



KALAMALKA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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September 2026 Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to all incoming and returning Kalamalka families and students!

Important September and October Dates:

September 14-18: BC Thanksgiving Food Drive

September 17: Fall Sports Parent Meeting at 6:30pm Zoom

September 18: Clubs Day @ Lunch

September 21: School Photo Day

September 24: Terry Fox Run

September 25: Professional Development Day (no school)

September 29: Orange Shirt Day

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

October 5: Parent Super Grad Committee 6:30PM

October 13: PAC meeting at 6:30pm in the library

October 14: Grad Bottle Drive

October 14: OPTIS opens to book Parent/Teacher interviews

October 21: Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00PM

October 21-22: noon dismissal for students

PAC Information

The next meeting is on October 13 at 6:30pm. Follow PAC on facebook "Kalamalka Secondary Parents." Email Kalamalka PAC kalamalkapac@gmail.com for inquiries.

MyEd BC Login

Please click on the link below for information and instructions on how to navigate the MyEd BC portal.

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

School Fees

Fees for 2026-27 have been 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. If you have any questions or difficulty logging into MyEd please contact the office.

School Photos: September 21 - AM

Mountain West will be on site taking school photos Monday morning. 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 D Block from September 14-18. We also accept cash/cheque donations submitted directly to our office.

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 18th.

All students are welcome to join any club – no prerequisites required 😊

Sign up forms will be at each clubs' display. Here is a [link](#) to the clubs from last year

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 Ms. Ovington.

Terry Fox Run – September 24

We are also participating in the Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 24 at 11:00AM. Students can bring a Toonie for Terry to school on Thursday to support the Terry Fox Foundation. Families can also donate at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/KalamalkaSecondary>

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

The fall season has boys and girls volleyball, cross-country running, boys soccer and Jr and Sr Football. September 17: Fall Sports Parent Meeting at 6:30pm on Zoom. We are looking for a Senior Boys Basketball Coach. If you would like to be a sponsor and support the Kalamalka Athletic program in any way, please contact our Athletic Director, Jessie Bourgeois., jbourgeois@sd22.bc.ca.

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.



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Are you looking for some **KAL Athletic gear**. Check out this opportunity! We have fantastic hoodies and t-shirts. Please place your order online through the below link by Thursday, September 24th.

<https://www.kalamalkaathletics.com/category/all-products>



Grad Bottle Drive – October 14 8:00AM to 3:15PM

Please collect your bottles and drop them off at KAL on Wednesday, October 14th from 8:00AM to 3:15PM. We also have a KAL Grad 2027 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 2027 account. We appreciate your support of the grads. Parents, please email Barb Boschert to volunteer bboschert@me.com

Grad 2027

Thank you to the parents who participated in our first meeting. The next parent grad meeting is October 5th at 6:30pm in the Kalamalka Library. Click the below link to sign-up for committees and to share emails with the Parent Grad Committee.

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

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 that all students are familiar with and uphold the standards of our Code of Conduct. Our school firmly believes that each and every student deserves to learn and thrive in a safe, caring, and healthy learning environment.



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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, FNSEA - 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. 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

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

