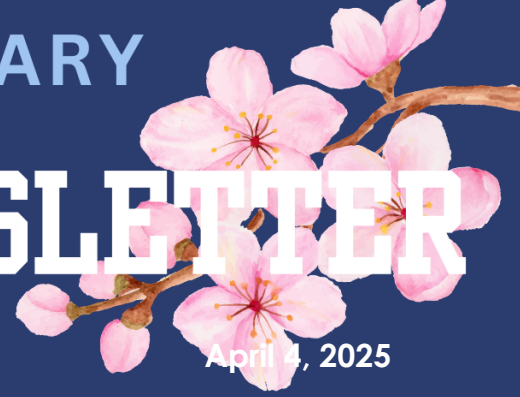




SEYCOVE SECONDARY
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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



April 4, 2025

Dear Seycove Community,

Welcome back from Spring Break! I hope everyone had a chance to rest and recharge, and we are ready for the final leg of the school year. Things are gearing up quickly as we move toward sunnier weather and longer days.

Spring is in full swing at Seycove, and with it comes an exciting season of events, community connection, and celebration! Seycove is buzzing with activity — students and staff are currently out of the school on Field Studies, planning for our Music Trips, and continuing strong with Athletics. A huge congratulations to our Gymnastics Team for bringing home the Provincial Championship just before the break!

One of the highlights of the year is just around the corner, and I am thrilled to experience it for the first time — the Seycove Family of Schools Auction! This year marks the 41st Annual Seycove Auction & Dance. This PAC run event will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2025. This year's theme, Age of Aquarius – Time to Shine, invites us all to embrace a spirit of hope, harmony, and universal connection.

As we continue our journey of school growth and development, we look forward to our next School Planning Event, where our team will share our progress on Seycove's new core values: That we are a **Creative, Respectful, and Inclusive Community**. These values reflect who we are and will guide our decisions, learning, and interactions every day.

I want to thank everyone, deeply, for your contributions to our Turtle Island project. We hit our GOAL of raising \$2500 before Spring Break and are pleased to move ahead with the next stage, working with the support of our local nursery to revive this centerpiece of the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making Seycove such a vibrant, connected, and caring place to be. I look forward to celebrating with many of you on May 3rd and engaging in conversations about our amazing school community.

Meghan Downie
Principal

SEYCOVE CALENDAR

Apr 8	PAC Meeting - 7pm Library
Apr 11	Mandatory Homeroom 12:45pm - Grades 8-11
Apr 16	Parent Teacher Meetings Early Dismissal 1:15pm
Apr 17	Early Dismissal 1:15pm
Apr 18	Good Friday Stat Holiday School Closed
Apr 21	Easter Monday Stat Holiday School Closed
Apr 23	Grade 7 Visit Day
Apr 28	Federal Election
May 3	Seycove Auction



41ST ANNUAL SEYCOVE AUCTION

THE AGE OF
AQUARIUS

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025



TICKETS



Updates & Reminders

Parent Teacher Learning Conferences - April 16

Seycove's Parent Teacher Learning Conferences take place on Wednesday, April 16, 2:00 - 4:00 pm and 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Conferences are 5 minutes each and take place in Seycove classrooms.

[Book your appointment online HERE.](#)

For more information on the booking process, please refer to the letter sent home to families.

Please note there will be **early dismissal on both Wednesday, April 16 and Thursday, April 17 at 1:15 pm** to accommodate Parent Teacher Conferences. ([See schedule on Page 4](#))



Provincial Numeracy Assessments - April 7-11

Schedule for [Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment](#) next week 8am-12pm:

April 7	Last name: A-C Room 317	D-H in Library
April 9	Last name: I-L Room 317	M-P in Library
April 10	Last name: R-Z Room 317	
April 11	Students who missed previous sessions - Room 317	



2025/2026 Course Verification Forms

Students will receive their 2025/2026 Course Verification forms in their Home-room next Friday, April 11th. Students and parents/guardians should review this information then return the signed form to the school office by April 17.



Student Learning Survey Now Open - Complete before May 2

The 2024/2025 Student Learning Survey is open for Seycove Students in Grade 10-12, their Parents/Guardians/Caregivers and all staff. Access the survey at: [Student Learning Survey - Province of British Columbia](#).

