



Whoo's News



December 4, 2020



Dear KSS parents and guardians,

The KSS PAC is asking for your support to allow us to sponsor awards for our 2021 graduates through the Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBSS). We will use any additional funds for clubs and activities to benefit all KSS students. We do not normally fundraise, but our BC gaming grant cannot be used to fund COBSS awards and does not cover all funding requests. We have created a Go Fund Me page, and we hope you will support our students as you are able. For details and to donate, please follow the link.

Sincerely,

Your KSS PAC

[KSS PAC Fundraiser 2020](https://www.gofundme.com/f/kss-pac-fundraiser-2020)

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Year-Book Early Bird Rate Extended!

Have your purchased a Yearbook yet?

The early-bird rate has been extended until December 4th! Early-bird rate is \$30 for Regular or \$35 for Personalized. After December 4th the price will go up to \$40.00 for Regular or \$45.00 for Personalized. Ms. Nicol and her crew create an amazing memory of the school year.

Extras are not ordered, so please be sure to reserve your copy now.



Parents/Guardians of Grade 10 Students:

Our grade 10 students will be receiving their first of three Sexual Health Education Lessons from the sd23 Sexual Health Team on Wednesday, December 9. A parent information letter was sent out via email earlier with comprehensive details around the lessons. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Vice Principal Robbie Franklin (Robbie.franklin@sd23.bc.ca).

Important news regarding the 2021 Interior Savings Western Canada Basketball Tournament

Kelowna Secondary returned to school this past fall with hopes that we would be able to run the 48th annual event in some form. We had our gymnasium set up with close circuit cameras and microphones in case we needed to proceed without our usual capacity of fans. This tournament is rich in a tradition that has made it one of the premiere tournaments in Canada. After much discussion and recent changes in the pandemic protocols, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the February 4,5 and 6, 2021 tournament. We are not willing to put people's safety in jeopardy nor attempt to run an event that doesn't measure up to our high standards of excellence.

Sincerely,
The Tournament Directors and
Kelowna Secondary school



Please Mark Your Calendar:

December 11	Term 3 (Q2) Ends
December 14	Term 4 (Q2) Begins Day 2 (Blocks 4 / 2) Group A
December 18	Last day of school before Winter Break
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1	Winter Break
January 4	First day back to school - Day 2 (Blocks 4 / 2) Group B

DATES TO REMEMBER



Daily Health Check

Date:

Name:

The following is a tool that must be used by parents/caregivers to complete prior to their child coming to school, and for staff and visitors to be completed on themselves.

Daily Health Check			
1. Symptoms of Illness*	For parents: Does your child have any of the following symptoms? For staff/visitor: Do you have any of the following symptoms?	Check Box Below	
	Fever	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Chills	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Shortness of breath	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Diarrhea	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Nausea and vomiting	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
2. International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 symptom questions, are the symptoms related to a pre-existing condition? (e.g. allergies). ☐ YES ☐ NO

If "YES" the person may come to school if the symptoms are being experienced as normal.

If "NO", the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition see the following information:

If you answered "YES" to one of the questions included under 'Key Symptoms of Illness' (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered "YES" to two or more of the questions included under 'Symptoms of Illness' or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

When a COVID-19 test is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is **positive**, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is **negative**, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- If a COVID-19 test is recommended but is not done because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, you can return to school when symptoms improve and you feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

Completed By:

Attention Parents of Jazz and Choral Students!



Jazz and choral music parent zoom
meeting at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, December 8.



Dear Grad Coordinator,

Thank you for choosing Mountain West Studios for providing graduation photos for the 2020-21 grad class.

The Grad Photo Session is booked as per the following schedule:

Graduation photos **Kelowna Secondary School** **January 11th to 22nd, 2021**

Students can book their session through our website at [mountainwest.ca](https://www.mountainwest.ca)

- Select "BOOK a PHOTO SESSION" at the top of the page.
- Select your school and proceed to sign up for your preferred date and time.

Location:

Kelowna Secondary School- Drama room

- Please arrive at least 10 minutes early to sign in and make any last minute preparations.
- There is a NO sitting fee due to the photographer.
- Mountain West Studios will provide the cap, gown, school colours, flowers, diplomas and a variety of backgrounds and creativity.
- Your Graduation portrait session is a special, once-in-a-lifetime event. Please take the time to prepare and you will love your portraits.

