



PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

An Innovative, Inspiring, Inclusive Learning Community



February 24 - 28, 2025

TIMELY!! *(all new)*

- Earthquake - Although we did not feel the small tremors today at Parkland, we know we had a small earthquake. We want everyone to know that we practice Earthquake Safety Drills throughout the year, and all staff and students are prepared to Drop, Cover and Hold and exit the building in a timely and safe manner when the shaking stops.
- This is a reminder to Grade 11 students that **CLC 12a** course is meeting in the theatre in block one on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025.
- Pink Shirt Day is Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025. Our leadership students are encouraging everyone to wear Pink. The Pink shirt symbolizes that as a society, we do not accept bullying or unkindness.

Parkland celebrated Black History Month with a performance from singer, songwriter Shanise Brown – organized by Parkland student Kaylee Millington.



GRAD

- **Reminder - Grad Baby Photos** - Grads, don't forget to upload your baby photos for the Yearbook! [Click here to upload](#). If you are unable to upload the pictures, please send them to gblackwell@saanichschools.ca
- **The Magic Wand Project** - [The Magic Wand Project](#) can minimize students' expenses for grad night clothing. This successful program offers students the option to borrow rather than buy.

PARKLAND COMMUNITY

ATHLETICS

- **(new) - Girls Soccer Team** - The final two Girls Soccer Try-Outs will be Monday and Wednesday afterschool at the Blue Heron Turf. Please see Ms. Dibblee if you want to play but can't make it these two days.
- **Times Colonist 10K** - Any students wanting to run the TC 10K, we have a Parkland Panthers team that is looking for more runners! Please sign up at <https://www.runsport.ca> under the School Teams.
- [Click here](#) for the Athletics Calendar.

CAREER CENTRE

- **(new) - Interested in a career in health care?** The VIHA Step Up Youth program is holding an info session in Room 200 at lunch on Wednesday February 26th. An opportunity to learn more about the program, talk to current volunteers and ask questions.
- **(new) - Looking for summer employment in the trades?** The Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP) in Fleet Maintenance at DND is accepting applications now! Deadline April 5th. Come to the Career Centre for more information on this great opportunity.
- **Job Opportunities:**
Check out the job board outside the Career Centre or visit the [CareerEd website](#).
Jobs are updated weekly.

CLUBS

- **The board and game club** - is starting up again on Mondays at lunch in room 200.

COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

- **(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/>
- **The Ministry of Education and Child Care**, in partnership with adolescent clinical psychologist Dr. Hayley Watson from [Open Parachute](#), will host three, free virtual sessions for parents, guardians and caregivers that will focus on practical skills you can teach your child and youth (ages 0-19) to prevent substance use and mental health needs. These sessions will build on a previous presentation, which focused on practical conversation tools for speaking about substance use prevention with your children/youth. The [previous session](#) is not a pre-requisite for this session.

Key takeaways for participants during this session:

- Learn the factors that lead to substance use and mental health needs from a trauma-informed lens
- Focus on prevention rather than intervention/response
- Applies to parents, guardians and caregivers of all age groups (youth aged 0-5, 6-10, and 11-18)
- Learn ways that these skills can be applied to yourself and the rest of your family to support the mental health of parents, guardians and caregivers

Participants must register in advance. Session dates are:

- [February 25, 6:00-7:30 pm PST](#)
- [February 26, 6:00-7:30 pm PST](#)

- **Looking for a previous resource?** Click [here](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

- February 26 - Pink Shirt Day
- March 7 - Course Selection Forms Due
- March 7 - Panther Cup
- March 17 - 28, 2025 - Spring Break
- March 31 - Classes resume
- April 4 - Grad Breakfast and Assembly
- April 11 - Non-Instructional Day
- April 14 - Term 4 starts
- April 17 - Learning Updates available after 4pm
- April 18 - 21 - Easter Break
- April 22 - Classes resume
- April 24 - Early Dismissal - students are dismissed at 2pm
- April 24 - Parent/Teacher Interviews 5pm - 7pm (by appointment via PickAtime, only)
- April 25 - Grad packages and forms due