

KWANTLEN PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

It has been a wonderful start up at Kwantlen Park Secondary School. Students came back energized and ready to tackle another year at our school. This year we welcomed 60 new students to our community.

Our school teams are up and running. We have volleyball teams for all grade levels. Our cross-country team is "fired up" to make the Fraser Valleys and are running laps around the school. The swim team members are up at 6:30 a.m. trying to improve their personal best times. Lastly, our boy soccer teams and boys and girls rugby teams have started up in the rain. Thank you to all the coaches for giving of their time and energy.

Parents, please support your child by getting involved in after school activities. Our clubs and activities are wide and varied. Experts in child advancement suggest that participation in extracurricular activities on a regular basis is the best way to help children develop their individual personality, cut down on emotional stress, and enhance social or academic skills that could benefit them in the future.

We are still collecting club and athletic fees. These fees are necessary to help make school events happen. To help make payments easier you can pay online. Please pay fees through our web site. We still accept cheques and cash if needed.

Every year we have our grade assemblies in the first week of school. We covered lots of information from school expectations to introductions of various staff members who can help your child be successful. There was a positive theme throughout our assemblies asking our kids to strive to improve a little in every aspect of their time at Kwantlen Park.

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TIMBERWOLVES**

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PRINCIPAL: MR. T. CROSS

Vice Principal: Mr. M. Krystal (A-E)

Vice Principal: Ms. S. Beyer (F-N)

Vice Principal: Ms. K. Farquhar (O-Z)

COUNSELLORS:

Ms. K. Janda (A-C)

Mr. D. Sedaros (D-Khal)

Ms. K. Zaklan (Khan-P)

Ms. C. Prentice (Q-Z)

Student Interims will be online in the parent portal website on October 23rd. Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on Oct 24th the day after the interim report cards have been posted online. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. I hope that you will be able to attend one of the sessions and speak with your child's teachers about his/her progress. We appreciate the parents that attend these conferences and the input that you provide for us on your child. Attending these interviews demonstrates to your child how you value their education. They will also provide valuable information, to ensure improvement or continued success. We remind all parents to take an active role in making communication with teachers regarding your student's progress in school. Please continue to contact your child's teachers any time you have any questions or concerns regarding your son/daughter's progress.

If you want to see your child's interim report please login into MyEducationBC (MyEDBC) Family Portal for Parents and Guardians. If you do not have an account please contact the school at 606-588-6934 or visit our website. In the parent portal account, you can view:

- Daily class attendance information
- Contact information
- Some classroom assessment information
- Student schedules
- Student course requests for next year
- School information
- Published report cards

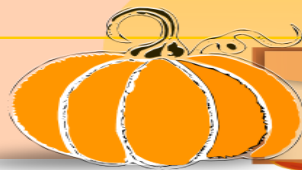
Here are a few friendly hints to help parents survive students entering grade 8:

- Be involved in your child's academic program of study - Make sure that your child is challenged and taking courses today that will help meet future goals.
- Get your child involved in a positive activity...but don't overextend - Research says that students who are involved in an activity, club, sport, music, etc., are much more likely to have a positive high school experience and get better grades than students who are not involved.
- Know your child's friends - Research says that when a teenager is faced with a critical decision, the influence of peers (positive and negative) and parents/families make the difference.
- Attend school night events.
- Do not allow your child to get lost in the shuffle - In a large school, a student can feel lost. Research says that when a student makes positive connections with adults (teachers, counsellors, and coaches) it stops this from happening.
- Remember that all teenagers (including straight-A students) need proper supervision – This supervision includes online supervision and supervision of technology. Remember, good kids make mistakes too. Your child should always know that you love him/her, but make sure he/she knows your expectations. Know where your child is and who they are with all the time.
- Get to know your child's teachers and counselor - Stay in positive contact with the teachers and do not be afraid to ask for help. Remember that e-mail is a great tool for quick information, but it is not such a great tool for dealing with difficult issues.
- Get involved in school yourself - The most successful students I have seen are the ones whose parents are involved. In a sense, these parents are the ones who are aware, and they use this information to support their children and the school.






