



KWALIKUM CHRONICLES

#8, April 2026

We would like to acknowledge that Kwalikum Secondary School resides on Coast Salish Territory and within the shared territory of the Snaw'naw'as and Qualicum First Nations.

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMIN TEAM

Welcome to the last three months of the school year! We hope everyone had a restful spring break and is feeling recharged to finish the year by putting their best foot forward.

Spring is one of the most dramatic transitions in the calendar. The trees start to bud, and the flowers start to bloom. Student development works in much the same way. Grade 8 students now feel like seasoned veterans in the school community, and grade 12 students are looking ahead to their next steps in transition. Let your dreams blossom this spring!

Over the spring break we had some more painting completed in both the north and south buildings, and the hallways look amazing as a result! Plans are shaping up for additional painting and some flooring replacement this coming summer. We are working with the Student Voice group and photography classes to memorialize some of the historic handprint displays throughout this process.

During the homeroom this week, classes took part in a school wide clean up as part of Earth Month. Thanks for helping keep our school grounds clean!

We look forward to welcoming you to our pancake breakfast fundraiser on April 12th – please see the poster attached!

Have a wonderful easter long weekend!

Sincerely,

KSS Admin Team – Andrew, Sarah, and Grady

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRILadd grad fundraisers

Wed. Apr. 1- All students go to homeroom during B-Block

Thurs. Apr. 2- Krispy Kreme doughnut pick-up (Grad fundraiser)

Golf Tryouts at Pheasant Glen

Fri. Apr. 3- Good Friday- School not in session

Mon. Apr. 6- Easter Monday- School not in session.

Wed. Apr. 8- Seminar Block

-Student info session during seminar for next year's Europe Trip

-Grad pizza sales at lunch

Thurs. Apr. 9-Van. Isle Concert Band Festival in Port Alberni. Bus for students attending leaves at 12:30pm

- Europe trip for next year- Parent/Student information meeting at 6:30pm in the MPR

Fri. Apr. 10- Leadership club- Teacher Appreciation Day- **Dress up as your favourite teacher**. Bring your own mug for hot chocolate and tea in the socialization area.

Sat. Apr. 11- Mt Arrowsmith Family Bike Ride- see poster for details

Sun. Apr. 12 – Pancake breakfast in the MPR

Mon. Apr. 13-Q4 classes being.

Tues. Apr. 14- Nurses in the school.

Wed. Apr. 15- Grad Write-Ups are due.

Wed. Apr. 22- Earth Day

-Grad Pizza Sales at lunch

-Mid-Island Climate Symposium at the QB Civic Centre

Thurs. Apr. 23- Learning Updates sent home.

Fri. Apr. 24- Leadership Pop-Up Vending Machine at lunch.

Fri. May 1- X4 Classes end.

Kondor Kitchen Monthly Menu April

		1 Caesar caesar salad with Dino Nuggets	2 Sloppy Joes with veg/dip	3 Good Friday No School
6 Easter Monday No School	7 Lasagna Casserole	8 Regular Salad station with tons of toppings Build your own!	9 Assorted Sandwiches and soup	10 Chicken, Beef or Veggie Burgers
13 Baked Potato	14 Beef Stew with garlic toast	15 Taco salad or Big Mac Salad	16 Gyro - Chicken Tzatziki & vegetarian	17 Sushi Bowls Crab or smoked salmon
20 Vegetarian Chow Mein	21 Butter Chicken with grilled pita	22 Regular Salad station with tons of toppings Build your own!	23 Assorted Sandwiches and soup	24 Individual Pita Pizzas
27 Hot Dog or a Corn Dog	28 Chicken Alfredo over spaghetti	29 Chicken caesar pasta salad	30 Assorted Sandwiches and soup	

KONDOR KITCHEN The Kondor Kitchen provides fresh meals available to all students for the low cost of \$2.00 per meal. Snacks and drinks are also available throughout the day. To purchase lunch cards, visit the KSS website or click [here](#). You can also bring cash or check to the office; cards are available in \$20 or \$40 denominations.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

KSS has a breakfast program put on by the Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church. They are here Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings from 8:30-8:50am. Free Bagels, fruit and yoghurt served in the Kondor Kitchen.

LATE CROSS BOUNDARY APPLICATION PROCESS FOR 2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR

On-line Applications for LATE Cross Boundary Requests for students who wish to attend a school outside of their catchment area, as based on their home address, are now available to complete on the district website at: <https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/StudentRegistration/Pages/Regxbound.aspx#/=>

LATE Applications will be considered at intervals throughout the remaining school year; however, a decision may not be made until after the first week of school in September.

Submitting an application form **DOES NOT GUARANTEE APPROVAL**. Acceptance will depend on space availability and school capacity.

