



KWALIKUM CHRONICLES

#3, November, 2025

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

Uy Skweyul, and welcome to November.

We enter November on the heels of the October 24th provincial professional development day. Staff participated in many different professional learning events throughout the province and some great learning and ideas were brought back.

We continue to see attendance and engagement increasing during weekly seminars and are looking forward to continuing to work with students and staff on improving this process throughout the year.

Student voice held its second meeting on November 5th and students had the opportunity to share their thoughts around vending machines, honour roll and principal's list recognition and seminars.

During Homeroom this week, students and staff walked through our emergency procedures again and were reminded of the importance of practicing emergency drills. They were also reminded of the importance of being a good neighbour. Simple things like using the trash bins outside and picking up after yourselves go a long way when we all do it together. Students then had the opportunity to do some circle work around the importance of Remembrance Day.

We will be using the artwork created by students as decor for our ceremony that is being held on Friday, November 7th at 10:30am.

Reminder that learning updates will be going home on November 20th

Wishing you all a thoughtful and reflective Remembrance Day long weekend.

KSS Admin Team

DATES TO REMEMBER

November

Tues. Nov. 4: PAC Meeting- 6:30pm in the library

Wed. Nov. 5: Grad Parent Meeting- 7:00pm in the library.

Fri. Nov. 7: Remembrance Day Assembly- 10:30am in the Gymnasium- families are welcome to join us.

Mon. Nov. 10: Conferencing Adjustment Day- School not in session.

Tues. Nov. 11: Remembrance Day- School not in session.

Wed. Nov 12: Q2 Begins.

- Rock Your Mocs
- Metis Week

Thurs. Nov. 20-

- Learning Updates sent home.
- Metis Family Night Dinner-5-7:30pm at Winchelsea Place

Fri. Nov. 21- Alberni Indian Residential School (A.I.R.S) Art and Education Society presentation in MPR

- UVIC Wind Symphony Concert- Details TBA

Mon. Nov. 24- MATA Pro-D Day- School not in session

Wed. Nov. 26- PAC Fundraiser- Poinsette Delivery

Thurs. Nov. 27- Gym Riot

COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Our Counselling Department is here to support students in all aspects of school life, from managing stress, friendships, and mental health to academic guidance, time management, and post-secondary support.

Students can drop in, send us an email, or ask a teacher to connect us:

Lindsey Ririe (last names A-L): lririe@sd69.bc.ca

Siri Curliss (last names M-Z): scurliss@sd69.bc.ca

Grade 12's who are interested in scholarship opportunities or support with post-secondary transitions can come see Ms. Ririe to be added to the Post-Secondary Prep Google Classroom. There are several upcoming open houses and scholarship opportunities posted, and our big round of local/district scholarships will come out after winter break.

As we head into the winter months, remember to take care of your physical and mental health by getting enough rest, staying active in ways that feel good, and reaching out for support when you need it. Take time for the things that bring you comfort, joy, and connection!



Kwalikum Secondary 2025/2026 BELL SCHEDULE

MONDAY DAY 1	TUESDAY DAY 2	WEDNESDAY DAY 1	WEDNESDAY DAY 2	THURSDAY DAY 1	FRIDAY DAY 2
8:50 – 10:12 A	8:50 – 10:12 B	8:50 – 9:53 A	8:50 – 9:53 B	8:50 – 10:12 A	8:50-10:12 B
10:16 – 11:38 B	10:16 – 11:38 A	9:57 – 11:07 Seminar/Homeroom first week each month	9:57 – 11:07 Seminar/Homeroom first week each month	10:16 – 11:38 B	10:16 – 11:38 A
		11:11 – 12:14 B	11:11 – 12:14 A		
11:38 – 12:23 LUNCH	11:38 – 12:23 LUNCH	12:14 – 12:59 LUNCH	12:14 – 12:59 LUNCH	11:38 – 12:23 LUNCH	11:38 – 12:23 LUNCH
12:27 – 1:48 C	12:27 – 1:48 D	1:03 – 2:06 C	1:03 – 2:06 D	12:27 – 1:48 C	12:27 – 1:48 D
1:52 – 3:13 D	1:52 – 3:13 C	2:10 – 3:13 D	2:10 – 3:13 C	1:52 – 3:13 D	1:52 – 3:13 C

ATTENDANCE REPORTING

To simplify attendance reporting and to easily view school and district messaging, please sign up for School Messenger. <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home>

If you are not receiving school messages, please call the office and we will check your email settings.