PAC (Parent Advisory Council) has started and held their first meeting Sept 11th. Their next meeting is October 2nd at 7 pm in the library. PAC is a great place to get involved and find out what is happening in our school. New parents are always welcome.

Take Care, Tim Cross







OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Day 1	2 Day 2 PAC Meeting-7 pm-Library Grade 8 Parent BBQ – 5:30	3 Day 1 Sr. Girls Volleyball Tournament	4 Day 2 A B C D	5
6	7 Day 1 Grade 9 Girls-Play Date Blocks C & D Canadian Universities Event-Den-12:45-2:45	8 Day 2 Grade 8 Retreat Fall Teams/Clubs/Grade 12 Class/STUCO-Photos 	9 Day 1 UBC Presentation 3:00 pm-Ms. Allard-Library Gr 10-Block D-Crimetoppers Presentation	10 Day 2  Photo Retake Day	11 Day 1 B A D C Boys Soccer Tournament  Student Council Retreat	12 Student Council Retreat
13 Student Council Retreat	14 Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday 	15 Day 2 White Hatter Presentation Grades 10 & 11-D Block	16 Day 1 Dry Grad Meeting-7 pm-Library	17 Day 2	18 Day 1 C D A B	19
20	21 Day 2 Japanese Student Visit 	22 Day 1	23 Day 2 Interim Reports published on student/parent portal	24 Day 1 Early Dismissal 1:30 pm Parent/Teacher Meetings 2-4 pm & 5-7 pm Grade 12 Parent Meeting 7 pm Theatre	25 Non-Instructional Day #2 No School for Students	26
27	28 Day 2	29 Day 1	30 Day 2	31 Day 1		
Grade 12 Transcript Verifications – Block D & PSI Registration on-line Oct 28 – Nov 1						
Student Council - Halloween Spirit Week - October 28 – October 31						
		PSI Day 8:40-11:00 am		Fall Pep Rally		

Happy Halloween 

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Day 2 D C B A	2
	4 Day 1	5 Day 2	6 Day 1	7 Day 2	8 Non-Instructional Day #3 No School for Students	9
	Numeracy & Literacy 10 Assessments – November 4 - 7					
			Take Our Kids to Work Day	 LEST WE FORGET		
	Beaver Computing Challenge – November 4 - 15					
			English 12, EFF 12 & FRALP12 Exams PAC Meeting-7 pm-Library	Remembrance Day Assemblies		
10	11 Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday 	12 Day 1	13 Day 2	14 Day 1	15 Day 2 A B C D	16
		Beaver Computing Challenge – November 4 - 15				
		Literacy/Numeracy Assessment 10		Student Council Dance		
17	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22 Day 1 B A D C	23
			PSI Day – Blocks A & B Canadian Sr & Int Math Contest Dry Grad Meeting-7 pm- Library	Early Dismissal 1:30 pm		
24	25 Day 2	26 Day 1	27 Day 2	28 Day 1	29 Day 2 C A D B	30
	Whalley Cup – Monday to Friday – November 25 - 28					
			Mid Term Report Cards published on student/parent portal	Newsletter on-line		



August 30, 2019

Back to School 2019

Dear parents and guardians of B.C. students:

Welcome to the new school year – I hope you enjoyed a safe and restful summer. Whether your child is entering Kindergarten or nearing graduation, it's a great time to be a student in B.C.'s education system.

New this year, all students in the province will be learning from B.C.'s new curriculum and working towards completing the new Graduation Program and assessments, with the K-12 curriculum redesign process now complete. Students now have more opportunities to explore their passions and engage in inquiries and hands-on activities as they develop their foundational skills and knowledge. In the graduation years, students will have a range of new course options in areas such as environmental science, web development, digital media, engineering and robotics, giving them the chance to develop the skills they need to pursue their individual goals.

