

KWALIKUM CHRONICLES

#1, September 12, 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 the 2025-26 school year!

Hay ce:p qa' (thank you) to all the staff, students and parents who helped make the back-to-school transition a great success. As we head into the second full week of classes we are still working through some course changes and schedule requests from students so, please reach out to the counseling department if you have any questions in that regard.

We had the chance to meet with the new PAC this week and were happy to share some updates and provide information around a few initiatives that we are working on this year. Please see some of those updates below.

- 1) We are very excited about the new seminar and homeroom opportunities this year and will be going over it with students at our grade assemblies next week. Please see the infographics below for more information.
- 2) Athletics is alive and well and we are looking forward to the new sports seasons! If you are interested in coaching or volunteering, please reach out to Athletic Director Mr. Wilson for more information.
- 3) The washroom renovations are slightly behind schedule but are on track to be completed by the end of the month. Temporary washrooms are available outside of the shops.
- 4) As a school we have shifted from Simple Gradebook to MyEducationBC and/or Spaces (My Blueprint) so please be in communication with your student's teachers about how student learning updates will be shared.
- 5) Student textbook/workbook deposits will be returned annually once students return all of their books and library resources (including workbooks). Quick reminder that if students write in a workbook or have outstanding resources after June 19, we will not be able to return their deposit. Fees are waived on an as needed basis. If you have any questions, please reach out directly.

Reminder that our school meals program is already underway, and we encourage everyone to purchase a lunch card to get delicious and nutritious meals for only \$2.00. The link is available below.

We look forward to another great year of learning.

KSS Admin Team

Andrew, Paisley and Sarah

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

16th- 9am: Grade Group Assemblies

17th- Seminar Begins.

- 2024/25 Yearbooks available for pick-up at lunch- Rm 209

18th- Picture Day (Retakes October 15)

- Movie Madness Double Feature in the MPR- Tix on sale Sept 15-18(Tour de Rock Fundraiser)

19th- 2024/25 Yearbooks available for pick-up at lunch- Rm 209

-Culture Days Presentation at Community Hall

Spirit Week- Mathletes and Athletes

25th: Tour de Rock 1:35-2:10pm

26th – Orange Shirt Day

29th- Non-Instructional Day- School not in session.

30th- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation- School not in session.



Kwalikum Secondary 2025/2026 BELL SCHEDULE

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

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. You can submit up to 3 days of absences in a row, after that you need to call the office. The cutoff time for excusing daily absences will be 2:30pm, after that you will receive the dreaded 6pm dialer message.

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 (*Paid Yearly*) - Used to support	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
student leader initiatives and social responsibility					
activities, including those designed by student council,					
leadership and other clubs.					
Text/Workbook Deposit (*Paid Yearly*) - Funds held in	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
trust for the year and reimbursed when textbooks and/or					
workbooks are returned in the same condition in which					
they were received.					
Prom Fees (Paid in graduation year only – fees to be					TBD
determined by Prom committee yearly.					
Graduation Commencement Fee (*Paid Once Only*) -					\$125.00
Used to purchase graduation gown, diploma covers					
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			TBD	TBD	TBD
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)					

TOUR DE ROCK

Tour de Rock is coming on Thursday, September 25th,2025. 1:35-2:10pm. Since 2016, KSS has raised over \$39,000 for Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock! We are excited to break that \$40,000 line this year! We have several fundraising opportunities available to students:

- Bottle drive on Saturday, September 20th in the staff parking lot.Bottle donations can be dropped off anytime between September 15th-19th in the morning. For more info email Devon: dreid@sd69.bc.ca
- Door to Door canvassing. Students need to collect some necessary paperwork from Mrs. Reid in order to do this.
- Head Shaves. Permission form required. See Mrs. Reid if interested
- Movie Madness Double Feature on Thursday, September 18th. Tickets on sale Sept 15-18. \$5/ticket for popcorn and a drink. Bring pillows and blankets to watch a double feature in the MPR. All proceeds from the concession sale support TDR. Movies TBD.

Vote to save or to shave Mr. Craven's beard. There are donation jugs in the office where students and staff can vote to either save or shave Mr. Craven's beard.

VOTE BY DONATING



BREAKFAST PROGRAM

KSS has a breakfast program put on by the Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church. They are here Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8:30-8:50am.

Free Bagels, fruit and yoghurt served in the Kondor Kitchen.

KONDOR KITCHEN

To purchase lunch cards click here. You can also bring cash or check to the office, cards are available in \$20 or \$40 denominations. Remind students to be careful not to lose them as lost cards are not reissued.

See the menu at the end of this newsletter.

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 Fall sports are starting and we are looking for coaches for cross country, boys' soccer, and volleyball. Winter sports Nov-Mar we are looking for girls' basketball coaches, and spring we will need track and field, girls' soccer and badminton.

