

# Gordon Happenings – Nov. 25, 2025

**Parking Information** -While Bayswater St. between 6th and 8th is the official drop-off location (please note there should be no drop-off or pickup off of 7th) as determined by the City of Vancouver (and a reminder it is only a 3 minute zone) I do want to provide some alternatives. They are:

- Drive to 5- this strategy suggests that you park a block away from the school and take a few minutes to walk the last block with your child. This greatly reduces the amount of traffic right at the school
- Arriving at school using active travel such as walking, biking, or rolling to school are healthy ways to start your day. We have plenty of bicycle parking on the school site. On certain days you can also join the bike bus!

Stopping in front of barriers or on top of crosswalks are dangerous actions. Please remember this is **about safety for all children**. And finally, a friendly reminder to be respectful to our neighbours by not blocking off driveways.

## **Upcoming Winter Events**

**Gr. 7 Craft Fair**. As part of the curriculum in Sir Carl's grade 7 class students create, market and sell homemade items. On Dec. 17 this class will be holding their fair and the rest of the school will be invited to visit and buy items. If you would like children to buy these items, please send them with small change. Most items will cost between \$1-\$5.

**Winter Concerts** – Wed. December 17, 2025 in the gym. Parents of children who are in Odd divisions please attend at 9:15 am and Even divisions at 1:15 pm. The show will run approximately an hour.

- Families are welcome to attend **one** of the two concerts; both shows are identical.
- Due to fire regulations and gym capacity, attendance is limited to a **maximum of 2** family members per child.
- Small children may sit on their parents' laps.
- The goal is to ensure all parents have the opportunity to see their children perform.
- Be mindful when inviting additional audience members, as space and seating are limited.
- Do not line up more than 10 minutes before the posted performance time.
- Entrance will be through the main West Side doors by the front entrance off Bayswater Street.
- Performances aim to start and end on time, but schedules may vary.
- Allow enough time so you are not rushed to return to work.
- Your patience is greatly appreciated.

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**Pajama Day for Covenant House.** On Friday, Dec. 19, 2025 we encourage students and staff to wear their comfiest pajamas and donate to a good cause. Our fundraising page is

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**Gordon's week of cheer.** For our final week of school before the holidays we encourage all staff and students to have fun and dress up.

**Monday – Dec. 15** – Dress in Candy Cane colours or stripes – Red, White or Green

**Tuesday – Dec. 16** – Dress in your best Holiday Headware. Bring on those hats, headbands and other items to wear on your head.

**Wednesday – Dec. 17** – Dress your best for our holiday concert – or in specific items/colours if mentioned by your teacher.

**Thursday – Dec. 18** – Ugly Sweater Day. Wear your creative winter items.

**Friday – Dec. 19** – Pajama/Comfy Day.

## [A Message from PAC](#)

**Hi Gordon Families,**

Somehow it's December next week. How did that happen?

Take packing lunches off your to do list and order hot lunches today. Future you will be delighted. <https://www.gordonpac.com/hotlunch>

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## **Holiday Bazaar**

**Thursday, Dec 11th in the gym**

One of the most magical events of the year is almost here and we'll need lots of helpers for wrapping and organizing treasures.

**Volunteer here:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DAAAC28A3F5C07-60634989-holiday>

**We're now collecting donations in the bins by the office. We're looking for like-new and gently used\***

- Toys and games
- Jewelry and fashion accessories
- Decor
- Books and small electronics
- Treasures your kids have lovingly ignored for months
- Gift bags, tissue paper, ribbon, tape

**\*Please no clothes or stuffed animals. Every item is two dollars and proceeds support our PAC and Covenant House. Please send your kids with cash to purchase items.**

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## **GORDTalks - Hannah Beach**

Huge success. Solid advice, lovely conversation, lots of "ohhh yeah that makes sense" moments. **Here are some of her top advice tidbits:**

**If your kid doesn't have a phone yet**

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- Many families are waiting until 16 or until their child shows they're ready (can they spend time on their own with their own thoughts and interests?). Before then, a simple call and text phone can be a great option
  - Connect with your kid's friends' parents. Lots of families are trying to hold the line together. [The Unplugged Pledge](#) came up more than once
  - A family phone can work wonders. They borrow it when you decide it's needed instead of having a device that is "theirs"
- If your kid already has a phone or device**
- Try set blocks with no devices like 5pm to 7pm instead of no phones during dinner
  - And everyone's favourite challenge... lead by example. Our kids copy us. Insert parental sigh here.
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## Elf Movie Night

Have you bought your tickets yet? This is going to be a good one!

### Friday, December 5th

Doors at 5 pm                      Movie at 5:30 pm              Tickets \$5

Pizza \$3 a slice                      Drinks \$2 dollars

Bring blankets, pillows, PJs. It's cozy holiday magic on the big screen.

Tickets and pizza pre orders: <https://gordon-elementary-school-pac.square.site/>

Want to help bring the holiday sparkle to life? We need volunteers to make it happen!

Volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA5A92AAAFDCF8-60732683-gordon>

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## Field Trip Candle Collection Returns

Our limited edition Field Trip Candle Collection is back. Made in collaboration with Squamish based Light and Stone and inspired by Tatlow and Connaught Parks. These candles help fund equipment, enrichment, and experiences at Gordon.

Pick up only at Gordon in mid December.

Order here: <https://lightandstone.ca/collections/gordon-elementary-pac-fundraiser?srsftid=AfmBOopEflisz8HG0Em5bIxYtD7ILbUOoOwrhhtdOWzas7iLJSdJu5aB>

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## Book Drive Thank You

Wow. You all showed up in such a big way. Our teachers now have so many fresh books to restock their classroom libraries.

Thank you for the literary love!!

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## Purdy's Orders Close in One Week

Lots of carts are full but not checked out yet. Unpurchased items will be cleared. Order by Dec 1. Pick up will be on or before Dec 12.

Order here: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/2130934-129663>

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## Direct Drive

Our annual Direct Drive has begun and our goal is ten thousand dollars. Every dollar helps fund field trips, classroom supplies, and special programs that make school extra awesome.

Already donated? Thank you! Please make sure you mark down that you want to donate to PAC specifically and feel free to add a message too.

Still meaning to?

Donate here: <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/1869/196/false/true>

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## **Bike Bus**

Rolling every Friday. Helmets, pedals, smiles. Add mittens, rain gear, and maybe a pep talk. We roll rain or shine!

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## **School Streets**

Every Tuesday before and after school. We're especially looking for morning helpers. Volunteer and then treat yourself to a JJ Bean drink with your five dollar gift card.

Sign up: <https://volunteersignup.org/PEMD7>

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Good luck out there. May your mittens stay paired and your kid's water bottle make it home.

-Kelsey, Margaret and the PAC Exec