



SEYCOVE SECONDARY at sáyamətən

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 29, 2024

Dear Seycove Community,

As we welcome December in a couple of days, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the inspiring work that has taken place at Seycove over the past month. Recently, we hosted a School Planning event for our Seycove Family of Schools, where on our team, Seycove students, parents, and staff collaborated to move our school goals into meaningful value statements. The key idea that resonated with our working group is that **"Seycove is a COMMUNITY that values CURIOSITY and STEWARDSHIP."**

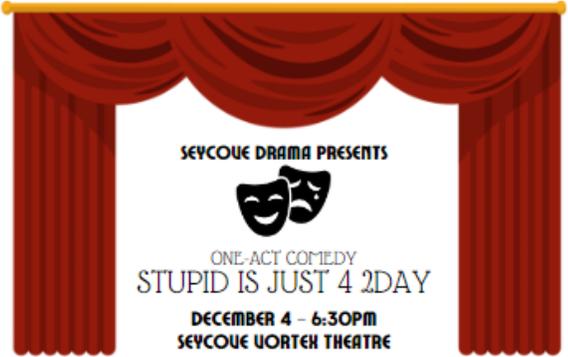
I already see our community living into these values in so many ways. I see curiosity in the thoughtful questions students ask in class, the creativity they show in their projects, performances, and just in who they are, and their desire to grow as learners. I see stewardship in the number of students stepping up to help their peers, their school, and the larger community. I am constantly impressed, grateful, and proud of the way our Seycove family embodies these values. I'm excited to see how this School Planning process continues to unfold, making our value statements visible not only in our school but also in our conversations and actions.

December is an exciting time at Seycove, filled with the energy of the many holiday celebrations and special events that reflect the diversity of our community. However, December also brings unpredictable weather, as we saw with last Friday's power outage. Our goal is to ensure student learning continues as much as possible, but safety always remains our top priority. If conditions require the Superintendent of Schools to close or delay the opening of Seycove, this information will be shared on the school and district websites, as well as through School Messenger. Any school-specific closures, such as those due to a power outage, will be communicated in the same way.

As we move through the month, I look forward to seeing the Seycove spirit in full force—whether it's during our school-wide events, music performances, drama shows, classroom activities, field studies opportunities, athletic events, or the many other ways we come together as a community.

Thank you for your continued support and for making Seycove a school that lives its values so wholeheartedly.

Meghan Downie



SEYCOVE CALENDAR

- Dec 3 Review & Completion Day
- Dec 4 Drama Production - 6:30pm
Vortex Theatre
- Dec 5 Band Concert - 7pm
Mt Seymour United Church
- Dec 6 Curriculum Implementation
Day - No school for students
- Dec 9 [Learning Reports published](#)
- Dec 10 Jazz Band Concert - 7pm
Mt Seymour United Church
- Dec 10 PAC Meeting - 7pm Library
- Dec 11 Grad Cruise - 5:30pm
- Dec 16 Winter Choir Concert - 7pm
Highlands United Church
- Dec 19 PLP Winter Exhibition
- Dec 20 Santa's Breakfast 7:30-9am
1pm Early Dismissal
- Dec 21- School Closed - Winter Break
Jan 5

Visit the Seycove
Calendar Here





Updates & Reminders

Christmas Toy Drive! Donations Requested

Seycove Student Council is excited to join forces with the DNV Fire Fighters Charitable Society to **help collect toys for kids in our community.**

Please consider purchasing and donating **new toys** so we can help make the season extra special for kids in our community.

Please send unwrapped toys and gift cards to the collection box in the main entrance before school and at lunch. Students who donate a toy will be entered in a draw for an AWESOME prize, plus they'll get a chance to visit the new Fire Hall.

Thank you for your generosity Seycove!

- **Seycove Student Council**



Boys Basketball - MOJA Coffee Sales

Seycove Boys Basketball is selling Moja Coffee once again this year. This makes a great host gift or you can enjoy this award winning, locally roasted coffee yourself.

Orders can be placed now until Dec. 8 on [SchoolCash Online](#) - Each bag is \$16.

- This year we have several options:
- Organic Espresso Imara
- Organic Guatemala Dark roast
- Organic Nicaragua Medium Roast
- Organic Columbia Medium Roast
- Fair trade Sumatra French Roast
- Organic Decaf Espresso



Purdy's Music Fundraiser - Order By Dec. 3

Looking for host gifts, stocking stuffers or just a yummy treat?

Seycove Music is pleased to partner with Purdy's to help raise funds for their music programs and events.

