



KWALIKUM CHRONICLES

#4, December, 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 December.

We enter December with a breath of fresh island air and morning mist glistening on the treetops. With the days being at their shortest and the holiday season soon upon us, we continue to reflect on the natural beauty of the seasonal changes in this beautiful place we call home – the unceded territory of the Qualicum First Nation.

During the professional development day on November 24th, staff participated in a facilitated discussion on trauma informed practice and had a shared experience in place-based learning. We recognized one staff member who has been with the district for 10 years, Ms. Dallas Ruff, and we collaborated within departments on priority items that continue to help guide us towards meeting our school and district goals.

Student learning updates went home on November 20th and students on track for honour roll or principal's list were recognized with a stamp on their reports for their efforts. Keep up the good work!

We are continuing to track attendance and will be reaching out to individuals concerning attendance patterns next week.

Student voice held its third meeting on December 3rd and students were provided with some follow-up and updates on the previous agenda items. Looking ahead, we will continue to discuss items of importance to them, including enhancing school spirit and student activities.

During Homeroom this week, students and staff walked through the importance of looking after each other and being a good community member. The Hulqiminum term used to explain this best is 'Xwiyu' los' tel. Students were then given the opportunity to write holiday cards for local seniors or organizations of their choosing. They were also given the opportunity to test their knowledge of our local biosphere and the interconnectedness of people and places ahead of our Biosphere Awareness Day on December 4th.

Please join us on December 4th for Biosphere Awareness Day (open to the public from 3:30 – 5:00) and on December 10th for our Holiday Band Concert.

Seasons greeting and best wishes

KSS Admin Team

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

Tues. Dec. 2- PAC Meeting in the Library-6:30PM

Wed. Dec. 3-Grad Parent Meeting in the Library-7pm

-Seminar-Homeroom (First Wednesday of the month)

Thurs. Dec. 4- Biosphere Awareness Day in the MPR- Public welcome after 3:15pm.

- Purdy's delivery for those who ordered.

Wed. Dec. 10- KSS Winter Concert- 7pm in the MPR- Everyone is welcome!

Tues. Dec. 16- Photos with Santa

Fri. Dec. 19th- Last Day of school before the break. Classes resume Mon., Jan. 5th, 2026!

COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Our Counselling Department is here to support students in all aspects of school life, from managing stress, friendships, and mental health to academic guidance, time management, and post-secondary support.

Students can drop in, send us an email, or ask a teacher to connect us:

Lindsey Ririe (last names A-L): lririe@sd69.bc.ca

Grade 12's who are interested in scholarship opportunities or support with post-secondary transitions can come see Ms. Ririe to be added to the Post-Secondary Prep Google Classroom. There are several upcoming open houses and scholarship opportunities posted, and our big round of local/district scholarships will come out after winter break.

As we head into the winter months, remember to take care of your physical and mental health by getting enough rest, staying active in ways that feel good, and reaching out for support when you need it. Take time for the things that bring you comfort, joy, and connection!



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	8:50 – 10:12 B	8:50 – 9:53 A	8:50 – 9:53 B	8:50 – 10:12 A	8:50-10:12 B
10:16 – 11:38 B	10:16 – 11:38 A	9:57 – 11:07 Seminar/Homeroom first week each month	9:57 – 11:07 Seminar/Homeroom first week each month	10:16 – 11:38 B	10:16 – 11:38 A
		11:11 – 12:14 B	11:11 – 12:14 A		
11:38 – 12:23 LUNCH	11:38 – 12:23 LUNCH	12:14 – 12:59 LUNCH	12:14 – 12:59 LUNCH	11:38 – 12:23 LUNCH	11:38 – 12:23 LUNCH
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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>

If you are not receiving school messages, please call the office and we will check your email settings.

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. The cutoff time for excusing daily absences will be 2:30pm.

