



KWALIKUM CHRONICLES

#7 JULY, 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 end of the school year!

As we transition into the summer months, we encourage everyone to take time to fill their days with whatever you need. Take time to enjoy the quiet moments or the people around you; be safe and try new things. We would like to firstly congratulate all of the students for their efforts this year! Each year is an opportunity to continue your learning journey and as one door closes another one opens. Peer in with curiosity and anticipation for what comes next. Secondly, we would like to thank everyone who made graduation a great success and the graduates for whom the day was for. You made it!

As you scroll through the newsletter, please note the following updates for next year. Our start time has been moved to 8:50 for next year. The full bell schedule, including lunch and class transitions, can be found below. Our code of conduct and supplementary materials are available on our website [LINK HERE](#). We will continue to be using the MySchoolDay App for next year. So please take a minute to download it and subscribe to KSS [LINK HERE](#). The recommended supply list is available below.

Two of the highlights we are looking forward to are the newly renovated washrooms in the upper building and the rebranding of 'Flex Learning'. 'Flex Learning' is now 'SEMINAR' and will happen in-between A and B blocks on Wednesdays rather than first thing in the morning. We know this will come as an adjustment for some students but welcome the chance to provide more focused learning opportunities and spaces for things like Capstone projects, Career Life Connections work and an embedded Homeroom once per month.

Finally, we are bidding farewell to a number of staff this year and wish those that are not returning in the fall best wishes. We would like to recognize those individual staff members who are retiring this year, Ms. Rasa, Ms. Fegan and Ms. Cappus. Congratulations and enjoy your retirement! Your efforts, commitment, and contributions are greatly appreciated!

Have a wonderful summer and we will see you all in the fall!

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KSS Admin Team

Andrew, Paisley and Sarah

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

2nd - 4th

Summative Report Pick Up

AUGUST

25th

School Reopens to the Public

SEPTEMBER

2nd

First Day (Grade 8s Only 8:50 – 11:38)

3rd

First Day 8-12 (8:50-3:13)

2025/2026 BELL SCHEDULE



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 (82)	8:50 – 10:12 B (82)	8:50 – 9:53 A (63)	8:50 – 9:53 B (63)	8:50 – 10:12 A (82)	8:50 – 10:12 B (82)
10:16 – 11:38 B (82)	10:16 – 11:38 A (82)	9:57 – 11:07 Seminar/Homeroom first week each month (70)	9:57 – 11:07 Seminar/Homeroom first week each month (70)	10:16 – 11:38 B (82)	10:16 – 11:38 A (82)
		11:11 – 12:14 B (63)	11:11 – 12:14 A (63)		
11:38 – 12:23 LUNCH (49)	11:38 – 12:23 LUNCH (49)	12:14 – 12:59 LUNCH (49)	12:14 – 12:59 LUNCH (49)	11:38 – 12:23 LUNCH (49)	11:38 – 12:21 LUNCH (49)
12:27 – 1:48 C (81)	12:27 – 1:48 D (81)	1:03 – 2:06 C (63)	1:03 – 2:06 D (63)	12:27 – 1:48 C (81)	12:27 – 1:48 D (81)
1:52 – 3:13 D (81)	1:52 – 3:13 C (81)	2:10 – 3:13 D (63)	2:10 – 3:13 C (63)	1:52 – 3:13 D (81)	1:52 – 3:13 C (81)

STUDENT RECOMMENDED SUPPLY LISTS

See below for our recommended school supply list.

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 1st - June 30th	Free	\$175.00*
Late - between July 1st - July 31st	\$25.00*	\$225.00*
Late - after August 1st	\$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.

SOME IMPORTANT YEAR END REMINDERS FOR YOU:

- We have a Transportation lost and found at our shop at 1365 Springhill Road in Parksville. If your child is missing anything that might have been left on the bus, feel free to stop in to check for it. We donate all unclaimed items to SOS in July.
- Please ask your child to hold onto their bus pass card, we reuse them year over year, so they will need them in September.
- Please be aware that after June ends, bus registration fees increase. So if you haven't already, please register for bussing through the online form on the Transportation page of our website.
- Lastly, and most importantly, **all route information for next school year will be released to parents using the MyRide K-12 website and App in late August.** Next years bus routes will not be the same as they are this year. **All families must create a profile on the website or App to obtain route information for next year.** This service also lets you see the bus pass scan history of your child and the location of the bus when its coming to your stop. Please make sure to sign up by following the attached instructions.[My Ride K12 Set Up FAQ.pdf](#)

Thank you for continuing to entrust transporting your children to us. It has been a privilege to watch them grow this past year and see some of them complete their journey with us through graduation.

Have a great summer!

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

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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.

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!

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



KWALIKUM SECONDARY SCHOOL
SUGGESTED/RECOMMENDED SUPPLY LIST

Essentials – these are the items that all students will need for most courses:

- ☐ 3 Ring Binder(s) – with enough space to keep 4 courses of material
- ☐ Dividers to keep binder organized
- ☐ Loose-leaf paper (wide ruled – 200 sheets)
- ☐ Pens and pencils
- ☐ Non-marking runners/proper footwear & appropriate gym strip (PE students)

Recommended – these will be helpful in many classes:

- ☐ Erasers and highlighters
- ☐ Metric ruler (clear plastic preferred)
- ☐ Set pencil crayons or felt pens
- ☐ Calculator: scientific calculator (a simple calculator with sin, cos, and tan on it worth about \$10).
- ☐ Water bottle (with student's name on it)

Personal Computers: At KSS, we recommend and welcome laptops/chromebooks. WiFi is available throughout the school. Chromebooks are used in many classrooms and we have a number available to students and classrooms. They are a reasonable device (\$200+/-), need no software, and the School District has the protected domain: Google Apps for Education (G-Suite) for each student.

This is a general list and not meant to cover all possible required supplies. Individual teachers, especially elective classes, may request additional items.

****Please mark all items with student's name****