To order: [CLICK HERE](#)



Order Due: December 3rd
Pick Up: December 9 @Seycove





Updates & Reminders

Review & Completion Day - December 3

Students with outstanding assignments or those who have not met the intended learning outcomes **may be invited** to attend Review and Completion at the discretion of their classroom teachers. Review and Completion occurs over 4 days each year. The days are close to the reporting periods in December, March and June. **Please note that attending Review and Completion is by invitation only** and the goal of these days is to foster student success through completing outstanding assignments or demonstrating curricular competencies that were not shown by the student earlier in the course. Attending R&C does not guarantee that a student will be given credit for a course and is not a substitute for regular attendance and engagement in class. If you have further questions, please speak with your student's teachers.



Students who are not invited to attend Review and Completion, do not attend school on December 3.

Sustainability at Seycove

At Seycove, we are committed to supporting environmental stewardship and taking care of the land we are fortunate to learn, work, and grow on. Together, we can reduce our individual impact on the environment by making small, thoughtful changes.

When packing lunches, we encourage students to consider **waste-free** or **waste-reduced** options. Reusable containers, water bottles, and lunch bags are excellent ways to minimize waste. Additionally, we ask that students bring their own **reusable cutlery** to school.

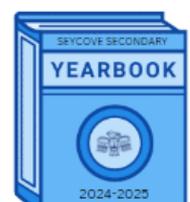
While our cafeteria can provide compostable cutlery to students at a small cost, the best solution is to promote sustainability by ensuring students pack their own reusable utensils. Simple steps like this help reduce waste and reinforce the importance of caring for our shared environment.



Online Forms - Please Complete

A reminder to please ensure you have completed all required forms available on your [SchoolCash Online](#) account. Forms including **Personal Information Consent**, **Acceptable Use of Technology and Walking Field Trip** must be completed. Please note that students who indicate 'NO' on their Personal Information Consent form, *may not* have their photos included in the yearbook.

Please also note that the deadline for purchasing yearbooks is approaching. Yearbook orders are available through [SchoolCash Online](#). We will not guarantee extras available for sale in June. Avoid disappointment, order your copy today.





Updates & Reminders

Dates and Events of Significance - December

Calendar of Significant Dates and Events can be found in the [Calendar](#) section of the NVSD website. Below are dates our school community recognizes, observes and/or celebrates in December:

- Dec 3: International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- Dec 6: National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
- Dec 21: Winter Solstice
- Dec 25: Christmas Day
- Dec 25 - Jan 2: Hanukkah
- Dec 26: Boxing Day
- Dec 26 - Jan 1: Kwanzaa



DECEMBER							2024
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31					

Holiday Events @Seycove

SEYCOVE BANDS PRESENT:

HOLIDAY HARMONY

TWO NIGHTS OF FESTIVE BAND MUSIC!

Concert Band
Dec 5th

7:00PM
MT SEYMOUR UNITED CHURCH
GENERAL \$10
STUDENTS SENIOR \$5

Jazz Band
Dec 10th

7:00PM
MT SEYMOUR UNITED CHURCH
GENERAL \$10
STUDENTS SENIOR \$5

BREAKFAST WITH Santa

\$4

Join us for a morning of fun, food and entertainment!
Friday, December 20
7:30am-9am

SEYCOVE CAFETERIA

Students are invited to this special morning of food, entertainment and fun! Students will receive a hot breakfast, hot chocolate and a treat. There will be tons of door prizes and games, plus our Seycove students will be providing some special music. Limited tickets will be available soon!



Updates & Reminders

Drama Performance - December 4

Please join us for Block 6's performance of

Stupid is Just 4 2Day

- a one act comedy play -

DECMEBER 4th

VORTEX THEATRE at Seycove Secondary
Doors at 6:15, curtain at 6:30 pm
(run time approx. 40 min)

LIMITED (58) tickets available
via [SchoolCash Online](#)

"We all have moments of earth-shattering, mind-numbing, crawl into a hole and die stupidity. It's inevitable and impossible to avoid. You will connect and commiserate with an orchestra of loveable characters who explore the nuances of the human experiences"

Student Volunteers - Robotics Mentors

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

3RD ANNUAL ROBOTICS COMPETITION

Calling All Secondary School Students: Be a Robotics Mentor!

The Elementary Robotics Competition is back for its third year, bigger and better than ever! With over ten elementary schools competing, we're looking for enthusiastic **Secondary School Mentors** to guide and inspire young robotics teams. This is **your chance** to inspire, lead, and make a difference!