The Provincial Student Learning Survey gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Students need their unique nine digit Personal Education Number (PEN) - found on Learning Updates - to log in.

For Parents/Guardians, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. A parent may complete a survey for each child in the targeted grades. Provincial, District, and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at seycove@sd44.ca.





Updates & Reminders

Seycove Green Club Annual Clothing Swap! April 14 & 15

Are you planning on doing some spring cleaning?

Seycove's Green Club is accepting clean and lightly used clothing donations until April 11th. Students can **drop off donations to Ms. Kadi's room** (310).

The swap takes place on **April 14th and 15th at lunch** in the Cafeteria. All students are welcome! For \$2 admission, students can take as many used clothes as they'd like. The purpose of the swap is to ensure clothes that would otherwise be discarded, are happily rehomed and reused! Any clothing not picked up by students will be donated by the Green Club.



NVSD Chess Tournament - May 5

CHESS TOURNAMENT
2025 North Vancouver School District
Chess Championship - K-12

DIVISIONS
Primary
Intermediate
Secondary

5 MAY 2025

09:00AM - 03:00PM

SUTHERLAND SECONDARY
1860 Sutherland Avenue, North Vancouver

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: CHESS@SD44.CA

REGISTER NOW

The 2025 SD44 Chess Championship is on Monday, May 5th (Pro-D day) at Sutherland Secondary 9:00am - 3:00pm,

Registration is now open: [Register HERE](#)

If students are interested, they should get in touch with our blossoming Seycove Chess Club members to coordinate!

The top three finishers in each division will receive prizes. All participants will be encouraged to bring lunch and snacks. Parents are welcome to stay and spectate; we will implement some parent/spectator guidelines this year.

The tournament is free and all skill levels are welcome.

Questions? Email: chess@sd44.ca

2025 Artists for Kids Spring Portfolio - Available for Acquisition

Artists For Kids

2025 SPRING PORTFOLIO

The [2025 Spring Portfolio](#) features limited edition prints by prominent Canadian artists Ian Wallace, Karin Bubaš, Wayne Eastcott, Gordon Smith, and Michael Snow.

Acquiring a limited edition print for your collection from this portfolio funds educational programs, artist residencies, art camps, scholarships, bursaries, and future acquisitions for Artists for Kids and the

Gordon Smith Gallery Permanent Collection, directly supporting the future of children and youth.



The 2025 Spring Portfolio is currently on display at the Gordon Smith Gallery. [Check HERE](#) for hours.



Seycove Values

Seycove Values Diversity and Belonging: Supporting & Celebrating Neurodiversity

At Seycove, we are committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive school community where all students feel valued and celebrated. As part of our ongoing focus on neurodiversity and inclusion, and to honour Autism Acceptance Month, we are highlighting autism — a natural variation in how people think, learn, and experience the world.



Autism is a neurodevelopmental difference that affects how individuals communicate, process information, and interact with others. While every autistic person is unique, some may experience differences in social communication, sensory processing, and learning styles. At the same time, many autistic individuals bring incredible strengths to our school, including deep focus, creativity, problem-solving skills, and unique perspectives that enrich our learning community.

At Seycove, we believe in creating an environment where all students are supported to reach their full potential, and that includes embracing and celebrating the contributions of our autistic students. Simple acts — such as offering patience, using clear communication, and appreciating different ways of thinking — help foster a school culture of understanding and acceptance.

By building awareness and practicing inclusion, we help ensure that **Seycove remains a place where every student is seen, supported, and valued for who they are.**

Dates and Events of Significance for April

Below are some dates our school community may recognize, observe or celebrate for the month of April.

