

# Kwalikum Kurrent for Parents

June 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

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

May

31 Summer Career Explorer Program Info Evening - Winchelsea Place

June

01 SD69 Parent Information Session/Panel - KSS MPR  
School Clean up/ Ms. Mattice Memorial Walk at lunch

07 Fun Day

08 Bard on the Beach trip

13 Disney Day

14 Year End Concert 7:00 in MPR, all groups

Grad Breakfast and Walk - NO Flex this day - regular schedule

Indigenous Education Department annual Student Success Dinner

16 Bartathon 2.0 - Fundraiser for Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock

19 - 23 Ministry Assessments - Numeracy 10 & Literacy 12 rewrites

21 National Indigenous Peoples Day

22 KSS Music BBQ at the Rotary Park in Qualicum Beach, all music students

23 KSS Spirit Day

24 Prom

25 Grad Breakfast at the Rotary Park

27 Last day of classes for grades 8 to 12

28 I-School Day

29 Commencement 12:30

July 4-7 Report cards available for pickup in the office

## Message from the library:

Students should return all library resources ASAP once classes are finished so that they are not misplaced over the summer. Students will not be permitted to sign out new resources in September until everything has been returned. Please keep student cards for quick and easy textbook sign out in September.

Grads should return their resources before commencement so that the textbook deposits can be returned in September.

## Summer Explore Your Career Program

This summer we are hosting our Summer Career Explorer program for students in Secondary School. We would like to invite any interested students and parents to a parent / student information evening on Wednesday May 31st at Winchelsea Place. Please follow the link provided for more information on our Explore Your Career Options Summer Program offered by the Career Education Department of School District #69. Follow <https://forms.gle/XUHikmwFHx9Fijm77> to complete a short expression of interest and survey form for your child. For more information please consider attending the one-hour information session listed below or contact Greg Muirhead at the Ballenas Career Center. Greg's email address is [gmuirhead@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:gmuirhead@sd69.bc.ca).

Information Session:

When: Wednesday **May 31st 6:00-7:00 pm**

Where: Winchelsea Place, 140 Renz Road Parksville - In the Library Commons

## SD69 Parent Information Session/Panel

**June 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the KSS Multipurpose Room**

The focus of this panel is to share information with parents of the realities and risks to the youth in our community in the current social climate, building parental awareness.

### **Agenda**

- Introductions, Associate Superintendent Gillian Wilson
- Charmian McMillen, Island Health – Sexual Health
- Aimee Falkenberg - Clinical Coordinator for the Nanaimo Forensic Nurse Examiner Program (CI/NI) Trauma Services - Sexual Safety/Risks/Awareness
- Tracy Malyon- Tobacco enforcement/reduction Island Health – Vaping Risks and Realities
- RCMP update – Risk behavior in Oceanside Youth – stats.
- Questions
- Closing, District Principals of Secondary Schools

# Indigenous Education Dept. Annual Student Success Dinner

On Wednesday, June 14th the Indigenous Education Department will be hosting their annual Student Success dinner at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre. Doors open at 4:45 pm and dinner starts at 5:30 pm. For more information please email Dallas Phillips at [dphillips@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:dphillips@sd69.bc.ca).

## Career Centre News:

- Work Experience 12 A & B allows students ages 14 and older to receive course credits if they have a job.
- There is a job board in the Career Centre for those interested.
- Dual Credit Trade/Vocational programs are available for students in their grade 12 year.

Stop into the Career Centre for more information or email [kwalikum@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:kwalikum@sd69.bc.ca)

## Grade 12 Info:

On Wednesday, June 14th there will be the **Grad Walk**. The event will start at 8:00 am with a pancake and waffle breakfast in the MPR. Following the breakfast, caps and gowns will be distributed before all participating grads hop on the buses to head to their elementary schools. Sign up for this event closed on May 26th. If you missed the sign up, please see Ms. Martens in the library.

**Prom** will take place on June 24th, information packages and contracts are now available in the office for all attendees that have paid their prom fees. All prom guest information, consent forms, parade registrations, and red carpet announcements must be returned to the office by **end of day on June 15th**. Please note that prom guests must be approved by an administrator prior to attending.

**Commencement** ceremony will be taking place on June 29th at 12:30pm in the gymnasium. Graduates that have paid their commencement fees and have no outstanding library debts will be able to pick up their tickets beginning June 5th. Commencement packages can be picked up the week of June 19-23.

In order to stay on top of what is happening for grad, parents can be added to the parent email list by emailing [kssparentgrad@gmail.com](mailto:kssparentgrad@gmail.com) , and following the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1057429651586710> .

## Homestay Families Needed:

Qualicum International Student Program is in need of new host families in Qualicum/Eaglecrest/Chartwell/Sandpiper/French Creek who can host students attending Kwalikum Secondary. Students Grade 7 to 12 are in need of a home from September to June. Some students are also here for just five months. Families are paid a stipend for hosting. For more information and to register click [here](#) or call us at 250-951-0857.



## School Bus Registration for 2023-2024 is now open (ONLINE ONLY):

Bus Registration for the 2023/24 school year is now open!

