



# KALAMALKA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## Welcome!

Welcome to new families and students. This August newsletter will update you on some of the startup procedures and help prepare new and established families for the upcoming year. Mr. Jami Burke, Mr. Eddy Canadas and the custodial crew are well into getting the facility fully prepared for the upcoming year – thanks for your hard work. We look forward to coming back to a shiny facility. I would also like to welcome Josh Vance as our new Vice Principal as he starts a new position after serving our students with his technology expertise.

## Student Timetables

Students completed the course selections. We have used selections to create the courses offered. Your Kal student may have selected a course that did not get offered due to low numbers. These students will be programmed into other courses to meet their graduation needs. We do not give spares in the first semester. Second semester spares are given to students in Grade 12 who have the full credits for the year. These students are generally taking a course outside of the timetable and have the extra credits on the year. Thank you Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Mohr for your work in getting timetables ready for our students. **Students timetables will be released on Student Connect on August 21, 2019.** The counsellors will be available for change requests on August 26 through to August 29, 2019.

## Grade 8 and New Student BBQ and Introduction

On August 28, at 11:30am, we will be hosting the grade 8 and new student introduction BBQ. Students are welcomed to the school, given their timetable, locker, and the opportunity to tour the school to find out where their classes are. This introduction will take about an hour and half. If your Kal student has special dietary needs, please drop me an email at [mgrace@sd22.bc.ca](mailto:mgrace@sd22.bc.ca) to ensure we can offer the appropriate hotdog type.

We will have school shorts and t-shirts available for purchase at this time.

## BYOD

Kalamalka Secondary is currently the only school in the district that has Wifi that is accessible to students. This comes with a need for student responsibility and respect. This can benefit students in learning how to use electronic platforms that are currently used in Universities and Colleges and allow students to connect with their school work at home and at school. This wifi is **not** a service for greater cell phone use. We recommend that students use a device with a keyboard. The current expectations for the

use of electronics will be reviewed on the first day and in our first assembly.

## New Student Registration

New students in our catchment can come in during the week of August 26-29 to register. Students in our catchment can still register on Tuesday, September 3. Some new students may be asked to wait until after Friday, September 8 while we determine available class spaces. We are very sorry for the inconvenience and will work hard to ensure all of our students can meet their goals for the 2019/20 school year.

## Kalamalka Secondary Staff to date

Office Staff: Leslie Baker, Tanya Barnard, Audrey Grieve

Custodial Staff: Jami Burke, Eddy Canadas

Teaching Librarian: Kelly Challen

Teaching Staff: Stephanie Anderson, Sena Bishop, Jennifer Bitz, Ian Busfield, Geordy Cuthbert, Dave Fehr, Corrado Filice, Maria Hansen, Dave Harding, Paul Hunter, Meg Irwin, Rob Kopera, Olaf Korb, Brad Krahn, Nicole Kuemmerle, Heather Malcolm, Alan McAndrew, Jill McDonald, Ali Munro, Tamara Nicolas, Jillian Shore, Shon Thomas, Todd Wenger, Kelly Winston, Heidi Wrinch,

Counsellors: Lori Knight and Brandice Mohr

Drug and Alcohol Counsellor: Doug Rogers

Certified Educational Assistants: Brandy Hansen, Lisa Klammer, Sandra Shillington, Shannon Siedl, Jessica Vischschraper

Bus Supervisor: Sandra Shillington

## Day One:

On **Tuesday, September 3**, we have a shortened day. All students will start in their Block A class. They will review the code of conduct and other start up procedures in this time. Block A class lists will be posted, and the courses are also available on Student Connect for all students.

**8:30am** – Block A homeroom

**8:55am – 9:35am** – Block A

**9:40am – 10:20am** – Block B

**10:20am-10:35am** – Break

**10:35am-11:15am** – Block C

**11:20am – 12:00pm** – Block D

Busses will run 3 hours early on this day.

On **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 4, 5 and 6**, we will be running through the regular period times but the block order will be A, B, C, D.



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## Regular Period Schedule:

Student timetables are available on Student Connect and Parent Connect.

<b>Period 1</b>	8:30am – 9:50am
<b>AM Break</b>	9:50am – 10:02am
<b>Period 2</b>	10:02am – 11:21am
<b>Lunch</b>	11:21am - 12:05pm
<b>Period 3</b>	12:05pm - 1:25pm
<b>PM Break</b>	1:25pm – 1:40pm
<b>Period 4</b>	1:40pm – 3:00pm

The block rotation for each week is in the Grade 8 student planners, on the “MySchoolDay” App and is posted in the office each day.

