



PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

An Innovative, Inspiring, Inclusive Learning Community



Feb 23 - Feb 27, 2026

NEW: Next PAC meeting is **February 23rd** in the Learning Commons at 7pm.

NEW: Pink Shirt Day is on **February 25th**. Pink Shirt Day is an annual event against bullying held in Canada. Participants wear pink shirts to raise awareness about bullying, particularly in schools.

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](#)

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 for a registration form or any questions.

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

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
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

ATHLETICS

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

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 24th** at lunch in the career centre, there will be a meeting for all Track and Field Athletes.

CAREER CENTRE

NEW: Interested in becoming a doctor? Learn about earning your UBC MD at UVIC! **March 4th**, 6:30-8:30pm there will be an in-person info session at UVIC, with a Zoom option available. [Click for more information and to register](#).

From Brock at Kidovate

Registration opens Feb 1st 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 11th** 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

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: Beacon Community Services provides counselling for youth and families as well as younger children.

Referrals can be made by contacting your school counsellor or by calling Beacon directly.

<https://beaconcs.ca/children-youth-family-support/>

NEW: 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.

Topic for February:

[For Families: A Conversation About Eating Disorders](#)- online Thurs, Feb 26 from 6:30 to 8:00

Post-Secondary and Scholarships

NEW: **Mental Health and Preparing for the Transition to Post Secondary**

After high school, post-secondary education for our youth can be exciting but also stressful if they have struggled with their mental health. Learn from Dawn Schell from the University of Victoria and Melissa Feddersen from the University of British Columbia (Okanagan). Discover some ways we can prepare our youth for school, and support their mental health and independence while they are at school.

Join us and other families for this video presentation and discussion that's facilitated by a FamilySmart Family Peer Support Worker.

Feb 24th from 6:30pm-8:00pm Pacific Time (British Columbia)

[Mental Health and Preparing for the Transition to Post Secondary - FamilySmart](#)

NEW: **Western Inspirational Bursary Award**

One student from Parkland can be nominated! Our bursary award is not a scholarship for high academic achievement. It is a character award that aims to recognize the students in our communities who have overcome various adversities, including mental health, physical disability, discrimination, financial hardship, or family issues. Despite these challenges, these students have demonstrated kindness, determination, and courage to graduate high school and continue their education through post-secondary institutions, trade schools, online courses, or the military. The selected nominees will receive a \$750 award, upon submitting the required documentation. Students have three years to claim their funds. Email Ms. Anderson (wanderson@saanichschools.ca) ASAP if you would like to be considered for this award. Be prepared to write a statement outlining how you meet the criteria for this award and what your future plans are. Deadline is **March 6**.

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 21

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 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

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 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