We are committed to true and lasting reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, and education is a key part of that. Indigenous students deserve culturally relevant services and programs, and all students have something to gain from an education that includes Indigenous cultures and perspectives. First Nations partners have helped us ensure the new curriculum accurately and fairly reflects the rich history of Indigenous Peoples in B.C., across all grades and subjects.

Parents know better than anyone that kids today are facing challenges we never imagined when it comes to social media, mental health and other challenges. All students deserve the best educational experience possible in healthy, positive and safe schools. We've expanded the ERASE (Expect Respect and a Safe Education) strategy to focus on mental health and wellness, substance use, social media safety, gang prevention and supporting students of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

All students in B.C. will have access to free menstrual products in school washrooms this year – ensuring stigma free access so that students don't miss school, extracurricular, sports or social activities because they can't afford menstrual products.

Students are returning to an education system that has more resources than ever before. Our government is investing \$1 billion more in education than just three years ago. They will attend some of the smallest classes in a generation, with more educators and others supports in the classroom. And we've invested over \$1.5 billion in new schools, expansions and seismic upgrades to ensure our kids are learning in safe, modern and comfortable schools.

Students in B.C. public schools are achieving world-class student outcomes, consistently ranking among the top in international assessments, and outcomes for Indigenous students and students with special needs are continuing to improve. Earlier this year, delegates from 40 countries visited B.C. to find out more about what we're doing right. These great results come from the hard work being done by students, teachers and our entire education system. We know there is always room to improve, and we are working hard every day to better support student success.

I wish every B.C. student and their family the best for the year ahead. The success of students is at the centre of all we do, and I look forward to another year of working hard to make improvements in our education system to support all students as they strive to reach their goals.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Fleming". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Rob Fleming
Minister of Education





Athletics and Leadership



Welcome back Timberwolves!! Our swimming, volleyball, cross country, and soccer teams are preparing for the start of the fall season! Our Senior Girls volleyball team competed in the Southpointe Titans Classic last weekend. Congratulations to Isabella K., Nicole G., Arshleen B., and Vivian T. for receiving the Player of the Game awards. Way to go girls! Our Junior Girls volleyball team will compete in the Seaquam tournament this weekend and our Grade 8 Boys volleyball team will compete in the Langley Christian tournament next weekend. Our Junior

Boys and Junior Girls volleyball teams will be competing in the Kwantlen Park Icebreaker tournament next Wednesday. Thank you to the KP Leadership class for all of their hard work with this tournament!

Good luck to all teams in their upcoming season!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FALL SEASON COACHES!!!

Coach Wilkie and Coach Moy – Grade 8 Girls Volleyball

Coach John – Grade 8 Boys Volleyball

Coach Read – Grade 9 Girls Volleyball

Coach Pam and Coach Chow – Junior Boys Volleyball

Coach Otsuki and Coach Alex – Junior Girls Volleyball

Coach Adonay – Senior Boys Volleyball

Coach OB and Coach Anderson – Senior Girls Volleyball

Coach Wakelin – Swimming

Coach Beyer – Cross Country

Coach Rai – Senior Boys Soccer



Optional Student Accident Insurance

Did you know that the Surrey School District does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities? You are responsible for these expenses as a parent or guardian.

Your DPAC and the School District provides the opportunity to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the Insure my Kids Accident Insurance program underwritten by Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada.

Plan features:

- Provides coverage **365 days a year**, 24 hours a day, in or out of school.
- Covers expenses that are limited or **not** insured under MSP, private or group insurance plans; for example, private tutors, lump sum payment for fractures and dislocations, counselling and much more.
- Covers injury related **Dental** (including future expenses).
- Covers injury related **Eyeglasses** (repair or replace up to \$300).
- **Low** annual premiums from \$13 per student for the Silver Plan (discounts available for families with 3 or more children).

For more information, or to apply online, visit Insuremykids.com.



