



KWALIKUM CHRONICLES

#1 DECEMBER, 2024

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 are excited be rolling out our new monthly newsletters. We would like to thank all parents/guardians for opting to receive this communication on a regular basis. We will continue to include all of the scheduling things that you have received in the past as well as any community orientated flyers or pamphlets that might be of relevance to you.

The school was a busy place in the last month, with dances, sporting events and some wonderful leadership activities that included the whole school. We have noticed a bit of an uptick in the use of digital devices for non-educational purposes in the last little while. Please continue to remind your children of the draft expectations around the use of electronic devices at school. [Cell Phone Draft Policy.pdf](#)



As we head into the break, we would like to wish everyone in the KSS family warm wishes and season's greetings. We look forward to continuing to get to know everyone in the New Year. We would like to wish Mrs. Lunny best wishes as she starts a new assignment in the New Year and will not be returning to KSS. A reminder that the current admin team consists of:

Acting Principal – Mr. Andrew Lee

Vice Principal – Ms. Paisley Hendricks (Last names A-L)

Acting Vice Principal – Ms. Sarah Elson-Haugan (Last names M-Z)

Also, a reminder to check our website for regular updates. Our daily announcements are posted here, so if you're ever wanting to get a feel for the day-to-day happenings at KSS - please check them out. We also post Graduation information here to keep our grad families in the loop and you can purchase our Kondor Kitchen lunch cards on the website too!

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, or concerns.

Best Wishes,

Andrew, Paisley & Sarah

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

6 th	School Re-Opens
6 th	X 3 Begins (Grade 8's)
7 th	PAC Meeting, 7:00pm, Library
13 th – 24 th	Graduation Assessments (Literacy 12, Numeracy 10)

20 th - 24 th	Grad Portraits, MPR (Online Bookings)
24 th	Last Day of Term 2/Semester 1
27 th	Secondary School Semester Change (No School)
28 th	Semester II Begins

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 8 th	Day 1 (ABCD)
Wednesday, January 15 th	Day 2 (BADC)
Wednesday, January 22 nd	Day 1 (ABCD)
Wednesday, January 29 th	Day 2 (BADC)

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Click [here](#) to view the December newsletter from our Indigenous Education Department.

QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT - DRAFT 3-YEAR DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR SURVEY

Prior to approval, the Board of Education is requesting input on the Draft District School Calendar for 2025-2028 and is circulating a draft to collect comments from parents and employees.

As you may be aware, school calendars are regulated by the School Act as well as local and provincial collective agreement language. The number of non-instructional days are determined by the School Act or the local collective agreement, and the placement of those days are a local decision. Please provide comments on the proposed 2025-2028 School District calendar*** via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/eSgJU6KDpd>

*****False Bay School** Employees and Parents/Caregivers - please complete this survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/FjnU4ajAiS>

Thank you all for your feedback!

ADDRESS VERIFICATION REMINDER

To ensure that we are compliant with Ministry of Education and Child Care procedures, we are requesting that you submit proof of British Columbia residency to ensure our files are up to date. Please email the school at kwalikum@sd69.bc.ca or drop off a copy of one of the following documents to demonstrate BC residency:

- driver's license
- utility bill
- tenancy agreement/purchase agreement
- automobile insurance
- current income tax return

The document that you submit must include your current home address. This process is not related to, nor will it affect cross-boundary enrollment. It is a requirement for student funding by the British Columbia Ministry of Education and Child Care. A separate request may follow for proof of BC MSP if we do not have this on file for your child. Please disregard this letter if you have recently registered (within the last year) and have already provided this to us.

We appreciate your cooperation and hope to have these as soon as possible. Thank you to those of you that have already provided this.

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

KWALIKUM OBSERVER

Click [here](#) to view the “Kwalikum Observer”, a monthly compilation of KSS happenings from some of our talented students.

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!



Grad Photos will take place from January 20th - 24th in the MPR.

The sessions will be 20 minutes, and we will do formal cap/gown photos as well as casual photos. (ex. Jeans/T-shirt, Sports uniform, etc.)

We highly suggest that grads bring a dress shirt and tie for formal photos and or wear V-neck or scoop neck top for formal photos. Unfortunately, we will not have shirts and ties for graduates to use.

The use of props provided by Lifetouch (roses, diploma scroll) is voluntary, we have implemented safety protocols for sanitizing props or will provide one time use props for each sitting.

Graduates may also bring appropriate props to be included in their sitting. (ex. football, musical instrument, etc.)

The website will be officially open to book on December 19th 2024. Please find attached the grad flyer for your graduates and their families to sign up for the photos.

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

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

*****KSS Grad Bottle Drive and Tree Chipping Event.** We need all hands on deck for this BIG fundraiser for Prom! Here is the sign-up sheet [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49ADAC2EA0FFCE9-53787951-grad#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49ADAC2EA0FFCE9-53787951-grad#/)

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Are you still waiting on school photos? Photos come in on a regular basis and can be hard to get to students consistently. Please feel free to come by and check for yours (or send your student 😊).

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#/=>



Bottle Drive & Tree Chipping

Saturday, January 4th, 2025

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Support your
Kwalikum Secondary
2025 GRADS!



Drop off at Kwalikum Secondary School
266 Village Way

or

Leave at the end of your driveway by 9am on January 4th
(town of Qualicum Beach residents only)

Feel free to drop off bottles sooner at the
Island Self Storage office at 1304 Alberni Hwy
need bottles picked up email
kssparentgrad@gmail.com





A Year to Remember

Get excited. Get inspired.
Get ready for grad pictures.

Prestige
Photography by Lifetouch

You only graduate once, your grad pictures matter.

As a part of the Lifetouch + Shutterfly family, Prestige Photography by Lifetouch is excited to help you celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime event!



Step 1

Review your photo session options here and select your favourite.



Step 2

Visit prestigeportraits.ca to schedule the session that is right for you.



Step 3

Come prepared! Be sure to bring multiple outfits and props to your session.

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT:

Kwalikum Secondary School

January 20th – 24th , 2025

Location: Multi Purpose Room

Notes: Please come to your session 5 minutes prior to start time.

prestigeportraits.ca

If you have any questions regarding booking an appointment or what to expect please contact us:
780-437-2431