

# SPECTRUM

## COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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After a relaxing spring break, we are all ready for the last term of the 2018/19 school year. We know our almost 300 grads will be making their final efforts of their past thirteen years in the public school system. Many have already had confirmations from a number of universities and colleges, both locally and nationally. Students are venturing into a variety of fields, while some are choosing to work, and/or travel before entering their post-secondary opportunities. In whatever they pursue we truly wish them well, but they just might need that gentle nudge (or a big shove) to get them to the finish line. June 27<sup>th</sup> is just over two months away!

The Course Selection process for the 2019/20 school year started early and is almost complete. As you may know, this process drives our timetable for the coming year, so students' choices are critical. Students may still be able to apply to our many programs through the Counselling Department, but should do so right away. For more information, students can also check our website at <https://spectrum.sd61.bc.ca/>

As always, please do contact us if you have questions or concerns about your child's progress. Summer is just around the corner so let's all finish strong, especially you, the Grad Class of 2019!

Regards,  
Bruce Bidney, Principal

### ***How to Report an Absence . . .***

Parents/Guardians can report an absence by:

E-mail [spectrum\\_attendance@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:spectrum_attendance@sd61.bc.ca) OR

Phone (250) 479-8271, choose option 1, 24 hours a day OR

Student can bring a note signed by a parent/guardian. Notes should be handed in to the office.

For more information, see Spectrum's website, <http://www.spectrum.sd61.bc.ca> and choose "Attendance" in the top right corner.




## From the Yearbook Class

Have you bought your Spectrum Yearbook yet?

This year's annual is up for yet another award and is sure to be a book long remembered. Buy early and skip the line on Celebrations Day in June.

There are a limited number of books available so be sure to pre-order yours now!

Books are \$50 each and can be purchased in the office or online at: <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/>.



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24 HOURS,  
MEMORIES LAST  
A LIFETIME**

**\$50**

**ORDER YOUR  
SPECTRUM  
YEARBOOK TODAY!**

**PAY WITH**  
Cash, Cheque,  
Credit Card

**PAY IN PERSON**  
at the Office

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Our next Parent-Teacher Interview time will be Thursday, April, 25th, from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm in both Gyms. On April 25th, there will be an altered schedule and early dismissal due to Parent-Teacher Interviews in the evening. Parent- Teacher Interviews can be booked using our online booking website at <https://spectrum.schoolappointments.com/admin/> starting April 15, at 9 AM through to April 24 at 12:00 noon. Detailed instructions are listed on Spectrum's website at [www.spectrum.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.spectrum.sd61.bc.ca) ☞ Parent Information ☞ Parent Teacher Interviews. The schedule on **Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** will be as follows:

*NO Collaboration today*

**Block B** 8:30 to 9:45

Passing time 9:45 to 9:50

*NO TAG today*

**Block A** 9:50 to 10:55

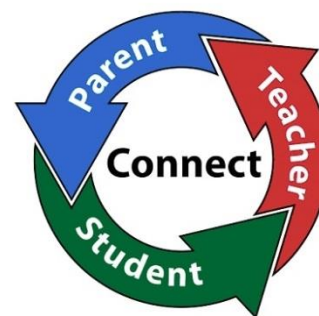
**L U N C H** 10:55 to 11:35

**Block D** 11:35 to 12:45

Passing time 12:45 to 12:50

**Block C** 12:50 to 2:00

Dismissal 2:00 PM



## Spectrum Spring Break Trip 2020

Do you have a passion for travelling? Spectrum will be taking students to Switzerland (Zurich and Lucerne, the Italian Lake District and Cinque Terre Southern France (the French Riviera and Provence, and finally Spain (Barcelona and Madrid) for Spring Break 2020. There are still spaces left. Please see or email Ms. Condie for more information [racondie@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:racondie@sd61.bc.ca)

### ***From the Visual Arts Department***

We are in full swing already this semester. Our junior artists have been hard at work on a large scale mural called "Say Something" which focuses on social justice issues; they have been working with local artist in residence, Lydia Beauregard, in conjunction with the New Extreme Program that is hosted by the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria since the start of the semester. The mural consists of sixteen 4'x 4' panels that are mounted on the outside wall of the AGGV facing Moss Street, so next time you are in the neighborhood please drive past 1040 Moss Street and take a look. A gala unveiling event was hosted on Thursday April 11 to showcase all the New Extreme artists in and around the city. Congratulations to our Spectrum artists who are learning that art has the power to create change in how people see the world and that a public venue can be an important space to help promote that change.



