



KWALIKUM CHRONICLES

#2 JANUARY, 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 (Good Day). We would like to send a warm welcome to all our new students arriving for semester two. As we wrapped up the semester, we are very pleased with how our graduation assessments went and look forward to continuing our focus on numeracy throughout the school. As we head into February, believe it or not, we are beginning our planning for next year! As such, there will be several important dates for students to be aware of. Our course selection guide will be updated this week to reflect some exciting new offerings for students next year and students will be scheduled to select their courses during the final weeks of the month. (Don't worry, we will provide lots of reminders and opportunities for catch up).



We would like to take a moment to remind families of the importance of talking with your students about their use of cell phones at school. We are still working within a draft policy (available below) of this at the school level but need your help in starting to change the culture around the use of cell phones for non-instructional purposes during class time. We are all in this together and we appreciate your support.

How you can help:

Please refrain from calling or texting your students during class time.

Please remind students about the draft policy and the steps.

Please talk to your students about their use of social media and know which apps your students are using.

Please help your students to think about replacement activities that they might be able to engage in if they have challenges putting the screen away.

We are looking forward to a great start to semester two!

Sincerely:

Your KSS Admin Team

Andrew, Paisley and Sarah

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

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| 4 th | PAC Meeting, 7pm, Library |
| 5 th | Gr. 9 Immunizations & Gr. 10 Catch-up Immunizations |
| 11 th | Learning Updates Home |
| 12 th | Grade 7 Open House, 6:30 pm |

17 th	BC Family Day Statutory Holiday (No School)
18 th – 28 th	Grade Assemblies and Course Selection
24 th & 25 th	Grad Portrait Retakes

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 5 th	Day 1 (ABCD)
Wednesday, February 12 th	Day 2 (BADC)
Wednesday, February 19 th	Day 1 (ABCD)
Wednesday, February 26 th	Day 2 (BADC)

GRADE 7 INFO NIGHT

February 12th from 6:30pm – 7:30pm, Grade 7 students that will be transitioning to high school in the 2025-2026 year are welcome to come tour the school, learn about the Grade 8 program and ask some questions.

TRADE SAMPLER PROGRAM

Have you heard of the Trade Sampler Program? This program offers student an incredible opportunity to explore various skilled trades through hands-on experiences. Designed for Grades 10-12, this program partners with Vancouver Island University (VIU) and Skilled Trades BC to provide students with practical training, industry exposure, and a pathway to foundation (pre-apprenticeship programs), apprenticeships and post-secondary education. Click [here](#) for more information.

GRADUATION INFORMATION

All parents/caregivers with a student graduating in 2025 are invited to send **emails** to kssparentgrad@gmail.com and follow the KSS Prom **Facebook** Group at [KSS Prom Facebook Page](#) or the Grad Parent **Instagram** at [Kwalikum Secondary School Grad Parents](#). Help spread the word!



Prom is being held on June 7th, 2025 at Cuckoo Trattoria and Pizzeria.

Commencement is being held on June 26th at KSS.

Grad photo retakes will take place from February 24th - 25th in the MPR.

The booking link is: <https://prestigeportraits.ca/>

Please note, there is no 8-digit code, students/parents can search by Province and City.

Grad Fees are now posted in School Cash Online. If you have not received a notification, please sign into your account here. Grad Fees are as follows:

Commencement - \$60

Prom - \$150

Guest Fee - TBD

GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATIONS & GRADE 10 CATCH-UP

Immunization consent packages for grade 9 students have been sent home. Follow the instructions inside the consent package and return the signed consent form to the school as soon as possible. Students in grade 9 will be offered immunizations in school-based clinics. Please discuss the information in the consent package with your child and include them in the decision to provide consent for immunization.

Students in grade 9 can make an informed decision about immunization regardless of their parent/guardian/representative decision to consent or refuse immunization. For more information visit HealthLinkBC: **The Infants Act, Mature Minor Consent and Immunization.**

Immunizations will be provided at the school for grade 9 students on February 5th, 2025.

Public Health will also be providing catch-up immunizations on February 5th, 2025 to Grade 10 students who missed their Grade 9 immunizations. Only students who have a paper consent form signed by their parent/guardian/representative or who provided mature minor consent during the 2023-2024 school year (Grade 9) will be immunized.

Contact Oceanside Public Health Services at (250)947-8242 to speak to a school nurse if you have any questions.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE SCHOOL

If you are a volunteer for the school community in any capacity (i.e. coach, parent driver for sports, chaperoning), it is required that you have a current Criminal Record Check on file. We have simplified this process by making it available online. Once approved, they are valid for 5 years. Please contact the office for more information.

SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION

Join leading adolescent Clinical Psychologist Dr. Hayley Watson for a free online event that aims to help parents, guardians, and caregivers gain a deeper understanding of substance use prevention and learn practical tools for supporting youth mental health. Click **here** to register and for more information.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Click **here** to view the January newsletter from our Indigenous Education Department.

QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

With snow in the forecast we want to remind you of our district inclement weather procedures. See document below.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

There is lots going on in the community. For information on various events, head on over to the Community page on our district website.

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



AWAY FOR THE DAY

**KSS IS A CELL-PHONE
FREE ZONE DURING
INSTRUCTIONAL TIME**

THIS INCLUDES ALL LEARNING SPACES

**PLEASE USE CELL PHONES BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL, AT LUNCH AND
CLASS CHANGE TIMES ONLY**



KSS CELL-PHONE USE POLICY

NO CELL AFTER THE BELL

In response to the Ministry of Education announcement about electronic devices, KSS has an established “No Cell After the Bell” practice which we request parents and students respectfully follow. Concerns related to depression, disengagement (educational and social), empty affirmations, and the very real circumstance of cyberbullying has prompted this shift. **Students may still bring their devices to school and can access their personal technology at appropriate times and if students have specific learning/health needs as outlined in their IEPs, or medical documentation.**

- All KSS classrooms and learning spaces will be designated **CELL-PHONE FREE ZONES** during instructional time.
- Cell phones ARE allowed before or after school, on lunch break, and during transition time between classes.
- When classes are in session, cellphones should remain out of sight off in silent mode.
- The district and school are not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen electronic devices such as cellphones.
- This policy does not preclude the use of cellphones under teacher supervision due to “special circumstance” such as for the production of project/inquiry work when no other suitable technology is available. Teacher permission will always be required in such circumstances.
- For incoming and outgoing communication that require an immediate response, such as emergencies, please use the classroom phone or school office for communication.

PROGRESSIVE STEPS:

Note that ALL adults in our school (regardless of the position they hold here) are tasked with maintaining our learning environment. Should an adult make a reasonable request to a student regarding cellphones, ex: “Please put away your cell phone”, then failure to comply will result in a progressive discipline process that follows district policy.

- **FIRST TIME:** Student is asked to put the phone away. Staff to record incident.
- **SECOND TIME:** Student is asked to put the phone away; parent contact is initiated.
- **THIRD TIME:** Student is referred to the office; Administration will work with the student and family. Replacement activities and behaviours will be developed.
- **FOURTH TIME:** Parent and student have meeting with administration to create a **PERSONAL ELECTRONICS PLAN**



Welcome to School Night Out!

Welcome! Welcome to School Night Out, we are glad you are here! School Night Out is a recreation based after school program for youth who are currently attending grades 7-8 in School District 69. This includes Alternative schools and Homeschooling. The School Night Out program runs on Mondays in Parksville and Tuesdays in Qualicum from 3-6:30pm with dinner and snacks provided. The youth team offers a variety of activities that are designed to promote skills and characteristics for youth to explore, new activities to try out and create peer relationships as they enter pre-adolescence. Our program is drop-in based, except for field trips needing parental/guardian consent. We do ask for registration to be completed so in case of an emergency we have contact information on file. Registration will not need to be re-done in the future whereas field trip waivers are required each session if registration is not on file.

Program Goals: We offer a safe place for youth to make new friends and get connected. Participants will benefit from a variety of activities, field trips, and hands-on learning opportunities. These will contribute to the overall goal of the program. Our program goal is to promote, encourage and support skills such as self-esteem, responsibility, goal setting, problem solving, time management, and managing peer relationships.

Behaviour Expectation: In the spirit of keeping things simple, Codes of Conduct like SD69 apply here at the SOS. We do not tolerate violence, hate speech, discrimination, harassment or bullying of any kind. In the event of expectations being disregarded despite intervention, youth will be asked to leave and the youth's parent/ guardian and will be contacted.

Wellness Policy: The School Night Out program is for youth who are free from illness. We appreciate that youth enjoy coming to School Night Out, but it is important for them to stay home and get well if illness occurs. If youth come to program with illness related symptoms, they will be asked to leave, and the youth's parent/guardian will be contacted. We request that youth are symptom free without medication prior to returning to School Night Out.

Thank You! Thank you for your interest and participation in the School Night Out Program at SOS. Should you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time. Location: Parksville Youth Programs: 245 Hirst Avenue, Parksville BC. First door on the right after main entrance. Qualicum Youth programs: 744 Primrose, Qualicum BC. Door with SOS CYFC label on it. Head down the stairs and turn left.

Best Regards,

Brittany Newman

Youth Coordinator for Parksville and Qualicum Youth Programs at Society of Organized Services

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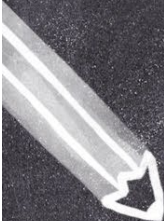


KWALIKUM SECONDARY


GRADE 7 INFO NIGHT

6:30PM-7:30PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:15PM

FEBRUARY 12TH, 2025
IN THE KSS MULTIPURPOSE ROOM



Current grade 7 students and their caregivers are welcome to come and learn about the grade 8 program, tour the school, and ask questions - we will try and answer as many as we can.