## School Supplies

Students should come to class on opening day prepared to work, with pen/pencil, binder and notepaper. Teachers will advise students of any special supplies that they will need for their courses. These supplies may include items such as glue sticks, calculators, scissors, felt pens...

## September Events:

September 3: School Opens busses run 3 hours early  
September 5: Whole School Assembly  
September 10: Parent Grad meeting at 6:30pm in library  
September 11: Fee Collection Day \$30 Grade 8-12  
September 16: First PAC meeting at 6:30pm in the library  
September 18: Whole School Assembly – Mike Shaw  
September 19: Student Grad Meeting  
September 20: School Photo Day  
September 23: Professional Development Day (no school)  
September 25: Grade 8 retreat afternoon  
September 26: Course change deadline  
September 30: Orange Shirt Day  
October 15: OPTIS opens at 8am to book Parent teacher interviews

## Extra Curricular:

The fall season will have both male and female Volleyball and male Soccer. If you are interested in supporting the Kalamalka sports program in any way, please contact our Athletic Director, Maria Hansen. We are always open to support clubs and other activities at the school. If you or your Kal student has an interest and would like to create a group to pursue this activity, they can work toward getting a staff member to support or contact myself or Josh to see if it is something we can support.

## School Photos:

School Photos are ordered online. A message will be sent home on the week of school photos asking your permission to allow Mountain West to use your email address to send you your proofs and order access number. Please ensure that your information is up to date with the school.

## Accident Insurance:

Parents should be aware that the School District does carry medical accident insurance for individual students. This is minimal insurance that can be augmented by personal family plans. Additional information can be found on the School District’s web site. [www.sd22.bc.ca/accident.html](http://www.sd22.bc.ca/accident.html)

## Student Handbook and Code of Conduct:

The student handbook and code of conduct is given to all grade 8 students in the student planner. The code of conduct is reviewed with all students in homeroom. The handbook and Code of Conduct are available to review on the website. Hard copies are available at the office for those who wish to have one.

## Demographics, Lates and Absenses:

If your Kal student is late or absent, please contact the office at 250-545-1396. This will save us a lot of time tracking students that could otherwise be used to help the learning of our students. Please let the office know of any change in phone numbers, address, or email so that you can stay up to date with the latest at Kal Secondary.

## Grad 2020

We look forward to making this the best year for our 2020 grad students. I will be taking the lead role in making sure this year’s grad events are exceptional. This cannot happen without the help of the fantastic parent volunteers. The first parent meeting is on September 10, at 6:30pm in the Kalamalka Library.

Grad is a wonderful celebration that students look forward to every year. It is full of rich traditions that have grown over the years. There is also a trend of non-sanctioned social events in some Okanagan communities such as Vernon. This includes an all-night bush party. Bush parties involve drinking and drug use, vandalism, fighting, and even confrontations with the police. Pranks have caused thousands of dollars in damage to campsites and public areas. It is also known that these events involve young adults who are not attending school. There are no controls on who participates, or no safeguards to ensure safety. If an



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accident or incident happens, medical services are not easily available.

Most of our grade 12 students are responsible and mature young adults. However, they are kids and as kids, they are subject to peer pressure. As educators and parents, we need to help them make responsible and safe decisions. The aforementioned activity is unsafe and is not condoned by the school or the school district. There is no tolerance for the association of drugs and alcohol in schools. If students do attend school after a night of drinking they will face consequences that jeopardize their education. Coming to school with shirts and skin covered in felt pen does not portray the right message to our younger students, therefore students will be sent home to change if this happens. These events can cast a shadow on all of the grade 12 students and most importantly put our students in danger.

## **Transportation-Bus Information**

If your child uses the school district bus service they must be registered with the Transportation Department. There is a new \$25 fee for all users and a \$175 fee for courtesy riders, if you require bussing outside of your school catchment area. You can find more information, registration forms and bus route information on the following website.

<http://www.sd22.bc.ca>

**Please note that if your transportation requirements change you will need to fill out a new registration form.**

Please send these forms to school with your child(ren). All buses for School District #22 are identified by a Route Number. Magnetic signs are posted on buses to identify route numbers.

**Please advise your children to look for this Route Number and not for the bus number to identify their bus.**