- Autism Acceptance Month
- 9: International Day of Pink
- 11: Day of Silence
- 14: Vaisakhi
- 18: Good Friday
- 20: Easter Sunday
- 21: Easter Monday
- 22: Earth Day
- 28: National Day of Mourning
- 30: Administrative Professionals' Day



Adjusted Schedule Apr. 16/17

	Wednesday April 16	Thursday April 17
08:31-09:10	Tutorial Time	
09:10-10:04	Period 2	Period 6
10:10-11:04	Period 3	Period 7
11:04-11:23	Break	
11:23-12:17	Period 1	Period 5
12:21-13:15	Period 4	Period 8
13:15	Student Dismissal	
14:00-16:00	Learning Conference	
18:00-20:00	Learning Conference	

[Visit the NVSD Calendar of Events HERE](#)



Post Secondary & Careers

Work Experience Stories - Stocking Up on Experience: Francis at Shopper's



Francis enjoys making sure everything is well stocked, in order and ready for customers. He takes great pride in knowing the products and making the store look great.



Francis is making the most of his work experience at Shoppers Drug Mart, where he is learning valuable skills while contributing to his community. As part of his role, he stocks shelves, organizes products, and ensures the store looks its best—helping create a great shopping experience for customers.

What Francis enjoys most about his placement is the people. He appreciates working with a friendly and supportive team and enjoys the opportunity to gain experience in his own neighbourhood. Each shift, he continues to build his skills and confidence, making him a valuable part of the Shoppers Drug Mart team.

Work experience programs like this provide students with real-world skills, workplace responsibility, and a sense of independence. A big thank you to businesses like Shoppers Drug Mart for supporting students and providing these valuable opportunities!

Help Shape the Future - Host a Work Experience Student!

Do you own or work for a business that could mentor and inspire the next generation? Our Work Experience program is looking for local businesses to provide hands-on learning opportunities for students eager to explore careers in law, accounting, physiotherapy, animal sciences, trades, art, media, and more! By hosting a student, you're not just offering valuable experience—you're investing in the future workforce. Our students come fully insured through the Province of BC and complete their WorkSafe BC certification before beginning their placements.

Employers consistently share positive feedback about the program, highlighting the benefits of mentorship, community involvement, and even the potential to discover a future employee.

Join us in making a difference! If you're interested in hosting a student or learning more, contact our Work Experience Facilitator, [Janice Knapp](#), today. For additional career development resources, visit our [district careers website](#), [Career Pathways 44](#)



Post Secondary & Careers

District of North Vancouver Youth Heritage Art Contest - Submit by April 18

The District of North Vancouver Heritage Advisory Committee is thrilled to announce a heritage art contest for youths aged 7 to 19 living or studying in the District of North Vancouver! Young artists are invited to create a piece of artwork to share their understanding of local community heritage—whether built, cultural, or natural. We want to raise awareness and education on the District's local history, the broad range of heritage resources in the community and why they are still relevant and important today.

As part of contest submissions, participants will also be asked to write an Artist Statement to accompany their artwork. The Artist Statement must respond to one of the following questions:

- How are heritage resources and properties valued in the community?
- What can we learn from the District's local history and the heritage buildings, sites and special places that remain today?
- What is the importance of heritage conservation in the community?

To learn more about the art contest, please visit our website [Youth Heritage Art Contest](https://www.dnv.ca/youth-heritage-art-contest).



School of Interactive Arts & Technology - Creative Technology Micro-Certificate

A suite of three dual-studies courses for high school students in Grade 11 or 12 to explore digital creativity. Students can apply to all or any of the courses, though all three would need to be completed to receive the Creative Technology Micro-certificate.

These courses are offered by the [School of Interactive Arts & Technology \(SIAT\)](https://www.sfu.ca/school-of-interactive-arts-and-technology) at [Simon Fraser University \(SFU\)](https://www.sfu.ca). Students have the potential to receive both high school and university credit which is applicable at SFU or transferable to other local university programs.

Information on this program is available online at siats.ca/creative-tech

Connect with your school counsellor if you're interested in taking part. [Creative Technology Micro-certificate Promo](#)

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GRAPHIC DESIGN

A project-based course focusing on the design process. Students will learn to apply their design process to creating visual communication. In the project work, students will explore design from research and problem definition through to concept development and final production. Students will learn to create visual communication for a variety of purposes and audiences. Students are expected to share a high level of creativity and innovation in their design work.

