



# PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

*An Innovative, Inspiring, Inclusive Learning Community*



## April 27 - May 1, 2026

### [IMPORTANT DATES at a glance !](#)

- **Apr 24** - Report cards available after 5pm on Brightspace
- **Apr 24** - Grad packages and forms due
- **Apr 30** - Early Dismissal at 2pm and Parent / Teacher Interviews by appointment only (sign up process below)

**NEW:** Please [SEE BELOW](#) for information on **Learning Updates** and **Parent / Teacher Interviews !**

### **BRIGHTSPACE**

**Term 3 Learning Updates - Parent Online Learning Updates Access:** Learning Updates will be available online after 3:00 PM **April 24, 2026**. We are using Brightspace to share Learning Updates. For login instructions, video tutorials, and FAQs, please see <https://saanichschools.ca/resources/studentsfamilies/d2l-brightspace>

In addition to the Learning Updates, you can see Grad Status reports, students' schedules, and attendance summaries. We encourage all parents/guardians to access Brightspace, as important student information is available to parents on this platform.

### **pickAtime®**

**Parent/Teacher Interviews – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 5pm to 7pm (by appt. only)**

Welcome to pickAtime®, the online booking system for our Parent/Teacher interviews. [Click HERE for pickAtime directions !](#)

You can **now** book your interviews online at your convenience. Appointment booking will remain open until noon on April 30th. Please click on the link above for instructions to help you navigate through the process. You will be able to make appointments using pickAtime® with most of your child's/children's teachers.

<https://pickatime.com/ParklandSecondary>



If you need to make an appointment with the teachers listed below, please contact the teacher directly:

- Wendy Anderson      wanderson@saanichschools.ca
- Aimee Bancroft      abancroft@saanichschools.ca
- Tara Beaucamp      tbeaucamp@saanichschools.ca
- Judi Carroll      jcarroll@saanichschools.ca
- Jason Earnshaw      jearnshaw@saanichschools.ca
- Jessica Patten      jpatten@saanichschools.ca
- Karen Romell      kromell@saanichschools.ca
- Cristina Sousa      csousa@saanichschools.ca

Bus transportation registration for the **2026–2027 school year** opened on **April 15 at 12:00 p.m.** Registration will remain open until **midnight on May 31, 2026.** See the end of this newsletter for more information.

#### [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.](#)

## **ATHLETICS**

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

**NEW:** **Tennis Club on Fridays after school** - Anyone interested in playing tennis can join Mr. Burnham on the tennis courts beside the student parking lot on Fridays after school from 2:15-3:15 pm until the end of the semester, weather permitting. All ability levels are welcome! You can just rally the ball with friends for fun, or we can organize games for those who want some competition. We have racquets you can use, or bring your own! See Mr. Burnham in room 103 if you have questions.

**NEW:** Intramural soccer is starting in the next few weeks. If you want to play at lunch, please see Mr. Sutton for a team registration form.

## **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.

### **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.

### **Saanich Child and Youth Mental Health**

Child, Youth and Family Mental Health Services offers a range of services including short-term crisis intervention, multidisciplinary assessment and treatment and in-patient assessment and treatment planning. Our services are client centred, trauma-informed, least restrictive and collaborative.

Resources for Children & Youth Mental Health | Island Health

### **Indigenous Child and Youth Mental Health**

We offer free mental health and wellness services for Indigenous children, youth and their families. We strive to offer services that are respectful of your culture and traditions as well as respecting traditional healing.

Indigenous Child & Youth Mental Health (CYMH) Services - Province of British Columbia

### **Family Smart**

Each month brings new opportunities to learn and connect with other families. We would love for you to join us for one of our free online or in-person events and be part of the conversations that remind us we're not alone in this journey. Take a look at what's coming up. We hope to see you there.