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

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

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

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

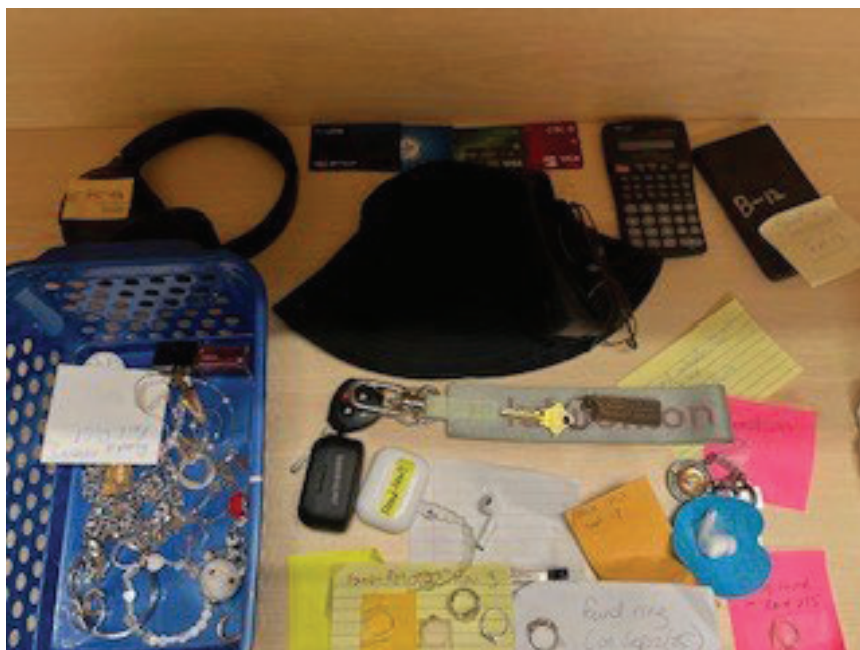
KONDOR KITCHEN The Kondor Kitchen provides fresh meals available to all students for the low cost of \$2 per meal. Snacks and drinks are available throughout the day. To purchase lunch cards, visit the KSS website or click [here](#). You can also bring cash or check to the office; cards are available in \$20 & \$40 denominations.

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Grilled Cheese and cup of Chili	2 Dino Nuggets & fries, veg & dip cups	3 Salad Buffet	4 Assorted sandwiches & soup	5 Chicken or Beef Burgers	
7	8 Baked Potato with your choice of toppings	9 Chicken Alfredo with broccoli	10 Salad Buffet	11 Assorted sandwiches & soup	12 Individual Pita Pizzas	
14	15 Hot Dog or a Corn Dog	16 Spaghetti & meatballs	17 Salad Buffet	18 Assorted sandwiches & soup	19 Turkey & mashed potatoes	
21 Winter Vacation Begins	22	23	24	25	26	
28	29	30 Happy New Year!	31			

LOST AND FOUND

Our office Lost and Found is overflowing with precious things. If your kids are missing jewelry, keys, headphones etc. Please stop by to identify and claim. We have Lost and Found boxes in the main foyer and outside the gym. Anything unclaimed will be donated during the winter holiday.



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. Winter sports Nov-Mar we are looking for basketball coaches, grade 8 boys and Sr girls help specifically. In spring we will need track and field, girls' soccer and badminton.

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

If you would like to volunteer with 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

1OWHIXTD8V

Cut and paste the access code to not mix up zeroes and o's. Also send Kirsty an email once you have submitted your application, Kelliot@sd69.bc.ca

GRADS!

PLEASE BOOK YOUR PHOTO SESSIONS NOW!

Grad Photo Sessions will be February 4th-8th, 2026. Artona will be setting up a trailer in the back parking lot for the photo sessions. To book an appointment, scan this QR code, or visit www.artona.com



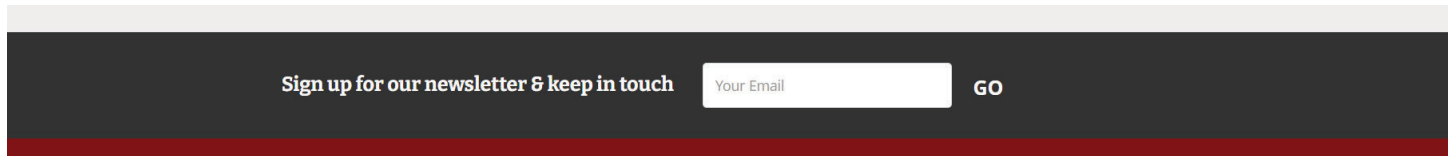
Composite photos for those not doing Graduation photos will take place on February 23, 2026.

