



# KWALIKUM CHRONICLES

## #5, January 2026

*We would like to acknowledge that Kwalikum Secondary School resides on Coast Salish Territory and within the shared territory of the Snaw'now'as and Qualicum First Nations.*

### MESSAGE FROM THE ADMIN TEAM

‘uy’ skweyul, and welcome to 2026.

We ended 2025 on a positive community note with the Biosphere Awareness Day being a huge success; bringing together community organizations to showcase and teach students about the multitude of opportunities in our biosphere region that seek to take care of each other and this place. We also had student holiday cards delivered to some of our closest neighbors: including the Gardens, the Legion and Quality Foods. We are so proud of the work that students are continually doing to be good community members. We would like to acknowledge the Rotary Club of Qualicum Beach for their recent contribution of \$1000 to our school food security program. We very much look forward to continuing to work together to increase food security in our school.



As we begin a new calendar year, it is a time of reflection and goal setting. The core competencies of communication, personal and social responsibility and thinking all have a role to play in furthering our collective development as critical thinking, educated citizens. During the homeroom this week, students will be setting goals for themselves in these domains that they can reasonably attain by the end of the school year. Please look for these goals to be attached to their upcoming learning updates.

Graduation assessments for grades 10 and 12 students will begin on the week of January 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have a student in those grades, please look for additional communication this week.

Reminder that semester 1 will be ending on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and the semester turn around day will be on January 26<sup>th</sup>. There are no students in attendance on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Student learning updates will be sent home on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to welcome our new Vice Principal (last names A-L), Grady Sjokvist to the KSS team. We look forward to connecting with you all throughout the remainder of the school year!

Seasons greeting and best wishes

KSS Admin Team

Andrew, Sarah, and Grady

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### JANUARY

Mon. Jan 5- School Reopens.

-X3 Classes begin

Wed. Jan. 7- Grad. Meeting at 7:30pm in the library.

Sat. Jan. 10- Bottle Drive and Tree Chipping at KSS. Grad Fundraiser. See poster below.

Mon. Jan. 26- Semester Turnaround Day- **No school.**

Tues. Jan. 27- Semester 2 begins.

Tues. Feb. 4- Learning Updates sent home.

- Grade 9 Vaccination Clinic- please return theforms that went home on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Feb. 4-7<sup>th</sup>- Grad photo sessions- book your sitting at [www.artona.com](http://www.artona.com)

Feb. 11- KSS Open House-6:30-8:00pm

### **Counselling Updates**

Provincial assessments will be offered January 12-30. Students will be writing in their EFP 10 (Literacy 10), Math 10 (Numeracy 10), and English 12 (Literacy 12) courses. If you are missing assessments or are a grade 12 student wanting to write your Literacy 12 assessment early, please see Ms. Elson in the office for additional writing opportunities.

**Course change requests** for semester 2 (or X4/X5 for grade 8 and 9 students) will take place **the week of January 19th**. Please keep an eye on the announcements for more information. Please note that there will be limited opportunities for changes, as our courses are very full. We will not be able to do course changes once Semester 2 starts.

The scholarship application for our local and district scholarships will be made available in early February. Ms. Ririe will be offering info sessions on how to apply and answer any questions about the process in February. The application will be posted in the "GRAD 2026 (CLC 12 Capstone)" so please see Ms. Ririe, Ms. Robson, Ms. Elson, or Mr. Lee if you do not already have access to this Google Classroom.

The start of a new year can bring excitement, change, and sometimes added pressure. As we settle back into routines, it's important to look after our mental health as well as our academic goals. Students are encouraged to reach out if they need extra support.

Lindsey Ririe ([lririe@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:lririe@sd69.bc.ca)) - Counsellor

Sarah Elson-Haugan ([selson-haugan@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:selson-haugan@sd69.bc.ca)) - Vice-Principal & Indigenous Grad Coach

## ATTENDANCE REPORTING

By email: [KSSAttendance@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:KSSAttendance@sd69.bc.ca)

By phone: 250-752-5651- Press 1

The School Messenger App.



## 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 \$2.00 per meal. Snacks and drinks are also 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 or \$40 denominations.

## January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	Sushi Bowls Crab or Tuna	5 Spaghetti & meat sauce with garlic toast	6 Walking Taco Salad	7 Grilled Cheese and Chili	8 Chicken, Beef & Veg Burgers	9
11	Baked potato with toppings	12 Butter Chicken with pita chips	13 Chicken Caesar pasta salad	14 Assorted Sandwiches & soup	15 Teriyaki Chicken or salmon poke bowls	16
18	Veggie Chow Mein	19 Chicken alfredo with broccoli	20 Regular salad station with choice of toppings	21 Hot Dog or a corn dog with veg & dip cups	22 International Meal * Stay tuned*	23
25	Non Instructional Day	26 Sweet and sour meatballs over rice/veg blend	27 Caesar Salad topped with Dino Nuggets	28 Grilled Cheese and chili	29 Individual Pita Pizzas	30
						31

### LOST AND FOUND

Lost and Found Items will be donated at the **end of January**. Please stop by the bins outside the office and gym to check for missing items.

