



KALAMALKA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Welcome

Welcome to all incoming and returning Kalamalka families and students! This August newsletter will provide you with important updates and startup procedures to help prepare all families for the upcoming year. Thank you to our fantastic custodial staff, Jami, Doug and John who have been working hard through the summer to make sure our school is shiny and ready for the new year! We look forward to coming back to a clean, warm, and welcoming school. Additionally, thank you to our office staff, Jan, Kara, and Wendy for ensuring a smooth start to the 2024-2025 school year!

Important August and September Dates:

August 28: 11:30AM – 1:00PM Grade 8 Orientation
September 3: School opens, busses run 3 hours early
September 9: Athletic Booster meeting at 5:30pm in library
September 9: Parent Grad meeting at 6:30pm in library,
September 9: 12:05 Student Grade 12 meeting in the theatre
September 12: Fall Sports Parent Meeting at 6:30pm
September 13: Course change deadline
September 17: First PAC meeting at 6:30pm in the library
September 17: School Photo Day
September 23: Professional Development Day (no school)
September 27: Orange Shirt Day
September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)
October 17: OPTIS opens to book Parent/Teacher interviews

Student Timetables

Students completed their course selections prior to the summer break. We have used selections to create the 2024/2025 timetables. Your Kal student may have selected a course that did not get offered due to low numbers. These students will be placed 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 their grad year. Thank you to our counsellors Mrs. Knight and Mr. Lefurgy for your work in getting timetables ready for our students.

Student timetables have been released in MyEd BC August 23rd in the afternoon. The counsellors will be available for change requests on August 26 through to August 30, 2024, as well as in the first week of school.

<https://sd22.bc.ca/kalamalka/course-selection/>

Please log into MyEd prior to Friday to confirm access.

If you require a password reset, please email

kaladmissions@sd22.bc.ca

Grade 8 BBQ and Introduction

Our annual grade 8 BBQ is on August 28 at 11:30am – 1:00pm. Grade 8 students will be welcomed to Kal, given their timetable, lock and locker, and will be able to tour the school to find out where their classes are. This introduction will take about an hour and a half. If your Kal student has special dietary needs, please email Mr. Mayer at cmayer@sd22.bc.ca to ensure we can offer the appropriate hotdog type. Thank you to Mrs. Irwin and the Kal Leadership students for organizing and facilitating this great event!

New Student Registration

New students in our catchment can register in the Kal office during the week of August 26 – 30. Students in our catchment can still register on Tuesday, September 3. Some new students may be asked to wait until after Friday, September 6 while we determine available class spaces. We will work hard to ensure all Kal students can meet their learning and development goals for the 2024/2025 school year, but we cannot guarantee that every student is able to enroll in all their classes of choice.

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. Student schedules are available in MyED 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 4-6, we will be running through the regular period times but the block order will be A, B, C, D.

Regular Period Schedule:

Student timetables will be available on MyEd BC on August 23, 2024.

Block A 8:30am - 9:50am

AM Break 9:50am - 10:05am

Block B 10:05am - 11:24am

Lunch 11:24am - 12:05pm

Block C 12:05pm - 1:25pm

PM Break 1:25pm - 1:40pm

Block D 1:40pm - 3:00pm

The block rotation for each week is posted in the office each day.

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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, etc.

Lockers

This 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 \$10. 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. If a student loses their lock, they will have to pay for a replacement.

New Faces @ Kal

In addition to the wonderful returning Kal staff members, the 2024/2025 school year brings a few new faces to our school community. Please join us in welcoming the following new staff members!

Teacher: Jaymi Booth, Math and Science

Teacher: Kirsten Hales, Careers and Science

Teacher: Cassandra Larson, Math

Teacher: Montana Rothlander, English

Teacher: Ray Wolsey, Counsellor

Kal Staff List:

Office Staff: Jan Mills, Kara Cunningham, Wendy Evans

Custodial Staff: Jami Burke, John Agnew, Doug Manthorne

Indigenous Student Support Worker: Janine Potts

Certified Educational Assistants: Brandy Hansen, Lisa Klammer, Lindsay Olson, Sandra Shillington, Krista Sawatzky, Shannon Siedl,

Teaching Staff: Elena Ackovska, Stephanie Anderson, Sena Bishop, Jennifer Bitz, Jaymi Booth, Jessie Bourgeois, Paul Britton, Ian Busfield, Geordy Cuthbert, Christine Dilworth, Dave Fehr, Mike Foster, Spencer Freeman-Marsh, Sara Fyke, Kirsten Hales, Meg Irwin, Rob Kopera, Olaf Korb, Molly Korol, Larissa Kouwenhoven, Cassandra Larson, Heather Malcolm, Alan McAndrew, Linda Melillo, Jill Meredith, Ali Munro, Nicola Nelson, Tamara Nicolas, Mary Niedballa, Jason Parkinson, Isabela Richard, Montana Rothlander, Jillian Shore, Shon Thomas, Tim Thorpe, Briana Vaskic, Todd Wenger, Kelly Winston.

