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PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE

COMMUNITY MEMO - DECEMBER 15, 2025

CURRENT NEWS & EVENTS

Frequently Contacted Numbers

Billing Office: 360-297-6235

Career & Education: 360-297-6317

Community Outreach: 360-297-9678

Child and Family Services: 360-297-9689

Elders: 360-297-9630

Enrollment: 360-297-6217

Early Childhood: 360-297-6300

Front Desk: 360-297-2646

Health Services: 360-297-2840

Housing: 360-297-6350 Ext 5827

Natural Resources: 360-297-6284

PGST Community Clean Up Monitor

Tribal Administration is looking to contract with 4 Tribal Members to help with Community Clean up events. Such as the new monthly PGST dumpsters or large community events. This person will be working with Tawny DeCoteau the Executive Assistant and in coordination with Tribal Utilities Department. Compensation will be \$25/hour. If you would like to apply please submit a letter of interest by January 2, 2026 to the front desk staff in the Tribal Center with Attn: to Tawny DeCoteau.

Boards and Committees

Seeking Education Committee
(3 positions)

The Education Committee is one of the Tribe's advisory committees. Its role is to advise Tribal staff and Tribal Council on educational matters — including programs, policies, and education-related concerns for Tribal members of all ages.

The Tribe's Career & Education Department supports services like employment assistance and support, youth and adult education, academic assistance, and connections with schools in the surrounding area.

The Education Committee helps ensure that educational goals of the Tribe, including cultural preservation, student support, and post-secondary opportunities — remain connected to community needs and tribal values.

Boards and Committees

The committee meets monthly, with a \$100 stipend.

Terms are 4 years. Tribal Council values the input given by these advisory groups (see attached policy and letter of interest form). If you are interested, please fill out the Letter of Interest form attached and turn it in, or email it back to savannahs@pgst.nsn.us by December 23rd 2025.

S'Klallam Worship Center

Sunday Service 10:00am

“Refiners Fire” Prayer Sundays
6:30pm

“Rooted” Tuesdays @ 6:30pm

“Guy Time” @6:30pm Tuesday
(First Tuesday of month)

“Girl Time” will be announced

“Youth” Sundays @ 6:30pm

Parent Volunteers

Are you interested in being a volunteer Bus Rider for our NKSD students?

We have been having many issues on our bus routes lately, and many parents were willing to volunteer to ride the bus to help with safety and watching our students.

Here at the Career and Education building we can help you fill out a volunteer packet form and we will return it to the district for you! If you have any questions, feel free to give any one of us a call. 360-297-6317.

Open Scholarships:

<https://kurtgrinnellscholarship.org/scholarship-application-2/>

Kurt Grinnell scholarship

<https://collegefund.org/students/scholarships/>

American Indian College Fund

<https://cobellscholar.org/our-scholarships/>

Cobell Scholarship

https://issuu.com/collegefund/docs/native_pathways_guidebook_2025?fr=xKAE9_zMzMw

Native Pathways College
Fund
College guide book link
attached

CDL License

Interested in obtaining your CDL License? Please call Sha'Ree Vebber for more information! PGST Members are fully funded for this class!

PGST Career and Education Contact
Numbers:

Toni Jones- 360-297-6323

Sha'Ree Vebber-360-297-6316

Rachel & Eddie Flores- 360-297-6318

Sasheen DeCoteau &

Bethany Swift -
360-297-6343

Tito Cox- 360-297-6317

Lauren Moon-360-297-6322

Lexy Jones & Rafe Tom - 360-297-6321

Serene Williams – 360-297-6319

Children and Family Services

Family Assistance Program Happening

TANF

Is always operating.

We now have two case managers to help assist tribal members who may qualify for the program, if you have questions please contact Sandra Horton. shorton@pgst.nsn.us or via phone or text at (564)245-0492

LIHEAP is currently CLOSED, there will be an announcement when the next round is open. Any questions please contact Sandra Horton at shorton@pgst.nsn.us or at 360.297.9650 office-564.245.0492 Cell phone.

As a reminder that the CFS Office is Closed for Lunch daily from 11:45am to 1:15pm No staff will be there to offer assistance/benefits during that time.

The food bank is open from 8-11:45 and 1:15-4:00pm Monday through Friday, please come into the Children and Family Services Building and speak with Miranda at the front desk.

As a gentle reminder each family may use the food bank once a week and we ask you to wait in the lobby or in your car while a CFS Staff member assists.

Please let the staff know if there are any allergies, we will do our best to provide alternatives but due to funding may not have any on hand.

Please be sure to be accurate with household members, this is how we determine how much we can give. If you bring a list of most needed items, we will do our best to fulfill the items needed. We do have diapers and hygiene items as well as food items.

