



PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

An Innovative, Inspiring, Inclusive Learning Community



Feb 9 - Feb 13, 2026

NEW:

Feb 12 - Celebration of Learning night 5:00-7:00pm

Feb 12 - Early Dismissal 2:00pm and report cards available after 5:00pm 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>

Feb 13 - Pro-D day. School is not in session.

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.

Are you interested in joining the **IB program**? Please see these [information slides](#); application forms are available at the front office now and through course selection time. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Stinson or one of the Parkland counsellors. Our next information session will be during the Celebration of Learning evening on **February 12th** at 6:30pm in the library Learning Commons. This meeting is especially for Grade 10 parents and students who are considering the program for September 2026.

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:

February 14th

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

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

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

ATHLETICS

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

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 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

Royal Roads University is hosting a **Parents and Supporters Online Info Session on February 12 from 6:00–7:30 pm**. This faculty-guided session is designed to help parents and supporters better understand how to support students as they transition into their first year at RRU. [Click for more info and to register.](#)

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.

Post-secondary/Scholarships

Certified Medical Laboratory Assistant

February 10, 6-7:30pm, Online via Zoom

School of Business

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

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 12** - Celebration of Learning night 5:00-7:00pm
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- **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