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

IMPORTANT BUSSING UPDATE

Affecting AM and PM routes: 1,2,3,5,12,13,14,15,20 and 21

The Qualicum School District Transportation Department is making multiple adjustments to bus routes to accommodate hundreds of late applications for bussing. These changes will take effect for the morning run on Wednesday September 10th, 2025.

Check the MyRide K12 App or Website when changes become visible after 5pm on Tuesday September 9th to see your child(s) updated route information.

Please make sure you have push notifications activated in the App for any future updates.

See the Sign-Up FAQ on the Transportation Website for more instructions or for help signing up.

We apologize for the inconvenience changing bus routes can cause. We thank all families who applied for bussing during the regular registration window of April-June which helps us plan routes over the summer. Our hope is that more families will apply for bussing for next year in the regular registration window in the spring to enable adequate time for route planning and minimize changes once the next school year starts.

We appreciate your patience as we adapt to serve districts families this year.

-QSD Transportation

Go to the Qualicum School District Transportation <u>website</u> to access the online application form, information and forms.

NEWSLETTER SIGN UP

A reminder that in order 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#/=

Sign up for our newsletter & keep in touch

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 in 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

10WHIXTD8V

Cut and paste the access code to not mix up zeroes and o's. Also send Kirsty an email in the office once you have submitted your application, as I will need to confirm with the organization. Kelliot@sd69.bc.ca

YEARBOOKS 2024/25

Yearbooks (2024/25) will be available for pick up September 17th and 19th at lunch in room 209. After that they will be available for pick up from the office.

CAREER CENTRE OPPORTUNITIES

Work Experience Program (Grades 10-12)

Did you know your student can earn high school credits for their part-time job or volunteer work? Students in Grades 10, 11, or 12 can receive **elective credits** through the Work Experience Program.

To participate, students must:

- Log a minimum of 100 work hours
- Complete a short work experience assignment

If your student is already working or planning to work, encourage them to visit the Career Centre to pick up the first Work Experience Package which needs to be filled out before they register for the program.

Bonus Incentive:

Students who return their completed package **before September 26th** will be **entered into a draw** to win a pizza lunch for themselves and their friends!

Head Start Program – Dual Credit Courses Available

Through the **Head Start Program**, students can get a jumpstart on college and university by earning **dual credits**—credits that count toward both high school graduation and post-secondary programs.

Online Courses (Register by September 23rd):

- Medical Terminology
- Business
- Nursing

In-Person Courses (Register by September 23rd):

- English 115
- Early Childhood Education 120

Encourage your student to take advantage of these valuable opportunities to explore career paths and earn post-secondary credit while still in high school!

For more information or to register, students can visit the **Career Centre**.

For more info, see the posters at the end of this newsletter

DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR SEPT 2025 TO JUNE 2028

Local School Calendar 2025-2028

PAC INFO

PAC meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. See the poster at the end of this newsletter for more information. New members welcome.

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#/=
- Donate to Tour de Rock
 https://support.cancer.ca/site/TR/CopsforCancer/COPS_NW_even_?px=7382382&pg=personal&fr_id=30364&s_locale=en_CA
- KSS Website: https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/default.aspx#/=
- Transportation: <a href="https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/Transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/="https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/Transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/="https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/Transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/="https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/Transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/="https://www.sd69.bc.ca/About/Transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/=
- My School Day App: https://docs.myschoolday.app/MySchoolDay1Page-app.pdf
- Sign up for School Messenger to report student absences and receive communications. https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home

Welcome to Artona!

Here are some important things to know for the upcoming school year, with regards to fall photography.

Photo Day: Your school can provide you more details on your upcoming Photo Day and Retake Day, please check their website or ask your child. You can also find it on our web page, using one of the search bars on our homepage and entering your child's school name at the bottom of the page. https://artona.com

Within 48 business hours of Photo Day, your child's digital proof(s) will be available to view on our website.

If you know the school name, student last name, and student number, you will have no issues accessing and viewing the digital proof. If your child brought home the Photo Day card with a QR code/number on it, you can also use that to access your child's photo proof. If you still have problems, please contact our customer service team for further assistance. https://artona.com/contact-us

To receive free shipping to the school, photo packages must be ordered within 1 week of Photo Day. Approximately 2 weeks after the ordering cut-off date, the photos will arrive at the school.

Retake Day: If your student requires a retake, the retake photo will become the photo used for all services (ID card, photo directory, etc) at the school. For example, it would become the yearbook image, if the school has a yearbook, or perhaps it's used for an ID card. Both photos will remain active for you to order online on our website.

For students issued an ID card, they must return the ID card on Retake Day and a new one will be issued in approximately one week. For students not receiving ID cards, please send students back to school with their original QR card if possible. A new camera card can be issued at the camera, however, those with cards will be prioritized.

