



PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

An Innovative, Inspiring, Inclusive Learning Community



January 20 - 24, 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. Tickets are selling fast!!! Don't miss out.
- **2nd Semester schedules** - available after 5pm Friday 17, 2024 . Parents and students can access 2nd Semester schedules through Brightspace.
Parent link - <https://saanichschools.ca/resources/studentsfamilies/d2l-brightspace>
Student link - <https://sd63.onlinelearningbc.com/>.
- **Bottle Drive - Grad Fundraiser** - January 19, 8am to 3:30pm. Drop off is at the student parking lot.
- **IB Information Night for Grade 8-10 Families** - Curious about the International Baccalaureate program at Parkland? Want to know more about the benefits of IB for student learning? Please join us January 23rd at 7:00pm in the Learning Commons for a chance to hear more details about the program and ask questions to current and former students in the IB program.

Basketball Season



GRAD

- **(new) - Bottle Drive - Grad Fundraiser** - January 19, 8am to 3:30pm. Drop off is at the student parking lot.
- **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

- **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 takethtseries.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

- **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

- **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!

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan 20 - PAC Meeting
- Jan 23 - IB Information Night - LC - 7:00 PM
- Jan 24 - Grad Photo Retakes - Day 1
- Jan 27 - Grad Photo Retakes - Day 2
- 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