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Another Great Day of Track and Field at SWS
Thank you Ms. Georgia, Ms. Hitch, Ms. Rheault
Ms. Cameron and Mr. Mothes

Upcoming Events

Thursday May 19

Class 4 Play (Hall)
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Friday May 20

Library Open
8:30 - 9:00 am

Handwork Circle
9:00 - 10:45 am

Monday May 23

News items

Bringing Light to School Finances



This month, the Cowichan Valley School District Board of Trustees finalized a budget that included significant cuts in School District 79 for 2016/17. This is a situation that I follow closely because I know that SWS is directly affected by these developments. Let me explain.

SWS is a Group 1 independent school that receives about 40% of our revenues from the BC Ministry of Education. This allows us to keep our tuition fees lower than most Waldorf

Victoria Day long Weekend School Closed

Tuesday May 24

Class 5
Greek Olympics Begins

Wednesday May 25

Library Open
3:15 - 3:45 pm

Class 8 Parent Meeting
7:00 - 9:00 pm

Thursday May 26

Spring Recital (Hall)
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Friday May 27

Library Open
8:30 - 9:00 am

Handwork Circle
9:00 - 10:45 am

Monday May 30

Class 8 Year End Trip Begins

Wednesday June 1

PA Meeting in the portable
8:45 - 10:15 am

Thursday June 2

Class 2 Parent Evening
7:00 - 9:00 pm

[View Calendar](#)

From the Office

More Ways to Pay Tuition and Fees

SWS is now accepting deposits, fees, and tuition via **Paypal and e-transfer**. Paypal can be accessed from our website and e-transfers can be directed to:
bookkeeper@sunrisewaldorfschool.org

Please note that if you are paying full tuition fees by July 4th using Paypal, the 2.5% discount will not apply in order to offset the cost of the transaction

Facilities - Help Needed

The Facilities Committee is looking for one or two volunteers to build a new paint rack for Class Five and a wooden frame around a small chalkboard in Class Four. The school will cover the cost of the supplies. We would also like to sincerely thank John Lohsen who

schools in North America. However, in order to qualify as a Group 1 school, our operating budget is directly tied to District 79 operating costs. For each of our students, we receive one-half of what District 79 spends for each student. Because of the reduced District 79 budget next year, our grant for each student is expected to decrease by \$227, which means an overall decrease in our revenues of between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

But even more impactful is this: we are also not allowed to spend more than District 79 spends per pupil, so when their budget is cut our maximum total operating costs are affected. Effectively, what this means is that there is a maximum amount we are allowed to spend for all of our operating costs for our K-8 classes (preschool, after school care and capital expenses are exempt). So, our K-8 operating budget is limited to the number of students enrolled multiplied by the District 79 PPOC (per pupil operating cost). Because we have a more favorable teacher to student ratio than public schools - for this year, 9.4 students for each teacher at Sunrise as compared to about a 17:1 ratio for public schools-- this can be a real challenge and can affect our ability to provide all of the special programs we would like to.

So when I see that public school funding has been reduced, I know that every student in BC is affected, including Sunrise students, not just those that attend public schools.

- Mr. McDuff

Dziva Chigamba - Grade 8 Gymnast



Dziva was a new student this year to SWS. He is a lovely young man with a passion for gymnastics. Though he joined our community late, he has quickly become an integral part of the Class 8 family. [Read here](#) to see the full interview.

Spring Recital



Come and watch our Spring Recital on Thursday May 26 in the Hall. All Grade School classes will be performing with the exception of Class 5 who are away for the Greek Olympiad. The recital is from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Please ensure that children are dressed in tidy recital clothing, with white tops and dark bottoms. No rain boots please.

Graduation Events, Dates, and Times



Please note the list of events that will be happening to mark the graduation of our Class 8 students.

