



PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

An Innovative, Inspiring, Inclusive Learning Community



May 25 - May 29, 2026



Bullhead Moon: May 16, 2026 - June 13, 2025

NEW: Grads, please see the grad section below for new information!

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.

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

This is a friendly reminder that there are **2 weeks remaining** to complete bus transportation registration for the upcoming school year 2026/27.

Registration Deadline: May 31, 2026

Please note:

- All registrations **submitted after May 31** will be considered **late**.
- A **\$100 late fee** will apply to any late registrations **if a seat is offered**.

To avoid delays, additional costs, or the risk of not securing transportation, please complete your registration as soon as possible.

Link to Bus Registration Page:

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

ATHLETICS

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

NEW: CONGRATULATIONS to Coen Holmgren who placed 8th in the Jr Boys 400 yesterday and competed in the finals today where he placed 4th. He also placed 4th in the Jr Boys 800 m yesterday and will be going to Provincials to compete in both events. Way to go Coen !

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: KELSEY 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.

Foundry BC

Foundry is a province-wide network of integrated health and wellness services for young people ages 12-24. Our integrated services make it possible for young people to access five core services in one convenient location: mental health care, substance use services, physical and sexual health care, youth and family peer supports, and social services.

<https://foundrybc.ca/>

Vancouver Island Counselling Centre for Immigrants and Refugees (VICCIR)

VICCIR provides mental health counselling to immigrants and refugees living in Canada. We offer our services on a sliding fee scale, based on clients' ability to pay. We work with specially trained interpreters as required.

<https://www.viccir.org/>

A Conversation for Families About Digital Well-being and Mental Health

As parents and caregivers, we struggle with balancing our children's time spent in the digital world and what we consider the real world. It's not easy to know how much time spent on technology is too much, and how to set boundaries that don't create conflict. Learn from Dr. Kristy Goodwin, Digital Wellbeing and productivity researcher, speaker, author and consultant.

[May 27, 2026 | 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm](#)

Post-Secondary

Important dates coming up for Post-Secondary Planning. All meetings take place at lunch in the learning commons.

June 1 - A representative from UVic is coming to offer a session of Registration 101 on how to register for courses.

All students who are planning to attend UVic are encouraged to attend.

June 8 - A representative from Camosun is coming to offer a session on how to register for courses. All students who are planning to attend Camosun are encouraged to attend.

June 15 - Last post-secondary meeting of the year. Topics are student loans, bursaries and campus services.

GRAD

NEW: Tickets for the **UVic grad ceremony** will be going on sale **JUNE 4th**. You will be receiving a separate email with instructions before the sale date.

NEW: A note from your grad committee!

Hello Grad Families!!

We are getting close to graduation day for our kids and we are hoping you can all help! Please see the items below and help as much as you can.

We are having door prizes for the kids at the dinner dance on June 23. Our goal is to have one for every grad that is in attendance. We are hoping people can assist with this by donating, purchasing, getting donations from businesses, or giving money towards the purchase of an item. These door prizes can be anything you think is appropriate. For example, we currently have gift cards (ranging from \$20-\$50), a cooler, sweatshirts and speakers that businesses have donated. If you can please bring donations, items or money, to the front office .

Attached [HERE](#) is the order form for the "FATHER'S DAY" Island Jerky Fundraiser. If ordering a combo, please specify which jerky flavours you would like included. All orders must be submitted by Friday, **June 12** in the afternoon. Please email your order form and send e-transfer payment to Tina at tinasavea@gmail.com. Or, you can drop off your order form and cash at the school front office with a note saying: "Dry Grad Island Jerky Fundraiser." Orders will not be placed unless they are PAID IN FULL by June 12.

After the order is placed, it will take about 3 business days for the jerky to be ready for pickup. Once ready, I will arrange a pickup time for you. After you receive your order, you will be responsible for sorting and delivering the jerky to the people who ordered from you.

NEW: Grad committee request - we are looking for 4-5 grade 11 parents to collect bags at the start of the walk down beacon on **June 23** from 10:15-11:15. Please contact Mrs. Spears in the office if you would like to volunteer.

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.

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

IMPORTANT DATES *at a glance !*

- **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