



Whoo's News



SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

WELCOME BACK!!

Students are welcome to pick up their timetables on:

Tuesday, September 8th from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 9th from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. / 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Our counsellors will be available to talk to students if they have exceptional timetable issues on these dates.

Please note, it is KSS's belief that students who maintain a full and broad course schedule and who fully participates in classroom learning experiences will be best prepared for post-secondary life and future education experiences.

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September 8th – September 14th

Tuesday, Sept 8th – No Students in building – This slightly later start allows staff at our school to plan for safe school spaces and procedures. Counsellors **will be** available on this day. Student timetable pick-up available 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, Sept 9th – No Students in building – This slightly later start allows staff at our school to plan for safe school spaces and procedures. Counsellors **will be** available on this day. Student timetable pick-up available 9:00 am-11:30 am/12:30-3:00 pm

Thursday, Sept 10th – Students with the **last names starting with A – K** will come to school from 9:00 am – 3:16 pm.

At this time, students will be informed on what afternoon section they will be placed in. Students will be placed in either 3A or 3B. Unfortunately, there will be no option to change groupings. Students will receive their COVID health and safety protocols on this day. Counsellors are available for timetable issues, 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, Sept 11th – Students with the **last names starting with L – Z** will come to school from 9:00 am – 3:16 pm.

At this time, students will be informed on what afternoon section they will be placed in. Students will be placed in either 3A or 3B. Unfortunately, there will be no option to change groupings. Students will receive their COVID health and safety protocols on this day. Counsellors are available for timetable issues, 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Monday, Sept 14th – Regular classes begin

As you know, our COVID experience has been dynamic. We are getting information daily. As soon as new information arises, we will communicate to our school community promptly.

COURSE CHANGES

With COVID restrictions, the ability to change classes will be limited at this time. We are only doing course changes for Q1 courses from Sept. 8 to Sept. 11. All course changes for Q1 must be done no later than Sept. 12, after this date there will be no more course changes for Q1 as cohorts will have been set for Health and Safety purposes. Course changes for Q2, Q3 and Q4 may be done starting after Sept. 18th (please see your counsellor for assistance).



Please bring your own refillable water bottle as there is a closure of our drinking fountains.



Stay tuned for exciting information about **Minga**, a virtual school platform for students, teachers and staff to share news, announcements, events and more!

An optional \$10.00 **Parking Pass Fee** will be added to all **Grade 12 students**, and is only for those who wish to purchase a parking pass. Applications for a Parking Pass will be available the second week of school in front of the office in the MPR. **COMPLETED** Parking Pass Application and proof of payment will be required prior to your parking pass being issued. **STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS**, please contact the office if you have any questions.



The \$75.00 **Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony Fee** has been added to Grade 12 students and expires April 1st.



Opportunity to purchase a **Yearbook** will take place at a later date. Please log on to your child's account at School Cash Online to see current and outstanding charges. It is strongly suggested that all fees are paid online as an automatic receipt is generated and proof of payment is always available. Further details to follow!

Extra-Curricular Activities



Activities at Kelowna Secondary will hopefully be underway very quickly! Students need to check our message board, our Athletic webpage @ <https://www.kssowlsathletics.com/> and MINGA for info on sports tryouts, clubs, etc. We have a large electronic message board in our Multi Purpose Area as well as in the Library Commons on the second floor. Announcements will be carried over the MINGA App for all students.



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Hello KSS parents and guardians,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!



By virtue of being a KSS parent or guardian, you are a member of the KSS Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The purpose of the KSS PAC is to promote and improve the quality of education and the well being of students at Kelowna Secondary School.

The PAC will be holding its first meeting of the school year on Tuesday, September 22, at 6:30pm, via Zoom. The agenda will include a Principal's report and elections for the executive committee.

If you would like to attend the Zoom meeting, please email us by Friday, September 18th, at Kss.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca with your name, name and grade of your student(s), and your email address, so we can send you an invitation to the Zoom call.

We look forward to seeing you then!



SCHOOL PHOTOS

September 21, 22 and 23

9:00 - 11:30 a.m. only

(No retakes)



Please note our new parking lot configuration

The Visitor Parking is now in the Student Parking Lot. Please remember to pick up a visitor parking pass from the office. This is also the area designated for student drop off and pick up to ensure the safety of our staff and students.

Parents ARE NOT TO USE the staff parking lot for student drop off or pick up.

Accident Insurance

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for **student injuries** that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage

Daily Health Check			
1. Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Fatigue	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
	Muscle aches	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
	Dizziness, confusion	YES	NO
	Abdominal pain	YES	NO
	Skin rashes or discoloration of fingers or toes	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

*Check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.

If you answered "YES" to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) your child should **NOT** come to school.

If they are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner.

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.

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Information and Support

For families and caring adults who
are parenting a child or youth with
mental health challenges.

**IN THE KNOW PROVIDES EXPERT SPEAKERS ON TOPICS IMPORTANT TO FAMILIES.
CONNECT AND LEARN WITH OTHER FAMILIES FOR AN ONLINE DISCUSSION - JOIN BY
COMPUTER OR PHONE.**

Parenting when Anxiety Shows Up as Anger

Join us as we answer questions families have asked about the relationship between anger and anxiety. We'll share experiences and strategies that can help in hard moments and focus on strengthening our relationship with our children and youth when those have passed.

Registration Required:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6853319057342496781>

Communities: Kelowna, Penticton and Vernon

Cost: Free of Charge

Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Time: 7pm – 8:30pm

Connect and learn with other families for this online discussion. We will watch the video and talk about it together. Discussion facilitated by FamilySmart Parent in Residence



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