



KALAMALKA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Welcome!



We have arrived at the end of the year. We have been fortunate to be able to finish the year with an amazing graduation ceremony and a wonderful SuperGrad. We also had fantastic performances from our Apple Box Theatre Company. We also had an entertaining Concerto Juno where our bands and choir performed.

Important August and September Dates:

Calendar dates to remember:

August 26-30 Counsellors to meet new students and change schedules.

August 28 – 11:30 Grade 8 Orientation

September 3 - First Day of School Early Dismissal

9 September – 5:30PM Athletic Booster Club Meeting

9 September – 6:30PM Parent Grad Meeting

17 September – 6:30PM PAC Meeting

23 September – District Pro-D Day

30 September – Truth and Reconciliation Day

Communicating Student Learning (Reporting)

Our Term 4 Report Cards have been published and are available in MYED.

PAC Information

We thank PAC and parents for providing a wonderful lunch for our staff on June 6.

The next meeting is on September 17 at 6:30pm. Follow PAC on facebook "Kalamalka Secondary Parents." Email Kalamalka PAC kalamalkapac@gmail.com for inquiries.

Instagram

KAL is now on Instagram! Follow our account, [@kalamalkasecondary](https://www.instagram.com/kalamalkasecondary) to keep up with what's happening in our school.

Summer School Office Hours

July 8 – 19 Open to phone calls 250-545-1396

July 22 - August 11 Closed

Aug 12– 16 Open to phone calls 250-545-1396

August 19 -23 Open 8:30-2:30

August 26-30 Open 8:30-3:30

Lockers

Next year, we will require that all students use a school lock. This will allow us to help manage our lockers better and to support our students. If a student needs a lock, we will provide them with a lock that will remain the school's property. The locks will be owned by the school and will need to be returned by students before leaving the school or they will be charged. Students who have previously purchased and used a lock from the school can continue to use that lock. If one of our locks fails, we will replace it.

Cell Phones in school

We have sent out a letter regarding use of personal digital devices in classrooms at Kal. Please review this letter as it will be in effect when we return to school in September. The letter is also included on this newsletter.

Grade 12 – Transcripts

Grade 12 students are encouraged to visit [the Student Transcripts Service \(STS\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov2/students/grades12/transcripts/) to preauthorize release of their final transcript data to their chosen post-secondary institutions (PSIs) for admissions purposes. Current students may make up to 25 PSI selections free of charge, generally up to six months after completing their last course. They are also entitled to order one free printed transcript (by mail) after graduation, which can be sent to any address they choose. All other transcript orders in STS (including [PDF transcripts](#)) are \$10 each.

Next Year's Timetables

Student Schedules will be available online in MYED near the end of August. We will send out an email by August 23 when the schedules are released. Counsellors will be available for scheduling new students and course request changes August 26- 30.

We hope that you enjoy a wonderful summer connecting and rejuvenating with family and friends.

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Tome Youth Ambassadors

We are looking for a few homestays for 8 Japanese youth between 14 and 16 years old and 2 adults from Thursday, October 24 to Monday, October 28.

The students are coming from Tome, Japan, our sister city, to gain a short Canadian experience.

The students arrive Thursday afternoon and will leave Monday morning.

They will have a few organized activities that will be planned for our ambassadors. They are looking for opportunities to spend time in a home with a Canadian family. A detailed itinerary will be communicated closer to their arrival.

Each child requires a bed. Homestays will be required to provide breakfast each day and a packed lunch for Friday and Saturday, dinner most days.

Pick up and drop off will be at the school for day time activities. The evening activities will be location specific.

The Tome group would like to know who lives in your house example Mom and Dad with 17 year old girl, 14 year old girl and 8 year old boy.

Please contact jhuggins@sd22.bc.ca, if you are interested in hosting.



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Vernon International
Student Program

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We're growing! Host Families Needed

Open your doors to a cultural experience!

We are looking for Canadian families interested in welcoming an international student into their home. The Vernon School District welcomes students from all over the world to study in our schools. Students come to experience Canadian culture, improve their English skills, and even graduate from high school. We look for families who are warm and welcoming and willing to include an international student(s) as part of their family. Our homestay families come in many different configurations including single parents, single individuals, couples with no children, young families with infants or toddlers, families with teenagers, etc.

When choosing our host families, we look for:

- Safe, comfortable homes
- Active families willing to share our Canadian culture and their family life
- Ability to provide healthy, well-balanced meals and snacks
- Willingness to provide emotional support in a caring environment
- Close proximity to the school bus or walking distance to schools
- Ability to provide transportation as needed
- A private bedroom with a window, door, closet, bed, dresser, and a desk
- Wireless access

Families will be compensated \$1100 per month for the 2024/25 school year to cover the costs of food, transportation, and other expenses.

If you are interested or know of anyone who might be interested, please contact our Homestay Coordinators directly as follows:

Fatima Nunes

Homestay Coordinator for Seaton, Kal, and Charles Bloom Secondary

Email: vernonhomestay2@sd22.bc.ca / phone: (250) 260-0106

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KALAMALKA SECONDARY SCHOOL MEMO



To: Kalamalka Secondary Parents / Guardians

From: Kalamalka Secondary Admin

Date: July 5, 2024

Re: Responsible Use of Personal Digital Devices

Dear Kal parent / guardian,

In response to Ministerial Order 89/2024 and in alignment with SD22's Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use of Technology Administrative Procedure, we are implementing new guidelines to enable highly engaged learning environments for all students at Kalamalka Secondary School.

Effective immediately, during instructional time, all personal digital devices are to only be used for instructional purposes at the discretion of the teacher and/or support staff (e.g., CEAs, Teacher Candidates, Administrators). Personal digital devices may be used to support students with diverse abilities as outlined in student's support plans and Individual Education Plans, as well as to support medical necessities outlined in a safety plan.

To support these guidelines, we have installed storage units in each classroom to manage devices when they are not required for instructional purposes. We encourage students to place their devices into the storage units as they enter their classrooms and retrieve them either when directed by the teacher/support staff, or at the end of the class. Students may also keep their personal digital devices in their locker during class time. Students who are using their personal digital devices without permission from the teacher/support staff may have their devices confiscated and available for pick up in the office at the end of the day.

Additionally, Kalamalka Secondary School has invested significantly in ensuring equitable access to learning devices (e.g., Chromebooks, iPads, etc.) for students when they are required. This ensures that our students can succeed academically regardless of whether they possess a personal digital device.

We believe these guidelines will help minimize distractions and maximize learning opportunities for all students. We appreciate your support in helping to normalize and reinforce these guidelines with your child.

If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Warmly,



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[Ministerial Order M89/2024](#)
[SD22 Code of Conduct](#)
[SD22 Acceptable Use of Technology Administrative Procedure](#)