



Whoo's News



January 7, 2022

Welcome Back!

Dear KSS Community,

As you are aware, the staff has been working through the updated documentation from the Ministries of Health and Education and our Districts' Health and Safety department to create a safe return for our students on Monday, January 10th. Please see page 2 for the KSS Student Communicable Disease Prevention Plan. Please take the time to read this document and have a conversation with your student about the importance of following this plan upon their return to KSS. We will be having a school-wide Zoom assembly to review this document on Monday, January 10th at 9:05 am. After this Zoom assembly, teachers will continue the conversations and answer any questions that may arise.

The staff has also been working and preparing for the worst-case scenario of a Functional Closure of our school. A Functional Closure of a school could occur if there is a lack of staff to provide the required level of teaching, supervision, support, and/or custodial to ensure the health and safety of students. This would likely be due to a high absenteeism of all staff or certain employees required to function and the inability to replace those absences.

The block rotation upon your child's return on January 10th will be 5/6 – 7/8. Please also be aware, that we have had substantial snowfall in the last week and the number of parking spots have been reduced as snow is piling up in our parking lot. We would like to thank our custodial team at KSS for working so hard, clearing snow and making our school safe.

As we have indicated, the Pandemic has been challenging, but as a community, we will continue to persevere.

Take care,

Troy White
Principal

Please see page two for our full KSS Student Communicable Disease Prevention Plan

Parking at KSS

With the accumulation of snow that has fallen over the past week, some of our parking spots have been taken up by snow.

Parking spots will be at a premium in the student and staff parking lot.

Please plan accordingly.



Grad Photo Update:

Due to changing Covid circumstances, parents and friends from outside our KSS student body are not permitted inside the school during grad photos. Current KSS students may take photos together to a maximum of three people, including the graduate. Masks must be worn at all times unless grads are having their photo taken. Parents/friends may not enter the school to hold props, pets etc. Thanks so much for your understanding!



Kelowna Secondary School

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SUBJECT: KSS Communicable Disease Prevention Plan – **STUDENTS**

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 4, 2022

We are currently following the Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings

- **Use hand sanitizer or wash hands upon entry to KSS** and regularly throughout the day.
- No gatherings larger than 50% operating capacity. No spectators.
- **Routine daily health check (self-screening)** – continue this. Do not enter KSS if you answer 'yes' to any of the symptoms on the [Daily Health Check](#)
- **Non-medical masks are required in all indoor areas**
 - *Even while seated*
 - *Except when eating / drinking (must be properly physically distanced)*
- **No Food / Drink consumption in hallways** (ie: *masks must stay on*)
- **MPR closed for eating / sitting / visiting** (*except for meetings with counsellors*)
- **Washroom capacity limits** will be posted (4 per student washroom downstairs, 2 per student washroom upstairs, and 1 per universal washroom) *reminder to wear mask in washroom
- **PE changeroom capacity** limited to one class at a time
- **Lunch Break:**
 - Students may go to a classroom for lunch, or walk outdoors
 - Library is open (observe maximum capacity of 50)
 - MPR is closed
- **Okanagan College** – no KSS student access at this time. Students may pass through, but must continue on their way, or wait at the bus stop, but may not hang out.
- **Food:** No sharing of homemade food / baked goods
- **Sharing of educational tools:** sanitize hands after using shared items.
- **Elevator:** Maximum two occupants only & must wear masks.
- **What if someone is feeling sick while at school?** The individual may be asked to go home.

Please refer to the updated District Communicable Disease Plan and continue to follow local health guidelines.

DAILY HEALTH CHECK

KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C)	If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms: Stay home. Contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Chills	
Cough	
Difficulty breathing	
Loss of sense of smell or taste	
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
Sore throat	If yes to 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better.
Loss of appetite	
Headache	If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home for 24 hours. If symptoms don't get better or get worse, contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Body aches	
Extreme fatigue or tiredness	
Nausea or vomiting	
Diarrhea	
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:	WHAT TO DO
Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	If yes: Fully vaccinated students, staff and other adults who have travelled outside of Canada may qualify for the fully vaccinated traveller exemption . Students, staff and other adults who are not fully vaccinated and have travelled outside of Canada CANNOT attend school for 14 days after arrival , as part of federal requirements .
CLOSE CONTACT	WHAT TO DO
Have you been notified by public health that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	If yes: Follow the instructions provided by Public Health.