### 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](mailto: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.

Mr Wilson is looking for student scorekeepers for our basketball games. They will

## 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

10WHIXTD8V

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](mailto:Kelliot@sd69.bc.ca)

## GRADS

### GRAD FUNDRAISERS

1. Bottle Drive is happening this Saturday. Bring refundables to the KSS parking lot from 9am-3pm. Or if you are in Qualicum Beach, leave them out at the end of your driveway by 9am and volunteers will pick them up. Tell your friends and neighbors! Christmas tree chipping is also happening.
2. The prom committee has a QF Card to collect points to buy gift cards for prom prizes! To donate your points, tell the cashier the number is 250-752-2222 for KSS PromPAC. Thank you!
3. Burger and Beers at the Shady Rest on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. \$40 ticket, 19+ event. See the poster below for more information.

### 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](http://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, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the library.
- ★ 50/50 tickets will be sold this month for \$2 with the draw happening on January 31st

- ★ Grad committee is looking for donations for prom prizes and raffles. Please email [kssparentgrad@gmail.com](mailto:kssparentgrad@gmail.com) to donate items or purchase 50/50 tickets.
- ★ Facebook group has fundraiser sign-up sheets to volunteer at:
  - Email: [kssgradparent@gmail.com](mailto:kssgradparent@gmail.com) to join the mailing list or volunteer.

## EXCHANGE STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

### Germany Student Exchange: 2026-27

Grades 10-12 only



-Contact [exchange@bchla.ca](mailto:exchange@bchla.ca) for more information.

-See Mr. Barton in the counselling Office if you have any questions



Scan the QR code for more info

- Do you want to host a German Study for 10 weeks at your home in Canada?
- Do you want to study in Germany for 10 weeks and live in a German home?
- If so, then your application is due by the end of February
- Info. Night on January 14, 2026 @6:30 pm

## 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](mailto:homestay@sd69.bc.ca).

## 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](mailto: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.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#/=](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#/=>
- Transportation: <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.schoolcashonline.com/>
- Kondor Kitchen Lunch Cards: <https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/default.aspx#/=>



TUESDAYS  
JAN 20 - APR 21, 2026  
6:30pm - 8:00pm

# FREE DROP-IN YOUTH BASKETBALL

AGES  
11-15

All levels welcome! Come build skills, shoot hoops, play games and have fun!

More information  
<https://arrowsmithrecreation.ca/classes>

COOMBS FAIRGROUNDS GYMNASIUM  
1014 FORD ROAD, COOMBS, BC



Kristine Stephenson: [stephenson@live.ca](mailto:stephenson@live.ca) or 250-927-3985  
Tracy Cargo-White: [tracy.cargo@outlook.com](mailto:tracy.cargo@outlook.com) or 250-947-5272



Tuesdays  
JAN 13 - MAR 3, 2026  
5:00pm - 6:00pm

# Karate

A photograph showing two individuals in white karate gi uniforms. The person on the left is wearing a yellow belt and has their hands clasped in front of them. The person on the right is wearing an orange belt and is holding a white belt in their right hand. They are both looking towards the right side of the frame.

Ages 8 - 99+

Join Sensei Brian Purves for this introduction to martial arts, which will focus on basic Karate and self-defense techniques in a fun and safe environment. Gain strength and confidence.

\$100 per 8 sessions

Register:  
[arrowsmithrecreation.ca/classes](http://arrowsmithrecreation.ca/classes)

Coombs Fairgrounds Gymnasium  
1014 Ford Rd, Coombs

Sandra Poelzer: [sandrapoelzer@yahoo.com](mailto:sandrapoelzer@yahoo.com) or 250-802-1308  
Kristine Stephenson: [stephenson@live.ca](mailto:stephenson@live.ca) or 250-927-3985



FEB - MAY, 2026

6:00PM - 8:00PM

# MID ISLAND PROGRAMMING CLUB

with Matt + Jonas

FEB 4- HOW TO MAKE A VIDEO GAME

FEB 25 - PROGRAMMING WITH GO

MAR 25 - VERSION CONTROL IN GIT

APR 29 - BASICS OF VIM TEXT EDITOR

MAY 27 - LEARN VS CODE

Book 3  
Save 15%

**Bring your own laptop. No programming experience required. Intended for confident computer users. Ages 15+**

**\$15 per workshop**

[arrowsmithrecreation.ca/classes](http://arrowsmithrecreation.ca/classes)

