



KWALIKUM CHRONICLES

#6 JUNE, 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 June!

The month of June is recognized as National Indigenous History Month as well as Pride Month. With those recognitions, the month gives us the opportunity to take a moment to recognize and celebrate the diversity that exists in our community and in our world. It also gives us the opportunity to learn with intention about the rich and vibrant traditions, experiences, histories and cultures of Indigenous, Inuit and Metis peoples. At the beginning of the year students had the opportunity to make pledges towards Truth and Reconciliation. Throughout the month of June, some of these will be shared in our daily announcements to remind us of those pledges. You will also notice that we have hung a pride flag outside of the school as a way of ensuring everyone that sees it knows that Kwalikum Secondary School is a safe place for all and that everyone is welcome.

Throughout the month of June there are so many opportunities to celebrate learning and belonging in our school community. Please take time to acknowledge the individual and collective efforts of your students this month. They have all worked so hard this year!

This month we would like to recognize our dedicated Parent Advisory Council, whose efforts continue to help build community and move opportunities forward. We have now had both a community and student engagement session for the proposed healing forest and have the PAC to thank for getting this project off the ground!

We will have our final newsletter of the year at the end of the month.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.

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KSS Admin Team

Andrew, Paisley and Sarah

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

4 th	Band Concert, 7pm, MPR
5 th	Fun Day
7 th	Prom at Cuckoo Trattoria & Pizzeria
10 th	Public Health Visit, Lunch Hour, Socialization Area
11 th	Grad Walk & Pancake Breakfast

12 th	Indigenous Graduation Ceremony
20 th	Year End Assembly
23 rd	Final Day for Students
26 th	Commencement Ceremony

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 4 th	Day 2 (BADC)
Wednesday, June 11 th	Day 1 (ABCD)
Wednesday, June 18 th	No Flex

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Grad Walk & Pancake Breakfast:



- KSS will host a Grad Pancake Breakfast starting at 8:00 AM on June 11th in the MPR.
- Graduates will then participate in a field trip back to their elementary school (Grad Walk) – initial details were shared with Grads at our last assembly.
- Grads are reminded to sign up for this via the form that has been shared in our Grad Google Classroom. This is such a wonderful event that is very meaningful for all grads. Students who did not go to elementary school here can select a school they'd like to visit. Do not miss this opportunity.
- There is a field experience permission form for this trip – forms are available from the counselling or main office. Forms must be returned to the office or to counselling in order to participate in the grad walk.

Commencement:

- Commencement will be held at KSS, in the gym, on June 26th at 12:30 p.m.
- Students are required to gather in the MPR between 11:30 and 12:00; the gym will be open for seating a half hour before the ceremony begins.
- Parking will be tight, so please carpool as much as possible.
- Tickets will be available for pick up as of June 2nd. Each student will receive 5 tickets to begin with. If a student does not need all 5 tickets, please only take the necessary number. Additional tickets, if available, can be requested.
- Caps and Gowns (students can keep) will be handed out on the morning of June 11th, at the pancake breakfast, before the Grad Walk, if all fees have been paid. If your grad is unable to pick up their gown package on this date, the packages will be available in the office after the Grad Walk.

SCHOOL BUS REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025/26 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN!

Go to the Qualicum School District Transportation [website](#) to access the online application form. Get your application in **before the end of this school year** for the best opportunity to secure a spot for you child and to **avoid extra fees**.

Bussing Fee Summary Table

	ELIGIBLE RIDER FEES	COURTESY RIDER FEES
Early - between April 1 st - June 30 th	Free	\$175.00*
Late - between July 1 st - July 31 st	\$25.00*	\$225.00*
Late - after August 1 st	\$50.00*	\$275.00*

**Parents and caregivers who believe these fees will cause financial hardship in their household are encouraged to speak to their school principal about fee relief. Options may include partial or even full fee waivers, depending on need, which will then be communicated by the principal to the Transportation Department.*

REGISTRATION PROCESSING TIMELINES

April – June 30 only Eligible bus pass applications will be processed, on a first come/first served basis.

