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Welcome to *Kal*
Grade 8s 2026/2027
aka Kal Grad 2031!

Today's Agenda

1. Who is Kal?

2. What makes Kal great!

3. Course selection process



Admin Team

Mr. Jeff Huggins,
Principal
Grades 11-12



Mr. Petr Pospisil,
Vice Principal
Grades 8-10



Counselling Team

Ms. Lori Knight,
Counsellor
Last names A-L



Mr. Lefurgy,
Counsellor
Last names M-Z



Kal is here for YOU!

- Main Office
 - Admin, medical room, and the friendliest office staff OF ALL TIME!
- Counselling Suite
 - Counsellors, career programs
- Learning Centre
 - School-based resource teachers, Education Assistants
- Library
 - Librarian, lots of great learning support
- Welcome Room
 - Indigenous Support Worker, Indigenous Outreach Worker
- Connections
 - School-based resource teacher, Education Assistant
- Peer Tutoring
- Distributed Learning
- International Room
 - ELL classes, International teacher
- NOYFSS Services
 - On-site counselling



Life's great @ *Kal!*

- Gr.8 Welcome BBQ – Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026
- Gr.8 Retreat – late September 2026
- Athletics – go Lakers!
- Clubs
- Spirit Weeks
- Food Fairs
- Concerts
- Art Shows
- Musicals and Plays
- Field Trips
- KALABUNGA!!!

My advice? Get involved!

You'll get out of high school what you put in!







WORK HARD

GIVE YOUR BEST

YOU CAN DO THIS

Success is earned

DREAM BIG

NEVER GIVE UP

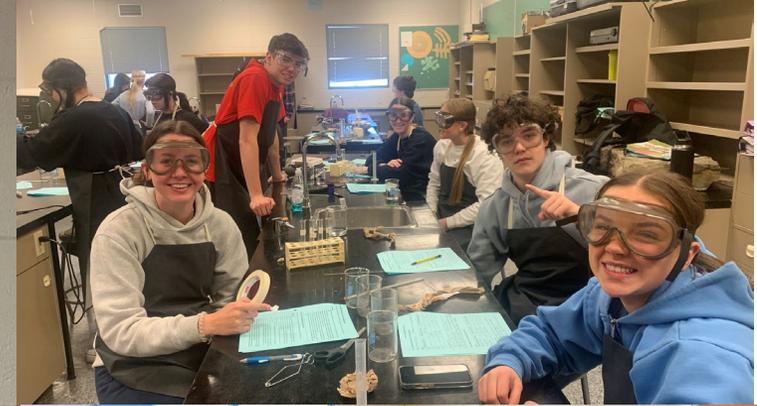
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DO WHAT YOU

{Love}

WHAT YOU DO

Stay Humble.



Transitioning to *Kal*

- Most courses are semester (Math and PE linear)
- Grade 8 elective “rotation”
 - Elective courses are each about ~ 5 weeks long
- Multiple teachers and different classrooms / learning environments
- Weekly block rotation
- No bells, morning and afternoon breaks
- Many opportunities to get involved in clubs, sports, and other extracurricular activities

With great power comes great responsibility





**Out with
“recess” and
“cubbies”**



**In with “breaks”
and “lockers”**



Kal Student Schedule

Vernon School District

Student Schedule

Kalamalka Sec

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Student Name: Your name!

Student ID:

YOG:

Homeroom:

Grade Level: 08

Locker:

DAY 1

A

[S1] MUSIC 8
Hunter, Paul - 106

B

[S1] SCIENCE 8
Britton, Paul - 121

C

[S1] SOCIAL STUDIES 8
Shore, Jillian - 244

D

[S1] MATHEMATICS 8
Korb, Olaf - 202



Kal Daily Schedule

8:30am – 9:50am

1st class (e.g., A block)

9:50am – 10:05am

15 minute BREAK

10:05am – 11:25am

2nd class (e.g., B block)

11:25am – 12:05pm

LUNCH

12:05pm – 1:25pm

3rd class (e.g., C block)

1:25pm – 1:40pm

15 minute BREAK

1:40pm – 3:00pm

4th class (e.g., D block)



Kal Block Rotation

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Monday	ABCD	DCBA	BADC	CDAB
Tuesday	ABCD	DCBA	BADC	CDAB
Wednesday	AADD	Heads up! On this day, you would have double A block then double D block, with no B or C blocks.	AADD	DDAA
Thursday	BBCC	CCBB	BBCC	CCBB
Friday	ABCD	DCBA	BADC	CDAB

Some weeks may be short (e.g., Pro-D or holidays), or with altered block rotations. Stay updated by checking the Kal website, checking the Kal Agenda App, or checking the posted rotation in the office.

