



KWALIKUM CHRONICLES

#1, September 12, 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 the 2025-26 school year!

Hay ce:p qa' (thank you) to all the staff, students and parents who helped make the back-to-school transition a great success. As we head into the second full week of classes we are still working through some course changes and schedule requests from students so, please reach out to the counseling department if you have any questions in that regard.

We had the chance to meet with the new PAC this week and were happy to share some updates and provide information around a few initiatives that we are working on this year. Please see some of those updates below.

- 1) We are very excited about the new seminar and homeroom opportunities this year and will be going over it with students at our grade assemblies next week. Please see the infographics below for more information.
- 2) Athletics is alive and well and we are looking forward to the new sports seasons! If you are interested in coaching or volunteering, please reach out to Athletic Director Mr. Wilson for more information.
- 3) The washroom renovations are slightly behind schedule but are on track to be completed by the end of the month. Temporary washrooms are available outside of the shops.
- 4) As a school we have shifted from Simple Gradebook to MyEducationBC and/or Spaces (My Blueprint) so please be in communication with your student's teachers about how student learning updates will be shared.
- 5) Student textbook/workbook deposits will be returned annually once students return all of their books and library resources (including workbooks). Quick reminder that if students write in a workbook or have outstanding resources after June 19, we will not be able to return their deposit. Fees are waived on an as needed basis. If you have any questions, please reach out directly.

Reminder that our school meals program is already underway, and we encourage everyone to purchase a lunch card to get delicious and nutritious meals for only \$2.00. The link is available below.

We look forward to another great year of learning.

KSS Admin Team

Andrew, Paisley and Sarah

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

16th- 9am: Grade Group Assemblies

17th- Seminar Begins.

- 2024/25 Yearbooks available for pick-up at lunch- Rm 209

18th- Picture Day (Retakes October 15)

- Movie Madness Double Feature in the MPR- Tix on sale Sept 15-18(Tour de Rock Fundraiser)

19th- 2024/25 Yearbooks available for pick-up at lunch- Rm 209

-Culture Days Presentation at Community Hall

Spirit Week- Mathletes and Athletes

25th- Tour de Rock 1:35-2:10pm

26th – Orange Shirt Day

29th- Non-Instructional Day- School not in session.

30th- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation- School not in session.



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
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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 absences 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 dreaded 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

TOUR DE ROCK

Tour de Rock is coming on Thursday, September 25th, 2025. 1:35-2:10pm. Since 2016, KSS has raised over \$39,000 for Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock! We are excited to break that \$40,000 line this year! We have several fundraising opportunities available to students:

- Bottle drive on Saturday, September 20th in the staff parking lot. Bottle donations can be dropped off anytime between September 15th-19th in the morning. For more info email Devon: dreid@sd69.bc.ca
- Door to Door canvassing. Students need to collect some necessary paperwork from Mrs. Reid in order to do this.
- Head Shaves. Permission form required. See Mrs. Reid if interested
- Movie Madness Double Feature on Thursday, September 18th. Tickets on sale Sept 15-18. \$5/ticket for popcorn and a drink. Bring pillows and blankets to watch a double feature in the MPR. All proceeds from the concession sale support TDR. Movies TBD.

Vote to save or to shave Mr. Craven's beard. There are donation jugs in the office where students and staff can vote to either save or shave Mr. Craven's beard.

VOTE BY DONATING

**DONATE TO TOUR
DE ROCK AND
VOTE TO SAVE
OR SHAVE MY
BEARD!
DONATE BY WED.
SEPT. 24.**



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CANCER - TOUR DE ROCK**

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

KSS has a breakfast program put on by the Parkville 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 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.

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

IMPORTANT BUSSING UPDATE

Affecting AM and PM routes: 1,2,3,5,12,13,14,15,20 and 21

The Qualicum School District Transportation Department is making multiple adjustments to bus routes to accommodate hundreds of late applications for bussing. These changes will take effect for the morning run on Wednesday September 10th, 2025.

Check the MyRide K12 App or Website when changes become visible after 5pm on Tuesday September 9th to see your child(s) updated route information.

Please make sure you have push notifications activated in the App for any future updates.

See the Sign-Up FAQ on the Transportation Website for more instructions or for help signing up.

We apologize for the inconvenience changing bus routes can cause. We thank all families who applied for bussing during the regular registration window of April-June which helps us plan routes over the summer. Our hope is that more families will apply for bussing for next year in the regular registration window in the spring to enable adequate time for route planning and minimize changes once the next school year starts.

We appreciate your patience as we adapt to serve districts families this year.

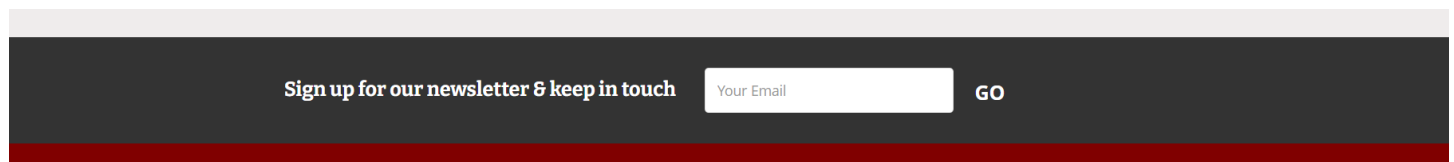
-QSD Transportation

Go to the Qualicum School District Transportation [website](#) to access the online application form, information and forms.

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#/=>

A black banner with a red border at the bottom. On the left, it says "Sign up for our newsletter & keep in touch". In the center is a white input field with the placeholder text "Your Email". To the right of the input field is a black button with the text "GO" in white.

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

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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 2024/25

Yearbooks (2024/25) will be available for pick up September 17th and 19th at lunch in room 209. After that they will be available for pick up from the office.

CAREER CENTRE OPPORTUNITIES

Work Experience Program (Grades 10–12)

Did you know your student can earn high school credits for their part-time job or volunteer work? Students in Grades 10, 11, or 12 can receive **elective credits** through the Work Experience Program.

To participate, students must:

- Log a minimum of 100 work hours
- Complete a short work experience assignment

If your student is already working or planning to work, encourage them to visit the Career Centre to pick up the first Work Experience Package which needs to be filled out before they register for the program.

Bonus Incentive:

Students who return their completed package **before September 26th** will be **entered into a draw** to win a **pizza lunch for themselves and their friends!**

Head Start Program – Dual Credit Courses Available

Through the **Head Start Program**, students can get a jumpstart on college and university by earning **dual credits**—credits that count toward both high school graduation and post-secondary programs.

Online Courses (Register by September 23rd):

- Medical Terminology
- Business
- Nursing

In-Person Courses (Register by September 23rd):

- English 115
- Early Childhood Education 120

Encourage your student to take advantage of these valuable opportunities to explore career paths and earn post-secondary credit while still in high school!

For more information or to register, students can visit the **Career Centre**.

For more info, see the posters at the end of this newsletter

DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR SEPT 2025 TO JUNE 2028

Local School Calendar 2025-2028

PAC INFO

PAC meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. See the poster at the end of this newsletter for more information. New members always 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#/=>
- Daily Announcement Slideshow:
https://www.sd69.bc.ca/school/KSS/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=105&ListID=23a86bb8-2ad2-4fca-856c-f15139e797e3&TemplateID=Announcement_Item#/=
- Donate to Tour de Rock
https://support.cancer.ca/site/TR/CopsforCancer/COPS_NW_even?px=7382382&pg=personal&fr_id=30364&s_locale=en_CA
- 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>