Elder's Program Meal Service

Elder's meals are available for pick-up only between 11:30am -12:30pm.

We enjoy all the participants coming for the delicious meals prepared by staff but if you do not regularly participate in the lunch program, you need to call the kitchen at 360-297-9627 so we can plan accordingly.

Court

Survivor and Victim

Services

If you feel unsafe and need help for yourself or someone you care about, as an advocate, we provide confidential help, safety planning, resources/referrals, education, and empowerment contact Teresa Swope at 360-297-6304 or via email at tswope@pgst.nsn.us

Child support program notice/summons for PGST Court

Fred Woodruff III. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Child Support Program has filed motions for review and enforcement hearings in the following matters: In re the Support of J.D. POR-CS-2002-0146; In re the Support of H.W. POR-CS-2002-0147; and In re the Support of F.W. POR-CS-2004-0042. The hearings shall be held on December 16, 2025, at 10 a.m. at the PGST Community Court located at 31912 Little Boston Rd NE, Kingston, WA 98346. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR OR RESPOND, THE COURT MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOU AND GRANT THE REQUESTED RELIEF IN YOUR ABSENCE. To request a copy of the motions, contact the PGST Community Court Clerk at 360-297-2646.

Culture

The Culture Department proudly celebrates the rich heritage of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe! For the latest on our cultural events, check out our Tribal website at <https://pgst.nsn.us/current-news-events/> or follow us on Facebook at Port Gamble S'Klallams. You can also sign up for community text alerts!

We love hearing from you!
Rowan Bunich, Cultural Program Assistant:
360-297-9656, rbunich@pgst.nsn.us
Alicia Fulton, Cultural Programs Manager:
360-297-9657, aliciaf@pgst.nsn.us

Enrollment

Enrollment & Tribal Records
The Enrollment & Tribal Records department is committed to helping with the enrollment of members, family trees, ordering birth certificates, etc. as well as, maintaining tribal records and archives.

The Enrollment department can order birth certificates for those needing them to go through the enrollment process and administer DNA. You can also get a reimbursement for Washington State enhanced ID's.

Please reach out to Jordan DeCoteau if you have any questions or would like more information. You can reach her by email at enrollment@pgst.nsn.us or phone at 260-297-6217.

Health Services

CHR's:

Call 360-297-9633 to speak with a member of our team, we offer health transports and assistance with the pick up/delivery of prescription delivery

Dental and Medical Clinic:

Call 360-2970-2840 to schedule an appointment or speak to a receptionist.

Mental health support line: 988

Call or text 988 for 24/7 mental health emergency support. Press 4 for Native & Strong Lifeline

Public Health:

After hours Triage Nurse line 360-297-9613

Saturday Urgent Care Clinic hours are 9am to 5pm, closed for lunch 12pm to 1pm.

If you are experiencing a medical emergency call 911

Housing

Homeowner's Assistance Fund Program (Utility Assistance) is out of funding and permanently closed.

-Home Repairs is pending funding in 2026, if the program is funded, Housing will post notice when applications will be accepted.

-Downpayment Assistance is pending final applications and may have funds available if buyers are able to close before the end of the year. Inquire with housing staff on status of funding availability for 2025.

Public Safety

As always we ask you to utilize the Kitsap 911 system for any law enforcement needs, we try to limit the amount of time officers are in the office. The 911 system is the quickest and most efficient way to contact your officers. The Kitsap 911 system handles both non-emergency and emergency calls.

Notice to Community Harboring an Excluded Person is a Crime-Any person who harbors a person who is excluded or allows that person in his home, can be charged with a Class C offense. Call 911 to report excluded individuals on the reservation.

Tribal Council

When: Monday, January 12, 2026
Where: Tribal Council Chambers
Time: 9:15am
Topic: Regular Meeting

Scan Me to be sent to the Tribal Council info. page on the PGST Website



Library

Check it Out at the Little Boston Library

We are open Monday-Thursday 10 am to 6 pm

Fridays 10 am to 5 pm and

Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm.

Call 360-860-5080 to place a hold, make a curbside appointment, or speak to staff person.

The library will be closed December 24th and 25th.

Join Us @ the Library!