You can also check your symptoms with the [K-12 Health Check](#) or the [BC Self-Assessment Tool](#).

Call 8-1-1 with any questions about symptoms of illness. If you have severe symptoms, like difficulty breathing (struggling to breathe or you can only speak single words) or chest pain, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

Visit the [BC Centre for Disease Control website](#) for more information on COVID-19.

STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING TO THE CENTRAL OKANAGAN BURSARY and SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY (COBSS)

The application is available on line at: www.cobss.ca and then follow the "Student Online Application" link. As well, the PowerPoint presentation given at all COBSS member secondary schools is available to review on the COBSS website or on the KSS Grad Google Classroom – [code 4d4whlt](#)

The online application opens on **Nov. 30, 2021** and closes at 11:59 pm on **Jan. 10th, 2022**. Paper applications are due to the KSS counselling centre by 9:00 am **Jan. 11th, 2022**.

To be eligible for a COBSS awards you must:

1. Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or refugee living within the boundaries of SD #23
2. Apply to and plan to attend **FULL TIME** at an accredited post-secondary institution in **September of graduating year**
3. Obtain a minimum of 60% average in all of your grade 11 and 12 courses
4. Be registered in and will complete a minimum of six (6) courses during grade 12 year – not including Capstone, Careers 12 and Work Experience 12.
5. Be graduating for the first time this June
6. Be attending one of the member schools of COBSS (KSS is a member)

Award selection is based on 3 areas:

1. Financial need
2. Academic ability – overall average of grade 11 and 12 marks (min. 60%)
3. Active citizenship – involvement in school and community

CREATE AN ACCOUNT

- Ensure email address is one that you will have for at least one year after graduation.
- The KSS school access code is **kss2022**

INSTRUCTIONS ICON

- Please read all instructions carefully and thoroughly before beginning the application process.

THREE MAIN COMPONENTS TO THE ON-LINE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. The application form (My Application Icon)
2. The selection of criteria awards (Select Awards Icon)
3. Completion of 2 statement of reference forms (Statement of Reference Icon)

MY APPLICATION ICON

- Students may go back and edit as often as they wish until the site closes.
- Students must answer all questions as accurately and truthfully as possible.
- Please check spelling and grammar and be concise as there is limited space provided.
- Student Personal Statements are a major part of the application. There are 3 questions.
- Student Activity Details chart includes activities you have been involved with in the school and community during your grade 10, 11 and 12 years. Include a weekly average and the total number of participation hours for each activity – include anticipated hours until end of June.
- Print ONE copy of your application by clicking the "Print My Application" icon.
- **Two signatures are REQUIRED from both STUDENT and PARENT** on your printed application form.

Reminder to grade 12's applying to Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship (COBSS) awards.

Applications and instructions available at www.cobss.ca.

The KSS access code is **kss2022**

NEW Application Close Date is now Monday, January 17th at 11:59 pm.

Paper copies of applications will be due to Counsellors by 9:00 am on Tuesday January 18th.

Deadline Extended!!

BC PSI - Important Application Deadlines

January - March 2022

Don't miss out on any Important information or Deadlines!

Check out the KSS website regularly!



SELECT AWARDS ICON

- This is a list of all of the specific criteria awards from donors. Please note that these are subject to change.
- Hover your mouse over each award title to view the award's criteria.
- If you are eligible, click on "Details" and click on the "Apply for this award" box.
- If required, fill in "Applicant Responses" to explain why you are eligible.
- Please note a few awards may require additional information which must be submitted with your application package. If prompted add necessary information for that award.
- Once you have selected all eligible awards, print ONE copy of your selected awards list by clicking the "Print Statement of Awards" icon.

STATEMENT OF REFERENCE ICON

- **COMPLETE THIS STEP FIRST.**
- You will need **TWO** completed Statement of Reference forms. Consider community members, employers, teachers, etc. as potential referees.
- Remember to give your referees ample time to complete your request and that they are aware of your timeline.
- On the main page menu, click on "Statement of Reference" and print **TWO** copies of this PDF and give one to each of your referees ASAP or email a fillable PDF to referees.
- The Statement of Reference forms are confidential and need to be placed in a sealed envelope by the referee unless the referee gives it directly to your school counsellor. Note that emailed reference forms must be printed and signed by the referees.

