



# KALAMALKA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## Welcome

Welcome to all incoming and returning Kalamalka families and students!

### Important September and October Dates:

September 15-19: BC Thanksgiving Food Drive

September 16: First PAC meeting at 6:30pm in the library

### September 16: School Photo Day

September 18: Fall Sports Parent Meeting at 6:00pm

September 19: Clubs Day @ Lunch

September 25: Terry Fox Run

September 26: Orange Shirt Day

September 29: Professional Development Day (no school)

September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)

October 6: Parent Super Grad Committee 6:30PM

October 14: PAC meeting at 6:30pm in the library

October 15: Grad 2026 Bottle Drive

October 16: OPTIS opens to book Parent/Teacher interviews

October 22: Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00PM

## PAC Information

The next meeting is on September 16 at 6:30pm. Follow PAC on facebook "Kalamalka Secondary Parents." Email Kalamalka PAC [kalamalkapac@gmail.com](mailto:kalamalkapac@gmail.com) for inquiries.

### **\*\*IMPORTANT MyEd updates \*\***

**Parent/Student MyEd portals have been updated. Please click on the link below for information on how to navigate the new portal**

[MyEd BC - School District No. 22](#)

## School Fees

Fees will be assessed to your student through MyEd BC. This includes student fee, grad fee, workbooks, sport athletic & team fees etc. Fees can be paid online by credit card through your parent MyEd login. Alternately fees can be paid by cash, cheque or credit card at the school office. Any questions please contact the office.

### School Photos: September 16 - AM

Mountain West is on site taking school photos. Your student will be provided with their unique login code and ordering instructions. Proofs will be ready in 5 business days. All photos are viewed and ordered online through Mountain West

<https://www.mountainwest.ca/secondary-school-photos>

## Community Service - Food Drive

We are supporting our community this week by participating in the Thanksgiving Food Drive. We are collecting non-perishable food items in B Block from September 15-19. We also accept cash/cheque donations submitted directly to our office.

### Terry Fox Run – September 25

We are also participating in the Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 25 at 11:00AM. Students can bring a Toonie for Terry to school on Friday to support the Terry Fox Foundation. Families can also donate at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/KalamalkaSecondary>

### Clubs Day

Our school is proud to host a variety of special interest clubs that provide great opportunities for students to explore their extra-curricular passions and give back through volunteering and service. This year, we are providing a small budget to each club to encourage them to get together face to face more frequently and enjoy collaborating on their initiatives.

To showcase our existing clubs, we are hosting Clubs Day on September 19<sup>th</sup>. All students are welcome to join any club – no prerequisites required 😊 Sign up forms will be at each clubs' display.

If your Kal student has a particular interest and would like to create their own club, they can inquire with any staff member for support or contact either Mr. Huggins or Mr. Pospisil.

### Athletics: <https://www.kalamalkaathletics.com/>

The fall season has boys and girls volleyball, cross country running, boys soccer and Jr and Sr Football. September 18: Fall Sports Parent Meeting at 6:00pm

If you would like to be a sponsor and support the Kalamalka Athletic program in any way, please contact our Athletic Director, Jessie Bourgeois., [jbougeois@sd22.bc.ca](mailto:jbougeois@sd22.bc.ca).

Are you looking for some **KAL Athletic gear**, check out this opportunity! <https://www.kalamalkaathletics.com/category/all-products>

### Grad Bottle Drive – October 15 8:00AM to 3:15PM

Please collect your bottles and drop them off at KAL on Wednesday, October 15 from 8:00AM to 3:15PM. We also have a KAL Grad 2026 account at Interior Freight and Bottle Depot, 4205 24 Ave. You can drop off your bottles and cans throughout the year and just let them know to put the money toward the KAL Grad 2026 account. We appreciate your support of the grads. Parents, please email Katie Nagy [katie\\_steve4@hotmail.com](mailto:katie_steve4@hotmail.com) to volunteer.

### Grad 2026

Thank you to the parents who came out to our first meeting. The next parent grad meeting is on October 6 at 6:30pm in the Kalamalka Library. This form allows sign-up for committees and to share emails with the Parent Grad Committee. <https://forms.office.com/r/RnPEUtkzn>

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## Accident Insurance:

Parents should be aware that the SD22 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. [Accident Insurance](#)

## Code of Conduct:

Our school and SD22 [Code of Conduct](#) is reviewed with all students. It is expected all students are familiar with and uphold the standards of our Code of Conduct. Our school firmly believes that each and every student deserve to learn and thrive in a safe, caring, and healthy learning environment.

## MySchoolDay App

Our student handbook as well as the student calendar is found digitally in the MySchoolDay app, free and downloadable from the Android and Apple app stores. We encourage all students to download the app so they can stay up to date with our school class schedule, activities, events.

## Lates and Absences:

If your student is late or absent from school please notify the office to excuse the absence.

email Wendy: [kaloffice@sd22.bc.ca](mailto:kaloffice@sd22.bc.ca) or phone: 250-545-1396

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.

# SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

## Kalamalka Secondary



August 2025



### OUR COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY

School Act, RSBC 1996, c 412.

#### Responsibilities of the School:

The school must inform parents of the student's attendance, behaviour and progress in school. The school must also consult with the student and/or parent regarding the student's educational program.