On the app you select attendance, your student and submit daily or future absences, our Grade 8/9 parents will recall this from elementary school. The cutoff time for excusing daily absences will be 2:30pm.

If you are sending voicemails and emails to the attendance line, please ensure you say the first and last name of your student, or send an email to KSSAttendance@sd69.bc.ca

SCHOOL FEES 2025/26

Fee Type	Gr. 8	Gr. 9	Gr. 10	Gr. 11	Gr. 12
Student Activity Fee (<u>*Paid Yearly*</u>) - Used to support student leader initiatives and social responsibility activities, including those designed by student council, leadership and other clubs.	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Text/Workbook Deposit (<u>*Paid Yearly*</u>) - Funds held in trust for the year and reimbursed when textbooks and/or workbooks are returned in the same condition in which they were received.	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Prom Fees (Paid in graduation year only – fees to be determined by Prom committee yearly.					TBD
Graduation Commencement Fee (<u>*Paid Once Only*</u>) - Used to purchase graduation gown, diploma covers					\$125.00
Optional Fees	Gr. 8	Gr. 9	Gr. 10	Gr. 11	Gr. 12
Yearbook	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Shop Fees (Optional fees for premium materials and enhanced supplies are determined on a per student and per project basis – Including but not limited to superior quality wood products in wood shop, enhanced glass and propane supplies in metalwork and jewelry making)			TBD	TBD	TBD

METIS FAMILY NIGHT DINNER

The Indigenous Education Department will be hosting a Metis Family Night Dinner on November 20th from 5-7:30 at Winchelsea. Please RSVP with Janine Chartrand jchartrand@sd69.bc.ca. All Metis families' welcome!

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.

KONDOR KITCHEN

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.

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	Vegetarian Chow Mein	3	4	5	6	7
		Butter Chicken with Pita Chips	Salad Buffet	Soup & assorted sandwiches	Poke Bowls with smoked salmon or chicken	8
9	No school	10	11	12	13	14
		Remembrance Day	Salad Buffet	Soup & assorted sandwiches	Alfredo Spaghetti with chicken or shrimp	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Grilled cheese & cup of chili	Beef stew with a garlic toast	Salad Buffet	Soup & assorted sandwiches	Individual Pita Pizza	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	No School	International Meal * Stay Tuned* Germany	Salad Buffet	Soup & assorted sandwiches	Sushi Bowls Crab or Tuna	
30						

SPORTS TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in volunteer coaching athletics at KSS, please contact our Athletic Director Taylor Wilson at twilson@sd69.bc.ca Winter sports Nov-Mar we are looking for basketball coaches, grade 8 boys and Sr girls help specifically. In spring we will need track and field, girls' soccer and badminton.

GRADS!

Grad Photo Sessions will be February 4th-8th, 2026. Artona will be setting up a trailer in the back parking lot for the photo sessions. To book an appointment, scan this QR code, or visit www.artona.com



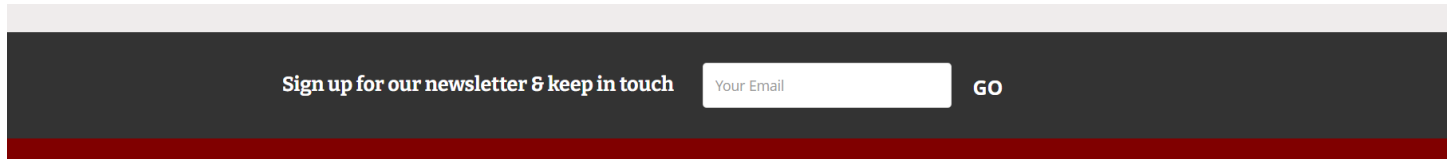
Composite photos for those not doing Graduation photos will take place on February 23, 2026.