Career Department Staff:

Mrs. Allard, Careers Dept. Head – local 2502 (direct line: 604-587-7368)

Mrs. Harris, Career Facilitator – local 2066

Ms. Steeves, Career Development Practitioner – local 2112



Motivational Quote: “Some people say I have attitude—maybe I do. You have to believe in yourself when no one else does—that makes you a winner right there.” Venus Williams

CUE—CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES EVENT

**The Canadian Universities Event Oct 7th from 12:45pm-2:45pm
in the DEN and Gym**



Kwantlen Park Secondary

Oct 7th from 12:45pm-2:45pm

in the DEN and Large Gym.

**Great opportunity for students and parents to learn, explore, and ask
questions from universities & Colleges across Canada.**

Stop by the Career Centre for more info.

VOLUNTEERING & BEYOND—@ PRINCESS MARGARET—5:30-7:30 PM

“Volunteering and Beyond” This is a great opportunity for students as it will provide them with the chance to get involved with an organization (or many) that align with their values and goals.



The event will be taking place at **Princess Margaret Secondary** (12870 - 72 Avenue, Surrey, BC) on **Thursday, September 26th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.**

*Please note: This is a **FREE** event open to all high school and university students from the Lower Mainland.

About our organization: Youth Transforming Society (YTS) is a registered, student-led group based out of Surrey, BC, that aims to raise awareness for humanitarian issues and encourage community volunteerism. Founded in 2010, we have since raised over \$20,000 for various organizations and have helped hundreds of students get involved. To learn more about our organization or the event that will be taking place, please visit our website at: www.youthtransformingsociety.org

IMPORTANT GRADE 10-12 INFORMATION

Important Grade 10-12 Information:**October 7 – Canadian Universities Event @ KP**

Approximately 50 universities from across Canada will be at Kwantlen Park from 12:45-2:45 in the Den / Gym

All grades have the opportunity to attend and parents are welcome as well

October 9—UBC visits Kwantlen Park

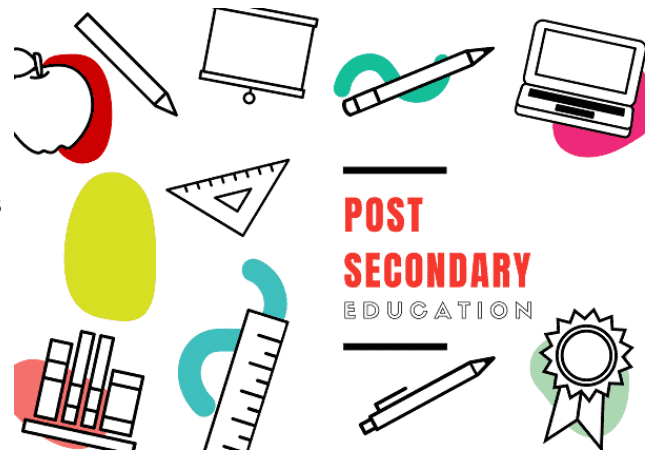
Open to grade 10-12 students
3pm Theatre at Kwantlen Park

October 24—Gr. 12 Parent Meeting—7 pm Theatre

Learn about post-secondary options and scholarships

Nov. 20—PSI Day—Blks A & B

Approximately 20 post-secondary institutions will come to Kwantlen Park
Students will select which two presentations they would like to hear
All institutions will be at a mini-fair from about 10:30-11:15 in the small gym



GRADE 9 INFORMATION / ASSEMBLY—TOKTW DAY

TOKTW Day—Important Grade 9 Information / Assembly:

Date: October 24
Blk/Time: Blk C—9:34-10:36 (Early Dismissal Schedule)
Location: Theatre
Reason: Gr. 9 Take Our Kids to Work (TOKTW) Assembly
Speaker: BC Fed. of Labour—Young Worker Rights
Permissions Due: Nov. 1st (to Career Ctr or Blk C Gr. 9 Teacher)



This will prepare students to participate in **TOKTW Day on Wednesday, November 6th**

This assembly as well as the event itself make up a portion of students' Careers 9 mark.

