



# PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

*An Innovative, Inspiring, Inclusive Learning Community*



## Feb 16 - Feb 20, 2026

### **NEW:**

**Feb 14-15** - Grad Photo Retakes at Stelly's Secondary, by appointment only (see below for details).

**Feb 16** - BC Family Day. School is not in session.

**NEW:** Report cards are available on Brightspace. For more information on how to access Brightspace, please visit the link below for a video tutorial, as well as an FAQ section:

<https://saanichschools.ca/resources/studentsfamilies/d2l-brightspace>

**NEW:** Next PAC meeting is February 23, 2026.

**NEW:** The Saanich/Lyon Student Exchange Program is a direct and reciprocal 4 week student exchange between Saanich School District and Académie de Lyon, France. Current grade 9's and 10 students are eligible (next year's 10's and 11's) Please click on the link below for information about the exchange program:

[Exchange Program Information](#)

**NEW:** BGC South Vancouver Island. We are running our **cooking classes** once again at our Central Saanich location (1233 Clarke Rd, Brentwood Bay). This is a free program for youths ages 12-16. We hope members of the community will join us for a fun, hands-on cooking experience where they will learn to prepare delicious meals of their choosing, and take the ingredients (enough to feed a family of 4) and instructions home to share with their family! We will be running 3, three-week courses, with the first one starting February 20th, 27th and March 6th from 6:30-8:30pm. Email [youthprograms@bgcsvi.org](mailto:youthprograms@bgcsvi.org) for a registration form or any questions.

**NEW:** Homework Club! Every Wednesday from 2:00-3:15 in Fishbowl.

**NEW:** Grade 10 students: Wednesday **Feb 18th**, in the library, at the start of lunch. Bring your lunch and come learn more about the IB courses you can start next year! Ms. Stinson and Mrs. Anderson will give you more information and have lots of time for questions.

Are you interested in being part of the **Parkland Sailing Academy** this Spring? This program is open to Parkland & Stelly's students. The season runs April 12 to June 14, 2026, and takes place at the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club. Practices are twice a week - a weekday after school, and a morning or afternoon session on Sundays.

Please email your expression of interest and any questions to Ms. Caroline Hassett - [chassett@saanichschools.ca](mailto:chassett@saanichschools.ca)  
You may also register online from the Sailing Academy section on our school website. The deadline is **March 1st**.

## Grad Meat Draw Fundraiser!!

Held at Brentwood Bay Brewskys Taphouse from 2:00-4:00pm on:

**March 14th**, still need two parent volunteers

**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.

**Grad breakfast** is on Thursday, **April 2nd**. This event is put on by the parent grad committee and they are looking for parent support. We are looking for donations of food, funding and time to make this event a success. Please reach out to the front office for contact information: [kspears@saanichschools.ca](mailto:kspears@saanichschools.ca)

## Parkland Secondary School, we still have Grad Sessions available!

Do you have any students who missed booking an appointment at our Mobile Studio at your school? They still have another opportunity to have their Graduation Photos taken!

Students that are interested in booking may speak to our [Customer Service team](#) to book an appointment.

We have sessions available at our mobile In the parking lot **at Stelly's Secondary School on Feb 14th & Feb 15th!**

Link to location of the mobile: <https://artona.egnyte.com/dl/CfCkvVPmTbGW>

## Next Steps and Notes:

- **Students can book online.** Graduating students and parents can book an appointment here: <https://artona.com/schools/PRKL>
- **Financial Aid.** Students that require financial assistance with their Grad Sessions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Spears for more information [kspears@saanichschools.ca](mailto:kspears@saanichschools.ca)

Please let us know if you have any questions! The Artona Team

## ATHLETICS

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

**NEW:** **Parkland Girls Soccer Try-outs** are starting!! If you are interested in playing soccer this year, please come to try-outs on Wednesdays and Fridays, Feb 18, 20, 25, and 27th from 2:15-3:30. We will be on the turf at Blue Heron unless it is really raining (then we'll play in the gym). If you want to play this year and CANNOT make try-outs, please see Ms. Dibblee in the PE office.

**NEW:** On Tuesday, **February 17<sup>th</sup> at lunch in the career centre**, there will be a meeting for all Track and Field Athletes.

**NEW:** **Badminton intramurals** starting Thursday **Feb 19th** at lunch in the Gym. See Mr. Sutton or Daniel Liao for more information and to sign up.

Interested in checking out **Rugby Sevens**? Our first practices will be on Tuesday **February 3, 10 and 17** after school in the gym. Come out to learn some skills, meet other players and have some fun! These practices are open to everyone. No experience necessary! You just need active wear, sneakers and a water bottle. Questions? See Ms. Benson in the counselling area.

## CAREER CENTRE

### **NEW: From Brock at Kidovate**

Registration opens **Feb 1<sup>st</sup>** and the event usually “sells” out in the first few weeks. Kidovate market tables are provided free to participants by UVic and community partners. Kidovate a fun, free, entrepreneurship experience for high school and middle school aged youth that culminates in a one-day market where participants can sell product that they have made, repurposed, or sourced at table provided, for free, by Kidovate. Kidovate Victoria 2026 is being held on **April 11<sup>th</sup>** at The Bay Centre.

Kidovate develops entrepreneurial spirit and core business acumen and instills the concept of corporate social responsibility. Participants receive a graphic novel workbook to help them think through key business decisions and can be assigned a UVic business student mentor (only electronically) to help them make these decisions, if desired. We provide educators (and keen parents) learning materials tied to the BC curriculum by UVic’s Faculty of Education. Kidovate participants learn how to create value, make money to support other goals, and gain confidence in their ability to interact in the adult world. Business employers recognize and value Kidovate experience in high school employment applications.

