



**KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL
2021- 2022 SCHOOL OPENING BULLETIN**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year. I would like to extend a very special welcome to all our incoming Grade 10's and other new students to KSS. This coming school year promises to be another excellent year at KSS. We will continue to have a strong focus on our academic program with our honours and advanced placement programs. Our support for students is very strong as we maintain our focus on achieving our school goal:

Each student at Kelowna Secondary will graduate with a Dogwood or Evergreen certificate and demonstrate a work ethic that enables them to achieve individual success as a healthy, active 21st century learner.

We would like to formally welcome Mr. Michael Kormany to Kelowna Secondary School. Mr. Kormany is our new Vice-Principal that will be supporting our families with last names that start with O-Z. Mr. Kormany has many years of experience in this role and we look forward to working with him this year.

For the 2021-22 school year, our enrolment will be approximately 1950 students. At KSS, the spirit of community is embraced. We strive to provide, in partnership with parents/guardians, educational excellence in a vibrant and respectful environment. Innovative, flexible scheduling, and unique course offerings allow students to maximize personal strengths. We believe that students who are fulfilling personal interests in a school environment will ultimately make a greater connection to school which will in turn result in improved student confidence, self-esteem, and academic achievement.

Our students and staff have worked hard to achieve impressive results in both academics and our non-academic programs. With a focus on student success, we ask that families try not to schedule long holidays during school time. It is extremely challenging to replicate the missed learning environment. In many cases, students fall behind due to the absence and struggle to complete the missed work. Your support with this is appreciated.

At the beginning of every school year, we have a number of families who are on a waitlist to attend KSS. With this in mind, if you have a family member who is scheduled to attend KSS but will not be attending, please contact the school office at 250-870-5105, or email us at kss@sd23.bc.ca as soon as possible. This will help obtain an accurate enrolment count early in September and therefore facilitate the waitlist process.

Our first day of school is September 7th, and all students are at school from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Buses arrive at KSS at this time. Students will attend homeroom class from 9:00 – 9:30 am for attendance. Students in Grade 11 and 12 will go to the Multi-Purpose room and find their Homeroom number. Students in Grade 10 will go to the back field and find their homeroom number and will participate in welcome activities. Teachers and Link Leaders will be available to help students where needed. After homeroom, students will then attend a mini class rotation for the rest of the day. On Wednesday, September 8th, Students will attend homeroom from 9:00 – 9:15 am with regular class rotations from 9:15 – 3:16 pm.

We are continuing to be vigilant with our COVID – 19 safety protocols. Please take the opportunity to see our student safety plan below. This plan is also posted to our school website. Lockers will not be used once again this year. PE lockers will be available. Please bring a lock from home if your child is in PE first semester. Please ensure you and your child completes the Daily Health Check each day prior to coming to school.

Just a reminder to all students and parents that KSS does not endorse or support Non-Sanctioned Grad Events. Students are expected to arrive at school on Tuesday, September 7th at 9:00 am ready for their learning.

I look forward to working with the school community this new school year.

Troy White,
Principal