Our senior Dual Credit Camosun Art Class has also been very busy; we recently went on a field trip to learn about artist studios, gallery spaces and artist collectives. Thank you to arc.hive, Xchanges and Rande Cook for letting us into your space and letting us learn from you. This will help us immensely as we get ready to mount our own show. Please mark your calendar for the night of May 9 from 7-9 pm, we will have our gala show opening at the Cedar Hill Recreation and Arts Centre in the Cafe Gallery Space. Watch the school website and twitter for more information. The show will run from May 7-27.

As well, the annual Limelight artist's show is coming soon; expect that Spectrum artists of all descriptions from our Fine Arts Dept. will be showcased on the opening night which will be on May 31 from 7-to 9pm also at the Cedar Hill Recreation and Arts Centre. This show runs from May 28-June 17 and will have both junior and senior artist's work showcased.

### ***FIRST Robotics Championships***

The Spectrum ThunderBots competed in the FIRST Robotics Canadian Pacific Regional Championships, March 7th – 9th at Save On Foods Memorial.

This was the Thunderbots second year of competition. They faced 34 other robotics teams from Alberta, Idaho, California, Hawaii, and New Zealand. The team spent seven weeks designing, building and programming their robot to participate in this year's challenge called Destination Deep Space.



They faced many obstacles, including having to do a major redesign at competition. Their round robin play advanced them to the playoffs, where they were defeated in the quarter finals. Every student should be very proud of how well they represented themselves, their school, and their community at competition.

The ThunderBots will compete next year and look forward to mentoring future members with the knowledge and experience gained this year. Any future students interested in being a part of the team, parents interested in potential mentoring, or businesses interested in sponsoring the ThunderBots as we grow, are encouraged to contact Mr. Lilyholm, Mr. Goode or Ms. Crisp.

## ***Library Information***

In partnership with Lambrick Park, Vic High, Esquimalt, and the Greater Victoria Public Library, Spectrum has launched a school-wide reading challenge this year. The “Great Spectrum Read” is now underway. Participating classes have determined that the following titles have made it to the shortlist:

Anger is a Gift -- Oshiro, Mark	Pulse Point -- Nelson, Colleen
Book of Awesome -- Pasricha, Neil	Ready, Player One -- Cline, Ernest
Dear Martin -- Stone, Nic	Salt to the Sea -- Sepetys, Ruta
Every Day -- Levithan, David	Scythe -- Shusterman, Neal
Indian Horse -- Wagamese, Richard	The 57 Bus -- Slater, Dashka
Jurassic Park -- Crichton, Michael	The Hate U Give -- Thomas, Angie
Life of Pi -- Martel, Yann	Turtles All the Way Down -- Green, John
Long Way Down -- Reynolds, Jason	Warcross -- Lu, Marie
Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children -- Riggs,	We Were Liars -- Lockhart, E.
Ransom	What if it’s Us? -- Albertallie, Becky
Mosquito Coast -- Theroux, Paul	

After reading one (or more) of the novels, students will create presentations for the “final round” of voting on Thursday, May 16.

The Spectrum AV Club, which meets on Mondays and Fridays at lunch, has an ongoing podcast series titled “Sound Minds”. We invite you to listen to the episodes, which are available on Soundcloud. Recent topics include the Climate Justice Strikes and a book feature (focusing on Neal Shusterman’s *Scythe*). Our next episode will explore the roots of the Wall of Remembrance Project, undertaken by Spectrum’s Canadian History Institute.

