

Kwalikum Kurrent for Guardians

December, 2023



How to connect with us:

School Website: <https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/kss>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/kss.news/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100053217285616>

MySchoolDay App

Dates to Remember:

December

- 1 District planning day - *No school*
- 5 PAC meeting at 7pm
- 6 Winter Concert in the KSS MPR at 7pm
- 12 Island Health Pop-Up Booth
- Dec 25 to Jan 5 Winter vacation




Last day of school before winter break is December 22nd and the first day back to school is January 8th

Daily Announcements

If you are ever curious about what is going on within the school, please check out our website where you can find the daily announcements. They will give you a good idea of the many opportunities and happenings here at KSS.

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS>

 School News

[VIEW ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS](#)

**Kwalikum
Observer- student
publication**

Kwalikum Observer -
November 2023

**Kwalikum Kurrent
Parent/Guardian
Newsletter**

KSS October 2023
Parent/Guardian

**Daily
Announcements!**

Monday, October 30, 2023

Introducing Vice-Principal Paisley Hendricks

I am thankful for this opportunity to introduce myself to the school community. My name is Paisley Hendricks and I am the new Vice Principal here at Kwalikum Secondary School. I was most recently at Ballenas Secondary School, but have a history in secondary and elementary teaching. My ideal school is one that is welcoming, inclusive, safe, and fosters a community of learning for all. I believe in the value of collaboration and learning from each other and can't wait to see what I will learn from this new community. Hay cep qa (thank you)



Reminders

2024 Grads can now book their senior portrait session by visiting Schedule.prestigeportraits.ca Sessions will run from January 22nd to the 26th and will take place in the KSS MPR.

Ms. Burton has a great collection of Prom wear, both gowns and suits. It is free and you get to keep it. Upcycling is good for the planet!

We will be having a pop up booth by Island Health at lunch on Dec. 12 in the South building Socialization area. Island Health nurses will be attending with health and wellness information for students.

Kwalikum Kondor Athletics Tournament Schedule



December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Nov. 27	Nov. 28 Sr. Boys vs. Ballenas 7pm	Nov. 29	Nov. 30	1	2
3	4 Sr. Girls vs. Highland 7pm	5 Sr. Boys vs. Highland 7pm	6 Gr.8 Girls vs. Dover 3:30pm	7	8	9
10	11	12 Sr. Girls vs. QMS 5:30pm Sr. Boys vs. Timberline 7pm	13 Gr. 8 Boys vs. NCS 3:30pm	14	15 Jr. Boys Invitational starts at 5pm	16 Jr. Boys Invitational starts at 10am
17	18	19 Sr. Girls vs. NCS 5:30pm Sr. Boys vs. NCS 7pm	20 Gr. 8 Girls vs. Dover 3:30pm	21	22	23

Leadership Events



KSS Calendar



DECEMBER 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4 Door Decorating Contest Begins D Block	5	6	7	8
11 Winter Wonderweek! Plaid Day	12 Winter Wonderweek! Tacky Sweater Day Interactive Board at lunch	13 Winter Wonderweek! Elf Yourself Day Pie a Santa at lunch	14 Winter Wonderweek! Winter Hat Day The Great Gingerbread Ice Off	15 Winter Wonderweek! Fancy Formal Friday Door Decorating judging
18 Pajama Week Candy Gram Sales At Lunch	19 Pajama Week BYOM Free Hot Cocoa Candy Gram Sales At Lunch	20 Pajama Week Candy Gram Sales At Lunch	21 Pajama Week Candy Cane Grams Delivered in C block	22 Pajama Week Last Day before Winter Break

Student Voice Club

Our amazing students in the Student Voice Club have put together a gift basket loaded with generous donations from local businesses. They will be raffling off this basket on December 20th. All proceeds from this raffle will go directly to the Ms. Mattice Memorial Scholarship Fund. This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating student who embodies Ms. Mattice's values of leadership and service to others. Tickets are available for purchase by [CLICKING HERE](#) and using your SchoolCashOnline account or students can purchase tickets at lunchtime in the socialization area.