Retake Days follow the same production, ordering and shipping timelines as original Photo Day.

If you miss the cut off for free shipping from original Photo Day, your photo packages are held and shipped to the school with the retake packages, at no cost to you.

There are other options to receive photos:

- 1. Digital Download. If you order digital images of your child's photo, a high-resolution, digital version of the image(s) selected will be sent to you, generally the same day. There is no additional cost for this service other than the cost of what you have chosen.
- 2. Ship to home. If you miss the Original and Retake Day cutoff for complimentary shipping to the school, you still have the opportunity to purchase a package and pay the small shipping fee to have the packages delivered directly to you.

Artona maintains its studio and office in Vancouver BC. Appointments can be booked there if you are on the mainland with advanced booking. See our website for more details.



September 2025

un	Mon			Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	Grade 8's HOT DOG DAY!	Hot Dog & Veg/dip cups	Assorted deli sandwiches	Sushi Bowl *Crab * tuna *salmon	6
7 Meatless Monday's	Grilled Cheese & cup of soup	9 Teriyaki Chicken Stir- fry over rice	Build Your Own Salad Bowls!	Assorted deli sandwiches with soup	Spaghetti & Meatballs with garlic toast	13
14	15 Veggie Loaded Chow Mein	Chicken Alfredo with veggies	Build Your Own Salad Bowls! Tons of Toppings!	Assorted deli sandwiches with soup	Individual Pita Pizza *cheese *pep/cheese	20
21	Vegetarian Chili with a bun	Beef, Chicken or Veg Burgers	Build Your Own Salad Bowls! Tons of Toppings!	25 Assorted deli sandwiches with soup	Wild Game Stew with bannock	21
28	29 District Day - Non Instructional	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation				

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National Forest Week Original Videos, Artwork or Photography contest for grades K-12 with \$150 cash prizes!

Theme: Roots of Resilience: From Seed to Canopy 🔝

Prize: \$150 (§) prizes. Group work is eligible for a shared prize.

Deadline: Nov. 21, 2025 📆

Good morning, we hope your week is going well and you had a pleasant summer break.

Our educational charity is once again offering its annual National Forest Week art, photography and video contest for Canadian youths aged 5-18, with \$150 cash prizes.

This year's theme is: Roots of Resilience: From Seed to Canopy, showing how Canadian forests have continuously underpinned the economy, culture, sustainability and environment of our communities. Examples include wood products we use daily, Indigenous culture, local parks and forestry-related jobs (from tree planters to wildlife managers).

Submissions could also depict the challenges that Canadian forests face on a yearly basis such as invasive species, fires, floods and bad bugs.



Please help us circulate this contest information to educators & youth in your districts through email, social media, & website. 🕙

Visit our **website** to see contest details, winners from previous years and use our easy online entry form. Or, click button below to download contest details.

Contest deadline is November 21, 2025.



Thank-you so much for your support. 🙏

Contest Details

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Get a Headstart with University Credit

Online Dual Credit Courses Available Registration deadline is September 23rd

Medical Terminology

This course will provide students with an understanding of medical terminology through the development of the necessary language skills to define, pronounce and correctly spell medical terms and includes related physiology and anatomy.

Business

This course provides an introduction to information systems, hardware, software, networks and communication technologies as they are applied in a business context. Word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, and file management software will be introduced.

Nursing

This course is an introduction to the human body. Learners explore the structure and function of main organ systems and discuss health promotion strategies to support optimal function of each system. The terminology of human anatomy and physiology will be stressed



Enroll today and shape your future! Scan the QR Code or follow the link below



https://forms.office.com/r/wi3tNage7L

GRADE 10 - 12 STUDENTS!



EARN CREDITS FOR WORK EXPERIENCE

WORK EXPERIENCE CREDITS

REGISTER BEFORE SEPTEMBER 26TH AND GET Entered into a draw for a pizza lunch for You and your friends

SOME CONDITIONS APPLY

SIGN UP ASAP IN THE CAREER CENTER OR FOLLOW THE QR CODE OR LINK BELOW





TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMEMORATION

Honouring Survivors, Remembering Truth,
Building a Just Future

10:00am – 4:00pm Sept 30, 2025 ts'xwelikwshenawtxw

124 West 2nd Ave Qualicum Beach





KSS Seminar Block

Learn. Create. Explore

What is it?

A dedicated block each week where you choose what to do with your block each week. Its a new alternative to "Flex Block"

Your Options:

듣 Academic help & catch-up time

Clubs & creative activities

₩ Sports & active sessions

New experiences (try something different!)

₹Outside timetable courses like CLC 12A & B

Who is it for?

All students in Grades 8–12. Unlike Flex morning, all students are expected to sign up and attend a seminar each week.

How Does it work?

You'll sign up online with a QR code in the announcements or MySchoolDays App (first come, first served)on Tuesdays. Choices may include academic support, clubs, wellness, or something brand new.