**BoMé Cheese - 1876 Alberni Hwy, Coombs, BC**

Kristine Stephenson: [stephenson@live.ca](mailto:stephenson@live.ca) or 250-927-3985

INSTRUCTED BY IMOGEN MCPHERSON-FORSTER  
**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](http://www.mcmillanartscentre.com)  
Gallery & Gift Shop Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 11am to 3pm

School  
for the  
**Creative  
Arts**



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

by MARTIN CHARNIN

# Amie

QUALICUM BEACH SCHOOL OF DANCE  
Village Theatre Qualicum Beach  
January 9th to 18th

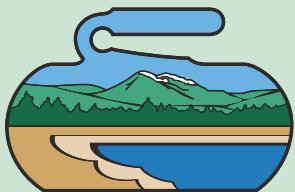


**Info and tickets @ [www.ticketowl.io/qbsd](http://www.ticketowl.io/qbsd)**

Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).  
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# Junior Curling



Parksville  
Curling Club



Fun for everyone  
8-17 years old!

**\$50**  
Winter  
season



Mondays 3:45-5:15 pm January to March

For more information or to register  
email [juniorleague@parksvillecurling.com](mailto:juniorleague@parksvillecurling.com)  
Reserve your spot!



250-248-3764



[parksvillecurling.com](http://parksvillecurling.com)

No experience necessary.  
All equipment provided.



# Dodgeball and Games 8-12yrs

**Tu Jan 13-Feb 10,  
3:45-5:15 p.m. \$30  
Oceanside Place Arena**



**Register today at [rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://rdn.bc.ca/recreation)**

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# Football First Down 6-12yrs



Th Jan 15-19, \$60

6-8yrs, 5:45-6:45 p.m.  
9-12yrs, 7-8 p.m.

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# New Year's Eve Family Event



**Wednesday December 31**

**5-7 p.m.**

**FREE**

**Tickets required, get yours at  
Oceanside Place Arena**

*Activities include pond hockey, disco light skate,  
crafts, cupcake walk and more.*



## Everyone Welcome Swim

Sa Dec 20, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Regular Admission

Ravensong Aquatic Centre

[rdn.bc.ca/swim-schedule](http://rdn.bc.ca/swim-schedule)

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**Tu Jan 20-Feb 10  
Tu Feb 17-Mar 10  
6:15-7:15 p.m.  
\$52**

**One on One Fitness Gym**

**Register today at [rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://rdn.bc.ca/recreation)**

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# Youth Wheelchair Basketball 12yrs+



**Fri Jan 16-Mar 13  
5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**\$25**

**People with and without  
disabilities are welcome.  
Sport wheelchairs are provided.**

**Oceanside Elem School**

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# Winter Wonderland on Ice

December 12-31

at Oceanside Place Arena



**A variety of public skates plus Free Skates**

**Free Leisure Skate courtesy of Canadian Parents for French**

Saturday December 13, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Free Leisure Skate courtesy of MP Gord Johns**

Sunday December 14, from 4-6 p.m.

**Free Leisure Skate for Families with Children 0-8yrs courtesy of Early Years Coalition.**

Joins us upstairs in the multipurpose room before or after your skate for activities and crafts.

Monday December 15, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**Winter Wonderland Free Youth Skate 13-17yrs**

Friday December 19, 6-8 p.m.

**Free Family Skate courtesy of Parksville Lions & Save-On-Foods**

Sunday December 21, 10-2 p.m.



[rdn.bc.ca/skate-schedule](http://rdn.bc.ca/skate-schedule)

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# Builder's Club 6-12yrs

**Fr Feb 6, 2:30-4 p.m.**

**\$10**

**Nanoose Place**

**We Feb 11-Mar 11, 3:15-4:15 p.m.**

**\$30**

**Qualicum Commons**



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22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Qualicum Beach  
**Seedy  
Saturday**  
*'It starts with a seed'*

Qualicum Beach Civic Centre  
**Saturday, February 7, 2026**  
10 am – 3:30 pm

- Seed Swap
- Master Gardeners answering questions
- Seed, Plant and Garden-Related Vendors
- Demos
- Educational Displays
- Children's Activity
- Door Prizes
- Seedy Café
- Raffle Draw (cash only)
- No ATM on site
- Pesticide/chemical drop off (in original package)



**Admission: suggested \$5 donation**

Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday Association  
[www.qbseedysaturday.ca](http://www.qbseedysaturday.ca) • [qbsschair@gmail.com](mailto:qbsschair@gmail.com)  
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A fundraiser for KSS Grad  
2026. Burgers & brew with a  
meat draw & 50/50 ticket  
sales.

Email -  
[kssparentgrad@gmail.com](mailto:kssparentgrad@gmail.com) for  
tickets

# BURGERS & BREW

KSS GRAD 2026

JANUARY 18TH  
5PM-8PM  
THE SHADY REST PUB  
TICKET COST \$40  
19+