December 2 @ 1:00 pm - Little Boston 1st

Tuesdays Book Group

December 3 @ 10:00 am - Little Boston 1st

Wednesdays Book Group

December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 @ 1:00 pm –
Crafternoon

December 4, 11, 18 @ 10:30 am - Family
Storytime

December 4, 11, 18 @ 2:00 pm - Puzzle
Club

December 10, 17 @ 3:30 pm - Read to a
Dog

December 12 @ 5 pm - An Evening of
Poetry with Cedar Sigo & Laura Da'

December 15 @ 3:00 p.m. - Maker Monday
- Festive Jewelry

Reading Recommendations

To the Moon and Back by Eliana Ramage

(Cherokee Nation): This debut novel follows a young woman's relentless quest to become the first Cherokee astronaut, forever altering the fates of the people she loves most. (Fiction · Book · 2025)

On Indigenuity: Learning the Lessons of Mother Earth by Daniel R. Wildcat (Muscogee Nation): Leading Indigenous thinker Daniel Wildcat explores the concept of Indigenuity and Indigenous thought. He synthesizes science, the environment, biology, and our culture, infusing his writing with both care and passion. With future generations firmly in mind, he argues that restoration of Native knowledge is essential for saving humankind and the planet. (Nonfiction · Book · 2023)

Magazines

Northwest Travel and Life published bimonthly.

We are a usable and sensible guide that inspires people with useful, fresh, and compelling ideas for discovering our region.

Recent articles include:

· Visiting the Biospheres of the Northwest

· Road-trip Discoveries Along the I-5 Corridor

Vogue is published 10 times per year.

The latest fashion news, beauty coverage, celebrity style, fashion week updates, and culture reviews.

Recent articles include:

· Remembering: Giorgio Armani

· Fearless: Nicole Kidman



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OPEN POSITIONS

12/15/25

HERONSWOOD
MANT/GROUNDS/
CUSTODIAL
CLOSING 12/19/25

EARLY CHILDHOOD
COOK
CLOSING 12/19/25

MEDICAL
ASSISTANT
CLOSING 1/02/26

TEMPORARY- ACCTS
RECEIVABLE
G&C COLLECTION
SPECIALIST

MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELOR

PUBLIC SAFETY
OFFICER I & II

TRIBAL CUSTODIAN
ON-CALL

EC CLASSROOM
ASSISTANT ON-
CALL

TO APPLY SCAN THE QR CODE OR SEE OUR WEBSITE AT
[HTTPS://WWW.PGST.NSN.US/EMPLOYMENT.](https://www.pgst.nsn.us/employment)



CONTACT BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00AM-4:30PM. MAIL CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE
TRIBAL CENTER IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES BOX.

JENNIFER WRIGHT-TOM, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II: (360) 297-6258
[CONTACT WITH GENERAL HR QUESTIONS AND SHE WILL DIRECT YOUR CALL]

AUDREENA TOM, RECRUITER: (360) 297-6218
[CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT JOB POSTINGS]

ATTENTION
CHANGE IN LOCATION

PGST Elders CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 18, 2025

1pm-4pm

CLEARWATER CASINO

IN THE WHALE & SALMON ROOM

15347 Suquamish Way NE, Suquamish, WA 98392

**PGST ELDERS ARE INVITED TO BRING 1 GUEST TO
THIS SPECIAL EVENT.**

**PRIZE DRAWINGS- EXCLUSIVELY FOR ELDERS
\$50 GIFT CARDS - FOR ATTENDING PGST ELDERS**

DRESS CODE: SEMI FORMAL

**WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY
CONFUSION AND LOOK FORWARD
TO CELEBRATING WITH YOU ALL**



ELF Work Shop

**on Dec 19th in the Gym
Starting at 1-4 PM**

Please join us in making your own
Christmas Ornaments, picture
frame and cookie decorating

Also take a picture with the Grinch

Lunch is provided and will be Olive
Garden



Happy Holidays

Tribal Operations will be Closed
Wednesday, December 24, 2025
through to

Thursday, January 1, 2026

Normal business hours will resume at
8am on

Friday, January 2, 2026





SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!!!

COME TO THE HEALTH CENTER
DECEMBER 23RD, 11 AM-1:30 PM
FOR CANDY &
A PICTURE WITH SANTA CLAUS!





Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

PGST DUMPSTER NOTICE |

2026 CHANGES

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Starting January 2026 we will open on-reservation dumpsters
- These will be open one weekend a month (Saturday-Sunday) 9am - 4pm or until filled
- Tribal members allowed 2 drop-offs per opening
- You will need to sign in upon drop-off
- Special Requests for additional drop-offs during an opening will be considered with advanced notice
- Located at the Utilities Complex

DUMPSTER DATES

2026

9 am - 4pm or until filled



Jan
10th-11th

Feb
14th-15th

Mar
14th-15th

Apr
11th-12th

May
9th-10th

June
13th-14th

July
11th-12th

Aug
8th-9th

Sept
12th-13th

Oct
10th-11th

Nov
14th-15th

Dec
12th-13th

REMINDER

THIS WILL TAKE PLACE OF THE MONTHLY DUMP VOUCHERS & THE SPRING/FALL CLEANUP

**CONTACT TRIBAL CENTER
FRONT DESK IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS**

360-297-2646
pgst.nsn.us