- ★ Join the Facebook Group: “KSS 2026 GRAD PAC (KWALIKUM SECONDARY)” to stay in the loop.
- ★ Next meeting is Wednesday, December 3rd at 7pm in the library.
- ★ 50/50 tickets will be sold this month for \$2 with the draw happening on December 30th.
- ★ Grad committee is looking for donations for prom prizes and raffles. Please email kssparentgrad@gmail.com to donate items or purchase 50/50 tickets.
- ★ Facebook group has fundraiser sign-up sheets to volunteer at:
 - Bottle Drive -January 10th at KSS- please save your holiday empties!
 - Email: kssgradparent@gmail.com to join the mailing list or volunteer.
- ★ Grad info is updated on our website:

NEWSLETTER SIGN UP

A reminder that 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#/=>

A horizontal banner with a dark grey background and a dark red bottom bar. On the left, the text "Sign up for our newsletter & keep in touch" is written in white. To its right is a white rectangular input field with the placeholder text "Your Email". Further right is a white button with the text "GO" in dark grey.

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.

YEARBOOKS 2024/25

Yearbooks and last year's Learning Updates are still available for pick-up in the office.

Diplomas for last year's graduates have been mailed out.

PAC INFO

BEHIND EVERY GREAT SCHOOL IS A GROUP OF CAREGIVERS WHO READ THE FINE PRINT AND STILL SAY YES.

If you're a parent or caregiver of a student at Kwalikum Secondary School, you're part of our Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

That means **YOU** already have a seat at the PAC table!

Sign up to receive our emails at ksspac@gmail.com and stay in the know about school events, PAC programs, and ways to get involved.

Check out all the latest news on the [KSS PAC WEBSITE](#)

Quick Links

- School Cash Online: <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>
- Kondor Kitchen Lunch Cards: [https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/default.aspx#/=](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#/=](https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=105&ListID=23a86bb8-2ad2-4fca-856c-f15139e797e3&TemplateID=Announcement_Item#/)
- KSS Website: [https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/default.aspx#/)
- Transportation: [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>
- Go to the App Store to sign up for School Messenger to report student absences and receive School Cash Online: <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>
- Kondor Kitchen Lunch Cards: [https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/default.aspx#/)



OCEANSIDE EAGLES

13/14U Girls Club Team Tryouts

Mon Nov 17 and Tues Nov 18

Exact time TBA (Between 5:30 - 9 pm)

Location: Qualicum Beach Elementary

15/16U Girls Club Team Tryouts

Tues Dec 2 and Wed Dec 3

Exact time TBA (Between 5:30 - 9 pm)

Location: Qualicum Beach Elementary



Tryout registration opens Oct 15th

Register on our website
oceansidevolleyballclub.com

Cost: \$35.00

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Creative Kids at The MAC

After School Art Club



FEBRUARY-APRIL
THURSDAYS 4-6 PM
Ages 8-15

\$25
PER CLASS



IN THE MAC STUDIO



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



Books by Thomas Meehan/Music by Charles Strouse/Lyrics by Martin Charnin
Original Broadway Production Directed
by MARTIN CHARNIN

Annie

QUALICUM BEACH SCHOOL OF DANCE

Village Theatre Qualicum Beach

January 9th to 18th



Info and tickets @ www.ticketowl.io/qbsd

Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
www.mtishows.com

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AND YOUR YOUTH

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UNDERSTAND

SUPPORT

EMPOWER



A group for
caregivers/parents to
talk, connect, and gain
resources around youth
and substance use