What's in it for You?

- ✓ Potentially Earn up to 40 Volunteer Hours
- ✓ Mentor once or twice a month after school
- ✓ Share Your Passion for Robotics & STEM
- ✓ A volunteer letter with hours will be provided at the end of the competition in April.

How to Apply:
Email sworley@sd44.ca by: December 13th, 2024
Sign up today and be part of something extraordinary!

What Will You Do?

- Mentor elementary students in designing, building, and programming robots
- Earn volunteer hours supporting teams during practices and competitions.
- Inspire creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving.
- Be a role model for the next generation of innovators.

"The best way to predict the future is to create it."
- Peter Drucker

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Post Secondary & Careers

Ironworker's Boot Camp

Seycove grade 11 student Rachel recently joined 12 other students from across the district for a two-day Ironworker's Boot Camp at Mountainside Secondary. The event offered students a hands-on introduction to the ironworking trade, led by Derek Dinzey from Ironworkers Local 97.

During the boot camp, students learned to use specialized tools to build structures—the essential frameworks for most buildings and bridges. They worked together to construct a secure structure while prioritizing safety, gaining valuable insight into this critical trade.

Programs like this are a valuable and practical way for students to explore careers in trades. If your student is interested, they can visit the Work Experience office to find out about upcoming opportunities throughout the year.



Career Pathways 44
North Vancouver School District

The North Vancouver School District provides meaningful, relevant and personalized opportunities for learners to explore their vision for a multitude of post-secondary pathways. These opportunities occur through engaging, student-centred, classrooms and school activities, as well as by extending learning into our community, training centres, and workplaces. Visit our dedicated website to learn about student career opportunities [HERE](#).



Post Secondary & Careers

Explore Cap U - November 30

Explore CapU Open House at the North Vancouver campus on Saturday, November 30th, from 11 AM to 3 PM.

We have a fantastic lineup planned, featuring concerts, portfolio reviews, lab and studio visits, and much more! It's a great opportunity for students to explore all our programs and connect with our support services and faculty, who will be on hand to offer tips on standing out in their applications. Students can RSVP at capilano.ca/explore or directly on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).



UBC Forestry - Info Sessions

Wednesdays | Dec 12 Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8 | 4pm-5pm | [ONLINE](#)

Are you passionate about the environment, sustainability, and the great outdoors? Do you dream of a career that combines your love for nature with cutting-edge science and innovation?

The Faculty of Forestry at UBC equips the next generation of leaders with the tools to discover solutions to some of the most pressing challenges affecting communities around the globe. Recognized worldwide for our award-winning education, research, and initiatives, we are home to some of the most innovative minds and approaches.



Post Secondary BC - Connecting Students with Post Secondary

Post-Secondary BC is a consortium of primarily public post-secondary institutions in BC. We support high school counsellors, high school students, and their parents by providing the information they need to help make the best post-secondary education decisions. Through supporting school counsellors and organizing school visits and events across the province, we connect students with their best education opportunities.

Our membership includes almost all public institutions in BC. That means we can guarantee that the information and resources we provide are accurate, comprehensive, and always put students first.

[Visit the Events Page](#) for upcoming info sessions.



POST-SECONDARY BC

MEMBER INSTITUTION EVENTS UVIC Parent Night

University of Victoria
 Wed December 4, 2024 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm
 Virtual

For Parents

For Students

MEMBER INSTITUTION EVENTS BCIT Digital Arts, Media + Design – Online Info Session

British Columbia Institute of Technology
 Mon December 2, 2024 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm
 Virtual

For Parents

For Students



Celebrations of Learning

Pacific Science Enterprise Centre Field Trip

Environmental Sciences 11 students had the chance to visit the Pacific Science Enterprise Centre in West Vancouver.

This research facility, run by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, is home to many different initiatives aimed to protect our oceans and local waterways. Their current research includes gaining a better understanding of micro plastic pollution, help forest reforestation, and acoustic impacts of industry on endangered Southern Resident killer whales. Students had the chance to tour the facility, connect with local scientists, and get to know some of the science that is taking place in an effort to help our water. It was an eye-opening and enriching opportunity for the students, thank you PSEC! - Ms. Kadi





Celebrations of Learning

Grade 9 Engineering: 3-2-1 Blast Off!

Rocket launch countdown! Earlier this week, our grade 9 engineering class was fueled with excitement as students prepared for their mission: designing and launching compressed-air-powered rockets. The challenge was out of this world—crafting rockets that would soar sky-high while engineering a detachable nose cone and a parachute to ensure a soft landing for their precious cargo: an egg-astronaut!

