



PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

An Innovative, Inspiring, Inclusive Learning Community



January 13 - 17, 2025

TIMELY!! (all new)

- **Mamma Mia Tickets** - Tickets for this year's Musical, Mamma Mia, are available starting Tuesday, January 14. Tickets can be purchased by emailing Christine Bennett cbennett@saanichschools.ca or visiting Christine at the office.
- **Naloxone Training** - Island Health is offering a Naloxone training session at Parkland on Monday, Jan 20 at lunch. Please contact Ms. Anderson in the counselling area or email wanderson@saanichschools.ca to register.

Congratulations to our graduates of the TAsk-Trades and VTU SD63 Hairstylist Programs



GRAD

- **(new) - Parent Grad Meeting:** The next parent grad meeting will be Monday, January 13 @ 7pm in the Learning Commons (library).
- **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

- [Click here](#) for the Athletics Calendar.

CAREER CENTRE

- **(new) - CASTING CALL FOR TSAWOUT FIRST NATION MEMBERS - No experience required:**

Taken – Season 5 is now in production and will be filming in your community in late February and early March 2025. We are seeking community members for re-creation scenes, focusing on the personal stories of Canada's missing and murdered Indigenous people. Stories are told from the perspective of their loved ones.

Photos will be taken of you at the Multi-Purpose room on the following dates and times:

- Casting for youth: Thursday, January 23 from 4-9 pm
- Casting for adults: Sunday, January 26 from 3-6 pm

You'll need to provide information – your name, height, weight, age, special skills (beading, sports, etc.), address, phone number and email. If you're unable to attend, please send a full length photo including all the information as listed above to kimcam411@gmail.com with the subject line – Taken Casting Season 5.

To see previous seasons of Taken, go to takentheseries.com/episodes.

If you're selected, you'll be paid for your participation. If you require additional information about casting call, please email Kim Cameron at kimcam411@gmail.com or text 778-235-9524. You can also reach out to Laurie Henry at employment@tsawout.ca. All ages are welcome

- **(new) - Standard First Aid Course:** This course is being offered at Parkland on Sunday January 19th. Online coursework portion to be completed before in-person class. See Ms. McNamee or Ms. Hassett to sign up!
- **Camosun Recruitment and Admission:** Thinking of applying to Camosun? Check out the Recruitment and Admissions Newsletter for information on programs, tours, info sessions and more! [Read the newsletter here.](#)

- **Job Opportunities:**

Check out the job board outside the Career Centre or visit the [CareerEd website](#).

Jobs are updated weekly.

COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

- **(new)** - **Safer Schools Together** offers parent and caregiver resources on digital safety, including upcoming virtual sessions.

Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sextortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

All sessions run from 6:30 to 7:30

January 14, February 4, February 26, March 12, April 8, May 7

Registration page:

<https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>

Parent/Caregiver Resource page: <https://saferschoolstogether.com/resources/parent-caregiver-resources/>

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

FASHION THRIFT DRIVE & SALE

- **Are you tired of wearing the same clothes every day?** - Do your fits not hit anymore? Is thrifting your one true love? Join us during lunch on January 22nd and January 23rd in the gym for a Parkland Thrift Sale! From now to January 20, we will be accepting clothing donations in the main foyer. One person's trash is another's treasure, so bring your old clothes to earn VIP Credits so you can thrift clothes for even cheaper! The event will have clothing upcycling booths, snacks, and more! All proceeds will go to Fashion Revolution, a not-for-profit organization campaigning for sustainable fashion. We look forward to seeing you there!

MARINE BIOLOGY TRIP

- **Bamfield Marine Biology trip** - On Feb 4-7th 2025, we can take a small group of Parkland students to the Bamfield Marine Science Centre to experience what it's like to be a real marine biologist! Please see Ms. Stinson for more detailed information before the Christmas break. <https://bamfieldmsc.com/>

MATH CONTESTS

- **Sign Up for Math Contests** - There is still lots of time to sign up for this year's math contests! Please tell Mr. Burnham if you want to write one. You can find him in his classroom, Room 103, or email him at dburnham@saanichschools.ca with your name and which grade you are in. Grade 9-11 contests take place on February 26th and the Grade 12 contest on April 2nd.

PARKLAND SPIRIT WEAR

- Email your order to Mrs. Bennett, cbennett@saanichschools.ca then [pay online](#) - pick up at the end of the day at the front office.

Parkland Panthers Swag



Hoodies - \$35



Pants - \$20
(limited sizes)



Socks - \$10

IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan 20 - PAC Meeting
- Jan 23 - IB Information Night - LC - 7:00 PM
- Jan 24 - Grad Photo Retakes
- Jan 27 - 31 - Semester One Assessments
- Feb. 3 - Semester 2 Starts
- Feb. 5 - Musical Theatre Opening Night
- Feb. 7 - Last Day of Course Changes
- Feb. 11 - Grade 9 Immunizations
- Feb. 12 - Celebration of Learning - 6:00 PM
- Feb. 13 - Early Dismissal Day
- Feb. 13 - Learning Updates (Report Cards) Out
- Feb. 14 - Non-Instructional Day
- Feb. 17 - Family Day Holiday
- Feb. 20 - Grade 11 & 12 Immunizations
- March 7 - Course Selection Forms Due
- March 7 - Panther Cup
- March 17 - 28, 2025 - Spring Break