What to Bring:

- Women please wear V-Neck shirts or tank tops for your cap & gown photos. Avoid the use of sparkles in your hair and makeup.
- Hair and make-up should be done before you arrive, but bring supplies for touch-ups.
- Men please wear a Shirt & Tie for your cap & gown photos. Clean nails and styled, tidy hair.
- If you do not have a shirt and tie, we will provide you with one of our "half" shirts and ties to wear under the grad gown.
- We also encourage all of you to bring any special personal props/sports items, etc. to include in your portrait session.
- We would be following the COVID protocol which requires temperature and masks worn up till point of photos
- The Web Code to view and order online is available at the Camera and also will be emailed in 7-10 days after the photo day

If you have any questions email us at grads@mountainwest.ca or call 1-888-644-4494 ext 126

If you have any questions, please contact Mountain West Studios.

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Grade 12 Post Secondary Prep



WELCOME!

This information will be helpful for students as they navigate potential post-secondary options.

Grad Photos



It is time to sign up for a grad photo appointment! Grad photos will be taken after school at KSS from January 11-22. Please visit this website in order to sign up: <https://www.mountainwest.ca/>. At the top right, select "Book a Photo Session," and then follow the prompts to select a time and fill in a profile.

Ensure that your information is correct as your photo proofs will be sent to your email.

Mountain West has only released the first week of appointments and will release the second week once the first has filled up, to avoid unfilled appointments at the end.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Mountain West will not be offering group photos or parents in the building during photo sessions, but students are encouraged to bring props and even pets, as long as a KSS student can hold them during the grad gown portion of the session.



UBCO Geering Up All-Girls STEM Workshops GRADE 8-12 2020/2021

Registration Link: <https://geeringup.apsc.ubc.ca/all-girls-okanagan/>

As a reminder, these workshops take place from 4:00-6:00pm via Zoom and are offered for free, but the registration closes the Sunday before the session date for that specific grade level.

Design our Future (Grade 10) Wednesday Jan 27th

The Future of Tech (Grade 11) Thursday February 25th

Invitation to Create (Grade 8) Thursday March 11th

The Southern Medical Program is hosting a virtual information session for prospective applicants to **UBC's distributed MD Undergraduate Program**. Learn about the admission requirements, application process, and how the program is training the next generation of physicians for our province.

The event will be held on **Friday, November 27th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm** via Zoom.

Presenters include Dr. Shahin Shirzad, Assistant Dean, Admissions, UBC Faculty of Medicine and current Southern Medical Program students.

Visit <http://tiny.cc/mdinfosession> to register. Space is limited.

For more information, please contact Carri Folk, carri.folk@ubc.ca.



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Faculty of Medicine
Southern Medical Program



About COBSS

The Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBSS) is a charitable foundation with local **volunteers** coordinating financial assistance for our high school graduates for their post-secondary education.

We collect and administer money from area **donors** including community and school groups, businesses, and individuals. Through COBSS, local Grade 12 **students** can apply for over 550 awards. Criteria is set by the donor to recognize student achievement (such as citizenship, scholastic or athletic achievement) and/or to assist with financial need for further education.

New donors and volunteers are welcome!

Email us at COBSS@shaw.ca and visit our website at COBSS.sd23.bc.ca



Donor comments

As a recent University grad, I know the financial pressures on students are REAL! I donate to COBSS because I was given lots of help - and it's time for me to pay it forward.

GEM Miller Family Scholarship

At Strut, our loyal customers value education and round up on each of their purchases. As a result we are proud to allocate 4 awards to Central Okanagan graduates.

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Important dates

November 25, 2020	donor deadline for 2021 awards
December 1, 2020	student online applications open
January 11, 2021	student applications due*
March 29, 2021	awards selection begins
June 2021	awards presented to grads

*ask your school counselor for details

SFU

REGISTER NOW

Join us online on Saturday, December 5 for SFU Virtual Preview Day!

Connect with representatives from our faculties, Student Services departments, and current students, and view SFU through different perspectives. Discover our wide range of programs, and learn about the many ways to create your own unique university experience.

You can choose either our morning or afternoon session, or sample a bit of both (if you'd like to look into more than one faculty, for example). Each session will feature:

1. Admission presentations
2. Faculty presentations
3. Presentations for parents
4. Student Services presentations (co-op program, mock lectures, etc.)

Check our [Virtual Preview Day website](#) for schedule and session information, and to register!

High School Girls! Join us for Virtual STEM Events

All-Girls Events

Join us as we learn about engineering design with fun, hands-on activities led by current university students and meet inspiring mentors. Connect with other like-minded students and talk to current engineering students and professionals who will share their stories and experience.

Who & When?

