



Upcoming Events

September

- 15 PAC Meeting
- 20 Terry Fox Run
- 22 Early Dismissal
- 22 Virtual Meet the Teacher
- 23 Photo Day
- 24 First Pizza Day
- 27 Non-Instructional Day
- 30 Orange Shirt Day (stat holiday)

- [Middle School Code of Conduct](#)

WELCOME TO THE WEEK OF: September 13 - 17

Mon 13	
Tues 14	
Wed 15	Gr 8 Intramurals start today at lunchtime (Gr 6 and 7 starts next week) PAC Meeting @ 7pm (Virtual) - see the PAC website for the invite
Thurs 16	
Fri 17	Instrument Rental Night for Band Students (5-7 pm in the bandroom)

From the Admin Team

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! Our first week has been busy as we welcomed 600 students to ROMS and got them settled into their classes. Teachers began getting to know their students and creating a safe and caring community in their classrooms. Next week, we will be inviting grade groups to an assembly where we will share our expectations and routines at ROMS. Here is the [Slideshow](#) we will be sharing with our students at those assemblies. You will find a few other important pieces of information below.

Parent Communication

Please watch for this “Parent Weekly” to come out every Friday afternoon for the week ahead. In order to receive it, please subscribe by putting your email address in the [link here](#). You will also find it on the front page of our website where it will be updated throughout the week if more events are added/changed. We promise - it is not normally this long!

PAC Info

The PAC would like to welcome returning and new students to Royal Oak! We hope everyone had an amazing summer! We are kicking off the school year with a General PAC meeting next week and would love for you to join us (details below). We typically hold our PAC meetings on the third Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:00 pm. We are starting off the year doing virtual Zoom meetings (where you don't even have to drive to the school and can attend from the comfort of your own home!) but do hope to move to in-person PAC meetings in the LC at some point during this school year. We always have interesting topics and discussions at our PAC meetings and would love to have more parent input so please consider putting our meetings into your monthly calendar and joining us.

Our first PAC meeting is Wednesday, Sept 15th from 7-8 pm. Our Principal, Karen MacEwan, will be available to provide an overview of the school year, new COVID protocols and things you can look forward to. And come virtually meet our new Vice-Principal, Sara Postlethwaite, who will also be available for insight and questions. We have a fabulous Door Prize we will draw for all attendees so come join us! 😊

Sept 15th meeting details are as follows:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=romsparents%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FVancouver>

OR as an easy alternative, you can also have all the PAC meetings appear in your calendar via this Google calendar invite:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/romsparents%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>

In order to stay informed on PAC events, we have a PAC forum you need to subscribe to each year. Simply click on this link and you will be emailed updates on minutes and events (typically you won't be emailed more than once a month):

https://royaloak.sd63.bc.ca/blocks/forum_email/subscribe.php?id=5

We also have a few PAC Exec positions that are open and would love to have more parents join our Exec team. The vacant positions are as follows:

- Co-Secretary (minutes for ~ half the meetings)
- Fundraising Coordinator (more online events this year such as Purdy's, Dieleman's;

- likely not too many in-person events yet)
- Thrifty Foods Coordinator (Member at Large position).
- Grade 8 Liaisons (coordinate Grade 8 Farewell activities)

COVID Guidelines

As we heard from Dr. Henry, this year BC schools will look more “normal” than last year. We no longer have cohorts and we are able to offer clubs, sports teams and opportunities to gather. Here is a summary of the new guidelines:

- All staff and students in Gr. 4-12 are required to wear masks while indoors or on the school bus. Masks do not need to be worn outside.
- Staff and students (or parents if appropriate) are to continue to do their own Daily Health Check and should remain home if they are not feeling well. [K-12 Daily Health Check](#).
- Hand hygiene routines will continue to be practiced throughout the school day.
- In order to reduce crowding at ROMS, each division will continue to use the door assigned to their hallway.
- General cleaning and the cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces, will occur at least once in a 24-hour period.
- Parents/guardians and other visitors who need to enter the building must enter the school through the front door and sign-in at the office where our staff will be happy to assist you. Masks are required for adults entering the building.
- Our ventilation systems will continue to use high-filtering MERV 13 filters as recommended. Ventilation performance will also continue to be monitored by our Facilities Department.
- Additional guidance and information can be found in the Ministry of Education document: [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#)

Fee Payments in SD63 Just Got Easier

Saanich School District is excited to announce our new online payment system! In an effort to reduce time, money and paper waste, parents now have the option to pay their children’s school fees securely online! Payments can be made by Visa, Visa Debit, MasterCard, and MasterCard Debit. To sign up, please visit the District Website www.sd63.bc.ca, look under Parents & Students, then Pay School Fees Online.

The Power of Why – A Blog by our Superintendent

Dave Eberwein, Superintendent of Saanich Schools, writes a regular blog called [The Power of Why](#) on a variety of topics most of which focus on public education, leadership, student growth and learning. He writes from a personal perspective often including examples from his own experiences – both positive and negative. If you’d like to subscribe simply visit the site and provide your email address and you will receive a new post every two or three weeks. You can find him at <https://thepowerofwhy.ca/>

Information about Accident Insurance

The school district does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities. You are responsible for these expenses as a parent or guardian. However, the school district assists families to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the Reliable Life Insurance Company. Brochures are no longer distributed to students in September however the information can be viewed on-line at www.insuremykids.com.

Have a great week!

Karen MacEwan, Principal
Sara Postlethwaite, Vice-Principal