



KWALIKUM CHRONICLES

#2, October 3rd, 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 October!

September 30 marked the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day is marked by the wearing of orange shirts, inspired by the story of Phyllis Webstad, whose orange shirt was taken on her first day of residential school. The traumatic experience symbolic of the loss of culture and identity that Indigenous students faced in residential schools. The day is a day to listen and to reflect and we as a staff had the opportunity to do just that on our September 29th Professional Development Day. We looked at the importance of language and listened to local stories, many of which were being shared for the first time. It is an example of the work being done to walk the path forward together.

There are lots of things happening around the school which we continue to be excited about. Seminar had a great introduction and as students get more familiar with the process, we are excited to see what great learning comes out of them. The cops for cancer came for their annual visit and the school presented them with a cheque for \$5474.80. Thanks to leadership students for heading this up again and for the entire community for their contributions. On Wednesday we held a ribbon cutting ceremony for our newly renovated washrooms. They look fantastic!

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the upcoming conferences on October 15/16. Please keep an eye out for a booking link later this evening.

KSS Admin Team

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

Friday, October 3rd: Parent/Teacher Conference Booking link sent at 6pm.

Mon. Oct. 6: Grad Parent Meeting at 7pm in the MPR

Tues. Oct. 7: PAC Meeting at 7pm in the library- new members are welcome.

Wed. Oct 8: Introductory Music Concert at 7pm in the MPR-

Mon. Oct. 13: Thanksgiving Monday- No School

Wed. Oct. 15- Parent/Guardian and Teacher Conferences: 5:30-8:00PM

Thurs. Oct. 16: Photo Retake Day- Morning starting at 9am.

- Parent/Guardian and Teacher Conferences: 3:30-6:00PM

Fri. Oct. 17-22nd: Secret Path Week

Fri. Oct. 24: Pro-D- No School



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
12:27 – 1:48 C	12:27 – 1:48 D	1:03 – 2:06 C	1:03 – 2:06 D	12:27 – 1:48 C	12:27 – 1:48 D
1:52 – 3:13 D	1:52 – 3:13 C	2:10 – 3:13 D	2:10 – 3:13 C	1:52 – 3:13 D	1:52 – 3:13 C

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

Due to the postal strike, Textbook refund cheques will not be mailed out, students will be called down to the office to pick them up.

INTRODUCTORY MUSIC CONCERT- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8th

Our Introductory Music Concert is here - 7pm in the MPR at KSS! Come and see what the music students in grades 8-12 have been up to for the first 4 weeks of school! All large performing ensembles will be showing you their learning process: Concert Choir, Vocal Jazz, Concert Band 8, Concert Band 9, Senior Concert Band, and Jazz Band.

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 October 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.

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.

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

1OWHIXTD8V

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/DIPLOMAS 2024/25

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

Diplomas for last year's graduates have arrived and are available in the Counselling Office.

MUSIC CONCERT- OCTOBER 8TH, 7PM

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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#/=](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>
- Sign up for School Messenger to report student absences and receive communications.

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Build Your Own Salad! Thanksgiving themed toppings!	2 Assorted Deli Sandwiches & soup Always changing with the seasons	3 Sushi Bowls Crab or Tuna	4 Treat Sales every Friday!
5 Meatless Mondays!	6 Baked Potato Buffet with mixed toppings!	7 Butter Chicken with pita chips	8 Build Your Own Salad! Thanksgiving themed toppings!	9 Assorted Deli Sandwiches & soup Always changing with the seasons	10 Turkey Dinner for lunch! Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!	11
12	13 Thanksgiving Day - No School	14 Spaghetti & Meatballs with garlic toast	15 Build Your Own Salad! Thanksgiving themed toppings!	16 Assorted Deli Sandwiches & soup Always changing with the seasons	17 Sushi Bowls Crab or Tuna	18
19	20 Vegetarian chow mein	21 Chicken Alfredo with vegetables	22 Build Your Own Salad! Tons of Toppings!	23 Assorted Deli Sandwiches & soup Always changing with the seasons	24 Non-Instructional Day	25
26	27 Vegetarian Fried Rice	28 Hot Dog or a Corn Dog with veg & dip cups	29 Build Your Own Salad! Tons of Toppings!	30 Assorted Deli Sandwiches & soup Always changing with the seasons	31 Individual Pita Pizzas Halloween Treat Sale!	