Music Events

Our Winter Music Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 6th at 7pm in the KSS MPR.

Counselling Centre Information

For information on scholarships visit the website below.

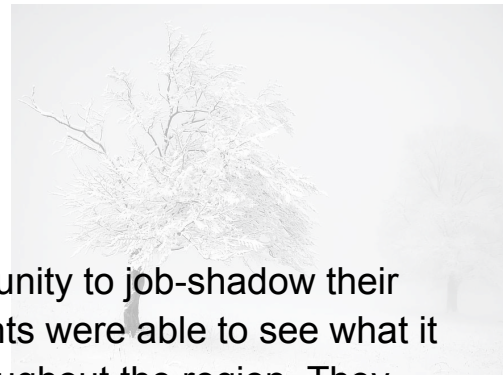
<https://ksscounsellingcentre.weebly.com/scholarshipspsp-12.html>

There are weekly updates and schedules for the Post Secondary Prep 12 class posted on the website as well.

Career Centre News

Take Our Kids To Work Day

On November 1st, Grade 9 students at KSS had the opportunity to job-shadow their parents or other adults in the community for the day. Students were able to see what it is like to be part of the workforce in many different roles throughout the region. They learned about potential careers, as well as got a first hand understanding of why some of their parents come home so tired at the end of the day. Thank you to all who were able to support this opportunity for our students.



If students are interested in adopting a Red Kettle with the Salvation Army and volunteering their time to collect money for those less fortunate in the community, they can come talk to Mr. Gauvin in the Career Center. Students will volunteer in pairs, with an adult (parent/guardian) for two hour blocks of time. This can be used as part of their volunteer time towards the graduation requirements.

The Salvation Army is flexible in scheduling and the campaign will run from November 18th to December 23rd (excluding Sundays).

If you have any questions or inquiries, please connect with Mr. Gauvin in the Career Center (Room 151) or by email at cgauvin@sd69.bc.ca

SD69 COMMUNITY PAGE

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Community69>

LITERACY AND NUMERACY FAMILY NIGHT



Hosted by
District Teaching & Learning Teachers
Denise Spencer-Dahl (K-5) & Ruth Stefanek (6-12)

THE DETAILS

When: Dec. 5th from 5:30-7:00 pm

Where: Winchelsea Place

What: Literacy/Numeracy Games K-9

Who: Parents/Caregivers and their children in Grades K to 9

GIVE AWAYS

Children must be supervised by their accompanying guardian/parent.

*Life is more fun if you
play games*

~ Roald Dahl



QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Inclement Weather Procedures Reminder for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers:

During this time of season, inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. When snowfall or power outages have the potential to cause school closures, classes to be postponed, or School District bus services to be disrupted, alerts will be posted as quickly as possible on the district website (as power permits). The information will also be forwarded to local media outlets and conveyed through School Messenger*.

Before a decision is made about whether buses will be running, or schools will remain open or be closed, the Superintendent consults with the Director of Operations. These administrators take the current and forecasted weather into consideration, and are in communication with Highways Maintenance, our own crews, and other community members who can verify local conditions. District staff will be considering current road and weather conditions, and also whether schools have power. Freezing weather overnight may mean that conditions are hazardous for travel.

It is our intention to make decisions on whether or not buses or schools are operating by 6:15 am, and to have these decisions communicated to local media outlets by 6:30 am.

Parents/Guardians should continue to monitor their local media for any weather-related updates and the potential impact on school district operations (i.e. bus operations or school closures).

Parents/Guardians are also reminded to keep battery-operated radios handy and land line telephones plugged in to prepare for power outages. Since weather conditions can be very different in the various communities that make up our school district, we recommend parents/guardians exercise their judgement based on their own local circumstance when making the decision whether to send or drive their children to school. If a decision is made by the District to keep schools open but parents/guardians are concerned about safety issues, they are welcome to keep their children home.

