

Kwalikum Kurrent for Guardians

October, 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:

October

- 2 Statutory Holiday- *No school*
- 4 Music - Introductory Concert at 7pm in the KSS Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)
- 9 Statutory Holiday- *No school*
- 17 Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:30-8:00 pm
- 18 Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:00 pm
- 18 Gym Riot - leadership event
- 20 Pro D Day - *No school*
- 23 Picture Retake Day

Principal's Message

Thanks to everyone for a great September. We have had many exciting events this past month that have helped us create positive energy in the building. We will soon be at our interim time and opportunities for parents/guardians to connect with staff during parent-teacher conferences will be on October 17th from 5:30 - 8:00 pm, and October 18th from 3:30 - 6:00. Appointments for these meetings can be made through the School Appointments online link for conferences found on our school website. If you are unable to attend during these conferencing times, but you would like to meet with a teacher, please email the teacher directly to set another time up to discuss your child's progress.

Our fall sports - girls' volleyball, boys' soccer, and cross-country running - are fully underway. Thank you to all the coaches, teacher sponsors and parent volunteers who help to make this a rewarding experience for students. Information regarding winter sports, such as basketball, will be coming out in November.

October has several non-instructional days to be aware of. Monday, Oct. 2nd, schools are closed to observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation; Monday, Oct. 9th, we are closed for Thanksgiving Day; and Friday, Oct. 20th is the Provincial Professional Development Day.

As always, an easy way to keep up with all the events and special days we have at KSS, is through our MySchoolDay App. We encourage all families to stay connected and informed.

Introducing Vice-Principal Jennifer Nichols

Hello KSS Community. My name is Jennifer Nichols and I'm the new Vice Principal. My family and I moved to the Island this summer from Coquitlam and we absolutely love it here. I am especially enjoying the slower pace of life, beautiful scenery and friendly people! Before coming to KSS, I worked as a classroom teacher, was a Vice Principal at Middle School and then a Principal at Elementary. This year at KSS I am teaching one block of Careers, helping with Student Services and supporting all our Grade 8's and 10's. I'm excited to be part of this community and look forward to working with you and your children.



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.

Reminders

Schools fees such as the textbook deposit fee, student activity fee, and locker fees are still available to pay on [School Cash Online](#)

Parent-teacher conferences are this month. You can book appointments to meet with your student's teachers by visiting <https://kss.schoolappointments.com>. Online booking will be open from October 10th to the 16th, with appointments available between 5:30-8:00 pm on October 17th and between 3:30-6:00 pm on October 18th

Leadership Events

Gym riot, a school spirit building event hosted by the leadership class, will be taking place on October 18th.

Halloween lands on a Tuesday this year so all students are encouraged to dress up in a school appropriate costume

Our Tour de Rock Cops for Cancer fundraiser this year was extremely successful and our goal of \$10,000 was exceeded! Thank you to our leadership group, KSS students and families, as well as our wonderful community members who generously donated.



Career Centre News

The KSS Career Center welcomes Mr. Gauvin, our new Career Coordinator who, with the help of Ms. Gibson, will work with students to explore potential career and educational paths for their future.

The Career Center offers the following services for the students of the school:

- Work Experience Courses (WEX12A&B) - Up to 8 credits towards graduation - If your child is working this is a great opportunity to earn Grade 12 credits - They can start enrolling in this as early as Grade 9
- Food Safe Certification (Costs \$20) - Great opportunity if your child is interested in a job where they are handling and preparing food
- Dual Credit - Academic - Complete some University and College courses during the grade 12 year working towards Certifications, Diplomas, and Degrees
- Dual Credit - Train in Trades - Start your training towards a chosen trade during the Grade 12 year
- Dual Credit - Trades Samplers - For Grade 10 and students thinking about the trades, but not sure which path interests them the most
- Youth Work in Trades - Setting up youth apprenticeships for students working in a trade related field

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

Music Events



On Wednesday, October 4th the annual Introductory Concert will be in the KSS Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) at 7pm. This event is open to all who would like to attend so make sure to bring friends, families, and neighbors to watch our talented students in the music program.

SD69 COMMUNITY PAGE

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

SOS Youth Programs

For Grades 6 - 12



School Night Out Grades 7 & 8

Field trips, games and activities allow youth to develop friendships and have fun.

Drop-in. **Parksville** Mondays, 3 - 6:30 pm **Qualicum** Tuesdays, 3 - 6:30 pm

Youth Open Space Grades 9 - 12

Connect with other youth, shoot pool, play music and games, and eat good food.

Drop-in. **Parksville** Wednesdays, 3 - 6:30 pm **Qualicum** Thursdays, 3 - 6:30 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).

GradWear Program

Find new or gently used grad outfits for \$5, including shoes and accessories.

Open Jan. to July, 2024. Donations accepted year round.

Recreation Assistance for Children & Youth

Helps low-income families with costs to register local children & youth in sports and summer camps. Call 250.248.2093 ext. 241 for an appointment.

Volunteer with SOS!

Learn new things, enhance your resume, meet interesting people and stay active while having fun! Call 250.248.2093 ext. 230 for more information.

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

SOS Community Services Centres

Youth Programs contact:

Parksville 250.248.2093 ext. 232 | 245 Hirst Ave. W.

Qualicum 250.752.2040 ext. 204 | 744 Primrose St.

Cell 250.954.9035 | childandyouth@sosd69.com

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SOS Child & Family Programs

Supporting District 69 families



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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.

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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

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YOUTH TO CONNECT WITH ONE
ANOTHER.

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