The Spectrum Student Book Club meets on Wednesdays at lunch in Room 160. Students are welcome to join in our book-related discussions (and enjoy tea and cookies!). This month’s featured book is Marie Lu’s technology-based thriller *Warcross*. The book club invites all students to sign up for a trivia contest, afterschool on Friday, April 26 in the library.

Working with Ms. Joanne Beagle, Library Science students have helped to raise nearly 200 salmon fry this spring. We are looking forward to their introduction to Colquitz Creek at the end of April.

For more information about our Library Learning Commons, feel free to follow us on Twitter (@spectrumlibrary) and Instagram (@spectrumschoollibrary).

### ***Mental Health Demystified***

Seeking help for mental health challenges, either for your child or your family members, can be daunting. Many people are intimidated by the stigma and isolation that can come with mental health issues. When you or another member of your family is struggling, do you know where to start? Our school counsellor, Sarah Bourdon, will provide information around how to access the public mental health system, how to find a counselling service, counsellor, or psychologist, and how to create a “mental health first aid kit” for your family. Our Vice Principal, Cheryl Rolston, will offer a personal account of her journey as a parent to find mental health support for her children. Several local mental health services will be in attendance to provide resources and answer questions.

Representatives will be present from Family Smart, VIHA Healthy Schools nurse, Foundry, and Boys and Girls Club  
Presenters: Sarah Bourdon, RCC, Elementary Counsellor, Quadra Elementary School; Cheryl Rolston, Vice Principal, Quadra Elementary School

Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mental-health-demystified-finding-help-for-kids-and-families-tickets-58762048870>

## News for Grads

### **Grad Recognition Ceremony**

Monday June 17, 2019 @ 5:00 PM  
University of Victoria Farquhar Auditorium



All grads participating in the U-Vic Grad Recognition Ceremony must pay their \$70 Grad Ceremony Fee as soon as possible. This covers the university facility, grad certificates, and more. The grads also voted to wear Cap and Gown this year so a \$30 purchase fee and order form must be completed. U-Vic tickets will not be released until Grad and Gown Fees are paid.

There will be a Grad Parent Information Meeting, on *Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Library* (following Parent Teacher Interviews), to review how to get Grad Ceremony Tickets and the day's events. Ceremony tickets will be emailed directly to the grads and extra tickets will become available through U-Vic Ticket Centre, Farquhar Auditorium. The ceremony will be live-streamed to allow family and friends to share in the celebration.

### ***A day in the life of a Grad ...***

8:20 AM **Mandatory rehearsal** at U-Vic Farquhar Auditorium. **Do not book hair/makeup appointments before 1:00 PM.**  
4:30 PM **Grad Group Photo** at U-Vic  
5:00 PM **Grad Recognition Ceremony**

### ***Grad Dinner and Dance is Saturday June 15th at the Cadboro Room, U-Vic***

6:00 PM to 11:00 PM Dinner and Dance. Busses depart directly from U-Vic to Dry Grad. Students wishing to participate in Dry Grad must attend the Dinner and Dance. Tickets are \$75.00. Any student in breach of the Code of Conduct (eg. under the influence of drugs or alcohol) will lose their privilege to participate in the Grad Recognition Ceremony on Monday June 17th.

### ***Magic Wand Project***

Need help with a formal outfit? Connect with The Magic Wand Project. Formal wear is available to borrow for both men and women.

### ***Grad Transition Plan (Deadline is May 3, 2019)***

Students taking English or Communications in Semester 2 will need to have their GTP completed and have an interview with Ms. Crisp before they can purchase tickets to the end of the year grad activities. For additional information please visit Spectrum's Grad webpage at <https://spectrumcommunityschoolgrad.weebly.com/>

### ***Dry Grad Event (\$60 per student)***

Short on time but want to help out with this year's Dry Grad event? The Dry Grad Parent Committee is committed to making this a fun, safe and memorable alcohol and substance-free event for your graduating son/daughter! But, we can't do it without everyone's help! To volunteer for a couple of hours to set up, or all night, please email the Dry Grad Parents at [specdrygrad2019@gmail.com](mailto:specdrygrad2019@gmail.com). PRIZE Donations are also gratefully accepted for draws on the night on the event. The Dry Grad Parent Committee is requesting all grad parents to donate a \$25 gift card or prize for the evening's event. Gift cards or prizes can be dropped off at the school office.

