



PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

An Innovative, Inspiring, Inclusive Learning Community



May 18 - May 22, 2026

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NEW: A message from our PAC

Parkland Parents and Guardians - we need your help! There are hundreds of you in our school community, but this year, we have had fewer than 10 regularly attend our meetings each month.

Our PAC makes important contributions to our school:

- we provide the recognized parent voice to school and district administrators;
- we hold and support community-building events;
- we provide resources to parents in a variety of areas;
- we assist the Grad Committee;
- we coordinate staff appreciation; and
- we make a significant financial contribution to school activities such as athletics, field trips, clubs and fine arts.

We need participation from more parents to sustain our existence. Our annual general meeting is on Monday, **May 25th at 7PM** in the school library. We have vacancies for most executive positions that need to be filled. We hope to see more of you then so we can continue to be a valuable part of the Parkland community.

NEW: Marine Biology 11 students this year — were you in Ms. Stinson's Marine Bio 11 class last semester and would like to go on the Galiano Biology Camp Trip? Please see Ms. Stinson this week to learn more and get a field trip form.

NEW: 4-H @ Home returns with 'Discover Dairy!'

4-H BC, in partnership with BC Dairy, is excited to continue this fun collaboration by offering another 4-H @ Home course—an innovative online initiative that invites youth across the province to engage in hands-on learning experiences from the comfort of their homes. This program is an excellent opportunity for young people aged 9 to 15 to explore the vibrant world of 4-H, even if there is no active 4-H club nearby.

The 4-H @ Home **Discover Dairy** project starts **May 20th** and runs 6 consecutive Wednesday evenings at 4:00. Thanks to the generous support of BC Dairy, participation in this project is free! The class size is limited, so interested participants are encouraged to register soon.

The **Discover Dairy** project will take participants on a journey through the complete dairy cycle. Participants will have the unique opportunity to meet real dairy farmers, learn about essential cow care practices, understand how milk travels from farm to fridge, and even dive into the basics of cheese tasting and more!

****Who Should Join?***

The Discover Dairy project is perfect for youth aged 9 – 15 who are curious about farm life in BC, and how our food makes its way from the farm to our tables. No cow or prior knowledge is required—just a passion for learning and exploration!

For more information and to register, please visit www.4hbc.ca/4-h-home or call 1-866-776-0373.

****About 4-H BC***

4-H BC is a non profit youth organization dedicated to empowering youth through hands-on learning experiences that foster leadership, responsibility, and community involvement. Our programs inspire young people to develop life skills while exploring their interests and passions.

****About BC Dairy***

BC Dairy is committed to promoting the dairy industry and supporting the education of youth about the importance of dairy farming and nutrition in our daily lives.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out!

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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.

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

BUS: 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.

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)

Volunteer Opportunities:




NEW: KELSET Elementary is looking for volunteers to run games at their Spring Fair on June 12. Sign up for one-hour shifts (as many or as few as you want!) between 5:00pm and 8:00pm. [Click for more information and to sign up.](#)

NEW: Sidney Pride Festival is looking for volunteers to help run field games and possibly doing some facepainting! June 13, 11am-3pm. Come to the Career Centre to sign up.

NEW: My name is Nichola the Volunteer Coordinator for the 2026 Victoria Half - Multisport Festival, taking place **July 10-12, 2026** at Elk & Beaver Lake.

We're actively building our volunteer team right now for one of Victoria's biggest summer race weekends and we'd love to have your school involved in the 2026 Victoria Half. If there are any clubs or teams that may need to collect volunteer hours, we would love to help students collect any hours over the summer.

If your not familiar with our event, the Victoria Half is a high-energy multisport weekend featuring:

-  Triathlon events
-  Scenic waterfront running races
-  A vibrant, spectator-filled finish line experience

We welcome both group and individual volunteers, so even if people can't attend as a full group shift, they're still encouraged to sign up on their own and be part of the weekend.

👉 Learn more or register here: <https://www.thevictoriahalf.com/volunteer>

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

GRAD

NEW: Parkland Secondary School, we still have Grad Photo Sessions available!

We have sessions available on **May 31, 2026**, On Location at UVic Welcome Centre (Jamie Cassels Centre, Room A102).

Next Steps and Notes:

- **Students can book online.** To book an appointment: www.artona.com/bookings
- **Financial Aid.** Students that require financial assistance please come see Mrs. Spears in the office.

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)

Parkland Alumni contact information: info@parklandalumni.ca

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- **May 22** - Deadline for ALL Grad fees, Grad Assembly Blk 3, Spirit Assembly
- **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