SUPPORT
EDUCATION
RESOURCES

DECEMBER 16TH 4:00PM – 6:00PM

THE FAMILY PLACE, PARKSVILLE



CONTACT: +250-927-2956 TO REGISTER

FOR THE OCEANSIDE COMMUNITY – 2025

Free and Lower-Cost Food in Oceanside

Across The Region	
Elementary and Secondary Schools in Qualicum School District	<p>All schools offer meals at no or very low cost. Subsidies are available if students are not able to purchase the food. Speak with the school principal.</p> <p>Schools also provide snacks (in addition to meals) as needed.</p>
Manna Homeless Society 250-248-0845 Email: oceansidemanna@gmail.com Website: https://www.mannahomelessociety.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 'Manna Mobile' delivers needed provisions including groceries. Operating 365 days a year and covering the following areas: Nanoose Bay, Parksville, Errington, Coombs, Whiskey Creek, Hilliers, Qualicum Beach, Qualicum Bay and Bowser. Manna Wednesdays: offers an opportunity to stock up on weekend groceries at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen on Wednesdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Mt. Arrowsmith Salvation Army Community Church, 187 Alberni Hwy, Parksville.
Tina, Community Outreach & Connection in Oceanside Services 250-228-7877	<p>Provides meals, a snack bin, pantry items, and produce from her minivan. Thursdays and Sundays at 4pm at the empty lot behind the McDonalds in Parksville. Afterwards on Thursdays and Sundays at the Smithers RV community in Errington. Also, mobile elsewhere in the region.</p>
Arrowsmith	
The Bradley Centre 975 Shearue Road, Coombs 250-248-2336 Email: thebradleycentrebookings@gmail.com Website: https://www.thebradleycentre.com/assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connections Cafe: Thursdays, 11am-1pm \$2 for soup and coffee. Membership required. Sharing Table: Free food. Take what you need, leave what you can. Thursdays, 11am-1pm. Open to the public (no registration required). Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program. Runs June – October. For eligible members.

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Arrowsmith	
Oceanside Community Church 1420 Alberni Hwy, Errington For Good Food Box Program Registration: nanaimogoodfoodbox.com	Distribution point for the Nanaimo Foodshare's Good Food Box. A bag of fresh fruit and vegetables once a week at a reduced cost of \$15. Subsidized bags are sometimes available and added proteins/items often gifted at pick up. Pick-up: Thursday from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Registration required.
Nanoose Bay	
Nanoose Community Services 250-468-9888 Email: hello@nanoosecommunityservices.org Website: nanoosecommunityservices.org	Monthly support provided to help local households access food. This includes grocery gift cards and, when available, fresh produce. Registration required.
Parksville	
DayHomes Society 778-674-0535 Email: Oceansidedayhomes@gmail.com Website: dayhomes.org	Provides 10 meals- first come, first served. Sundays at 1pm. In the parking lot of the Arbutus Grove Church, 170 Hirst Ave West. Free.
Good Food Box by Nanaimo Food Share Website: nanaimogoodfoodbox.com	Get a bag of 7-9 fresh fruit and vegetables once a week at a cost of \$15. Order online and pickup at Oceanside Church Thursdays 2pm-4:30pm. Delivery is available on a limited basis within Parksville to people who are unable to pick up in person. Deliveries happen Thursdays between 10am - 4:00pm. Registration required.
Knox United Church 345 Pym St 250-248-3927 Website: www.kucparksville.ca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gathering Place: Lunch on Tuesdays September – June. Free or low cost. • Mini Food Bank: Available during the Gathering Place. Free. • Food Vouchers: May be available during The Gathering Place. Free.

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Parksville	
Mt. Arrowsmith Salvation Army Community Church 187 Alberni Hwy 250-954-0707 Email: mountarrowsmith.pqbadmin@salvationarmy.ca Website: https://parksvillesalvationarmy.ca/services/soup-kitchen/	Soup Kitchen: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:00am - 1:00pm. \$4 requested donation.
PQB Fruit Tree Project 133 McMillan Street 250-240-3564 Email: pqbfruit@gmail.com Website: pqbfruit.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAC Community Garden. Take/pick vegetables/fruit. Daily. Free. • Community Pantry. Leave what you can, take what you need. At the MAC Community Garden. Free. • Fruit Tree Gleaning. 1/3 of the fruit that is picked goes to the homeowner, if desired, 1/3 to the volunteers, and 1/3 is distributed from the community garden and pantry. Free.
Parksville Community Centre 223 Mills St 250-248-6234 Email: Info@parkvillecentre.ca Website: www.parkvillecommunitycentre.ca	Lunch at the Centre. Menu changes weekly. Most Wednesdays, 11:30am-1pm. \$10. Must pre-pay on the Monday of the same week.

