



PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

An Innovative, Inspiring, Inclusive Learning Community



November 25 - November 29

TIMELY! *(new)*

- **Learning Updates (Report Cards)** are available after 5:00 PM on Friday, Nov. 22, 2024. Parents and students access these reports through Brightspace. We emailed home instructions for parents to create a Brightspace account (<https://saanichschools.ca/resources/studentsfamilies/d2l-brightspace/>), and we emailed the students at their school Outlook email accounts with the link to their Brightspace link (<https://sd63.onlinelearningbc.com/>).
- **Parent/Teacher interviews** -Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. An email with a pickAtime link was sent to all parents (<https://parkland.saanichschools.ca/parent-techer-interviews>)
- **School Support for Struggling Students** - At this time of the year, it is not too late to support those students who might have struggled in Term 1.
 - *Step 1* - Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. It also helps if your student takes part in the conversation.
 - *Step 2* - If your child has a designation, please reach out to their Case Manager, and together, we can discuss strategies to help the student be successful.
 - *Step 3* - If your child needs help with attendance and/or engagement, Mr. Russell and Mr. Earnshaw can meet with you regarding student pathways and strategies. The key is to engage all students in their learning.
- **Panther Talks** - periodically, we meet with students to share messages on topics that support student wellness, success and health. Our first assembly for grade 9 and 10 students was very inspirational.

Wali Shah - poet & motivational speaker



GRAD

- **Winter Formal** - This year the Winter Formal will be held on Dec. 5th 6pm - 10pm, at the Capital City Yacht Club. Tickets are now available and are payable online via school fees or through Mrs. Bennett at the office. Students
- **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)** - BC Career Week November 25-29

Lots happening in the Career Center and Career Life Education Classes.

Three Local Businesses are coming to Parkland to meet with students and share information about their companies and job opportunities!

Stop by the Career Center to take part in Trivia Questions and Scavenger hunts!

Career Week! November 25 -29

Local Employers will be visiting to chat all things jobs. Cover letters, resumes and on-the-spot mock interviews!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				

Come to the Career Centre during lunch, breaks or whenever you are free, to take part in trivia & scavenger hunt. Get a **prize right away** and enter to win gift cards!

		
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Can't wait to see you there!

- **Volunteer Opportunities with the Peninsula Celebration Society!**

Volunteer Opportunity

6 positions on *Sunday, December 8 for the *Sparkles Parade* in Sidney starting at 3:00 pm.

The next event is on Saturday, December 14. *Photos with Santa* will start at 10 a.m. in the plaza between 900 Degrees and Farmer's Daughter on Beacon Ave. I am looking for four volunteers who will share a shift from 10-12 and 12-2:00 p.m.

Email chriron@shaw.ca ; or chriron577@gmail.com with your expression of interest.

This is a great chance to get Volunteer hours for CLC and give back to your community!

- **Career Information:**

Explore UVic is our on-campus open house taking place on Saturday, November 30. See what the UVic experience is like through lectures, student panels, tours, information fairs and more. High school students, transfer students and families are welcome! [Register online now.](#)

- **Job Opportunities:**

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

COUNSELLING RESOURCES

- **Counselling Resources** - check here for a featured counselling resource on a biweekly basis. If you have any questions about these resources, please contact a member of the counselling team [here](#).

(new) - The SD 63 Mental Wellness Hub contains mental health resources for parents, students and staff. For parents, there is information about videos, courses and workshops as well as crisis contact numbers. There is also a student wellness hub with information on substance use, sexual health, mental health, apps for well-being, crisis lines and youth clinics.

<https://sites.google.com/sd63.bc.ca/comprehensive-school-health/home>

DEEP COVER WINTER FAIR

- **(new) Student Volunteers** - Did you attend Deep Cove Elementary? Their annual Winter Fair is coming up and they are looking for student volunteers to run games and venues Friday December 6. Shifts are about one hour long each and run between 5:20 and 8:40pm. For more information email: deepcovechristmas@shaw.ca

PARKLAND PET OWNERS!!

- **Don't Forget.....Attention Parkland Pet Owners** - We are collecting photos of your darling dachshunds, critical kitties, loving lovebirds, terrific terrarium dwellers, beautiful bunny rabbits, fabulous fishes etc! We will be putting together a bulletin board of fuzzy or feathered friends, and we want to put your pet's photo on display !

Please email your photos to Ms Hassett chassett@saanichschools.ca

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.

PEER TUTORING

- **Peer tutoring** - is starting next week on Wednesday at lunch. Tutors are available for all academic subjects in grade 9 and 10, plus math, science and French in grade 11 and 12. Drop in to the computer lab, room 202, on Wednesdays at lunch or contact Ms. Anderson to request a tutor.

SWIMMING PROVINCIALS

- **(new) Parkland Swim Team** - Huge congratulations to Jemma, Elodie, Yuan and Jacob who represented Parkland at the BC School Sports Aquatic Championships this weekend, which included over 800 athletes from across BC! They all placed in the top 20 in their respective events, and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and effort. Well done!

SAANICH PENINSULA RECREATION. FACILITY

- **(new) Saanich Peninsula Rec. Facility Needs Assessment:** The Peninsula Recreation Commission (PRC) invites residents of North Saanich, Central Saanich, Sidney, and the W̱OŁEŁP (Tsartlip), BOKÉĆEN (Pauquachin), S̱ÁUTW_ (Tsawout), and W̱SIKEM (Tseycum) First Nations to share their thoughts on local recreation facilities by completing an online survey: [survey \(External link\)](#)

Survey results, along with a review of the peninsula's recreation facilities and services, will inform decisions about current and future needs. The survey is available until December 6 at 11:55 pm. For more information and updates, please visit

<https://getinvolved.crd.bc.ca/saanich-peninsula-recreation-facility-needs-assessment>

WINTER CONCERT

- Wednesday, December 11th at 7pm in the Parkland Theatre. More information to come.

IMPORTANT DATES - at a Glance

- Nov. 22 - Report Cards available after 4pm
- Nov. 28 - Early Dismissal 2pm
- Nov. 28 - Parent/Teacher Interviews 5pm-7pm - appt only
- Dec. 5 - Grad Winter Social 6-10pm
- Dec. 11 - Winter Concert
- Dec. 16 - PAC Meeting - 7pm
- Dec. 23 - Jan 3 Winter Break