Culinary Confidence (16+)

\$60

Meadowood Community Hall - 4:00 - 7:00pm

Wed., Nov. 12 - Dec. 3

Karate (8+)

\$100

Coombs Fairgrounds - Gymnasium - 5:00 - 6:00pm,

*Tues., Oct. 14 - Dec. 2 **TRY IT FREE Oct. 7***



Floor Hockey (16+)

\$80

Coombs Fairgrounds - 6:45 - 8:15pm, Sun., Sep. 28 -

*Nov. 23 (No class Oct. 12) **\$12 Drop-in rate***

Basketball (11-15)

FREE

Coombs Fairgrounds Gymnasium

Ages 11-15: 6:30 - 8:00pm, Tues., Oct. 7 - Dec. 9

Ages 16+: 7:00 - 9:00pm, Thurs., Oct. 9 - Dec. 11



Guitar (16+)

\$120

Musically Inclined Guitar Studio in Errington

Beginners - 11:00am - 12:00pm, Sat., Oct. 11 - Nov. 29

Beyond Beginner - 5:00 - 6:00pm, Tues., Oct. 7 - Nov. 25

Intermediate - 5:00 - 6:00pm, Wed., Oct. 8 - Nov. 26



Mid Island Programming Club (15+)

\$60

BoMé Cheese in Coombs - 6:00 - 7:30pm,

Wed., Oct. 15 - Nov. 12

Register at:

www.arrowsmithrecreation.ca/classes

Basketball Dribblers 7-11yrs

Sep 16-Oct 21

7-8yrs, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

9-11yrs, 5:15-6:15 pm

Oct 28-Dec 2

7-8yrs, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

9-11yrs, 5:15-6:15 pm

\$50

Arrowview Elementary School



Register today at rdn.bc.ca/recreation

Ravensong Aquatic Centre, 737 Jones St, Qualicum Beach ~ 250-752-5014

Oceanside Place Arena, 830 W Island Hwy, Parksville ~ 250-248-3252

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Youth Wheel Chair Basketball 12yrs+

Fri Sep 19-Nov 28

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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Girls Basketball Dribblers 8-11yrs

Sep 16-Oct 21, 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Oct 28-Dec 2, 7:15-8:15 p.m.

\$50

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Gym Games 7-12yrs

Tu Sep 16-Dec 9

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Craig Street Commons

\$10/1

Flexible registration, pick the dates that you can attend.



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Learn to Skate 4-12yrs

Skate Lessons, \$50/5
Oceanside Place Arena

Lesson times available on
Mondays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays and Saturdays.

Beginners to advanced skill
levels.



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Softball 5.5-10yrs

Th Sep 18-Oct 23

5.5-7yrs, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

8-10yrs, 7-8 pm.

\$60

Craig Street Commons- Gym



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Volleyball 18yrs+

Mo Sep 15-Dec 1
7-8:30 p.m.
Oceanside Elem School

\$80/8 or \$12/1
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dates that you can attend.



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Women's Indoor Soccer

Tue Sep 23-Dec 2
7:30-9 p.m.

\$90/9 or \$12/1

Flexible registration, pick the
dates that you can attend.

Oceanside Elem School - Gym



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Information for Parents and Caregivers

Resources to support you and your child



Register for free training

Tips to protect children
and youth online



Have a conversation

Talk with children and
youth about things they
may be experiencing

What kind of information can I find on erase.gov.bc.ca?

- **Practical guidance** to help you support your child's safety and well-being
- **Resources and information about:**
 - Diversity and inclusion
 - Mental health and substance use
 - School and online safety
- **Free training sessions** to help you keep your child safe online
- **Videos** explaining erase, the Report It Tool, and safe, caring and inclusive schools
- **Tips** for bringing concerns to your child's school

What is the Report It Tool?

Report It is an **anonymous online tool for students** to report anything concerning to their school safety team—whether it happens at school, online, or somewhere else. Find it at erase.gov.bc.ca.