Students put their creativity and problem-solving skills into orbit, testing aerodynamic designs and parachute deployment systems to ensure their "egg-ceptional" payloads touched down safely. From brainstorming to blast-off, the classroom was buzzing with energy as teams worked to prevent any cracking under pressure.



Learning Through Movement



On November 15th, Spanish students took part in some physical hands-on learning and expanded their knowledge of Latin culture through music and dance. The experienced dance instructor, and performer introduced the students to three Latin dances: Bachata, Merengue and Salsa. This learning activity was also shared with Physical Education students.



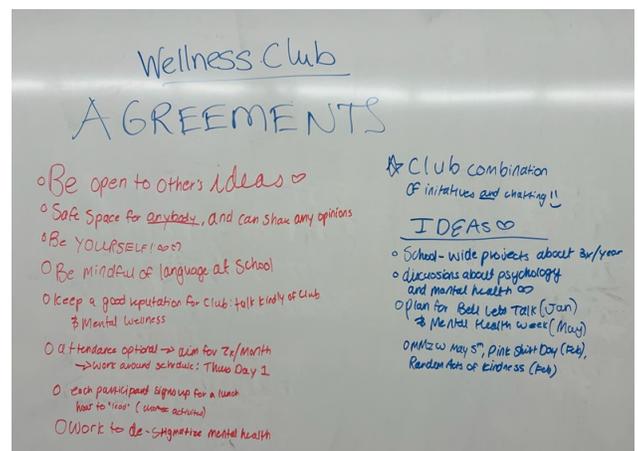
Seycove's Wellness Club

Seycove's Wellness club had their first meeting last Thursday.

Wellness club is a student-led effort to promote emotional wellness at Seycove and learn about mental health. Our first meeting allowed us to form a club agreement where we outlined our values and goals.

We are open to all grades and students can join at any time. If you would like to know more, message Ava Leas (grade 12) on MS Teams or e-mail [Margie](#) or [Ms. Yeo](#).

Stay well, Seycove.





GRAD 2025

Local Scholarship Forms - Applications Open

The Seycove Local Scholarship Application for 2025 is now open. **All grade 12 students should complete the form before 4pm, Thursday January 9th** in order to be eligible for local scholarship and bursary opportunities offered to Seycove grads.

These scholarships take into consideration various categories including community service, special areas of interest or skill, academic achievement, leadership, financial need and or intended area of study. Only students who complete the application before the deadline will be considered

Links to the application were posted in the Scholarship Team on MSTeams on November 20th. Students should access the two forms, Part A and Part B, through that platform.

Please refer to application tips found alongside the post in Teams.



Grad Baby Photo and Parent Dedication Information - Photos DUE December 16th

Grad Baby Photo

As part of the Seycove graduation ceremony, we are requesting baby photos of each graduate that will be projected while the student crosses the stage. [Please submit your photos here.](#) (high resolution please)

Use your **child's full legal name in the subject heading** of the email.

Subject Example: **Peter Parker**

Optional: Yearbook Dedication - \$21

If you would like your child's baby photo and a dedication published in the yearbook, add 'DEDICATION INCLUDED' to the subject heading. In the e-mail, please include your 100 word, maximum, dedication.

Subject Example: **Peter Parker DEDICATION INCLUDED**

Pay the \$21 fee through [SchoolCash Online](#). The fee helps fund the costs of addition pages in the yearbook.

Please ensure you have completed the Personal Information Consent Form on SchoolCash Online. *If this form is not completed, your child's photo will not be published in the yearbooks.*

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO ON GRAD BABY PHOTOS AND DEDICATIONS](#)



Looking for group photos



The yearbook team puts together a slide show for grads. If you have group photos of 2 or more grads as kids, please submit them by clicking [HERE](#).



GRAD 2025



Grad Photos - BOOK ASAP

Grad Photos MUST be booked ASAP:

Grad Photo Sessions are December 15 & 16 at Artona Studios

We still have **34% of grads who have not booked** their Grad Photo Session! Please make sure you book your appointment ASAP so that your photo will be in the yearbook and grad composite...AND so that you have a lovely photo of yourself graduating!

Book your Grad Photo here: [Artona - Booking](#)



Grad Gowns - ORDER Now

Mandatory for ALL grads: Please Order your Grad Gowns!