Interested in making a cash donation, or sponsor a specific activity for your Grad? Tax receipts will be issued for monetary donations. Cheques made payable to "Spectrum Community School" Re: Dry Grad, can be dropped off or mailed directly to the school at 957 Burnside Road West, Victoria, BC, V8Z 6E9. Y

ou can also donate the money from your recycled bottles and cans through our new Bottle Depot Account, Spectrum School, Dry Grad 2019 at the Glanford or Quadra Street locations. No matter how you help out, you will be acknowledged for your generosity on the Spectrum Community School's Dry Grad website, the Grad Facebook page, the Spectrum Newsletter, and at the Dry Grad event itself. Tax receipts will be issued for all monetary donations, and your generous donations will be put to good use making this a night to remember!! No amount is too small!

Current donors include: Town of View Royal, District of Saanich, Peninsula Co-Op, 1550's Pub Style Restaurant, Academy of Excellence, Alley Kat Signs, BC Transit, Big Wheel Burger, Coast Waste, Cobs Bread – Eagle Creek, Draycor Construction, Four Mile Pub and Restaurant, Hansbraun Investment Ltd, Il Terrazzo, Jenner Chev, La Taquiza, The Keg, St. John Ambulance, Victoria Shamrocks

## SHOUT OUTS



Congratulations to our Spectrum electrical trades students for representing our school well in the Canada Skills Regional Competition at the beginning of March. In the Welding Competition, grade 9 Isaiah Reisch got a bronze medal. Well done!

## School Announcements

For up-to-date information about school activities, visit our website at [www.spectrum.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.spectrum.sd61.bc.ca). "Daily Announcements" are updated daily by the end of each day.



## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### Thursday, April 18

Report cards issued

### Friday, April 19

Good Friday - school closed

### Monday, April 22

Easter Monday - school closed

### Thursday, April 25

District Career Fair

English 12 Provincial Exam - e-exam

Early Dismissal - 2pm

Parent/Teacher interviews 5 to

7:30pm

Grad parent info meeting, 7:30 pm

### Friday, April 26

Communications 12 Provincial Exam - e-exam

A "Touch of New Orleans" Jazz Night, 7pm

### Friday, May 3

Semester 2 Grad Transitions Plan deadline

### Thursday, May 9

Grade 6 Band Fest

### Monday, May 7

Band Parents Association meeting, 7pm, Library

### Saturday, May 11

Marching Band participates in the Esquimalt Buccaneer Days parade, 9am.

### Tuesday, May 14

PAC meeting, 7pm, Library

### Wednesday, May 15

Family of Schools Band concert

### Thursday, May 16

District Orientation Student Transition Day

### Friday, May 17

Pro-D Day - students not in session

### Monday, May 20

Victoria Day - school not in session

Marching Band in the Victoria Day parade, 9am

### Friday, May 31

Athletic Awards Night banquet

### Saturday, June 1

Band performs in Oak Bay Tea Party parade

### Wednesday, June 5

Assembly and Magical Mystery Tour for Grads

### Thursday, June 6

Band final concert - location TBA

### Tuesday, June 11

PAC meeting, 7pm, Library

Night of Dance

### Wednesday, June 12

Nights of Dance

### Thursday, June 13

Awards Night, 7pm, Old Gym

### Monday, June 17

Grad rehearsal - 8:20 am.

Grad Ceremony - 5pm

### Tuesday, June 18

Celebrations Day

### Thursday, June 19

Copernican Day - Periods 1 and 3

### Thursday, June 20

Copernican Day Periods 2 and 4

### Friday, June 21

Conflict day

### Monday, June 24

English 12 & English 12 First Peoples Provincial Exams

Numeracy Assessment

### Tuesday, June 25

Numeracy Assessment

### Wednesday, June 26

Communications 12 Provincial Exam

### Thursday, June 27

Last day of school, report cards issued at 10:00 a.m.

### Friday, June 28

Administrative Day - students not in session