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Staff showing off their dance moves to celebrate Kalabunga!

Staffing

Mr. Colin Mayer will be moving to George Elliot Secondary after Spring Break. We want to thank him for his service to our KAL community and wish him the best at George Elliot. We welcome Mr. Jason Beck as our new Vice-Principal. Mr. Beck comes to us from Mission Hill Elementary and previously Vice Principal at VSS.

Important January/February Dates:

March 14: Last Day of School before Spring Break

March 31: First Day back after Spring Break

April 7: 6:30 Grad Parent Meeting

April 10: 6:30 Gr. 7 Parent Evening

April 15: 6:30 PAC Meeting

April 17: Q3 Report Cards released

April 18: Good Friday – No School

April 21: Easter Monday – No School

April 24: Block AD -12:00 Dismissal

April 24: 4-8PM Parent Teacher Conferences

April 25: Block BC -12:00 Dismissal

April 30: Grad Retreat

PAC Information

The next meeting is on April 15 at 6:30pm. Follow PAC on Facebook "Kalamalka Secondary Parents." Email Kalamalka PAC kalamalkapac@gmail.com for inquiries.

Look at the Integra Tire fundraising campaign below. 10% of tier and rim purchases will be donated to our PAC as they support the wonderful activities in our school.

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

Congratulations to our Sr Boys Basketball team who are North Okanagan Champions! Our Sr. Girls team are North Zone Champions and finished 2nd at Valley Championships. Our Spring Sports are starting out with Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Rugby, Track and Field, Golf and Ultimate Frisbee. We are looking for a Track and Field Coach (to work with a coach from Seaton) and an Assistant Coach for the Sr. Girls Rugby

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team. For game times, check out our Athletic calendar on the kal athletics homepage

If you would like to support the Kalamalka Athletic program in any way, please contact our Athletic Director, Jessie Bourgeois at jbourgois@sd22.bc.ca

Grad 2025

Thank you to all you who have supported our Grad Fundraisers so far this year. Our next Grad Parent meeting will be April 7 at 6:30 in the KAL Library.

Grad Fundraiser - April 6-12 - Red Robin

Eat at Red Robin from April 6-12 and write KAL Grad 25 on the receipt and give the receipt back to your server. 20% of all food purchases will be given back to our KAL Grad 2025. This is good for dine-in and to-go orders. What a great way to have an enjoyable meal and support our grads. See the poster below for all of the information.

Course Selection

Counselors and administrators have to classes on March 4 and 5 and assisted students as they enter their course requests into MYED. Students can change their requests until March 31. Our 2025-2026 Course Booklet is now live, and can be found here: https://kalamalka.sd22.bc.ca/course-selection

Middle Years Achievements

A collaborative group of our gr 8 and 9 (aka, middle years) teachers have been working hard to learn more about how our school can best support each and every one of our middle years learners, especially in their transition to high school. Through literacy assessments and empathy interviews to learn more about how students are doing, to hosting the incoming 2025-2026 grade 8s from our feeder schools for half-day experiences and cookie baking, our middle years teachers have been busy ensuring that the transition to high school life is exciting, engaging, and full of great learning opportunities.

MyED Contact Information

A friendly reminder to inform our office if you have any changes to your contact information (address, phone number, email, etc.) so that we can update our MyED records. You can email Kara at kaladmissions@sd22.bc.ca or pop into the office to make the changes in person.

RCMP Street Smart Safety Tips

With Spring Break having arrived and everyone excited to be outside, it is a good time for families to talk about street smarts and safety. Here is a link to the RCMP Street Smart safety tips: https://rcmp.ca/en/bc/safety-tips

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School Fees

With Spring Break upon us we'd like to remind parents that unpaid student fees are due. This includes workbooks, grad fees, sports fees, AP exam fees etc. Student fees can be paid by credit card through your MYED parent login or by cash, cheque or credit card at the school office. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Lates and Absences:

If your student is late or absent from school, please notify the office to excuse the absence. Phone 250-545-1396 or email Wendy at kaloffice@sd22.bc.ca

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.

Email Kara: kaladmissions@sd22.bc.ca

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/bustransportation

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

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Measles Prevention: What You Need to Know

Vaccination is the most effective way to prevent measles. Measles vaccines are tested and are effective at protecting your children and others from serious illness.

Having two doses of a measles-containing vaccine greatly reduces the risk of catching the disease. These two doses are nearly 100% effective and are recommended for children and teens.

To book an appointment to update your child's immunization visit interiorhealth.ca or scan this QR code to find the closest Community Health Centre.



If you are not sure if your child is fully protected against Measles, or other preventable diseases visit Health Gateway, or scan this QR code.



Increased Measles Around the World

As you may have seen in the news, there is an increase in the number of measles cases being reported around the word, including in Canada and in B.C.

We would like to remind you to <u>check your child's vaccination records</u> before travelling during Spring Break and to ensure they are protected.

If you are planning to travel internationally:

- Babies between the age of 6 months and 1 year should get immunized against measles before travelling. This dose is not included in the routine two doses but will add to the protection against measles while travelling.
- Children between age 1 and 4 years can get their second dose early if they are travelling internationally before they are due at age 4-6yrs.

If your child has not yet had their vaccines, please make an appointment with your local public health unit. Children 4 years or older, as well as adults, can also be vaccinated at community pharmacies.

Measles is a serious illness caused by the measles virus. It is very contagious.

- It can spread easily through air.
- Measles can cause complications like inflammation of the brain (encephalitis), which can lead to seizures, deafness or brain damage. Other complications can include ear infection, diarrhea, pneumonia and death. This is why protection by vaccination is so important.

If you have immunization records for your child that are not recorded in their Health Gateway profile, you can submit those records online by sending them to $\underline{immunization record.gov.bc.ca}$

March 2025

Interior Health would like to recognize and acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Däkelh Dené, Ktunaxa, Nlaka'pamux, Secwépemc, St'át'imc, syilx, and Tšilhqot'in Nations where we live, learn, collaborate and work together.

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