Topics for April:

Supporting Our Kids With Substance Misuse While Caring For Ourselves- online Thurs, April 23 from 6:30 to 8:00

Emotion Regulation Part 2: Deepening Our Understanding - online Wed, April 29 from 6:30 to 8:00

### 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](#).

### **NEW:** UBC Medical Program Info Session - **April 27**

Parkland is hosting a session for students of all grades who are interested in pursuing a medical program on Monday, April 27 at lunch in the learning commons. Student ambassadors from UBC's Island Medical Program are coming to share information about the program. Students need to sign up with Ms. Anderson (email [wanderson@saanichschools.ca](mailto:wanderson@saanichschools.ca)) to attend the session.

The Youth Excellence Society (YES) is a leadership program serving BC teens through overnight summer camps, school workshops, online courses, and The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award - Canada.

We are excited to share today that registration for **The YES Summer Camp 2026** is open, and spots are filling up quickly! This summer, we are offering seven overnight, leadership programs at beautiful Cowichan Lake on Vancouver Island that includes bus transportation from Kelowna into the Lower Mainland.

Good candidates are youth, aged 14-18, who:

- Would benefit greatly from connecting to an **inclusive and supportive community** of their peers from across BC
- Demonstrate potential for leadership in **community building, relationship building or co-operation**
- Show interest in being **of service to others** (their peers, school, or larger community)

### Camosun

Information sessions on Camosun programs. Most, but not all, programs have a deadline of **May 15**.

Events at Camosun | Camosun College

#### **Access Programs for Technology and Cybersecurity Information Session**

April 21, 28, 6-7pm, Booking required (30 minute online/in-person sessions)

#### **Cybersecurity & Network Technology Information Session**

April 22, 29, 6-7pm, Booking required (30 minute online sessions)

#### **Electronics and Electrical Engineering Technology Information Session**

April 23, 30, 6-7pm, Booking required (30 minute online/in-person sessions)

#### **Civil Engineering Information Session**

April 23, 30, 4-6pm, Booking required (30 minute online sessions)

#### **School of Business Information Session**

April 28, 6-7:30pm, Room 219 Centre for Business & Access, Interurban Campus

### UVic

The application deadline has been extended to May 1. Check EducationPlannerBC to see which programs are still accepting applications.

**May 9 - Science Rendezvous** is an on-campus day of exploration related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math for K-12 students, educators and science enthusiasts! Join us to participate in fun science activities, tour our greenhouse and telescope, chat with scientists in your community about their research and more.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*Note that doors will be opening at 9:30 a.m. at both locations for families who would benefit from a distraction-reduced environment.*

**Location:** Bob Wright Centre, Elliott Building and Petch Building, University of Victoria ([map](#))

**Cost:** Free!

[Visit the event website for more details](#)

### Throughout May

In April, all undergraduate students admitted for September 2026 will receive an invitation to attend **Registration 101**. These program planning and course registration webinars will give new UVic students a smooth start to their university journey. **Note:** an in person session will be taking place here at Parkland in June.

### GRAD

**Apr 24 - Grad packages and forms due**

**NEW:** [Magic Wand Project](#)

Magic Wand provides affordable dresses, tuxedos, and accessories to make your graduation magical! They believe every student should feel special and confident on their big day, regardless of their financial circumstances. Their mission is to ensure all students can attend their graduation celebrations in style.

Magic Wand Project is currently open and booking in for folks to come by and look for an outfit for free to low-cost rental, all of which goes back into sustaining this non-profit's work.

Check out their website, or contact Ms. Chia ([mchia@saanichschools.ca](mailto:mchia@saanichschools.ca)) or Elizabeth ([esurerus@telus.net](mailto:esurerus@telus.net) or 250-658-0246) at the Magic Wand Project directly for more information/to book in for a fitting.

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

**May 23rd** 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 [kspears@saanichschools.ca](mailto:kspears@saanichschools.ca)

### IB PROGRAM

**NEW:** IB students - we SO appreciate all your effort this year! A big congratulations to all Grade 11s and 12s who are now preparing for their final IB exams! Celebration doughnuts are happening on **May 1<sup>st</sup>** at the beginning of lunch, room 103B.

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](mailto:transportation@saanichschools.ca)

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