Course credits

- P101 (1A) is a credit
- P101 course = 1A2 (1A) Graphic Design (12 CPT credit)

Program length

- September to December (12 weeks)

Program length

- Lectures will be in-person at SFU (Times on Wednesdays from 4:00 - 7:00pm)
- at students



GAME DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

A course introducing the fundamentals of game design and development. Students will learn to apply their design process to creating visual communication. In the project work, students will explore design from research and problem definition through to concept development and final production. Students will learn to create visual communication for a variety of purposes and audiences. Students are expected to share a high level of creativity and innovation in their design work.

Course credits

- P101 (1A) is a credit
- P101 course = 1A2 (1A) Game Design & Development (12 CPT credit)

Program length

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CREATIVE PROJECTS

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Course credits

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Program length

- September to December (12 weeks)

Program length

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- at students

Information Session on Thursday February 28 from 4:00-6:00pm
To sign-up for the information session or for any other questions please email siats@sfu.ca and/or attend the information session on Thursday February 28 from 4:00-6:00pm

Save the Date! NACAC International Universities Fair - May 3, 2025

Saturday, May 3 | 1:00pm - 4:00pm | Vancouver Trade & Convention Centre | [REGISTER](#)

The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), founded in 1937, is an organization of more than 28,000 professionals from around the world dedicated to serving students as they make choices about pursuing postsecondary education.





Post Secondary & Careers

North Shore Youth Academy - Summer Police Boot Camp

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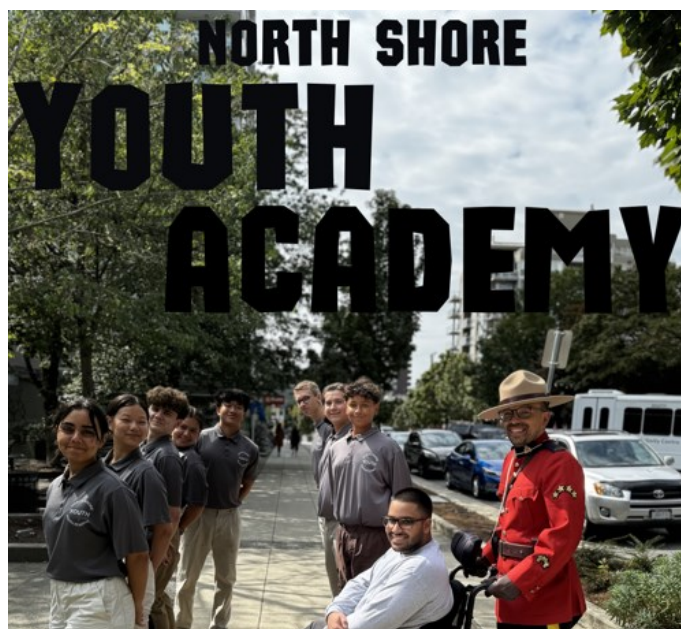
**CALLING ALL NORTH AND WEST
VANCOUVER STUDENTS IN GRADE
10-12**

**APPLICATIONS DUE: APRIL 11
EMAIL: 257@WVPD.CA FOR APPLICATION**

JOIN THE WVPD AND NVRCP THIS SUMMER FOR THE NORTH SHORE
POLICE YOUTH ACADEMY
HOSTED BY WVPD: JULY 21-25
HOSTED BY NVRCP: AUGUST 5-8



North Vancouver RCMP
& West Vancouver Police
are offering an exciting opportunity
this summer for students
entering grades 10-12 who are
interested in a career in
law enforcement.
Students wanting to apply for the
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[message Mrs. Knapp](#)
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for more information on the program
and the application process.
Applications Due April 11





