



# PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

*An Innovative, Inspiring, Inclusive Learning Community*



## April 13 - April 17, 2026



### WEXES

Moon of the Frog: March 18- April 16

### IMPORTANT DATES at a glance !

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Please see important **BUS REGISTRATION INFORMATION** at the end of this newsletter.

### **NEW:** [Foster Caregivers Needed in Communities Throughout B.C.](#)

The [Ministry of Children and Family Development \(MCFD\)](#) is recruiting [foster caregivers](#) throughout B.C. with a goal of reaching parents and caregivers of school-aged children who may be most suitable to provide care for children and youth. MCFD is seeking your help to distribute foster caregiver recruitment messages to parents and caregivers in your schools.

Please consider asking school principals to share the resources below. There is an image for schools' Facebook pages and a printable ad and posters (PDFs) to display in physical locations visible to parents and caregivers, school personnel and visitors.

- [Recruitment image for Facebook \(JPEG\)](#)
- [Printable Recruitment Ad \(PDF\)](#)
- [Printable Posters for Posting in Schools \(PDF\)](#)

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please [contact the Ministry of Children and Family Development's Centralized Retention and Recruitment Team](#).

**NEW:** The Leadership committee will be hosting a food drive happening from April 13th-24th to support the [Saanich Peninsula Lions Food Bank](#). There will also be a bake sale happening (date TBD) with funds also supporting the food bank.

The **Saanich International Student Program (SISP)** is actively looking for new Host Families for International students joining the Saanich School District in September, 2026.

If you are interested in becoming a young person's "Home Away from Home", complete the [Interest Form](#) and sign up to come to one of our Open Houses!

### **DROP-IN Open House - Information Evening**

Drop in anytime between 5:30-7pm at one of the Open Houses below, for a short presentation and the opportunity to ask questions to the SISP Homestay Team.

- **Tuesday, April 14th** @Claremont Secondary School, drop in between 5:30-7pm
- **Thursday, April 23rd** @ Parkland Secondary School, drop in between 5:30-7pm

### Quick Facts:

- **Duration:** students come to Saanich for a stay of 4, 5 or 10 months
- **Schools:** students attend Claremont, Parkland or Stelly's Secondary Schools
- **Provide:** a private bedroom, three meals a day, healthy snacks, and inclusion in your family life
- **Receive:** a monthly reimbursement of **\$1,350** per student for expenses incurred, and continued support from the SISP Homestay Team

Visit [studyinsaanich.ca/homestay](http://studyinsaanich.ca/homestay) or email [homestay@saanichschools.ca](mailto:homestay@saanichschools.ca) to learn more.

### ATHLETICS

Click [HERE](#) for the Athletics calendar.

### CAREER CENTRE

Health-X Day @ Camosun College on April 29<sup>th</sup> is quickly approaching! Spend the day learning about different health care related career paths, chat with instructors and see where all the action-packed learning takes place. Visit the Career Centre for more information and to grab a permission form.

Calling all self-identifying female students! Interested in a career or in the trades or technology? Want to spend the day at Camosun participating in hands on activities to see what it's really like? The Women in Trades and Technology Exploration Day is back on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Visit the Career Centre for more information and to grab a permission form.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

The Bazan Bay 5k is looking for volunteers for the event on Sunday, **April 12th**. Several different positions available! [Pop by the Career Centre](#) to get your name on the list.

## Jobs:

Looking for a job? Check out the job posting board by the blue tables or visit:

<https://saanichschools.ca/career-education/> (FYI: website under construction. Scroll down to view jobs)

## COUNSELLING

Counselling Resources - Click [here](#) for the full list of resources from previous weeks.

**NEW:** **Healthy Minds BC** provides evidence-informed prevention and early intervention tools and resources. This site is for B.C. parents, caregivers, families, educators and other professionals to help them support the “everyday” mental health of children and youth.

Resources are available in multiple languages.

<https://healthymindsbc.gov.bc.ca/>

**NEW:** The **SD 63 Mental Wellness Hub** contains mental health resources for parents, students and staff. For parents, there is information about videos, courses and workshops as well as crisis contact numbers. There is also a student wellness hub with information on substance use, sexual health, mental health, apps for well-being, crisis lines and youth clinics.

<https://sites.google.com/sd63.bc.ca/comprehensive-school-health/home>

## Post-Secondary and Scholarships

Parkland Internal and District Scholarships are out now with a deadline of **April 30**. Check the [Parkland Scholarship Summary 2026](#) to see the available scholarships. For application information, please see Ms. Anderson.

Other scholarships will continue to be added to the [Scholarship Listing](#).

## GRAD

**Grad Meat Draw Fundraiser!!** Held at Brentwood Bay Brewskys Taphouse from 2:00-4:00pm on:  
**April 18th**

**May 23rd**, [still need two parent volunteers](#)

Come enjoy the food, atmosphere and support the grads by participating in the meat draw! Please reach out to the front office for contact information.

## IB PROGRAM

IB Students, Parents and Guardians - monthly updates for Grade 11/12 students currently in the IB program.

Click the link: [IB Program Information](#)

## GENERAL REMINDERS:

**Cafeteria:** Menu is posted weekly on the bulletin board outside the office.

**Student Absences:** If your student will be absent from school for any period of time, please inform the school by leaving a message on our Absence Line (250) 655 2700 (option 1) or by sending an email to:

[parkland\\_attendance@saanichschools.ca](mailto:parkland_attendance@saanichschools.ca)

**Homework Club!** Every Wednesday from 2:00-3:15 in Fishbowl (room 202)

**NEW: BUS REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Bus transportation registration for the **2026–2027 school year** will open on **April 15 at 12:00 p.m.** All Priority 1, 2 and 3 families requiring transportation services must complete their registration online. Please note that **a separate registration is required for each student.** Information on student Priority [Student Priority Procedures](#)

**Registration Deadline:**

Registration will remain open until **midnight on May 31, 2026**

**Late Registration:**

Registrations received **on or after June 1** will be considered **late**. A late fee of \$100.00 will apply if a seat is offered.

**Confirmation emails** for Priority 1 students will come from the Transportation Department and will be sent out the week of **June 15**.

**Payment Information:**

Fees are due upon confirmation of a seat and must be paid **within the timeline** noted in your confirmation email. Payment within this timeline is required in order to retain your student's seat.

Please note that **payment must be received and a bus card is issued before a student can ride the bus.**

**How to Register**

1. Navigate to the **Transportation Registration** section of our website.

(Resources – Transportation) [Registration Link](#)

2. Complete and submit the **online registration form**.

Please remember that **registration must be completed each school year**. Enrollment from previous years does **not** carry over automatically.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please email the Transportation Department at:

**transportation@saanichschools.ca**

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- **May 15** - Non-Instructional Day
- **May 18** - STAT - no school in session
- **June 10th: Spring Concert Night 1** (Band 6, Band 7, Jazz Band)
- **June 12** - 2026/27 Timetables & Yearbooks are distributed in TAG
- **June 17th: Spring Concert Night 2** (Band 8, Concert Band, Choir)
- **June 17-19 & 22** - Semester 2 Assessment Days
- **June 23** - Grad
- **June 30** - Report cards available after 5pm on Brightspace