- If a bus reaches capacity, an Eligible Rider wait list will be created. You will be notified if you are put on a wait list.
- Courtesy rider applications received during this time will not be processed until after July 1.
 - Once processed and accepted, individual bus route information is shared with families through the My Ride K-12 website and App. *See sign-up instructions here:* [My Ride K12 Set Up FAQ](#)

July 1- onwards Courtesy, as well as late Eligible bus pass applications will be processed on a first come/first served basis as space is available on the bus route(s) requested.

- Courtesy riders that are offered a space on the bus will be notified and asked to pay the necessary fees. When payment is received the application will be finalized. If payment is not made within 5 business days of being offered the space, the application will be re-dated and put back into the queue.
- If a bus reaches capacity, a wait list will be created. You will be notified if you are put on a wait list.
- Exact bus route information will be distributed to families before the first day of school through My Ride K-12 website and App.

Applications received after Sept 1 will be considered on a wait list and only accepted on a first come first served basis as space on busses allow.

******* Have you lost any items on the bus? There is a bus lost and found at the bus shop at 1365 Springhill Road in Parksville. Feel free to stop by anytime between 7-10 AM, 1-5 PM to search for any lost items. At the end of the year, all remaining items are donated to the local SOS.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION UPDATES

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, an opportunity to learn about the unique cultures, traditions and experiences of First Nations, Inuit and Metis. To learn more about National Indigenous History Month click [here](#).

To view the QSD Indigenous Ed updates and June newsletter, click [here](#).

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.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

All schools in the Qualicum School District (QSD) have a Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The Parents Advisory Council is the official voice of parents for formal participation in school affairs. All KSS parents are automatically members of PAC. The PAC executive ensure that parents interests are represented and that good communication between home & school is maintained.

PAC meetings are intended to provide opportunities within each school community for parents/guardians to engage in dialogue with the principal (or designate) around matters affecting the school. Meetings also provide important information to schools and the District around matters impacting students' learning and overall school experience.

The Role of the Parents Advisory Council

- To advise the principal and staff on parents' views on any matter relating to the school - programs, policies, plans, activities and problems.
- To communicate with parents and to promote cooperation between home and school in providing for the education of children.
- To assist parents in accessing the system and to provide advocacy support for parents.

*****The KSS PAC is looking for new members. Elections will be held at the next meeting in September.**

ALLERGIES AND MEDICATIONS

We would like to remind our families that the school office does not carry medications such as Benadryl and Epi Pens unless provided by a parent/caregiver (see attached letter). If your student has a medical condition that requires the use of these medications, please call or visit the office. [Medical Alert Letter](#)

DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR SEPT 2025 TO JUNE 2028

Local School Calendar 2025-2028

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. We do post what we feel is relevant to our high schoolers, but there is so much more!

- [2025 BC Youth Vaping Survey](#)

Developed with the help of Grades 8-12 students who sit on the McCreary Centre Society's BC Health and Wellness Youth Advisory Council, the [2025 Youth Vaping Survey](#) is a great way for students to share their views and experiences with vaping and nicotine pouches, and suggest how schools and community services can better support students through health promotion and education, including prevention and intervention initiatives.

2025 BC YOUTH vaping survey

Take the survey here



- A survey about vaping & nicotine pouches for any youth ages 12–19 in BC
- Voluntary, anonymous, and confidential
- Takes 10–15 minutes
- Have a chance to win a \$50 gift card of your choice



McCreary
Centre Society

This survey is being led by the McCreary Centre Society
BC Health and Wellness Youth Advisory Council (BC YAC).

For more information about the BC YAC and the survey,
visit mcs.bc.ca/bcyac or email mccreary@mcs.bc.ca.

WE'RE HIRING
FAMILY PEER SUPPORT WORKER,
QUALICUM ICY TEAM

WORK WITH US

Family Peer Support Workers are parents and caregivers of children/youth who have mental health and/or substance use challenges. Your personal parenting experience is the primary requirement for this role. Your experience will help other families find help, comfort, hope and feel less alone.



familysmart.ca/careers



34th Annual
**Coombs
Community
Picnic**



5:30 - 7:30pm
Friday, June 6, 2025

COOMBS FAIRGROUNDS

1014 FORD RD, COOMBS, BC

**FREE hotdogs, hamburgers, cake &
ice cream while supplies last**

**Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets
and enjoy a spot on the field.**

Children's Games

Coombs Memorabilia

Live Music

Educational Displays

Children's Railway

Farm Animals