Teaching Librarian: Kelly Challen

Counsellors: Lori Knight, Ed Lefurgy and Ray Wolsey

Drug and Alcohol Counsellor: Doug Rogers

Bus Supervisor: Sandra Shillington

Administrators: Jeff Huggins and Colin Mayer

A full list of all staff and emails can be found here on our website: <https://sd22.bc.ca/kalamalka/staff-directory/>

Personal Devices and Wifi

Please read our letter regarding [Acceptable Use of Personal Devices](#) in classrooms at Kal. This policy will be in effect on September 3rd. A reminder that using any digital devices as well as our Wi-Fi requires both responsibility and respect.

Our Wi-Fi access has been updated to meet our district standards. Students should sign in to **SD22-GUEST** using the following credentials:

Username: SD22 student number (*do not include @sd22.bc.ca*)

Password: Same as their sd22.bc.ca email password

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

The fall season will have boys and girls volleyball, cross country running, and boys soccer. We are looking for Grade 9 Boys and Jr B Girls Volleyball coaches. If you are interested in supporting the Kalamalka Athletic program in any way, please contact our Athletic Director, Jessie Bourgeois, jbourgeois@sd22.bc.ca. We will have our Parent Athletic Booster Club Meeting on September 9 at 5:30 in the library. Are you looking for some **KAL Athletic gear**, check out this opportunity!

<https://kallakers2023.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

If your Kal student has a particular interest and would like to create a group to pursue an extra-curricular activity, they can inquire with any staff member for support or contact either Mr. Huggins or Mr. Mayer



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School Fees

STUDENT FEES – ALL GRADES.....	\$30
GRAD FEE.....	\$140
BAND INSTRUMENT RENTAL.....	\$50
SCIENCE 8/9/10.....	\$20
CHEM 11/12.....	\$26
FDN & Pre-Calc 10 & 11.....	\$30
Pre-Calc 11 & 12.....	\$30
Foundations of Math 11.....	\$30
A/P CALC 12.....	\$35
SPANISH.....	\$24
ACTIVE LIVING.....	\$120
FITNESS & CONDITIONING.....	\$120
WOMEN'S FITNESS.....	\$200
OUTDOOR ED.....	\$400
YEARBOOK.....	\$50
LOCK Replacement if lost.....	\$10

School Photos: September 17 - AM

School photos are ordered online. A message will be sent home on the week of school photos asking your permission to allow Mountain West Studios 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 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 in homeroom. 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 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.

Grad 2025

We look forward to making this the best year for our 2025 grad students. Mr. Huggins 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 9 at 6:30pm in the Kalamalka Library. This form allows us sign-up for committees and share emails with the Parent Grad Committee.

<https://forms.office.com/r/FWkSeL7Rb3>

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 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.

Pick-up/Drop-off in Parking Lot

A friendly reminder to keep our bus lane and entry-way clear when picking up and dropping off your child. Follow all signage and lines for entry and exit. We also ask parents to move forward in the pick-up / drop-off lane as far as possible during busy times so that more cars can pull in behind.



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Transportation-Bus Information

If your child uses the school district bus service they must be registered with the Transportation Department. You can find the registration form and bus route information on the following website: <https://www.sd22.bc.ca/bus-transportation>

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.

[2024-25 Important Bus Information](#)

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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CAREER PROGRAMS

Upcoming program offerings in Vernon

Train in Trades

Jan. 2025/ Sept. 2025

Aircraft Maintenance Engineer - Structures

February 2025

Refrigeration & AC Mechanic – Level 1

February 2025

Electrical Foundation – Level 1

August 2025

Plumbing & Piping Trades Foundation – Level 1

There are many more program offerings in Kelowna. Apply early (a year ahead of the program start date) to give yourself the best chance of getting in. See Mr. Thorpe for more information and to apply.

SD22 will pay the full tuition for all successful applicants.

Work in Trades

Do you work with a certified tradesperson? You can earn 16 credits towards graduation while earning money and hours towards your trade as a Youth Apprentice. These courses can be completed while in high school or after graduation. Students that complete the program may be eligible for the \$1000 Youth Work in Trades Award.

Work Experience

Do you work or volunteer? Get high school credit through the Work Experience program. 120 hours of work = 4 credits. This course can be completed over the summer as well. Students must be registered and activated in Work Experience to start counting hours towards the 120 required.

Academic Dual Credit

Take a first-year course at Okanagan College in your gr. 12 year. Courses are offered after school/evenings twice a week. SD22 will pay the tuition for successful applicants.

Forestry and Trades Program 11/12

This program provides work ready skills and certificates for students interested in Forestry and/or trades. Students are introduced to welding, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, and heavy duty mechanics/automotive service technician.

Jean Minguy RCMP Youth Academy

This is a police academy simulation for students interested in law enforcement as a possible career. This weeklong camp is held at the DND in Vernon every May with volunteer RCMP officers.

Jr. Fire Crew Program

The BC Wildfire Service is looking for gr. 12s interested in fighting forest fires in the summer. A lunchtime information session will be held before spring break, followed by interviews and training for those shortlisted.

Okanagan College Trades Sampler

This 12-week program is designed to provide gr. 9-12 students with an opportunity to explore several different skilled trades. Students will gain first-hand knowledge and practical skills that will assist them in exploring a rewarding career in the trades.

See our website for a list of other program offerings and more info on what's listed here:

<https://sd22.bc.ca/programs-services/careers/>

For more information on Career Programs and to apply contact:

Tim Thorpe - Career Programs Coordinator

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