



PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

An Innovative, Inspiring, Inclusive Learning Community



May 11 - May 15, 2026



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The Moon of Opening Hands - the Blossoming Out Moon

April 17, 2026 - May 15, 2026

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NEW: COPACS will be hosting an interactive open house and resource fair for parents at Stelly's Secondary School from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on Tuesday May 12th. The event is focussed on supporting youth mental health and will feature local resource providers such as counsellors, community groups, and our very own Saanich Teachers Association, and Saanich Schools partners. It's open-house style and kids are welcome. Oh - and door prizes!

Date: Tuesday, May 12

Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Where: Stelly's Secondary

(Please note: Parents can also find lots of great resources on [the resources page on the COPACS website](#), including our [parent resource handbook](#))

The Saanich Board of Education would like to share the proposed school calendar for 2028-2029. Based on feedback from previous years, Saanich School District has collaborated with Greater Victoria School District and Sooke School District to align school calendar dates wherever possible. Please see the following link: [Proposed School Calendar for Public Feedback - 2028-2029 | Saanich Schools](#)

Your feedback is welcome and can be directed by email to communication@saanichschools.ca.

The deadline for feedback to be received is 4pm on Thursday, May 21, 2026. The calendars will be finalized at the Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 17th, 2026.

NEW: BECOME A HOST FAMILY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT!

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

Quick Facts:

- Duration: students come to Saanich for a stay of 5 or 10 months
- Schools: We are actively recruiting for 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 or email homestay@saanichschools.ca to learn more

Message from Transportation for Parents/Guardians of SD63 Registered Bus Riders

We kindly ask that you check your email each morning for important transportation updates. Due to ongoing driver shortages, we have been close to cancelling bus routes, and we anticipate that these challenges may continue for the remainder of the school year. While we are using all available spare drivers, the pool is smaller than in previous years.

If a route must be cancelled, we will make every effort to notify families by email no later than **7:00 a.m.** on the affected day.

If you—or someone you know—holds a Class 2 BC driver's licence and is looking for work, we encourage them to apply. A current job posting is available [HERE](#)

We would also like to stress the importance of students **tapping their bus pass on and off the bus** each time they ride. **This is the student's responsibility.** Our bus software has been in use since the beginning of the school year, and records show that not all students are consistently tapping on and off. Ridership is tracked solely through this system, and tapping is not optional.

As outlined in **Administrative Procedure 560**, a minimum ridership of **35%** is required to maintain bus service. Some students are currently below this threshold. Students who fall under 35% ridership may be removed from bus service, and their space may be offered to a student on the waitlist.

If your student has lost their bus card, please email the Transportation Department at transportation@saanichschools.ca A replacement card can be issued for a **\$10** fee.

This is a friendly reminder that there is **one month remaining** to complete bus transportation registration for the upcoming school year 2026/27. **Registration Deadline: May 31, 2026**

Link to Bus Registration Page:

<https://saanichschools.ca/resources/studentsfamilies/transportation>

ATHLETICS

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

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.

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

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)

NEW: Interested in a career in health care? The **Step Up Youth Program** offers Vancouver Island youth aged **15–18** an engaging and meaningful volunteer experience in their local Island Health facilities. Volunteers develop key life skills—such as communication, teamwork, time management, and personal responsibility. Youth in the program gain practical exposure to a healthcare environment and have the opportunity to explore a variety of health careers. Monthly online guest speakers provide insight into professions such as medicine, nursing, medical imaging, pharmacy, psychiatry, social work, and more. You can hear directly from current volunteers in our [promotional video](#). [Apply now for September!](#) **Applications close May 15th.**

NEW: Congratulations to our successful 2026 TASK students: Nolan Crosby, Aiden Orchard, Huck Makar, and Yuan Kinnear!

COUNSELLING

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

Families Change

The Health and Justice Alliance has created a new, free resource to support family well-being during parental separation. This toolkit contains six key messages, images, social media posts and newsletter text that are linked to practical actions and tangible resources on an updated, interactive website to help parents and children navigate this stressful time and foster resilience. For more information, please visit the website.

[FamiliesChange.ca](https://familieschange.ca)

Erase Family Session:

Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities - May 13 from 6:30 to 7:30. Click to register: [erase Family Sessions](#)

GRAD

NEW: Final Grad Capstone Presentations are on May 14th

[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) or Elizabeth (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

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:

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

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

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- **June 10:** Spring Concert **Night 1** (Band 6, Band 7, Jazz Band)
- **June 12** - 2026/27 Timetables & Yearbooks are distributed in TAG
- **June 16** - Dance Showcase at 7:00 pm (tics by donation)
- **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