To prepare for your Graduation Ceremony on May 29th, we need to make sure grads have the proper attire. Please fill out the form link below to indicate the size of the Grad Gown you would like to order **by no later than February 7th, 2025.**

This is a MANDATORY step for ALL grade 12s.

Here is the link to order your gown: [Grad 2025 Gown Size](#)



Did you miss the Grad 2025
Parent Information Night?
Catch up here with the slide presentation.





Seycove Snapshots



Help Us Donate More Toys!

Thank you to all of our generous students and families so far! We have collected some awesome new toys and received money to go towards buying toys. We want to finish strong - **please send in your toys next week by end of day Thursday** before we deliver them to the North Shore Christmas Bureau with the DNV Fire Fighter's Charitable Society.

Congratulations to **Beckett - our Roshambo Champ!** Beckett managed to make it through to the final battle of rock-paper-scissors. Students were given bracelets and took part in a 'winner takes all' tournament this week. Beckett managed to win every contest earning him the Roshambo Crown!





Seycove Seyhawks



All Star Seyhawks!

Congratulations to

Lilja Bergen,
Eloise Gray,
Lydia Harrington,
Maisie Fulton Stephenson,
and
Nova Walker

for being named as

**Senior Girls Field Hockey
North Shore All Stars.**

Incredible achievement!

North Shore

SECONDARY SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



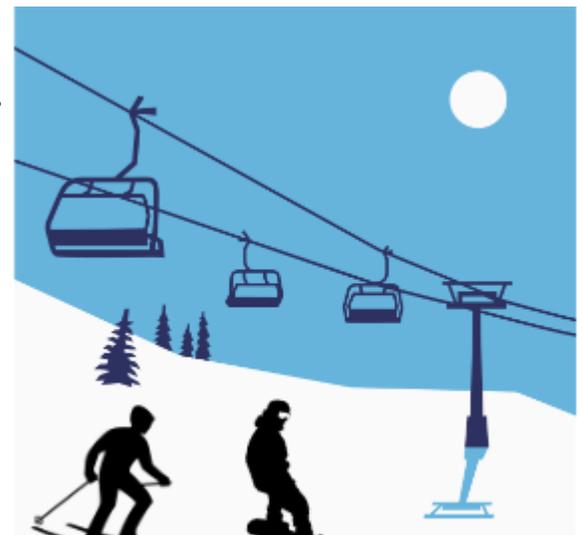
**ALL-STAR
SR. GIRLS' FIELD HOCKEY**

Seycove Ski & Snowboard Team - Sign Up Now

Registration information for this year's Ski and Snowboard Team is posted outside Mr. Earl's Office. There is a parent meeting on Dec 3 @6:30pm. Information will be shared with students on Teams.

To help families and students plan, Mr. Earl has released the following important dates:

- Monday, Dec 16/24 - Mt. Seymour Training 5-7pm
- Monday, Jan 6/25 - Mt. Seymour Training 5-7pm
- Monday, Jan 13/25 - Mt. Seymour Training 5-7pm
- Wednesday Jan 15/25 - Blackcomb Training Day
- Monday, Jan 20/25 - Mt. Seymour Training 5-7pm
- Monday, Jan 27/25 - Mt. Seymour Training 5-7pm
- Thursday Jan 30/25 - Zone Race Day @Blackcomb





In Our Community

CAROL SHIPS SCHEDULE

Nov. 30 - Rocky Point Park, Port Moody 

Dec 6 - 7pm-9pm
Deep Cove Christmas Ships Party, Band & Bonfire 

Dec 13 - 7pm-9pm
Farrington Cove, Bedwell Bay 

Dec 14 - 7pm-9pm
Belcarra, Dollarton 

Dec 20 - 7pm-9pm
Belcarra, Ravenwoods, Deep Cove, Dollarton, Cates Park 

Dec 21 - Open Cruise
no destination

If you live along the waterfront, the skippers love when you light up your dock. You can flash your house lights or make lots of noise and they'll reply with horn blasts from the ships

Winter Lights

Parkgate Plaza & Community Centre
Friday, December 6th, 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

-  Live Music
-  Seymour Dance
-  Children's Choir
-  Windsor Jazz Band
-  Food & Hot Drinks
-  Pottery Sale
-  Craft Sale
-  Story Time
-  Visit Santa

COAST SALISH WINTER

Pop-up market
AT MAPLEWOOD FLATS

MUSIC RAFFLE
HOT CIDER
FESTIVE FOOD
GIFT SHOPPING

NOV 30 - JAN 12 • SAT & SUN • 11AM - 3PM