



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, Tysen and Skyler, 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 2022-2023 school year!

Student Timetables

Students completed their course selections prior to the summer break. We have used selections to create the 2022/2023 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 will be released in MyEd BC on August 26.** The counsellors will be available for change requests on August 29 through to August 31, 2022, as well as in the first week of school.

Grade 8 BBQ and Introduction

Our annual grade 8 BBQ is on **August 31st at 11:30am – 1:00pm**. Grade 8 students will be welcomed to Kal, given their timetable 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 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. We will have school shorts and t-shirt order forms available for at this time. Thank you to Mrs. Irwin and the Kal Leadership students for organizing and facilitating this great event!

New Faces @ Kal

In addition to the wonderful returning Kal staff members, the 2022/2023 school year brings many new faces to our school community. Please join us in welcoming the following new staff members!

Teacher: Ms. Jenny Ma, Math and SBRT

Teacher: Ms. Mary Niedballa, English

Teacher: Juhi Fitzgerald, SBRT

Teacher: Ms. Sara Fyke, ESL

Teacher: Melissa Butler-Reeves, English Language Arts

Counsellor: Mr. Ed Lefurgy

Vice-Principal: Mr. Colin Mayer

Kal Staff List:

Office Staff: Jan Mills, Kara Cunningham, Wendy Evans

Custodial Staff: Jamie Burke: Tyson Held; Skyler Hodgson

Indigenous Student Support Worker: Jonathan Taylor

Certified Educational Assistants: Brandy Hansen, Lisa

Klammer, Sandra Shillington, Shannon Siedl, Jessica

Vischschraep

Teaching Staff: Stephanie Anderson, Sena Bishop, Jennifer

Bitz, Jessie Bourgeois, Paul Britton, Ian Busfield, Melissa

Butler-Reeves, Geordy Cuthbert, Dave Fehr, Juhi Fitzgerald,

Mike Foster, Sara Fyke, Jim Garlick, Paul Hunter, Meg Irwin,

Rob Kopera, Olaf Korb, Larissa Kouwenhoven, Jenny Ma,

Heather Malcolm, Alan McAndrew, Jill McDonald, Linda

Melillo, Ali Munro, Nicola Nelson, Tamara Nicolas, Mary

Niedballa, Jason Parkinson, Curt Russo, Jillian Shore, Shon

Thomas, Tim Thorpe, Briana Vaskic, Todd Wenger, Kelly

Winston

Teaching Librarian: Kelly Challen

Counsellors: Lori Knight and Ed Lefurgy

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/>

Student Emails

In July, student accounts were switched to single sign on. This means that students will be able to access Google products and Microsoft products with one email and password.

The new email account will be

"myedbcpupilnumber@sd22.bc.ca" if the student is entering Grades 1 through 8 in September their password has been changed to a default of the student's birthday using the structure MMDDYYYY. For example, if the

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learner's birthday is October 10, 2015 their password would be 10102015.

If the student is entering grade 9-12 in September, their email and password will remain the same that they have been using in the previous school year for SD22GUEST network or to log into the windows desktop computers found in the labs and libraries of the district's secondary schools.

BYOD

Kalamalka Secondary 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 common electronic platforms and allow students to connect with their schoolwork away from Kal. This wifi is **not** a service for greater cell phone use. We recommend that students use a device with a keyboard. The current expectations for the use of electronics will be reviewed on the first day and in our first assembly.

New Student Registration

New students in our catchment can register in the Kal office during the week of August 29 – September 2. Students in our catchment can still register on Tuesday, September 6. Some new students may be asked to wait until after Friday, September 9 while we determine available class spaces. We will work hard to ensure all Kal students can meet their learning and development goals for the 2022/2023 school year, but we cannot guarantee that every student is able to enroll in all their classes of choice.

Day One:

On **Tuesday, September 6**, 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 in this time. Block A class lists will be posted, and the courses are also available on Student Connect 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 7-9**, 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 26, 2022.

Period 1 8:30am - 9:50am

AM Break 9:50am - 10:05am

Period 2 10:05am - 11:25am

Lunch 11:25am - 12:04pm

Period 3 12:04pm - 1:25pm

PM Break 1:25pm - 1:40pm

Period 4 1:40pm - 3:00pm

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

Important September Dates:

September 6: School opens, busses run 3 hours early

September 12: Parent Grad meeting at 6:30pm in library

September 14: Student Grad meeting in the theatre

September 19: First PAC meeting at 6:30pm in the library

September 20: School Photo Day

September 23: Course change deadline, Terry Fox Run

September 26: Professional Development Day (no school)

September 29: Orange Shirt Day

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

September TBD: Grade 8 retreat afternoon

October 13: OPTIS opens at 8am to book Parent teacher interviews

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.

Extra Curricular:

The fall season will have boys and girls volleyball, cross country running, and boys soccer. If you are interested in supporting the Kalamalka sports program in any way, please contact our Athletic Director, Jessie Bourgeois. We are always open to parent support of our clubs and other activities at the school. If your Kal student has a particular interest and would like to create a group to pursue this activity, they can inquire with any staff member for support or contact either Mr. Huggins or Mr. Mayer.

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School Photos: September 20

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. www.sd22.bc.ca/accident.html

Student Handbook and Code of Conduct:

The student handbook and code of conduct will be sent to all families with the September newsletter. The code of conduct is reviewed with all students in homeroom. The handbook and Code of Conduct are also posted on the website and loaded onto the MySchoolDay App, free and downloadable from the Android and Apple app stores.

Lates and Absences:

If your Kal student is late or absent, please contact the office at 250-545-1396. This will save us a lot of time tracking students that should otherwise be used to help the learning of our students. 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 2023

We look forward to making this the best year for our 2023 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 12 at 6:30pm in the Kalamalka Library.

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.

Transportation-Bus Information

If your child uses the complimentary 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://sd22.bc.ca/programs-services/bus-transportation/>

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.