



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, Jason 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 2023-2024 school year!

Student Timetables

Students completed their course selections prior to the summer break. We have used selections to create the 2023/2024 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 25 in the afternoon. The counsellors will be available for change requests on August 28 through to August 31, 2023, 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 30 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 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 2023/2024 school year brings a few new faces to our school community. Please join us in welcoming the following new staff members!

EA: Lindsay Olson

EA: Krista Sawatzky

Teacher: Christine Dilworth, SBRT

Teacher: Chris Smith, Math

Kal Staff List:

Office Staff: Jan Mills, Kara Cunningham, Wendy Evans

Custodial Staff: Jami Burke, John Agnew, Jason Jones

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, Jessie Bourgeois, Paul Britton, Ian Busfield, Geordy Cuthbert, Christine Dilworth, Dave Fehr, Mike Foster, Sara Fyke, Jim Garlick, Paul Hunter, Meg Irwin, Rob Kopera, Olaf Korb, Larissa Kouwenhoven, Heather Malcolm, Alan McAndrew, Linda Melillo, Jill Meredith, Ali Munro, Nicola Nelson, Tamara Nicolas, Mary Niedballa, Jason Parkinson, Isabela Richard, Jillian Shore, Chris Smith, 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/>

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.

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New Student Registration

New students in our catchment can register in the Kal office during the week of August 28 – September 1. Students in our catchment can still register on Tuesday, September 5. Some new students may be asked to wait until after Friday, September 8 while we determine available class spaces. We will work hard to ensure all Kal students can meet their learning and development goals for the 2023/2024 school year, but we cannot guarantee that every student is able to enroll in all their classes of choice.

Day One:

On Tuesday, September 5, 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 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 6-8, 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 25, 2023.

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.

Important September Dates:

September 5: School opens, busses run 3 hours early

September 11: Athletic Booster meeting at 5:30pm in library

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September 14: Fall Sports Parent Meeting at 6:30pm

September 15: Course change deadline

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

September 19: School Photo Day AM

September 25: Professional Development Day (no school)

September 29: Orange Shirt Day

October 2: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)

October 19: OPTIS opens 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.

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 8 Volleyball coaches. Grade 8 games are on Mondays and usually practice once a week from September to November. 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 11 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	\$135
BAND INSTRUMENT RENTAL	\$50
SCIENCE 8/9/10	\$15
CHEM 11/12	\$26
MATH 10/11/12	
FDN & Pre-Calc 10 & 11	\$30
Pre-Calc 11 & 12	\$30
Foundations of Math 11	\$30
A/P CALC 12	\$35
SPANISH	\$24
FITNESS & CONDITIONING	\$120
WOMEN'S FITNESS	\$200
OUTDOOR ED	\$350
YEARBOOK	\$50
LOCK	\$10

School Photos: September 19 - 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](#)

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 2024

We look forward to making this the best year for our 2024 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 11 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/yx86aCKZ7g>

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 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/>

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.

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