NOV 9-13, 2026

THE WEEKLY

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HELLO, BONJOUR, GILA'KASLA

What a blistering day it has been! Thank you to our students, staff, and families for your flexibility and understanding as we reschedule the Wenjack Walk. We will reconvene for the Wenjack Walk on Friday, November 13th. Here's hoping Mother Nature is on our side this time.

Christian Streit - Principal
Catherine Leppanen - Vice-Principal

CROSS COUNTRY

Reminder to families to return blue Puntledge T-shirts as soon as possible, as they are needed for our volleyball season.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

As Remembrance Day approaches, we would like to invite parents and family members who are currently serving or have served in the military to our school Remembrance Day Assembly on Tuesday, **November 10**, beginning at **9:30 AM**. If you are planning on attending, we would love to acknowledge your service at the assembly and arrange for special seating. Email me at christian.streit@sd71.bc.ca along with your full name, and if applicable your rank, and I will make the arrangements.

PARENT/GUARDIAN /TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday Nov. 18th and Thursday Nov. 19th. Information regarding booking has been sent. This is a non-instructional day so there is **no school** for students.



EDAS
EVERYONE DESERVES A SMILE

The donation campaign will be open from
Nov 13-Dec 8. Please consider donating items in the bags under the covered area past the office. The EDAS club is collecting the following:

- Wool/wool-blend socks
- Toques
- Scarves
- Sizes: Women's medium | Men's & non-binary XL

REPAIR CAFÉ & CLOTHING FREE STORE

Nov 14, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM @ Lake Trail Community School. Free repair of all sorts of stuff ranging from clothing, textiles, stuffies, small appliances, bikes, scooters, jewelry, tool sharpening and more. Plus, there is a clothing free store. Stop by and check it out.



BOOK FAIR

Our amazing PAC is hosting a Book Fair from November 16–20. It's the perfect chance to spark your child's love of reading, support our PAC, and maybe even get a head start on your holiday shopping. Come browse, buy, and bring home some new favourites! Hours of operation will be announced closer to the event.

FAMILY SMART

FREE in person event for caregivers Tuesday, November 17 at Mark Isfeld Secondary School from 6:30pm to 8pm in the Multipurpose Room.
This month's topic is "Parenting When Anxiety Shows Up As Anger." A short video will reveal some strategies that can help before, during and after these hard moments. The video presentation will then be followed by a facilitated discussion with family peer support workers.
Register with this link: link

WEEKS OF NOVEMBER 9 TO NOVEMBER 20 2026

Monday November 9	Tuesday November 10	Wednesday November 11	Thursday November 12	Friday November 13
Gr 7 Volleyball practice @ 7:30 AM EDAS Club meeting 2:30–4:30 PM	Gr 6 Volleyball practice @ 7:30 AM Remembrance Day Assembly (AM)	 Remembrance Day **No school**	Gr. 3 Skating Lessons (AM) Volleyball games **Gr 7 Team Blue**: Royston El. **Gr 7 Team Black**: Puntledge El. **Gr 6 Team Red**: Courtenay El.	
Chicken Nuggets	Pizza		Turkey Sandwich	Bean & Cheese Burrito
Monday **November 16**	**Tuesday** **November 17**	**Wednesday** **November 18**	**Thursday** **November 19**	**Friday** **November 20**
Gr 7 Volleyball practice @ 7:30 AM EDAS Club meeting 2:30–4:30 PM	Gr 6 Volleyball practice @ 7:30 AM	Volleyball games **Gr 7 Team Blue**: Puntledge El. **Gr 7 Team Black**: Aspen Park El. **Gr 6 Team Red**: No Games Parent/Teacher Conferences (PM)	Parent/Teacher Conferences **No school for students**	Gr 6 Volleyball Extra Practice @ 7:30 AM Fun Food Friday
Meatball Sub	Pizza	Butter Chicken		Chicken Burger

UPCOMING

Nov 23 EDAS Club meeting 2:30–4:30 PM

Nov 24 Gr 6 Volleyball practice @ 7:30 AM

Nov 26 Gr. 3 Skating Lessons (AM)

Nov 26 EDAS Family Bag Painting & Card Making Night (80 family spaces) 5:00–7:30 PM