Kidovate works with business, media, and community partners to ensure positive early entrepreneurial experiences for as many youth possible because developing a positive possible entrepreneurial self is the first step to developing an entrepreneur identity. Our six-year experience with Kidovate Victoria is that 70% of participants are repeat participants who take learning and experience from prior years to develop expertise over time.

For more information about Kidovate, and to register, please visit [www.Kidovate.ca](http://www.Kidovate.ca)

**Butchart Gardens Job Fair - February 18, 5:30-7:30pm.** Butchart Gardens is hiring for spring and summer employment in most departments - offering competitive wages! Bring your resume! [Click for more info.](#)

Have an entrepreneurial spirit? Kidovate Victoria 2026 will be held Saturday, **April 11th** at The Victoria Bay Centre! Registered middle school and high school youth receive access to a free table at the market where they can sell goods or services that they make, re-purpose, or re-sell. [Click to learn more and register.](#)

### **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

### **Parenting ADHD Children – A Neuro-Affirming Approach**

This presentation is designed for parents of school-aged children and focuses on building a deeper understanding of how the ADHD brain works. We will explore how some aspects of ADHD can act as a strength in certain situations, and a challenge in others, helping parents better understand and support their child.

Parents will **learn neurodiversity-affirming communication strategies** to reduce power struggles and strengthen connection. We will also discuss practical ways to support task initiation and task completion, especially for non-preferred tasks, without relying on rewards or consequences.

The session will **highlight concrete, usable strategies**. Parents will leave with tools they can use immediately, greater compassion for their child's nervous system, and a clearer roadmap for supporting their child in a way that builds confidence, autonomy, and success.

**Time & Date:** Wednesday **February 18th**, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm (On-line)

**Register:** <https://familysmart.ca/online-events/>

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

## Counselling

### **NEW:** Erase Family Session

Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding Against Cyberbullying and Sextortion - **Feb 18** from 6:30 to 7:30,

Click to register: [erase Family Sessions](#)

## Post-Secondary and Scholarships

**NEW:** **Interested in Business or Economics?** A faculty member from UVic Economics is coming to Parkland at lunch on Monday, **Feb 23** in the learning commons. Come by and learn about UVic's Economics and Business programs.

## School of Business

**February 24**, 6-7:30pm, Interurban, Centre for Business and Access, Room 219

### **NEW:** Connect with Camosun: Student Services & Program Info Fair 2026

You are invited! Future students, parents, and supporters come visit our Lansdowne campus to connect with Camosun's student services and explore our programs.

Take a tour and get to know resources like academic support, wellness, and career services. Meet our teams and start building connections for your Camosun journey!

Are you interested in receiving a reminder for the event? Sign up [here](#).

Mark Your Calendar:

- Date: **February 25**, 2026
- Time: 4-7pm
- Location: Sherri Bell Hall, Wilna Thomas building, Lansdowne Campus (3100 Foul Bay Road)
- Campus Tours: 4:30, 5:30, 6:30pm

UVic's entrance scholarship applications open **Feb 15**. Click [here](#) for more information.

For the latest scholarships, check the [Scholarship Listing](#) for a list of scholarships by deadline.

**Crisis Lines** - Anybody can call these to get support (including if you want advice on how to support).

Those listed below are all available 24/7:

Canada Crisis Helpline 988 (call or text)

Crisis Line of Vancouver Island 1-888-494-3888 (call), 250-800-3806 (text)

Kuu-uus Indigenous BC wide Crisis Line 1-800-588-8717 (1-800-KUU-US-17)

Métis Crisis Line 1-833-METIS-BC

Mental Health Support and Information Line 310-6789

Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868

### **GENERAL REMINDERS:**

**Lost and found** - There are a number of *valuable* items in the office lost and found to be picked up (headphones, earbuds, glasses, bank cards, jewelry, electronics etc). If you are missing any clothing, water bottles or lunch items, please check the lost and found next to the recycling area in the foyer.

**Student Parking** - Just a reminder that if you are using the student parking lot that you **must** have a student parking form filled out in the office. Students are required to park in the **student lot only** (in the tennis court lot ONLY - not in the numbered staff spaces). If you have changed vehicles, please update your student form in the office.

**Spirit Wear** - We have Parkland hoodies (\$30), t-shirts (\$15) and socks (\$10) available for purchase in the front office (Tues - Fri). You may also send Mrs. Bennett an email to place an order: [cbennett@saanichschools.ca](mailto:cbennett@saanichschools.ca) and the fee may be added to your student account fees, or paid in person (Tues - Fri).

**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)

**Peer tutoring** - for math and science is now available on both Wednesdays and Fridays after school in Room 202.

## **IMPORTANT DATES at a glance !**

- **Feb 14-15** - Grad Photo Retakes with Artona by appointment only at Stelly's Secondary
- **Feb 16** - BC Family Day - no school in session
- **Feb 24** - Grade 9 immunizations Blk 1 & 2
- **Mar 6** - Course selection forms due for 2026-27
- **Mar 16-27** - Spring Break Closure
- **Mar 30** - School re-opens
- **Apr 2** - Grad breakfast 7:45am & assembly Blk 1. Grad packages distributed
- **Apr 3-6** - Easter break
- **Apr 20** - Non-Instructional Day
- **Apr 21** - Term 4 starts
- **Apr 23** - Early dismissal 2:00pm and parent / teacher conferences 5-7pm appt only
- **Apr 24** - Report cards available after 5pm on Brightspace
- **Apr 24** - Grad packages and forms due
- **May 15** - Non-Instructional Day
- **May 18** - STAT - no school in session
- **June 12** - 2026/27 Timetables & Yearbooks are distributed in TAG
- **June 17-19 & 22** - Semester 2 Assessment Days
- **June 23** - Grad
- **June 30** - Report cards available after 5pm on Brightspace