Permission Forms will be handed out and are due: Nov. 1st to your Blk C Gr. 9 Teachers or the Career Centre

We would like to encourage all students to find someone (parent, older sibling, aunt, Grandparent or family friend) to go to work with on November 6th (a permission form must be received in order for students to participate in TOKTW Day on Nov. 6th)



KPU INDIGENOUS TRADES SAMPLER

KPU Indigenous Trades Sampler—Nov. 7, 2019

This event will be hosted at KPU Tech Cloverdale Campus on **Thursday, November 7, 2019**, and is available to our students in grades 10 through 12. If we have spots available closer to the due date, we will open it up to the junior grades. See the [attached application package](#) for all the details.

Please share and discuss this opportunity with your Indigenous Graduation Advocate and your administration in an effort to help with selecting students. We are hoping to fill 36 seats.

Applications Due: **Monday, October 28, 2019 by 3:00PM**

Stop by the Career Centre for more info.



UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSES / INFO. SESSIONS



CAPILANO UNIVERSITY

Tourism Programs Information Night

October 3, 2019

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Capilano University - Main Campus - Library Building, room LB321

Looking to start a career in tourism? Join us on Thursday, October 3, 2019 to learn about programs in CapU's School of Tourism Management.

If you are interested in the tourism field and are looking to find out more specific program information, this FREE information session is for you. Faculty from our programs will be on hand to answer questions, deliver a presentation and help you get more insight into what makes our programming so unique.

You will also be able to meet with current students to hear about their experiences, and you will get to hear about our co-op education and practicum placements which are required in all of our programs.

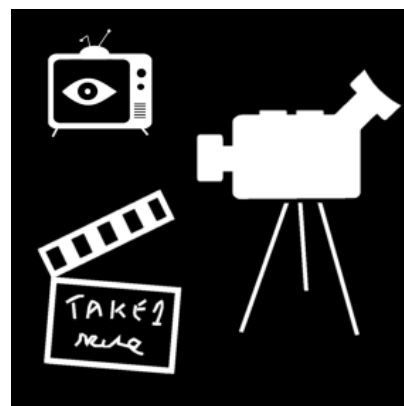
VANCOUVER FILM SCHOOL



VFS Open House

28 September 2019

10:00 am – 1:00 pm



Perfect for all students – they can even bring their parents – to find out more about VFS

- We'll take you inside VFS, giving you a detailed look at what makes our 13 unique hands-on programs among the very best in the world.
- Talk to faculty and admissions staff
- Get the latest program and scholarship information
- Discover the VFS student experience and what life would be like living and learning in Vancouver
- Tour the campus and studios
- Audition Live for VFS Acting Programs (details on website)
- Have all your questions answered

More details and to register: www.vfs.edu/openhouse

Printable posters have been placed in a Dropbox and are available [here](#).

VFS offers programs in: Animation, Writing, Acting for Film & Television, Game Design, Programming, Motion & Interactive Design, Film Production, Make Up, and VR/AR