Wednesdays and Thursdays are usually “double block” days – you can anticipate that labs, field trips, and tests will occur on these days



Grade 8 Course Selection

STEP 1

See Course Planning Book on the Kal website for descriptions of all grade 8 courses

- Courses in high school are divided into two groups:
 - **Core courses** (courses that you must take before Grade 9)
 - **Elective courses** (courses that are not required to move into Grade 9)

<u>Core courses</u>	<u>Potential Elective courses</u>	
MEN--8 English 8	MMU—08 Band 8	MDR--08 Drama 8
MSS--08 Social Studies 8	MADW-08 Woodwork 8	MCE--08 Career Ed 8
MMA--8 Mathematics 8	MADT-08 Textiles 8	MAE--08 Art Ed 8
MSC--8 Science 8	MADFS08 Foods 8	MADDL08 Digital Literacy 8
MPHE-8 Physical Education 8	MADCC08 Comp/Comm 8	
MFR--8 French 8		



Grade 8 Course Selection

STEP 2

Obtain the Grade 8 Course Selection letter (handed out here, and sent via email), and review with your parents / guardians

STEP 3

Decide whether you would like to request BAND 8 (with 4 additional electives) OR NO Band 8 (with 6-8 electives)

Band 8 is in Semester 1 during the same block as 4 other Semester 1 electives



Grade 8 Course Selection

STEP 4

Complete the Grade 8 Course Selection form that is linked on the letter **BY APRIL 16th, 2026**



Kalamalka Secondary School - Grade 8 Course Selection 2026-2027

Hello parents and families of future Kalamalka Secondary School students!

We are excited to be welcoming your child to our Kal community! Course selection is now entirely online via this form. The deadline to complete this form is **Thursday, April 16th 2026**.

All grade 8 students will be automatically enrolled in their core courses, but students need to choose to be in ONE of the following elective-options:

1. Band + 4 electives (to be determined after timetable is built; no prior instrument experience required to take Band 8)
- OR**
2. No band + 6-8 electives

Core courses: English 8, Math 8, Science 8, Social Studies 8, French 8, Physical and Health Education 8

Elective courses: Band 8, Art 8, Drama 8, Textiles 8, Foods 8, Woodworking 8, Career Education 8, Tech/Robotics 8, Computer Applications 8

Please note that we will make our best efforts to get students in their preferred classes but it isn't always possible.

When you submit this form, it will not automatically collect your details like name and email address unless you provide it yourself.

* Required

1. Student's legal last name *



Grade 8 Course Selection

4. Student's current gr.7 school * 

Coldstream Elementary School

Kidston Elementary School

Lavington Elementary School

Other

5. Choose ONE of the following elective options: * 

Band + 4 electives (TBD)

8 electives

Have you registered for one of the SD22 sports academies?

6. 

- Note 1: students must register directly with the SD22 sports academies
- Note 2: students registered in an SD22 sports academy will have their schedules adjusted when we receive confirmation from the academy; this may decrease the number of electives they are scheduled in

Yes

No

Not yet, but intend to



Grade 8 Course Selection

STEP 5

Have your parents/guardians type their name to approve the requests, and click Submit

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Yes

No

Not yet, but intend to

7. If you answered "Yes" to Question 6, please indicate which SD22 sports academy your child has applied to:

Enter your answer

8. Parent/Guardian signature - by typing your full name below, you confirm that you have reviewed this course selection form and deem it to be accurate and satisfactory for the child in your care.

Enter your answer

Submit

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Grade 8 Course Selection

STEP 6

CELEBRATE! You've successfully finished your Grade 8 Course Selection!



YA'LL GOT ANY

QUESTIONS?



We can't wait to welcome you to *Kal!*



We take learning seriously!



Kalamalka Secondary
Grade 8 Course
Selection 2026 - 2027