Society of
Organized
Services

School Night Out (Grades 7&8)

Qualicum

Tuesday's 3:00-6:30pm. January 7th- March 11th 2025.

Date	Activity	Meal
Week 1 Jan 7 th	Welcome Back/Ice Breaker Activity	Chicken Alfredo and Caesar Salad
Week 2 Jan 14 th	SINGO with SOURCES	Breakfast for Dinner
Week 3 Jan 21 st	*Bowling at Sunset Lanes-Confirmed*	Sloppy Joes
Week 4 Jan 28 th	Vision Boards	Shepherd's Pie
Week 5 Feb 4 th	DIY Sugar Scrubs	Burrito Bowls
Week 6 Feb 11 th	Movie in a Fort	Mac n' Cheese with Garlic Bread
Week 7 Feb 18 th	Candle Painting	Chicken Strips and Fried with Gravy
Week 8 Feb 25 th	Pom Pom Critters/Craft Night	Pierogi Bar
Week 9 March 4 th	*Little Qualicum Falls Walk*	Chicken Bacon Ranch Wraps
Week 10 March 11 th	DIY Slime	Nachos in a Bag

Must have completed SOS registration to come on field trip as well as any extra waivers for facilities

(All plans are subject to change based on weather and unpredicted events)



21st Annual Qualicum Beach

Seedy Saturday

'It starts with a seed'

Qualicum Beach Civic Centre
Saturday, February 1, 2025
10 am – 3:30 pm

- Seed Swap
- Master Gardeners answering questions
- Seed, Plant and Garden-Related Vendors
- Demos
- Educational Displays
- Children's Activity
- Door Prizes
- Seedy Café
- 50-50 Draws (cash only)
- No ATM on site
- Pesticide/chemical drop off (in original package)

**Swap
and Shop:**
bring your seeds
for the seed swap
or buy local seeds
that have been
swapped!

Admission: suggested \$5 donation

Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday Association
www.qbseedysaturday.ca • qbsschair@gmail.com
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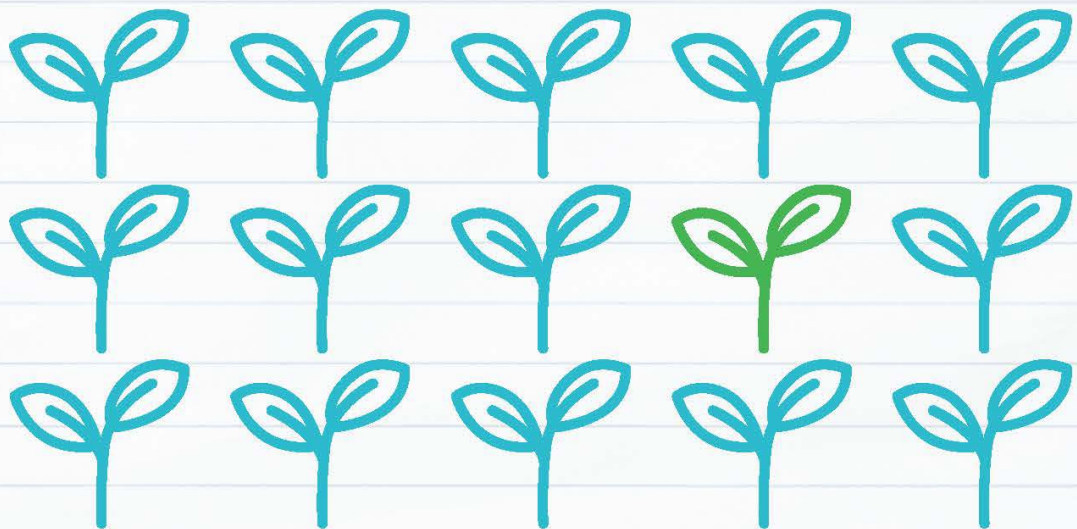
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100kidsoceanside.ca



Connect with us!



BE 1 IN OUR 100!

100 KIDS FOR CHANGE

Hey Changemaker, you belong in 100 Kids! We're a group of Oceanside youth who meet 4 times a year to donate money to local charities, and we'd love to see you at our next meeting.



Tuesday,
Feb. 11, 2025
7:00-8:00 pm



Yates Memorial,
1000 Allsbrook
Rd, Parksville



Bring a cash
donation to
the meeting



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ICCS Oceanside



The Coldest Night of the Year is a winterrific family-friendly fundraising walk in support of local charities. Let's **change the tune** for people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness... because it's cold out there.



walk | fundraise
donate | volunteer
team up with friends
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