- ★ Join the Facebook Group: “KSS 2026 GRAD PAC (KWALIKUM SECONDARY)” to stay in the loop.
- ★ Next meeting is Wednesday, November 5th at 7pm in the library.
- ★ Facebook group has fundraiser sign-up sheets to volunteer at:
 - Moonlight Madness-Nov. 20th
-Wreath Making, Set-Up, Deliveries, Event Support
 - Bottle Drive -January 10th
- ★ Email: kssgradparent@gmail.com to join the mailing list or volunteer.

NEWSLETTER SIGN UP

A reminder that to receive regular newsletters from the school a sign up is required. We will update you with a monthly newsletter that will come directly to your inbox once you sign up via our website (link below). Look for the black banner at the bottom of the page.

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/kss/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

A black banner with a dark red border at the top and bottom. On the left, the text "Sign up for our newsletter & keep in touch" is written in white. To the right of this text is a white rectangular input field with the placeholder text "Your Email". Further to the right is a white button with the text "GO" in black.

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Your Email

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QUALICUM INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

The Qualicum International Student Program is still in need of homes at both Kwalikum and Ballenas for boys in grades 9-12. The stipend is \$1100.00/month per student for the 2025/2026 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.

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

If you would like to volunteer with the school this year, please follow this link to complete your criminal record check.

<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/screening/crrpa/org-access>

Access Code

1OWHIXTD8V

Cut and paste the access code to not mix up zeroes and o's. Also send Kirsty an email once you have submitted your application, Kelliott@sd69.bc.ca

YEARBOOKS/DIPLOMAS 2024/25

Yearbooks and last year's Learning Updates are still available for pick-up in the office.

Diplomas for last year's graduates have been mailed out.

PAC INFO

BEHIND EVERY GREAT SCHOOL IS A GROUP OF CAREGIVERS WHO READ THE FINE PRINT AND STILL SAY YES.

If you're a parent or caregiver of a student at Kwalikum Secondary School, you're part of our Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

That means **YOU** already have a seat at the PAC table!

Sign up to receive our emails at ksspac@gmail.com and stay in the know about school events, PAC programs, and ways to get involved.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Check out the posters at the end of this newsletter or click here for community events listed on our District Website.

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Community69/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

QUICK LINKS

- School Cash Online: <https://www.schoolcashonline.com/>
- Kondor Kitchen Lunch Cards: <https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/default.aspx#/=>
- Daily Announcement Slideshow:
https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=105&ListID=23a86bb8-2ad2-4fca-856c-f15139e797e3&TemplateID=Announcement_Item#/=
- KSS Website: <https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/default.aspx#/=>
- Transportation: <https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/Transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/=>
- My School Day App: <https://docs.myschoolday.app/MySchoolDay1Page-app.pdf>
- Go to the App Store to sign up for School Messenger to report student absences and receive communications.



KSS Grad Fundraiser

BOTTLE DRIVE



January 10th, 2026

SAVE YOUR HOLIDAY EMPTIES!

- Drop-off your empties in the KSS parking lot on **Jan 10 from 9am - 3pm**
- Leave at the end of your driveway by 9am on Jan 10 *Town of Qualicum Beach residents only*
- Can't wait? Drop off at Coombs Island Self Storage on any Monday 9-5, now until Jan 5

Please have all empties in clear plastic bags.