Questions? Reach out to your school to learn more.



Teen Leadership



Program

About the Program

Youth Empowering Youth (Yey) is a movement led by youth for youth to nurture, support, and strengthen young leaders.

Program Highlights

- 1 FREE Registration
- 2 Online via Zoom
- 3 Youth-Led
- 4 Earn up to 15 volunteer hours

2025 Schedule

SUNDAYS

Date:

October 12th - December 07th

Time:

2:00PM - 3:30PM PST

Why Choose Us?

Leadership Skills

Life Skills

Confidence

Self Awareness



How to Register

1. Visit Our Website at yeyfoundation.org
2. Click 'Registration'
3. Click 'Open Youth Program Registration'
4. Fill Out & Submit Form

More Questions?

office@yeyfoundation.org

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 YEY Foundation

Registration is now open for our **FREE Fall 2025 Leadership Development Program** designed for students ages 13–18.

Thanks to the support of schools, YEY continues to empower youth across Canada to grow into confident, resilient leaders who create positive change in their schools, families, and communities.

Volunteer Hours

Each student who participates in the program receives **15 volunteer hours** that can be applied toward graduation requirements.

About the Program

YEE equips young people with tools to succeed both inside and outside of school by focusing on:

- **Teamwork & Collaboration** – building strong peer connections
- **Communication Skills** – learning to listen and lead effectively
- **Resilience & Problem-Solving** – developing confidence to overcome challenges
- **Leadership & Service** – applying lessons in real-life situations to make a difference

Our sessions are **interactive, discussion-based, and peer-led**. Students walk away with greater self-awareness, stronger decision-making skills, and a vision for their future.

Fall 2025 Teen Cohort Dates (Ages 13–18)

- Session 1: **Sunday, October 12, 2025** – The Ripple Effect
 - Session 2: **Sunday, October 19, 2025** – Attitude Creates Your Life
 - Session 3: **Sunday, October 26, 2025** – The Moment You Stop Blaming, You Take Back Your Power
 - Session 4: **Sunday, November 2, 2025** – Take Action! With Small Steps
 - Session 5: **Sunday, November 9, 2025** – Fail Forward to Success
 - Session 6: **Sunday, November 16, 2025** – Drive Your Life with Powerful Habits
 - Session 7: **Sunday, November 23, 2025** – Be A Student of Life
 - Session 8: **Sunday, November 30, 2025** – Momentum is Your Responsibility
 - Session 9 (Graduation): **Sunday, December 7, 2025**
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Registration

Students can register directly here: <https://linktr.ee/youthempoweringyouth>

Sandy Shores Skating Club

CANSKATE LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM

Ideal starting point whether your child wants to go into hockey, figure skating or have occasional fun skating recreationally. Our programs are sanctioned by Skate Canada and taught by Skate Canada accredited coaches.



*Ongoing
registration*

Oceanside Place Victor Kraatz Arena

Schedule and registration:

<https://sandyshores.uplifterinc.com>



Parents as Education & Career Coaches



EducationPlannerBC, in collaboration with school district partners, invites parents and supporters to join our virtual presentation:

Wednesday, October 29, 2025, from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Learn about post-secondary education in B.C. Did you know there are 25 public post-secondary institutions with over 4,000 programs across the province? Come explore all your opportunities at EducationPlannerBC.

We'll show you how to use EducationPlannerBC's website to search thousands of programs, get to know trades, and discover career paths. Find helpful resources, including financial aid options, admission requirements, FAQs, and the Glossary. Learn how to create an account, save programs, paths, and careers to My List, and apply to post-secondary in B.C.

Have a student that attends a **Vancouver Island Coastal Region school?**

Register using the QR code or by [clicking here](#).



For more information, contact support@educationplannerbc.ca



www.EducationPlannerBC.ca

PARENT VOICES NEEDED



Stronger schools.
Happier kids.

Join the Qualicum District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Board!

All roles are open for 2025/26:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Directors-at-Large

qsd.dpac@gmail.com

What does DPAC do? We advocate,
we educate, we coordinate, we support,
and we are the collective voice of parents
and caregivers in district conversations.