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	Parksville
<p>SOS (Society of Organized Services) 245 Hirst Avenue West 250-248-2093 Website: sosd69.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals on Wheels: Delivered at lunchtime on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. \$14. Subsidies may be available. Registration required. • Emergency Assistance: Grocery vouchers may be available to low-income individuals during times of crisis. Intake appointment required. <p>All Child, Youth, and Family programming includes food. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Night: Dinner provided. Tuesdays 4:30 - 7:00pm. Free. Registration required. • TICTAC: Snacks provided to participating parents and children. <p>Parksville: Mondays 9:30-11:30am; Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00-11:00am. Qualicum Bay: Wednesdays 9:30-11:30am. Free. Registration required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids Movement: For children in grades 4, 5, 6. Snacks provided. Thursdays 3:00-5:30pm. Free. Registration required. • School Night Out: For youth in grades 7 & 8. Dinner provided. Mondays 3:30-7pm. Free. Registration required. • Youth Open Space: For youth in grades 9 – 12. Dinner provided. Wednesdays 3:30-7pm. Also one Wednesday per month in Qualicum Beach. Free. Registration required.

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Parkville	
Salvation Army Food Bank 886 Wembly Road 250-248-8793 Email: mountarrowsmith.pqbadmin@salvationarmy.ca Website: http://parkvillesalvationarmy.ca/services/food-bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Bank: Clients are welcomed by appointment once per month. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays from 8:30am-3:30pm. Wednesdays & Fridays between 8:30am – 11:30am. Free. Registration required. • Community Table: Fresh produce. Wednesdays & Fridays 8:30am-11:30am. Free. No registration required. • Free Shelf: Non-perishable items. Available Monday – Friday during Food Bank hours. For registered clients. • Emergency food hampers: Available to first-time clients needing urgent assistance. Registration required.
Qualicum Beach	
St. Stephens Church 150 Village Way Website: https://www.ststephensqualicum.ca/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday Lunch: Weekly lunches available for the community and high school students. Thursdays 11:30am-1:00pm. Free. No registration required. • Take out lunches provided to outreach workers to distribute to homeless and unhoused. Free. • Monthly Sit-Down Dinner: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:00pm-6:30pm. Free.

To update the resource: Kimberley Toonders, Food and Nutrition, Island Health at kimberley.toonders@islandhealth.ca

GINGERBREAD COOKIE DECORATING AND CARD CRAFT



DROP-IN
10AM-1PM
SATURDAY
DEC 6TH



FREE EVENT



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www.mcmillanartscentre.com
Gallery & Gift Shop Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 11am to 3pm



Educational Charity
ripplefoundation.ca/contest



MEETINGS IN THE
KSS LIBRARY ON THE
2ND TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH
AT 6:30 PM

*we saved
you a seat!*







KSS Grad Fundraiser

BOTTLE DRIVE

January 10th, 2026

SAVE YOUR HOLIDAY EMPTIES!

- Drop-off your empties in the KSS parking lot on **Jan 10 from 9am - 3pm**
- Leave at the end of your driveway by 9am on Jan 10 *Town of Qualicum Beach residents only*
- Can't wait? Drop off at Coombs Island Self Storage on any Monday 9-5, now until Jan 5

Please have all empties in clear plastic bags.

Accepted Items:

- Aluminum cans
- Plastic drink bottles
- Drink boxes and pouches
- Glass bottles
- Alcohol bottles and cans
- Plastic food cups (Plastic cup with a foil, peel-off lid)

Questions? Email kssparentgrad@gmail.com

**Tree chipping
by donation on
Jan 10th in
KSS parking lot**