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NEW CLIMBING ACADEMY SEES HIGH ENROLLMENT NUMBERS

LANGFORD, BC – Belmont Secondary School welcomes the newest addition to the lineup of District Academy Programs offered by SD62. Registration for the new Climbing Academy opened on February 7, 2022 with 30 spots available for students in grades 9-12. Within days, it saw full enrollment and moved to accepting waitlist registrations.

The Belmont Climbing Academy will introduce students to bouldering, a form of rock climbing performed on small rock formations or low artificial walls without the use of a harness or rope. Students will take part in training at the BoulderHouse Langford location three days a week, conveniently located a short walk from the school.

“The addition of a new Climbing Academy serves as an exciting opportunity for students in SD62,” said Ravi Parmar, Chair of the SD62 Board of Education. “Throughout the District and as expressed in our Strategic Plan, with the values of student voice and choice, we are proud our programs reflect and celebrate the diversity of people and the interests in our community. We know there were many in our community traveling to Victoria to participate in this type of program and our Board looks forward to our students having this new academy in their backyard,” Parmar added.

“The new Climbing Academy is a significant addition to SD62’s existing array of sporting and arts academies, and we are pleased to see this collaboration between our local school district and BoulderHouse Langford. This is an exciting opportunity for students to try a new activity while participating in something outside the standard physical education program,” said Langford Mayor Stewart Young.

Claudia Pampin, the program’s inaugural climbing instructor shared, “My goal is for this program to become a community where students share a sense of belonging and common passion for climbing. I hope that students will not only reach their climbing goals as they advance in skill level, but also reach higher levels of mental and physical wellness.” The Climbing Academy takes flight at the beginning of the 2022/23 school year.

Find more information about District Academy Programs [here](#).

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