Grade 12: Sustainability for our Future - Thursday Oct 29th, 2020
Grade 9: Robotics Today - Thursday Dec 3rd, 2020
Grade 10: Design our Future - Wednesday Jan 27th, 2021
Grade 11: The Future of Tech - Thursday Feb 25th, 2021
Grade 8: Invitation to Create - Thursday Mar 11th, 2021

How Do I Register For These Free Events?

<http://geeringup.ca/high-school/kelowna/all-girls>

* We have an inclusive view of the word "girl" and we welcome trans, genderqueer, and non-binary folks interested in these workshops

Find out more at geeringup.ca

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MINDFUL MONDAYS @12PM IN ALL OF THE CHAOS, LET'S FIND SOME PEACE.

Register for this online mindfulness
workshop at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8446181163?pwd=ZkdGdGpTc0RlLWVkbGVkU0Rlc0R3bGp3>

FOUNDRY



520 EAST 1ST AVENUE
VANCOUVER, BC, CANADA V5T 0H2

Summer Institute for Teens: July 5-30, 2021 (Online)

The Summer Institute for Teens (SIT) is an intensive pre-university program featuring small classes taught by professional, practicing artists to prepare students for the next step in their creative career. This immersive, one-month experience engages students through intensive studio practice and visual culture. The program culminates in a public exhibition of student work.

Students have a choice of 10 studios in a range of disciplines. No previous experience in the subject area is required, so students can choose to explore a new form or further their work in a favourite medium!

SIT 2021 online studio offerings:

- 2D Animation
- 3D Computer Animation
- Architecture + Environmental Design
- Communication Design
- Drawing
- Illustration: Digital
- Illustration: Traditional
- Industrial Design
- Media Arts
- Painting

For more information about the program and studios, including learning outcomes, please visit our website: www.ecuad.ca/academics/teen-programs/summer-institute-for-teens

Registration + Fees:

Download the [Registration Package](#) and send us the completed package by email at csreghelp@ecuad.ca. Note: Students must be between the ages of 16 and 18 or have completed Grade 10 as of July 1, 2020 to register.

Early Bird Fees (until Dec 13, 2020): \$1990 Domestic | \$2390 International
Regular Fees (until June 21, 2021): \$2390 Domestic | \$2790 International

Contact:

If you have any questions about the program, please email teens@ecuad.ca. For additional information on how to register, please email csreghelp@ecuad.ca.

BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Create your own path with a career in Software Engineering

Do you want a career that allows you to make an impact, and that is part of one of the fastest growing and most in demand professions in Canada? Do you want to contribute to the ever-growing need for software based solutions across a variety of industries and professions?

With a focus on skill-based learning and a commitment to small class sizes, the Software Engineering program at TRU provides a hands-on experience led by industry professionals. By blending engineering, business, computing science, project management and quality assurance, students receive a well-rounded and multi-faceted education that equips them with skills needed for the workplace.

EXPERIENCE HANDS ON LEARNING

The program's focus on experiential learning includes two mandatory co-op work terms in the fourth year of the program, which puts students in the position to be a paid employee before graduation and have opportunities to test-drive the wide variety of career options available in software engineering.

Career Paths in Software Engineering

- Manufacturing
- Medicine
- Banking
- Entertainment
- Research
- Automobiles
- Technology companies such as Google, Amazon and Facebook

THE TRU SOFTWARE ENGINEERING ADVANTAGE

- Offers strong foundations in principles and practice of software systems development, and related computing technologies.
- Students develop knowledge of the tools, technical skills and competencies required to design, develop, test and maintain cycles of software product.
- Emphasis on project-based learning practices that apply theoretical concepts to practical problems.
- Co-op work terms to gain relevant, paid work experience in industry.
- One-year design capstone project from real world industry to gain in-depth experiential learning.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

First Year Entry

- BC Grade 12 (or equivalent).
- BC English 12 with a minimum of 67% (or equivalent).
- Pre-Calculus 12 with a minimum of 67% (or equivalent).
- Chemistry 12 with a minimum of 67% (or equivalent).
- Physics 12 with a minimum of 67% (or equivalent).

You may also be considered for second or third year direct entry if you have completed or partially completed first or second year science engineering or cognate department courses. Please contact Dr. Fahem Ahmed for more information and evaluation at eng@tru.ca.

CONTACT US

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778-471-9698 | eng@tru.ca

To apply for this program, visit tru.ca/admissions/apply

tru.ca/se



Plan, search, & apply to B.C. post-secondary institutions: <http://www.educationplannerbc.ca>

Students are responsible for researching and verifying all post-secondary entrance requirements for any institution they wish to attend.

UBC Admissions