Teachers will run sessions based on their passions and skills.

What are the benefits of Seminar?

Because Seminar Block is your chance to...

✓ Get help when you need it

✓ Explore new interests
✓ Connect with friends & teachers

✓ Build your skills







2 students from each homeroom will be chosen each month to attend the student voice group

The group will meet during homeroom and there will be opportunities to report back the results

Student Voice will be the primary source of consultation

Dates: October 1st March 4th November 5th April 1st 0 December 3rd May 6th 0







133 McMillan Street, Upper Level Parksville, BC V9P 2H5 (250)248-8185 www.mcmillanartscentre.com Gallery & Gift Shop Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 11am to 3pm





QUALICUM BEACH CULTURE DAYS: LETTING THE LAND AND SEA THRIVE IN 2025

"Common Threads Textiles Exhibition" Works by Artist Joyce McLellan

"Advocacy Through the Arts" Film, Cellist Performance and Eco Fair

Sept 19, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Qualicum Beach Community Hall, 644 Memorial Avenue

"Oceans of Opportunity Tapestry" **Community Weaving Together**

Sept 19, 1:00pm - 4:30pm | Sept 20 11:00am - 3:30pm

Qualicum Beach Regional Library, 660 Primrose Street

"Sound Waves of the Salish Sea" Film Screening, Performances and Guest Speakers

Sept 20, 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Berwick Qualicum Beach, 120 First Avenue West Qualicum Beach

"The Art of Conservation through Conversation" Artist Talk with Joyce McLellan

Sept 25, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Qualicum Beach Regional Library, 660 Primrose Street

CULTURE DAYS

SEPT 19 - OCT 12, 2025 culturedays.ca/bc



Scan for more info













































SEP / 2025

PAC Notes & News

ONE PARENT SAYING 'YES' IS BRAVE, BUT TEN SAYING 'YES' IS UNSTOPPABLE.

AT A GLANCE

- PAC is the official voice of parents for formal participation in school affairs.
- If you have a child at KSS, you are part of the PAC.
- The PAC executive ensures that parents' interests are represented and that good communication between home & school is maintained.
- The PAC meets once per month in the KSS Library.

VOLUNTEER

- DPAC REPS: attend the monthly DPAC meeting, report back to the PAC, seek input from the PAC (can be split if we get two reps). The position requires approximately 4-6 hours per month, depending on the person(s).
- TREASURER (transitional position): work alongside our current treasurer to learn the ropes or take over completely — with access to her expertise as needed (can be a shared position if enough interest). Requires approximately 10-15 hours per month.
- VICE CHAIR: take over for Chair in their absence, extra duties as required and as availability allows. This position would require a minimum of 4 hours per month.

WHAT'S NEW

- The 2025/2026 PAC Executive:
 - o Chair: Rebecca Ladd
 - Secretary: Lorna Gray
 - Treasurer: Stacey Mrack
 - o Members-at-Large: Lisa Haupt, Paula Elwood
- A PAC website bare bones, but growing!

WHAT'S NEXT

- A call-out to join **COMMITTEES** on topics like *School Athletics, Gaming Grant Funds, etc.*
- A SURVEY on when to hold meetings.
- An INSTAGRAM account to help us reach more people and share more content.

CONNECT

- website: https://sites.google.com/view/kss-pac
- facebook: KSS PAC
- email: ksspac@gmail.com sign up to receive our emails by sending us an email



Fall 2025

1. Download the app

You can find the app - *it's free to download!* - on the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) by

- · Searching in the store for "My School Day"
- Going to https://myschoolday.app/download in the browser on your phone
- · Using the QR code at right.





Make sure to allow it to receive notifications when asked - the school will use them to send out important reminders, information and alerts.

2. Select your school

The first time you start the app you will need to select your school. Choose a province, school district, and finally your school from the lists provided, and tap "confirm". This only needs to be done once.

3. Follow channels.

Channels let the school administration and teachers send out information specific to your classes and activities, so you get only those notifications for your classes and those of interest to the entire school. To subscribe to channels:

- · Tap on the "Classes" icon
- · Tap "Follow Channels" in the menu
- · Tap the checkboxes for the channels you are interested in
- Tap on the "Done" button.

Remember to check back regularly for new channels that your teachers may have added.



4. Enter your classes

Tapping on the classes icon also gives you an option to set up your timetable. Select that option and enter your class names and select colours and icons. You can also enter morning, lunch, and after school activities. When you tap on "Done", the app will fill in your timetable.

5. Access school information, links and files

The school and teachers will add links and files that provide resources to the school community such as course materials for remote learning, health advisories, and other school, district, and provincial information. To access these school-wide and channel-specific resources:

• Tap the info icon at the right hand side of the tab bar:

Remember to check back regularly for new resources that your teachers may have added.