Accepted Items:

- Aluminum cans
- Plastic drink bottles
- Drink boxes and pouches
- Glass bottles
- Alcohol bottles and cans
- Plastic food cups (Plastic cup with a foil, peel-off lid)

**Tree chipping
by donation on
Jan 10th in
KSS parking lot**

Questions? Email kssparentgrad@gmail.com

FIELD TRIP OPPORTUNITY

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13TH

"All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others"

SEE A LIVE THEATRE
PRODUCTION OF GEORGE
ORWELL'S ***ANIMAL FARM***
AT VANCOUVER ISLAND
UNIVERSITY

PLEASE SEE MS. DAVIDSON IN ROOM
114 FOR A PERMISSION FORM



**THE TRIP IS FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE. PERMISSION FORMS NEED
TO BE TURNED IN BY FRIDAY**

MEETINGS IN THE
KSS LIBRARY ON THE
1ST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH
AT 6:30 PM

*We saved
you a seat!*



Books by Thomas Meehan/Music by Charles Strouse/Lyrics by Martin Charnin
Original Broadway Production Directed
by MARTIN CHARNIN

Annie

QUALICUM BEACH SCHOOL OF DANCE
Village Theatre Qualicum Beach
January 9th to 18th



Info and tickets @ www.ticketowl.io/qbsd

Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
www.mtishows.com

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OCEANSIDE EAGLES

13/14U Girls Club Team Tryouts

Mon Nov 17 and Tues Nov 18

Exact time TBA (Between 5:30 - 9 pm)

Location: Qualicum Beach Elementary

15/16U Girls Club Team Tryouts

Tues Dec 2 and Wed Dec 3

Exact time TBA (Between 5:30 - 9 pm)

Location: Qualicum Beach Elementary



Tryout registration opens Oct 15th

Register on our website
oceansidevolleyballclub.com

Cost: \$35.00

KSS PAC

NEWS

Join
Us!

NEW START TIME!

6:30 PM

Our next meeting is
November 4th in
the KSS library.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
3	4	5



WE HAVE A NEW VICE CHAIR!

We are excited to
have Nayana
Mongeau join our
team and look
forward to seeing
where her fantastic
energy takes us!

sign up for a committee!

see our website or email us for more information!



ATHLETICS
COMMITTEE



HEALING FOREST
COMMITTEE



RESOURCE
COMMITTEE

website: <https://sites.google.com/view/kss-pac>

facebook: KSS PAC

email: ksspac@gmail.com

Information for Parents and Caregivers

Resources to support you and your child



Register for free training

Tips to protect children
and youth online



Have a conversation

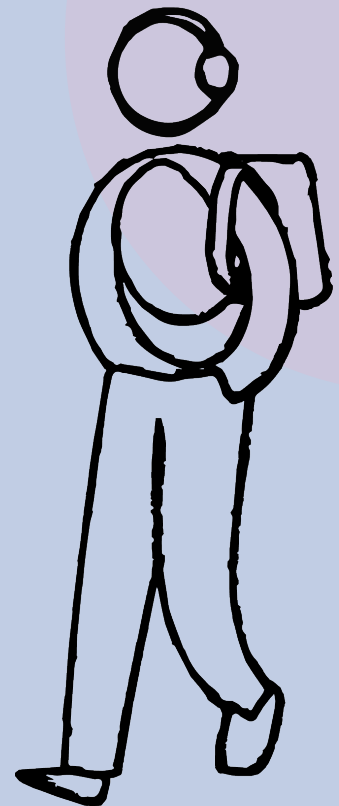
Talk with children and
youth about things they
may be experiencing

What kind of information can I find on erase.gov.bc.ca?

- **Practical guidance** to help you support your child's safety and well-being
- **Resources and information about:**
 - Diversity and inclusion
 - Mental health and substance use
 - School and online safety
- **Free training sessions** to help you keep your child safe online
- **Videos** explaining erase, the Report It Tool, and safe, caring and inclusive schools
- **Tips** for bringing concerns to your child's school

What is the Report It Tool?

Report It is an **anonymous online tool for students** to report anything concerning to their school safety team—whether it happens at school, online, or somewhere else. Find it at erase.gov.bc.ca.



Questions? Reach out to your school to learn more.