October 24-25, 2019

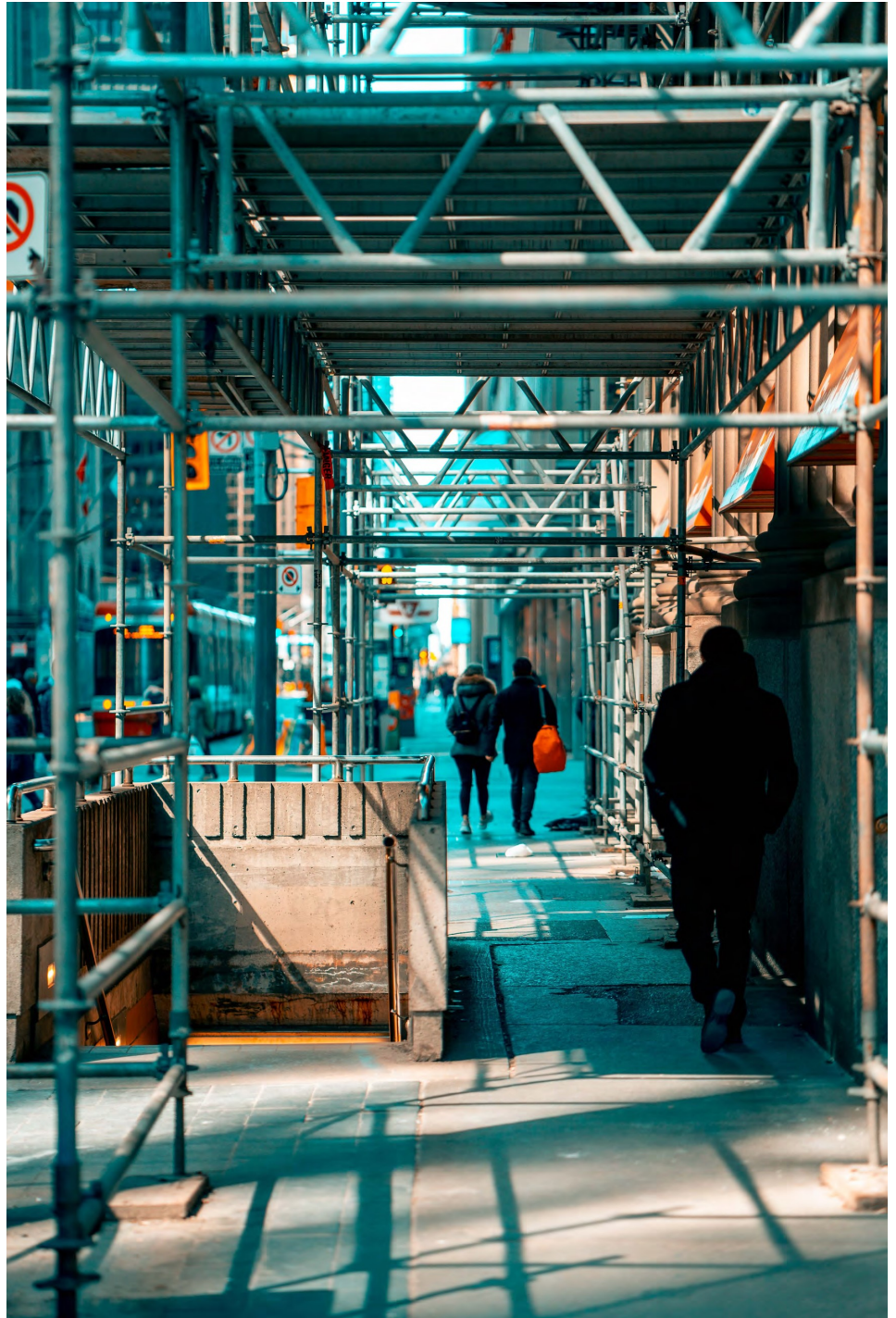
9:00AM - 3:00PM

Cloverdale Agriplex Fairgrounds

- ROOFING-
- DRYWALL-
- FORMING-
- PAINTING -
- CARPENTRY-
- CONCRETE-
- FLOORING
- BRICKLAYING

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Visit the Kwantlen Park PAC

website to stay up to date

on all PAC activities:

www.kwantlenparkpac.com

PAC NEWS

NEXT PAC MEETING :

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD AT 7 PM

IN THE KP LIBRARY

The purpose of the KPS PAC is to further the educational interests and well-being of students, and to strengthen the role of families in education. The PAC facilitates parent participation in the school community. All KPS parents/guardians are invited to attend, bring a friend! Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month (except January 2018). Each month Mr. Cross shares a very informative school report and parents discuss many topics related to education.

Do you want to be included on the PAC email list and will receive occasional reminders and updates?

Have a question, suggestions and/or comments?

Not sure how to get involved in the high school community?

Contact the PAC at: info@kwantlenparkpac.com

