



KALAMALKA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Welcome!

If you didn't receive the August newsletter, you can view it online at the website address above. Our startup has been very busy and the students have been fantastic. Our first Grad parent meeting is at 6:30pm on September 10th and our first PAC meeting is at 6:30pm on September 16th in the library. These are great chances to find out what is going on in our school.

Career Education 9 and CLC 12

Students in grade 9 will find that Career Education is listed on their timetable. The students will be coming out of B block for 8 to 10 sessions for career education. This will be a lead in to the grad program of Career Explorations and Career connections in grade 10-12.

Our students in Career Connections 12 will be preparing for life after Kalamalka Secondary. Investigations into opportunities and programs will be conducted. The course will culminate with a Capstone Project that will be a demonstration of student learning from thirteen years of schooling. Students have a variety of options in which to show their development as a student and person.

Grade 8/9 using Proficiency Scales

You may have heard that we are moving from grades into proficiency scales. Kalamalka Secondary will be moving in line with the Ministry of Education reporting requirements over the course of this year. I will be sharing the plan at Kalamalka Secondary and sharing some of the rationale behind the change at the next PAC meeting.

Timetables

We are very close to having all of our students settled into their courses for the first semester. If your child does not have a complete timetable they should have their name signed up on the counsellors wait list.

Sports

Boys' Soccer has started and will be practicing on Monday mornings at 7:30am and then on Wednesday's afterschool. The full schedule is coming.

Grade 8 Boys Volleyball starts Monday at 3:15 pm. Jr. Boys Volleyball starts this Tuesday at 4:45pm.

Grade 8 Girls' Volleyball tryouts start on Tuesday at 3:15pm. Jr Girls' Volleyball is on Wednesday and Thursday at 5 pm. Senior Girls' tryouts are on Monday at 3:15pm.

Grade 10-12 Career Programs

Mr. Thorpe is taking students to a Discover Trades Day at Okanagan College in Kelowna on October 9. Permission forms are in the office.

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.

New Kalamalka Secondary Staff

Welcome Mr. Mike Foster (Social Studies), Mrs. Tamara Nicolas (SBRT), Mrs. Nicole Kuemmerle (Home Ec and Science), Mr. Connor Podmorow (International Program), Ms. Kate Bezugley (English)

September Events:

September 10: Parent Grad meeting at 6:30pm in library
September 11: Fee Collection Day \$30 Grade 8-12 some students may have fees for workbooks (see parent connect)
September 16: PAC meeting 6:30pm
September 18: Mike Shaw – presentation - 8:30am
September 18 – Communicating Student Learning presentation for parents (6:30pm Kal library)
September 20: School Photo Day
September 23: Pro D day
September 25: Grade 8 retreat afternoon – Coldstream Park
September 25/26: Terry Fox Run
September 30: Orange Shirt Day

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



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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> **Transportation Fees can now be paid at our school.**

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.