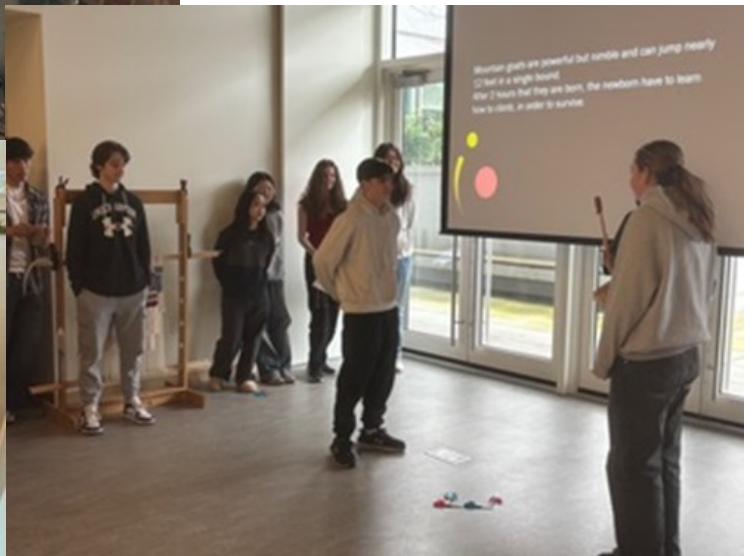
Celebrations of Learning

Ms. P's Grade 11 BC First Peoples Class Explores Indigenous Weaving at MONOVA

Ms. P's Grade 11 BC First Peoples students recently visited MONOVA: Museum of North Vancouver for an immersive Indigenous Studies program. Led by an Indigenous Cultural Programmer, students explored the significance of Coast Salish wool weaving, learning how it was practiced before European contact and its resurgence today. Guided by Alice Guss, they created their own wool bracelets and gained insight into the history and cultural importance of weaving in this region.

The visit also included a guided gallery experience, where students learned about the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səliwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) First Nations. They discovered how MONOVA honors and preserves Indigenous belongings, ensuring their history is respectfully shared.

This hands-on experience deepened students' understanding of Coast Salish traditions, cultural resilience, and reconciliation, leaving a lasting impact beyond the classroom. - Ms. Pitches





Celebrations of Learning

Spanish 11 - Salsa Challenge

"Fresh Mexican Salsa" was the culminating project of our Introductory Spanish 11 classes. Students got to taste all the salsas and vote for the most original and delicious ones.



French 8 - Say Cheese!

Fromage! French 8 students wrapped up Unit 2 with a grate cheese-tasting project. From mild to bold flavors, they brie-lieve this was the cheesiest way to learn! *Bon Appétit*

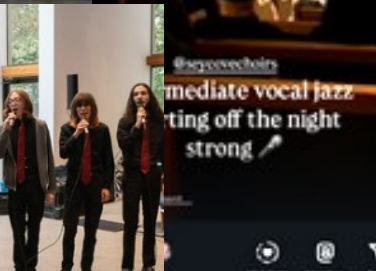
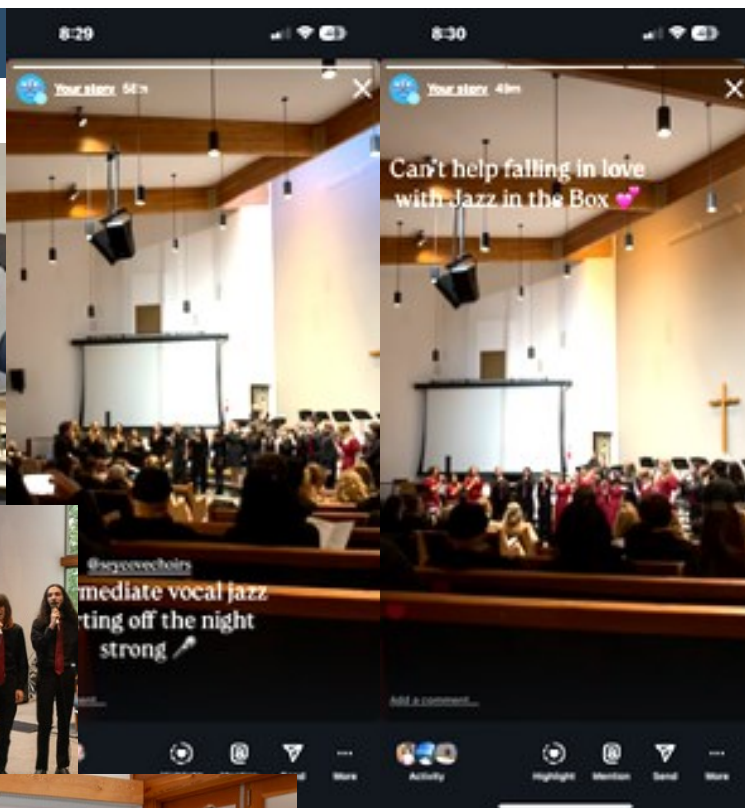