Monday June 13 - Class 8 Final Project Presentations
7:00 pm - All are welcome in the Hall

shared his fine woodworking skills with us last summer to build us two wonderful paint racks and boot racks. We are most grateful to all our parent volunteers!
Sincerely,
The Facilities Committee.

More News

Moths Summer Camps



We are excited to announce that we will be offering 3 two-week summer camps at Sunrise Waldorf School this summer. Only a few weeks from now the conch shell will be sounding up in the big

field!

Please [read here](#) for dates and details. We will also hang posters, flyers, and registration forms at the main entrance of the school. Take advantage of our Early Bird Special and feel free to pass the information onto friends. We do offer some financial aid - please talk to us! We have never turned anyone away.

I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream For... ICE CREAM!



Class 8 will be selling Ice Cream this Friday after school. Locally made and delicious

- \$3.50/ea or 3 for

\$10.00

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Coastal Bliss
www.coastalbliss.ca

Summer 2016 Kids' Day Camps Ages 9-12
\$220.00 + 5% GST

Coastal Bliss Adventures will be running three popular Day Camps for children ages 9-12. The camps are based in Coombs for fun and exciting learning activities.

- **Tuesday - Friday: July 5-8, July 22-25**
- **Saturday - Friday: July 2-5, Aug 28-30**

The camps offer fun activities and learning with a twist. Our camps offer exciting and fun activities, games and outdoor adventures. Children also receive attention from Coaches, Supervisors and other staff members. Children will receive a certificate of completion at the end of each camp. All camp activities are held at our Coombs location.

Summer 2016 Youth Overnight Camps

Our water-based multi-day youth camps provide challenging & fun experiences for teens.

- **Sea Kayaking & Canoeing** (14 days) Ages 12-14 \$299.00 + 5% GST
- **Sea Kayaking & Canoeing** (7 days) Ages 12-14 \$199.00 + 5% GST
- **Sea Kayaking & Canoeing** (3 days) Ages 12-14 \$129.00 + 5% GST
- **Sea Kayaking & Canoeing** (1 day) Ages 12-14 \$79.00 + 5% GST

Register now!

CALL US: 1-800-896-9623 or 250-715-0334, or EMAIL US: coastalbliss@shaw.ca

Wednesday June 15 - Graduation and Rose Ceremony
1:25 - All are welcome in the Hall

Thursday June 16 - Faculty Tea Hosted by Class 8 Students
3:30 pm - for Faculty and special guests only in the Hall

Friday June 17 - Class 8 vs. Faculty Softball Game
All are welcome - Time TBA

The Parent Body - We Make Fun Things Happen!



The last meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday June 1st from 8:45 - 10:15 am. Join us in the portable to eat cookies and to learn about all of the creative ways to participate and learn as a parent at SWS.

Art Cards for Sale



Class 7 & 8 are raising funds for the Mbagathi Waldorf School in Kenya as a part of the grant application that allowed them the opportunity to exhibit their work at the Robert Bateman Centre. All proceeds from the sale of the cards will go towards the purchase of art supplies for the Mbagathi School. Cards are \$2.50/each and you can order as many images and in any quantity that you like. Perfect timing for

end of the year "Thank You's" or you can stash them away for upcoming Birthdays and Christmas. **Orders and payment are due by May 31st** so [click here](#) to print an order form if you missed the one in your cubbie.

Community Feast and Art Show - Island Oak High School



June 9th, 2016
Cob Oven in Jubilee Garden Centennial Park 6:00 pm

Pot Luck

The Feast will be a family picnic where students will share what we have produced in our gardens, salad and fresh veggies to dip and munch, hopefully some strawberries and snap peas. The Cob Oven has been booked and we will make pizzas in the cob oven. Even though pizzas will be made, it is more like an appetizer so bring main dishes and desserts to share. Also there will be no dishes or cutlery at the park. Please bring your own.

Annual Student Art Show June 9th 3-5 pm Island Oak High School

Come see how artistic our collective student body is this year

and enjoy the lovely expressions that the students have created to share with you.

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