**ALL STUDENTS RIDING SD69 SCHOOL BUSES MUST APPLY TO RIDE EACH YEAR**

Here is the link: <https://forms.office.com/r/H1xmKQHE7s>

The priority processing window for **Eligible Riders** will be from April 27<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

From June 1<sup>st</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023 **Courtesy Rider** and Eligible Riders will be processed on a first come first serve basis. \*\*\*Deadline for applications is June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.\*\*\*

## 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.

The screenshot shows the school website's navigation and news sections. On the left, under 'School News', there is a link for 'May 2023 Newsletter for Parents' and a 'DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS!' link with a red arrow pointing to it. Below that is the 'District News' section with a link for '2023-24 and 2024-25 Local School Calendar' and a link for '2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR - UPDATED'. On the right, under 'School Links', there are several links including 'Grade 10, 11, and 12 Course Descriptions', 'BC Youth 12 years + Covid Vaccination Information', 'GRAD FEES + Yearbook fees', 'Counselling Centre', 'Simplegradebook Parent Information', 'Simplegradebook', 'Scholarships & Post-Secondary Information (PSP 12)', 'Useful Links', 'CEAP Moodle', and 'Moodle'. There are also 'VIEW ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS' links in both the School News and District News sections.

**SD69 COMMUNITY PAGE:** <https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Community69>



# KWALIKUM SECONDARY SCHOOL

*Working together to realize our full potential*

Principal: Lori Marshall, [lmarshall@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:lmarshall@sd69.bc.ca)

Vice-Principal: Jennifer Lunny, [jlunny@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:jlunny@sd69.bc.ca)

Vice-Principal: Heather Deering, [hdeering@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:hdeering@sd69.bc.ca)

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Dear Students and Families,

As you are aware, all school district buildings, grounds, buses, and vehicles parked on school property are required by law to be smoke free at all times. In addition to contravening the Provincial laws and our school and district Codes of Conduct, we are also concerned about the possible future adverse health effects from vaping, which are becoming more widely known as new research becomes available.

In response to concerns from students, parents, and staff, we are implementing some additional responses to help enforce our school's Code of Conduct. Therefore, this notice is serving as fair warning to families regarding disciplinary measures we will be enforcing. Our primary focus will be on the students who are vaping in the washrooms; however, students who continue to vape on school property will be subject to progressive discipline as outlined by Board Policy 701, Student Discipline.

The following actions will be in place after our May long weekend:

- 1. First offense:**
  - a. Vape is confiscated
  - b. Parent/guardian contact
  - c. Educational package to complete with follow up meeting with school counsellor or CYCW
  
- 2. Second offense:**
  - a. Vape is confiscated
  - b. Parent/guardian contact
  - c. In-school suspension
  - d. District meeting at school site with school Administration before return to classes
  
- 3. Third offense:**
  - a. Vape is confiscated
  - b. Parent/guardian meeting
  - c. Out of school suspension
  - d. District meeting at school site with school Administration before return to classes
  
- 4. Fourth offense:**
  - a. Vape is confiscated
  - b. Parent/guardian meeting
  - c. Out of school suspension
  - d. District review meeting to discuss educational path

Please review these progressive discipline steps with your student(s) at home. This information will also be shared with students via grade assemblies and through classroom follow up. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.





# ALWAYS AVAILABLE EBOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS

MAY 15 - AUGUST 28



## Sora

The student reading app



## Teen Summer Challenge 2023

Travel through time and space this summer! Vancouver Island Regional Library is pleased to present:

### Timey Wimey Teen Summer Challenge

The adventure begins on **Tuesday, July 4** and ends **Thursday, August 31**. It is open to all teens 12-18 years of age. Registration begins June 20.

### How Does It Work?

It's as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Pick up a Timey Wimey activity booklet at your local library branch or visit our website: [virl.bc.ca/tsc](http://virl.bc.ca/tsc)
2. Earn points by doing as many of the activities as you can.
3. Visit [virl.bc.ca/tsc](http://virl.bc.ca/tsc) to submit your completed activities.

1 point = 1 prize draw entry, and the more involved the activity, the more points it's worth.  
Complete all three activities in the same badge category for a bonus entry.

Task submissions must be received by **before 11:59pm August 31** to be entered in the draw

### What Can You Win?

- Teen Summer Challenge Grand Prize – Nintendo Switch OLED
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Vivilumens bedside lamp with Bluetooth speaker
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – BlissLights Sky Lite Evolve star projector
- Runner Up Prizes – Retro pocket watch & Time Travel escape room kit
- Loads of book prizes!!!

Questions?

[teensc@virl.bc.ca](mailto:teensc@virl.bc.ca) or 1-877-415-8475 or call your local branch!

Watch the trailer now: [tinyurl.com/tsctimeywimey](http://tinyurl.com/tsctimeywimey)



QUALICUM BEACH



DATE: SUNDAY JUNE 25, 2023

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

[WWW.QUALICUMBEACHTRIATHLON.COM](http://WWW.QUALICUMBEACHTRIATHLON.COM)

OR  
REGISTER  
HERE