Celebrations of Learning

March Blues Concert - March 11

Photos courtesy A. Davey





GRAD 2025



Grade 12 Grad Write-Ups - Class of 2025 - Due April 18

Grads: As you cross the stage to receive your diploma on **May 29th**, a short write-up will be read to celebrate your journey. This is **mandatory for all grads**, and if you don't submit one, a generic message will be written for you—so make sure your voice is heard!

Your write-up should be **formal, articulate, and concise (50–60 words)** and written in the **third person**. Think about highlighting your **favorite memories, activities, future plans, a memorable quote, advice for future grads, or special thanks to those who supported you**.

Submit your write-up using the **form linked in Teams** by **April 18th** to ensure your moment is personalized.



Grad Spirit Week! April 7-11



Purdy's Orders - Thank You & Pick Up Info

Thank you to everyone who ordered from our Purdy's Grad Fundraiser. Orders will be delivered to students attached to the order the week of April 14th. Any leftover orders can be picked up in the school office before 1pm on April 17th.



Support Volleyfest - Volleyball Fundraiser

Seycove's Volleyball program has grown, and we're looking to **refresh our uniforms and upgrade officiating stands** with our school logo. Our goal is to raise **\$3,000 by April 19, 2025** to fund **two referee stands, padding, and uniforms for one team**.

Donations can be made through the [SEYCOVE DONATION LINK](#). Tax receipts will be automatically issued by NVSD for donations of \$5.00 and above.

PLEASE NOTE: In the "Message to School Board" field, please write: **Seycove Volleyfest**





Seycove Snapshots



Hallway Masterpieces - Basic Colour Theory



Some of the incredible pieces by grade 9-12 Art students after a tutorial on the basics of underpainting and colour mixing.



Seycove Seyhawks



Spring Season for Rowing Academy



With spring in full swing, the Rowing Academy is back on the water! Academy student Aaron prepares his single scull for an early morning training session in the cove.

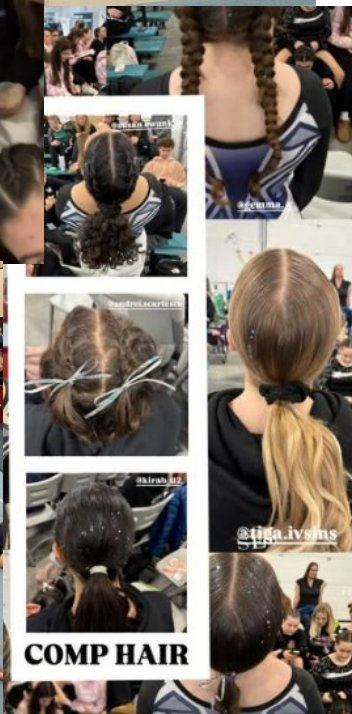
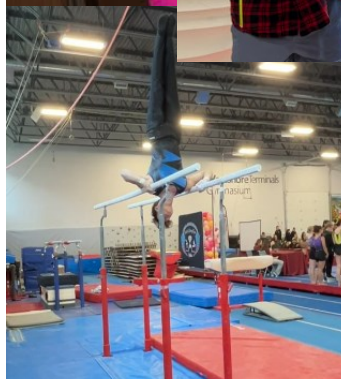


Seycove Seyhawks



Gymnastics Provincials

Congratulations to our gymnasts for their outstanding performances at the Provincials. The Level 2 boys brought home the first trophy in 15 years! Well done Seyhawks!



Bringing home the overall level 2 boys trophy!!

COMP HAIR



Seycove Auction:

BUY TICKETS

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AUCTION ✦ DANCE ✦ DINE ✦ SHINE

May 3rd, 2025
7:00PM-Midnight
Seycove Secondary School
Tickets Available April 1st at 10AM

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?
DRESS TO SHINE!

SEYCOVE FAMILY
OF SCHOOLS