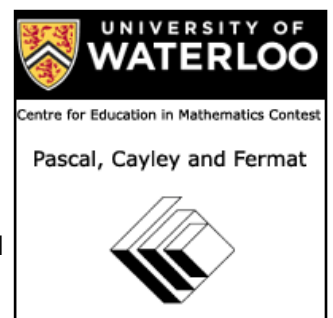
GRADES 9/10/11: Tests held in library on Wed. Feb 28 @08:30

There is a \$6.50 contest fee for any student wishing to participate in the Pascal (gr 9), Cayley (gr 10) or Fermat (gr 11) contest.

GRADE 12: The Euclid test will be held in the library on Wed. April 3 @08:30.

There is a \$20 fee and students must register in advance.

*No late registrations will be accepted. Please see Mr. Macphail if you would like



New Course at Seycove—AP Psychology 12

Missed the AP Psychology information meeting on Wednesday, February 7th? [Check out this flyer](#) for information about AP Psychology and sign up on your course programming sheets.





Updates & Reminders

Course Programming for 2024-25

Thank you to all our parents and guardians who took time to come out to our course programming information evenings, hosted by the counseling department. Students and families are asked to thoughtfully consider course requests for next school year and return course request sheets to the main office by February 15. Course information is available [online](#).

The course programming process is multi-faceted and requires careful consideration and planning. Now that our counsellors have provided initial information to parents and students, we request that you continue to discuss various course options, consider student strengths and interests, talk to Seycove teachers about their course offerings (content, topics, rigor, etc.), contact post-secondary institutions for admission requirements if necessary, and ask clarifying questions of school counsellors.

As we begin to receive student course requests and build our timetable for next year, there are two main factors that affect a student's schedule:

- The courses that will be offered next year are subject to change based on enrolment
- Students may not be able to receive all requested courses due to scheduling conflicts

Therefore, please be sure to have your student(s) include alternate course choices on their course programming sheet. It is also important to emphasize that course changes will most likely not be possible in September, 2024 so it is essential that we engage in comprehensive and accurate course planning.

For parents and students who missed the presentations the PowerPoint information is posted on our [Seycove website](#).



All About Consent—Grade 8/9 Presentations on February 21

Seycove grade 8 and 9 students will be participating in a District Exploitation Education initiative, Feb 21. This presentation engages students on the topic of consent and empowers healthy peer relationships by creating a desire in every student to understand the benefits of consent.

Some topics covered:

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| Age of consent | Digital consent with sexting |
| Coercion | Sexual Exploitation |
| How to incorporate consent | Gracefully accepting rejection |
| Methods to say and hear "no" | Positive peer culture |
| Healthy relationships | Consent as the freedom to provide enthusiastic permission |



For more information go to: [Your trusted experts in exploitation prevention](#) | [Exploitation Education Institute](#)

Paradise Valley Summer School of Visual Art—Registration Open

Registration is open for the Paradise Valley Summer School of Visual Art being held this July 8-12 at the Cheakamus Centre

Daily recreation activities include: canoeing, hiking, archery, cave exploration, campfire singalong and a variety of fun-filled outdoor games.

Bursaries are available for families in need of financial support. Please contact afkinfo@sd44.ca for more information on bursaries.

REGISTER HERE

- 5 days and 4 nights
- Transportation to Paradise Valley
- Led by professional teaching staff
- On-site first aid personnel
- Dietary restrictions accommodated
- 5 hours of studio art time per day





Updates & Reminders

SOGI Non-Truths and Truths

There is a lot of misinformation and disinformation about SOGI-inclusive education. With that in mind, the ministry has created a new resource to help parents understand the non-truths and truths when it comes to SOGI in B.C. schools. Visit the *Resources* section of the [Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity \(SOGI\) web page](#) for a copy of this document, which is available in multiple languages.

GSA—Rainbow Club Picnic at Dorothy Lynas

Seycove's GSA—Gay Straight Alliance— Club meets weekly on Wednesdays in Portable 27. Staff members Miss Allie, Yvette and Matthew sponsor the club and welcome all students to join. Seycove's GSA has been invited by Dorothy Lynas' Rainbow Club to join them for lunch and do some outreach. A walking field trip will be planned in the coming weeks and students who wish to participate will be excused to attend the 'Rainbow Picnic' at Dorothy Lynas. For more information on the club, please message [Yvette Narlock](#).

Celebrations of Learning

Drama 9/10 and Directing & Script Development 11/12 Plays

On January 23rd the Drama 9/10 and Directing & Script Development 11/12 classes closed out the term with an evening of murder and mayhem in the form of two One-Act plays: "Murder Most Foul" and "The Interrogation".