Please be aware that if approved, the district reserves the right to rescind approval by September 30th if space is required for students who move into the catchment-area school.

Transportation for a student choosing and approved to attend a non-catchment area school or program of choice is the responsibility of the parent.

If you have moved out of a school's catchment area since registering and the student wishes to remain at their current school, a cross-boundary form must be completed.

Once approved to attend a cross-boundary school, that becomes the student's catchment area school. If the student wishes to return to their original catchment area school, a LATE Cross-Boundary Form must be completed to request a return. Acceptance will depend on space availability and school capacity at that time of the request.

KSS SPORTS

Spring sports are starting soon....

- Golf, Track and Field and Girls Soccer.
- Badminton club starts after spring break.
- Golf Team tryouts at Pheasant Glen on April 1 after school
- Mountain Bike Club after school on Tuesdays.- see Mr Gauvin for permission forms or to find out more information.

Sign up for sports outside Mr. Wilson office by the gym.

If you are interested in Rugby, speak with Mr. Verburg.

If you would like to help out with volunteer coaching athletics at KSS, please contact our Athletic Director Taylor Wilson at twilson@sd69.bc.ca . In spring we will need track and field, girls' soccer and badminton.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

KSS is hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, April 12th, 9:30-11am to raise money for the Meal Program. Please join us in the MPR.



EUROPE TRIP 2027

Mr Abel is planning next year's Spring Break Europe Trip! Students can sign up for an info session during Seminar Block on Wednesday, April 8th. There will be a parent/student information session about next year's Europe trip on Thursday, April 9th at 6:30pm in the MPR.



Europe Trip, 2026

Grads

Did you miss Grad Photos....

Kwalikum Secondary School, we still have Grad Sessions available (In Victoria.)

Do you have any students who missed booking an appointment when we were at your school? They still have another opportunity to have their Graduation Photos taken!

We have sessions available on **May 31st** on Location at the UVic Welcome Centre (Jamie Cassels Centre, Room A102).

Next Steps and Notes:

- **Students can book online.:** www.artona.com/bookings
- **Accessibility.** If any students or their family members are a wheelchair user, please fill this form with to let us know: [Mobile Studio Accessibility](#).

Thank you, please let us know if you have any questions!

The Artona Team

Prom is happening on June 5th!

Reminder to parents to please pay your prom fees... this lets the grad committee know how many kids are planning to attend.

The SOS is offering Grad Wear appointments for our Grade 12's to shop for new and gently-used dresses, suits, shoes and accessories, all for \$10! Open Collar Men in Qualicum are offering discounts to grads. You can book one-hour appointments during Youth Week (May 1-7). Evenings are available upon request. 250-248-2093 ext. 232. See the poster at the end of this newsletter.

Open Collar Men in Qualicum Beach is also offering

Upcoming Fundraisers

50/50 Draws each month.

Car Wash by the KSS Grads- by donation-at Family Ford in Parksville April 25th

Fiesta on the Fairways Golf Tournament- Saturday, May 2

<https://www.kssgrads.online/>

Golf Tournament

¡FIESTA ON THE FAIRWAYS!

Cinco de Mayo Theme
Fundraiser Golf Tournament
at Arrowsmith Golf Course

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO KSS' DRY GRAD

Saturday May 2, 2026
Shotgun Starts at 2pm
Registration opens at noon

\$125 per player
Register in teams of 4 for 10% off

- Includes Taco Dinner at Extreme Eatz
- Scramble / best-ball style
- On-Course Challenges
- Putting Contest
- Chipping Contest
- Prizes to be won!
- Door prizes and Raffles
- 50/50 draw
- Prize for best team costume!

BUY TICKETS NOW at www.kssgrads.online

Please sign up for the golf tournament!

To volunteer for any upcoming fundraisers, here is the link:

- ★ Join the Facebook Group: “KSS 2026 GRAD PAC (KWALIKUM SECONDARY)” or go to the website <https://www.kssgrads.online/> to stay in the loop.
- ★ Next meeting is at Wednesday, May 6th at 7pm in the library.
- ★ Grad committee is looking for donations for prom prizes and raffles. Please email kssparentgrad@gmail.com to donate items or purchase 50/50 tickets.
- ★ Facebook group has fundraiser sign-up sheets to volunteer at:
 - Email: kssgradparent@gmail.com to join the mailing list or volunteer.

QUALICUM INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

The Qualicum International Student Program is in need of homes at both Kwalikum and Ballenas for students in grades 9-12. The stipend is \$1100.00/month per student for the 2026/2027 school year. We have many fantastic kids coming from Germany, Mexico, Spain, China and Japan who are still in need of homes, and we need to place them now for the Fall. Please contact us directly as soon as possible at homestay@sd69.bc.ca.