Nov 30 EDAS Club meeting 2:30–4:30 PM

Dec 1 Gr 6 Volleyball practice @ 7:30 AM

Dec 3 Gr. 3 Skating Lessons (AM)

Dec 7 EDAS Club meeting 2:30–4:30 PM

Dec 14 EDAS Club meeting 2:30–4:30 PM

Dec 15 Primary Winter Concert

Dec 16 Intermediate Winter Concert

PAC INFORMATION



PUNTLEDGE APPAREL 2026

Show your school spirit with our Puntledge Apparel 2026 collection! We are excited to offer a variety of apparel options for students, families, and staff. Choose from t-shirts, crewnecks, hoodies, and zip-up hoodies, available in youth sizes (Small to XL) and adult sizes (Small to 3XL).

Whether you're looking for a comfortable everyday shirt, a cozy hoodie for cooler days, or a stylish crewneck to represent your school, there's something for everyone. This is a great opportunity to show your Puntledge pride while supporting our school community.

Available options:

- T-Shirts
- Crewnecks
- Hoodies
- Zip-Up Hoodies

Order deadline: Nov. 15, 2026
Pick-up date: Dec. 9, 2026

Order yours today and wear your Puntledge pride all year long!



NATURAL PASTURES CHEESE FUNDRAISER

Celebrate the holiday season while supporting our school with our Natural Pastures Cheese Fundraiser! Perfect for entertaining, adding to your Christmas charcuterie board, or sharing with family and friends, these locally crafted cheeses combine unique Island flavours with traditional European cheesemaking techniques.

Choose from 2 festive options:

- **Box 1 ($60)**: Includes 6 varieties of cheese in a branded gift box.
- **Box 2 ($45)**: Includes 4 varieties of artisan cheese in a branded gift bag.

Order deadline: Nov. 27, 2026
Pick-up date: Dec. 15, 2026

CARING CONNECTIONS: WINTER SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Winter 2026

Winter Support

As the holiday season approaches, we know it can be both joyful and challenging for families. This newsletter highlights local programs that provide assistance with holiday gifts for children, warm clothing, and other winter necessities. Our goal is to connect families with resources that bring comfort and cheer during the colder months.

Building Christmas Dreams

Building Christmas Dreams is a local charity helping families in need over the holiday season. Families can be nominated for support through **www.buildingchristmasdreams.ca**

Nominations are open Nov. 13 through December 13th.

www.Christmashamper.ca



Santa's Workshop

Santa's Workshop - Comox Valley (250-871-7273) is located at: 1175 Cliffe Ave, Courtenay (formerly Fluid Restaurant store) Beginning November 4th, donations of cash, bicycles and gently used toys can be dropped off between 10:00am and 3:00pm. December hours: 9:00am - 3:30pm. Last day for gifts: Dec 12th. Appointments to shop are available between Dec 1-Dec 19. Please call 250-871-7273 during open hours to make an appointment. Grandparents shopping days for childeren up to age 8 is December 15.

Salvation Army

Church & Community Services
1580 Fitzgerald Avenue, Courtenay

Christmas Hamper Registration

By Appointment Only in October & November,2026

Please call ASAP to reserve your spot
Phone: 250-338-5133

**** Proof of address & identification required for each family member ****

(For example: Birth Certificate, Drivers License, BCID, CareCard, Passport etc.)

Please note:

Those who have meals provided by their agency of residence are **INELIGIBLE** for a hamper. Such agencies include (**but not limited to**): The Junction, Pidcock Shelter, Amethyst House,The Lodge, and Connect

Sunday Swaps: Winter Clothing



Sunday, November 15, 2026
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
VI Regional Library - Courtenay
300 6th St

Join us for a winter clothing swap!
Clothing for all ages welcome!
Donations will be accepted at the front service desk until November 14th.
Please ensure that all donations are CLEAN and in good condition.

Reminders

We want every child to feel comfortable and enjoy outdoor play this winter. Please ensure students have warm clothing for outdoor recess. If your family needs support with winter items, please contact Ms. Elisa or Ms. Shawna for assistance.



Puntledge Support Workers

For more information on resources and support, please contact:

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