It was wonderful to have a real-live audience back in the Vortex as parents, friends and family were invited to the one night performance that the students proudly produced and presented- costuming, script writing, stage management and, of course, performing!

- Ms. Shoop



A very special thank you to the anonymous donor who dropped off a fabulous assortment of costuming, props & make-up gift certificate. It is greatly appreciated! We continue to accept items to help stock-up and bring variety to the drama department. If there are any questions about items please feel free to reach out to eshoop@sd44.ca



Celebrations of Learning

Seycove's Ennovate Team Places Third at the UBC Ennovate Competition



We are thrilled to share the success of Seycove's Ennovate Team, who on January 27, secured third place at a competition held at UBC and received recognition from a range of industry professionals.

Ennovate is a transformative four-month program designed to equip secondary students with essential business and soft skills. Through engaging workshops and guidance received from UBC's Ennovate mentors, students establish a social enterprise tackling real-world issues and build a foundation in entrepreneurship. The program culminates in a final pitch to industry experts, with each team highlighting their innovative solutions and dedication.

The Seycove team honed fundamental business and soft skills, ultimately delivering a compelling presentation that reflected the team's creativity, innovation and collaborative spirit. Their [Inkless Metal Pen](#) not only serves the community but also contributes to environmental well-being.

We commend all students who participated in the Ennovate program for their hard work, commitment, and passion. Their dedication is genuinely inspiring, and we are incredibly proud of them.

A special thanks to Jordan Lo for leading the team and to Principal Sarah Best for supporting the process.

Learn more about the Inkless Metal Pen by [viewing a short YouTube video](#).

- Ms. Rajan

Students interested in joining Ennovate this term should message Jordan Lo or [Ms. Rajan](#) on MTeams as soon as possible.



Aleia's Community Project



As part of her Social Studies 9 class, Aleia recently presented her impressive project on community and the people who make up her community. Aleia interviewed people in her school community to identify who the person was, what they do, if they had an office and what kinds of technology they use. Outside of her school community, Aleia also created a detailed map showing all the people and places in her community. The project helps identify what the buildings are for, who

the people are, what their functions are, how they use technology and how Aleia might interact with them.



With the assistance of EAs Miss Carla and Miss Wendy, Aleia proudly shared her findings with a detailed map and PowerPoint presentation.



Post Secondary & Careers

Visit Career Pathways

Tour of LGH Biomedical Engineering Department

LGH is offering a rare inside look at its Biomedical Engineering Department for students next week. Hosted by department supervisor Tyler Gibson, students interested in a career in biomedical sciences will receive a tour of the facility and have the opportunity to ask questions about how to get into this career. The tour runs from 8:30-9:15 and parents are responsible for getting students to the front entrance of LGH off 15th street. For more information or to confirm attendance, please message [Janice Knapp](#).



Young Women in Public Safety - Student Employment Opportunity

Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP)

Applications are now being accepted for the **2024 Young Women in Public Safety Program (YWPS) event**. YWPS is an annual event hosted by various Public Safety institutions for women high school students (Grades 10 & 11) aimed at building awareness of the range of careers available in the public safety and security fields. Similar to previous years, the 2024 Pacific Region event will take place in **Surrey, BC**. and will be held the week of **July 8-12**.

[APPLY HERE](#)



Camp Ignite— Youth Firefighting Mentorship Program for Grade 11 & 12 Girls



Calling all Grade 11 & 12 Girls in BC!

Do you have an interest in exploring the limits of your potential?

You are invited to share this unique experience while working with a team of like-minded friends who share your passion for challenge and adventure.

Applications CLOSE May 1st, 2024

To be considered for participation please complete the Camp Ignite Participant Application Google Form by May 1st, 2024

[Apply HERE](#)





Seycove Snapshots



Roshambo Tournament



ROCK



PAPER



SCISSORS



It was an all-school battle to determine who would reign as the Roshambo Champ for 2024. Roshambo is another name for the classic game of Rock-Paper-Scissors. Everyone started with a necklace and could challenge anyone else with a necklace to a quick game. The winner of each game would take all the necklaces from their opponent. Throughout the day, the number of players was whittled down until the final showdown at lunch between Ms. Madsen and Keaton M. After a quick rock-paper-scissor-shoot, the winning gesture of scissors by Madsen took down Keaton's paper. Ms. Madsen proudly took home the crown and a Seycove sweatshirt to commemorate the win.

Thanks to everyone who played!



