

# POINT GREY SECONDARY

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### Point Grey PAC Meeting

**Wed, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Staffroom 7pm, PAC Meeting featuring Nick Akrap, Principal**

Come to the 7pm PAC meeting, our agenda will include an update on our Funding Grants, the meeting will be followed by a conversation with our new Principal Nick Akrap

### Sea Smart workshops: update from Science 9

This year we (grade 9 students) have been given the opportunity to participate in a series of workshops provided by an organization called Sea Smart (<https://seasmartschool.com>). This organization was created by a group of passionate marine biologists, whose purpose is to raise students' awareness to the human impact on our aquatic environment. Their workshop consists of a series of 3 in-class field trips where we get to learn about, and help to bring awareness about some of our endangered west coast species.

During the first day of the workshop, we were introduced to various kinds of endangered aquatic species, such as, the southern resident killer whales, the leatherback turtles, and the basking shark. We then brainstormed and learned about the different human-caused threats (e.g. entanglement, fisheries bycatch, boat collisions, plastic pollution) and discussed some possible solutions to these threats on the endangered species (e.g. shoreline cleanup, reducing plastic use, eating sustainable seafood). Finally, we brainstormed some possible actions and project ideas that we could do as groups to help bring awareness to other students, staff and our community about the threats on these endangered species.

During our second section, we had to choose a specific project topic that interested us (e.g. social media campaign about the impact of human threats on endangered species, walk/bikeathon, poster/PowerPoint presentation about sustainable seafood, etc.) and put together a timeline and plan for it. We have been given about 2 month to work on our projects and see them through. We will present our results and our experiences to our teachers and the Sea Smart organizers sometime in Jan 2020 during our 3rd workshop section. *(funded by the PAC, thank you parents for your donations)*

## **Weekly Peer Tutoring** **Tues & Wed 3:15-4:15 in the library**

Free peer tutoring is available every Tuesday & Wednesday after school in the library – 3:15-4:15pm. Come by to get support in any subject or to work on your own.

## **Grad Poinsettia & Wreath Fundraising** **Support our grads – buy now!** **Orders due Thursday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**

As is tradition, proceeds raised go towards making celebrations for this year's Grad students affordable for all. Why not ask your neighbour to support our grads with the purchase of a beautiful wreath or Poinsettia? Looking for a host/hostess gift for that holiday party? How about a 6" Poinsettia! Maybe you would like to jazz up your business with the purchase of a Poinsettia or wreath!

The 6" and 10" Poinsettia dimensions refer to pot diameters and are therefore medium and "giant" sized plants, respectively. Please see the order form for items available.

Attached is the order form, please complete clearly (they are also available on the PAC website).

Please note:

1. Cash (placed in an envelope) or cheque (payable to Point Grey Secondary School) must be securely attached to the printed order form.
2. Return the above to the school office and drop in the Poinsettia Payment Box by Thursday 14th November.
3. **Plants & wreaths will be available for pick up Friday, December 6 from 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria.**
4. Your order form will be returned to you at pick up.

**On behalf of the Grads of 2020, "YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED! THANK YOU!!"**

## **Parenting in A Digital World** **Wed 13 November 2019 6:30-8pm – Free event** **Windermere Secondary, 3155 East 27<sup>th</sup> Ave**

With society heading in a direction of being constantly connected to technology, what do we need to know as parents to protect our children. Social Media Update - The most current apps & trends in their social media lives

- Pick Your Battles! - You will have to balance the yin with the yang, promote independence whilst taking a strong stance on certain subjects
- Current Research - Brain development & technology, violent video games
- Digital Footprint and Reputation - With their future approaching, recruiters and employers are taking note – What will they find?
- Tips & Tricks to Use at Home

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/parenting-in-a-digital-world-tickets-77475562493>

## BCIT Big Info Night

Learn about over 300 programs, check out interactive tech demos and explore the BCIT Burnaby Campus. This event will take place on Wed. Nov. 13, 4:30 - 7:30 pm.

Go to <https://www.bcit.ca/ppl/biginfo/> for more information and to register.

### Upcoming Calendar Dates

- Nov 4 – 7 - Grade 10 Numeracy E-Exam
- Nov 6 – Gr 9's Take Our Kids to Work Day
- Nov 8 - Pro D – No School
- Nov 11 - Remembrance Day – no school
- Nov 12 – Mini School Parents' Assoc Mtg 7pm Staffroom
- Nov 13 – BCIT Big Info Night
- Nov 14 – Poinsettia & Wreath Order Forms Due
- Nov 15 – Next PG Newsletter
- Nov 20 – PAC Meeting
- Dec 6 – Poinsettia & Wreath Pick up
- Dec 23 - Winter Break

*Bi-weekly Newsletter submissions accepted until Wednesday 5pm the week of the newsletter, [info@pointgreyparents.org](mailto:info@pointgreyparents.org) More information can be found on <https://www.pointgreyparents.org>*

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