*SchoolMessenger - Opt In/Out/Set Preferences

Sign up for SchoolMessenger at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home>

or download one of the following apps on your phone:

Apple App Store: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/schoolmessenger-infocenter/id978894818>

Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.schoolmessenger.recipient>

See also Administrative Procedure: Emergency Closure of Schools (Student) under Board Policy 708: Emergency Preparedness and Closures

<https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Board/Policies-and-Bylaws/Bylaws-Policies-and-Administrative-Procedures/700%20Student%20Services/708%20Emergency%20Preparedness%20and%20Closures.pdf>

An event for the whole family to enjoy!

BERWICK PARKSVILLE HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

with special guest, SANTA!

Saturday, December 2nd 1:00pm-4:00pm

Berwick Parksville is hosting their first craft market. Come shop, browse and get in on the fun. Live music, resident crafters and photos with Santa.

Donations and sale proceeds towards the SOS Angel Tree program.

**Complimentary
Santa photos from
1:00pm-4:00pm**

- Live Music
- Art & Crafts
- Baked goods
- Santa onsite for photos
- Resident Crafters
- Proceeds towards the SOS Angel Tree Program



Visit us at 180 Jensen Ave East
berwickparksville@berwickrc.com
www.berwickparksville.com | 250-468-6000

BERWICK
PARKSVILLE
RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

SOS Caring for Community at Christmas

Creating the magic of Christmas
for local residents since 1968



Drop-in to register

Starting Nov. 15, low income families and individuals can register at the SOS Community Services Centre in Parksville from 9:15 am - 11:30 am and 1:15 pm - 2:45 pm, Monday - Friday. Parents and grandparents receive help providing gifts for children and youth, and grocery gift cards are provided to adults, seniors and families.

Support the program

Financial donations: Donate online, by phone or in person.

Gift donations: New, unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the SOS Community Services Centres in Parksville: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 12 pm and 1 pm - 4:30 pm. Attend a local event benefitting the program, or locate an SOS Angel Tree at a participating business.

Thank you for helping create magic for residents in need!

SOS Community Services Centres

www.sosd69.com | 250.248.2093 ext. 229

245 Hirst Ave. W., Parksville | 744 Primrose St., Qualicum

coordinator@sosd69.com | [f](#) [@](#) [in](#) [d](#)



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SOS Child & Family Programs

Supporting District 69 families



TIC TAC 0-5 years, Pre-Kindergarten

A friendly environment for parents and caregivers to take a break and recharge while children play and socialize. **Parksville** Tues/Thurs, 9-11 am **Qualicum** Mon/Wed, 9-11 am

Intergenerational Family Night Families and Seniors

Quality family time and community connection through activities and a home-cooked dinner.

We welcome seniors to join us and interact with families.

Parksville Tuesdays, 4:30-7 pm **Qualicum** Wednesdays, 4:30-7 pm

Kids Movement: Play, Express & Grow Grades 4-6

Build self-esteem, healthy relationships and new connections. SOS bus pickup available for SD69 schools.

Parksville Thursdays, 3-5:30 pm **Qualicum** Mondays, 3-5:30 pm.

Tutoring Program Grades 6-12

One-on-one tutoring services for students who need extra support in Math and English.

Parksville Mon-Thurs, 3:30-4:30 or 4:30-5:30 pm (September - June).

Recreation Assistance for Children & Youth

Helps low-income families with costs to register local children and youth in recreation activities. Call 250.248.2093 ext. 241 for an appointment.

SOS programs rely on SOS Thrift Shop support, volunteers and financial donations from the community.

SOS Community Services Centres

Child and Family Programs contacts:

Parksville 245 Hirst Ave. W. | 250.248.2093 ext. 249

Cell: 250.228.4066 | cyfcoordinator@sosd69.com

Qualicum 744 Primrose St. | 250.752.2040 ext. 201

Cell: 250.248.0997 | childandfamily@sosd69.com

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