Senior Boys Basketball Team all set to take on Sutherland



Students deciding who will get a cookie-gram for Valentine's Day



Some of the cards students have worked on to share with our senior neighbours at Cedar Springs



GRAD 2024



Grad Council Fundraiser—Help Support Seycove Grad Scholarships

Order by Feb 19th



**Order your Purdy's Easter treats
and help support
Grad Scholarships**

Use our link to order today:

PURDY'S LINK

**Orders will be available to pick up on
March 12-14**

*Order by February 19th and pick up at Seycove March 12-14. Easter Sunday is March 31st during spring break.

Grads: Sign up for Valentine's Movie Night

Hey Grads—Grad Council is hosting a Grad Movie night on Feb. 13th. Are you coming? Please click this link to sign up and vote on the movie: [Valentines Movie Night! \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)





Seycove Seyhawks



Seycove Alpine Team: North Shore Zone Race at Blackcomb Feb 1



Seycove's Alpine Race Team competed in the north shore zone race February 1st with great results:

- Girls snowboarders won the banner placing first and qualifying for provincials
- Boys snowboarders came third and qualifying for provincials
- Girls skiers came second qualifying for provincials
- Boys skiers placed 5th , getting a berth to provincials

Racer of the day was Hannah Russell who won the Girls snowboard race by 3.5 seconds earning her the gold medal. Well done team! - Next up: Provincials at Sun Peaks, February 26-28—Mr. Earl

Rowing Academy Students Compete Strong at Beat the Beast

This past weekend a group of our Rowing Academy Students competed at the Beat the Beast Indoor Rowing Competition. This event is the largest indoor rowing competition in BC. This year, a record number of entries were submitted, with over 332 entries across all events.

Despite being in his first season of U19 racing, Peyton Williams snagged the victory in the Under 19 men's category. Wyatt Harrington had a great race with a personal best time of 6:43.7, claiming the 11th spot out of 57 entries in the combined lightweight and heavyweight U19 men's categories. Paxtyn Williams dominated her U15 with a jaw-dropping 45-second lead (a massive gap in the world of rowing!). Charlie Mortimer held his own, securing the 6th position out of 15 athletes in the Junior Novice Men's category. A big congrats to many of our other Academy athletes, who landed in the top 50% of their races.



Siblings Paxtyn & Peyton

Registration for the 2024/2025 Rowing Academy is now open. [LINK](#)



Photo by @claytonhmedia—Peyton & Wyatt



Rowing Academy Students—dryland training on ergometers



Seycove PAC

www.seycovepac.ca

40th Annual Seycove Auction—March 9th HELP NEEDED

Get involved with the Seycove Auction!
Meet great people and help put together Deep Cove's hottest night of the year
[VOLUNTEER HERE](#)

JOBS THAT NEED DOING:

Label the wristbands - literally just putting name/paddle# labels onto the 450 wristbands

Wrapping blocks - We have a few boxes of blocks that we use to prop things up on the auction tables. The current covering is old and very ugly. We just need them wrapped in brown paper, which we already have. (supplies are ready and can drop off to some helpful human)

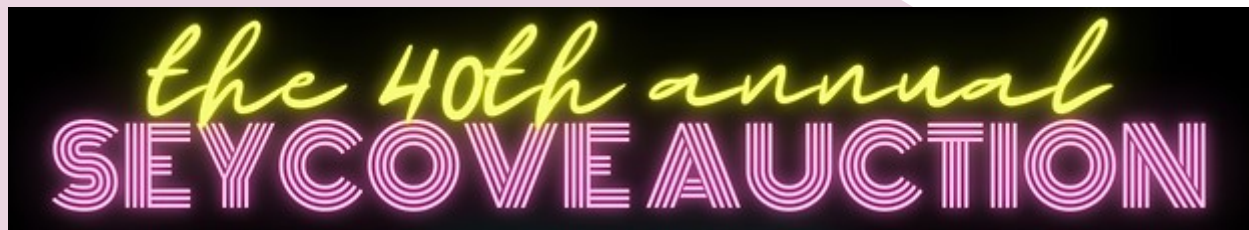
THINGS WE NEED:

Bottle Wall Donation - Looking for wine, hard liquor, liqueur or growlers with gift card attached to fill- Bring your donations to the school or [message for pick up](#)

Christmas Lights - Thank you for all the donations so far— we can always use more

Volunteers - So many positions—something for everyone: [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Cash Donations - Parents, families and friends are still able to contribute to the Family of Schools by making a cash donation (receipts issued for donations over \$50). [DONATE HERE](#)



Message: info@seycoveauction.com for more info