#### Responsibilities of the Student and Parent(s)

A student must enrol and participate in an educational program as provided by a board or by the principal of a Provincial school. A student must also comply with the school rules and district codes of conduct.

## WHY WE ARE REACHING OUT

School attendance plays a vital role in your child's academic success and overall well-being. Regular attendance helps students grow intellectually, emotionally, socially, and physically—preparing them to meet the challenges of adulthood with confidence and capability.

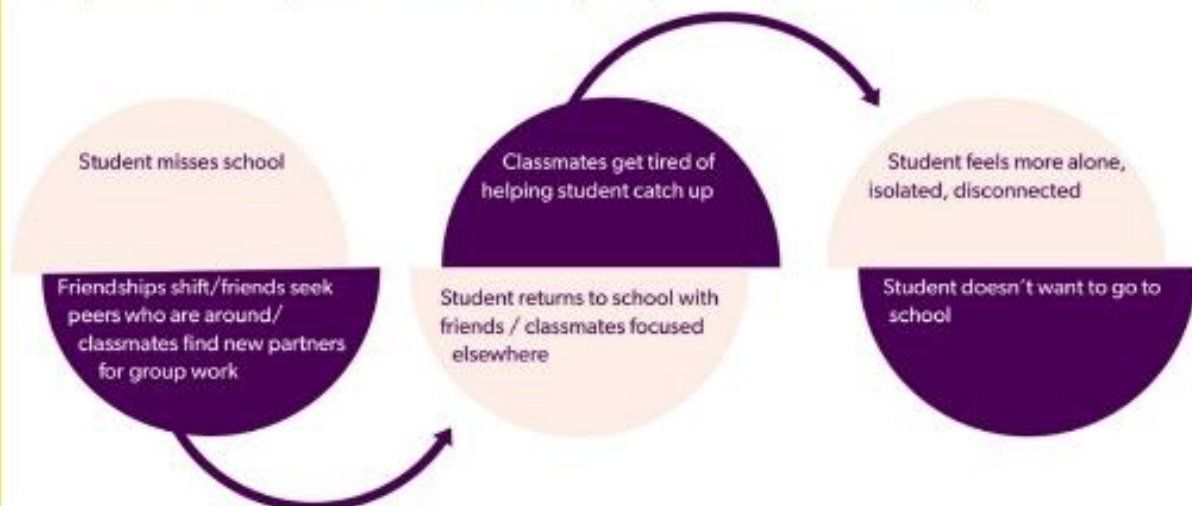
As parents, one of our key responsibilities is to ensure that your child attends school every day, ready to learn. While we understand that occasional absences may be unavoidable, it is important to minimize missed instructional time to support your child's continuous learning and development.

Our school is committed to partnering with you to help your child succeed. Together, we can create a strong foundation for lifelong learning and personal growth.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

The impact of absenteeism on student academic success is well understood by families, students and their teachers. For many students the impact on self-esteem, academic confidence, anxiety and peer connection can be even greater. Students who miss school fall behind in classwork, which can make them feel frustrated, embarrassed and disengaged. This causes them to miss even more school, reinforcing the cycle. It is important that we work together to prevent this cycle and intervene quickly if it begins to develop.



FNESC, FNSA - A Toolkit for Raising Attendance Rates

# PARENTS SUPPORTING ATTENDANCE HABITS

## You can help your child develop lifelong attendance habits by:

- Establishing consistent bedtimes and morning routines
- Encouraging responsibility for missed school work
- Keeping open, on-going communication with teachers
- Addressing school-related stress before it escalates
- Sharing and/or seeking out best practices from other parents/families/guardians
- Seeking support from school staff or community programs.

## Questions you can ask your child:

- How do they feel about school?
- Are certain subjects or environments causing stress?
- Are they facing social challenges, like making friends or feeling left out?
- Are they feeling overwhelmed academically?
- How is their mental and emotional well-being?
- Are there family or home-related factors affecting attendance?
- Do they feel supported by their teachers and school staff?

## WHAT WE ARE DOING

- Informing parents of absences through our call-out system
- Supportive conversations with students
- Teachers, counsellors, support staff and administration contacting parents
- Supporting students with physical and mental health challenges
- Supporting students whose medical accommodations include extended absences
- Communicating clear expectations around attendance

## SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

- Students are expected to attend school every day and arrive on time, ready to learn.
- For explained absences - Parent/Legal guardian must contact the office with a phone call or email [kaloffice@sd22.bc.ca](mailto:kaloffice@sd22.bc.ca). Note that explained absences do not excuse the student from meeting the learning outcomes for that day.
- Students are expected to contact their teacher to keep up with the learning:
  - prior to a planned absence or/
  - immediately upon return from an unplanned absence
- Teachers provide students with opportunities to demonstrate their learning throughout the year. A significant proportion of the learning takes place in the classroom, and meeting some of the learning standards requires class participation. Extended absences may result in a student being unable to complete the course.

## WHO TO CONTACT

**Reporting an absence:** 250-545-1396 or [kaloffice@sd22.bc.ca](mailto:kaloffice@sd22.bc.ca)

**Missed school work:** Classroom teacher / resource teacher

**Long term absences:** Classroom teacher and school administration.

**Supports with mental health:** School counsellor(s)

**Classroom concerns:** Classroom teacher. School administration if concern not resolved