PAC INFO

KSS PAC has **two** meetings left for the 25/26 school year:

April 7, 2026 6:30pm KSS Library - regular meeting

May 5, 2026 6:30pm KSS Library - regular meeting & AGM

Join us and be a part of the discussion!

Email ksspac@gmail.com to sign up for our newsletter.

Thank you,

Rebecca Ladd

KSS PAC Chair

Check out all the latest news on the [KSS PAC WEBSITE](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view upcoming community events and opportunities shared by our School Board Office.

Quick Links

- School Cash Online: <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>
- Kondor Kitchen Lunch Cards: [https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/default.aspx#/=)
- KSS Website: [https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/default.aspx#/=)
- Transportation: [https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/Transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/Transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/=)
- Go to the App Store to sign up for School Messenger to report student absences and receive School Cash Online: <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>



Brant Wildlife Family Festival



Sunday, April 12, 2026

12:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Oceanside Place

830 West Island Highway • Parksville 

- ✓ Free Skating & Rentals
- ✓ Face Painting
- ✓ Light Show with Music
by DJ Connor
- ✓ Educational Displays & Activities



**Fundraiser supporting
local school food programs!**

Helping provide healthy meals for local students

**Bring your family & friends for a fun day of games,
music, and skating while supporting our community!**



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To Raise
Funds
for Grad!



by donation

All proceeds go toward putting on a fun and memorable Dry Grad/Prom

April 25, 2026
10am until 3pm

FAMILY FORD
410 Island Hwy E,
Parksville

Find our fundraising events at www.kssgrads@online

ENGLISHMEN RIVER PROVINCIAL PARK
APRIL 11 • 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

FAMILY RIDE



BRANT
WILDLIFE
FESTIVAL



Book by Claudia Shear and Tim Federle • Music orchestrated John Clancy • Vocal Arrangements by Chris Miller •
Ballet music arranged by David Chase • Lyrics by Nathan Tysen
Based on the novel Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Qualicum Beach School of Dance

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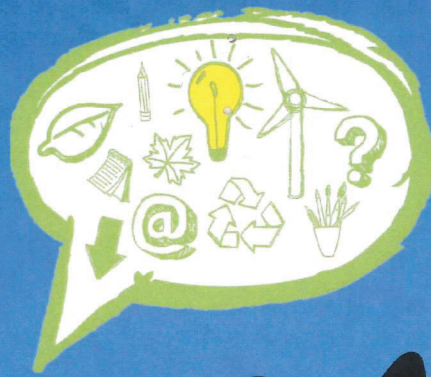
EVERLASTING

The Village Theatre, Qualicum Beach

MAY 14th-17th

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Originally Produced on Broadway by Grove Entertainment, Ariane Scaflan & Michael Jackowitz, Howard & Janet Kagan, and Barry Brown
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Island Health Step Up Youth Volunteer Program

The Step Up Youth volunteer role:

The Step Up Youth Program runs from September to April each year and offers an exciting opportunity for youth ages 15–18 to make a real difference in their communities. As a Step Up Youth Volunteer, you'll provide compassionate support to patients, residents, visitors, and staff—helping to create a warm and welcoming environment in Island Health facilities. Along the way, you'll gain hands-on experience in healthcare, build confidence, and develop valuable skills in communication, teamwork, and leadership. Step Up is more than just volunteering—it's a chance to grow, connect, and inspire others.

Care • Learn • Lead

The volunteer experience may include:

- **Social Engagement:** Spending time one-on-one with patients or residents—chatting, playing games, working on puzzles, reading together, or simply listening and offering companionship.
- **Mealtime Support:** Helping with non-medical mealtime tasks, such as removing lids, delivering water, or assisting residents as they eat.
- **Exercise and Mobility:** Accompanying patients or residents on short walks or assist by pushing a wheelchair (with staff permission), always staying within the site grounds.
- **Creativity and Celebration:** Share your artistic side by making cards or decorations, creating art projects, or helping prepare for special events and holidays.
- **Musical Connection:** Sharing or enjoying music together—play an instrument or create a calming atmosphere with background music.
- **Clinic Support:** Welcoming and assisting patients and visitors in medical clinics by providing friendly directions and guidance.

Healthcare guest speakers:

You'll also have the opportunity to join a monthly Guest Speaker series, featuring a diverse lineup of healthcare professionals. Past speakers have included physicians, nurses, medical imaging technicians, psychiatrists, social workers, dietitians, pharmacists, and more—offering you a behind-the-scenes look at different careers in healthcare and inspiring your own career path.

Interested?

Visit www.islandhealth.ca/stepupyouth for more info
Email stepupyouth@islandhealth.ca with any questions

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Step Up and LEAD

Volunteer Resources & Engagement: Trusted. Included. Valued.