COMPLETION CHECKLIST ICON

- Refer to this icon to ensure you have fulfilled all the necessary steps for a completed COBSS application package to turn into your school counsellor.

APPLICATION PACKAGE ORDER:

1. One printout of the completed online "My Application"
2. One printout of the "Statement of Awards"
3. Two completed "Statement of Reference" forms (in sealed envelopes)
4. Additional information if required by select awards

Note: A transcript will be added to your application by school counsellors.

Each application **MUST** be **PAPER CLIPPED** together in the above order and submitted to your school counsellor **on or before 9:00 am Tuesday, January 11th, 2022.**

2022 Harmony Day T-Shirt—2021/2022



Central Okanagan Public Schools will be celebrating the 15th Annual Harmony Day on Feb. 16, 2022. Our theme this year is HOPE and we would like to recognize that everyone in our school community is on a path towards the journey of hope. The canoe symbolizes our journey to move forward and paddles represent that we move forward together as a community in trying to reach our goals. This year's Harmony Day t-shirt was designed by one of our very own S.D.#23 students. Please use [school cash on-line](#) to order your shirt before Friday, January 7!

All KSS parents and guardians are invited to attend our next KSS PAC meeting on

Tuesday, January 11th, at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

If you would like to be added to the Zoom invitation list, please email kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca by Monday, January 10th, with your name, name and grade of your student(s), and your email address.

We wish all KSS families a happy, restful, and healthy holiday!!



SCHOOL DISTRICT #22 JEAN MINGUY MEMORIAL RCMP YOUTH ACADEMY MAY 8-14

JOIN US

Are you interested in
Policing Careers?

AGES 16-18

Students

Are invited to apply
Applications DUE Jan 31st

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN
THE OFFICE *or* SEE YOUR
CAREER COORDINATOR

COST IS **\$350**

INCLUDES ALL FOOD, LODGING AND SUPPLIES
FOR THE WEEK



MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE:

SD22.BC.CA/PROGRAMS-SERVICES/CAREERS/
DMEYER@SD22.BC.CA



'intheknow' Information and Support

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

Every month, we host events for families called 'in the know'. We come together and share experiences and strategies that help in the hard moments. We help focus on strengthening our understanding and connection with our kids.

Holidays Can Be Hard

We get it, there can be a lot of expectations around the holidays. Come join us and let's talk about how we can get through the hard spots, celebrate the small things, and find a bit of space to breathe when we need it.

Communities: Kelowna/Penticton/Vernon

Cost: Free of Charge

Date: December 15, 2021 at 6:00pm

Registration Required:

familysmart.ca/events

Events are facilitated by Parent Peer Support Workers.



familysmart.ca



Grad photos!

KELOWNA SECONDARY GRADS

Mountain West Studios is pleased to offer your
GRADUATION PHOTO SESSIONS!



WHEN: January 10th – 14th & 17th – 21st

LOCATION: drama room

SIGN UP: Book online at mountainwest.ca
Click "[Book Grad Session](#)"

- We provide cap, gown, school colors, diplomas and a variety of backgrounds.
- Please bring just one favorite selection of clothes for your casual photos.
- Feel free to bring along props for your casual photos (Sports items, musical instruments, etc.)
- Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your appointment time! (Late arrivals may have to reschedule to another date.)

ANY QUESTIONS, CALL US: 604.433.0551 EXT. 126

Studio Location:
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'Tis the season for Green Giving!



To offer students an accessible, sustainable alternative for their holiday shopping, the students in the Sustainable Development Club and Environmental Science 11/12 class have joined together to establish "Thrifting Thursdays" at KSS. Starting Thursday, November 25th, and onwards, a pop-up store selling used and handmade items will be set-up in room 145 at lunch. All students are invited to come "vote with their wallet" and purchase goods that "do good". All money raised will be donated to various community organizations including the Gospel Mission, The Moosehide Campaign, and Tree Canada.

Starting in the new year, "Thrifting Thursdays" will also include a clothing swap, where students can bring in items and swap them for something "new". Stay tuned for more details! If you would like more information, please contact

dayna.margetts@sd23.bc.ca

Graduation photos **Kelowna Secondary School** January 10th to 21st, 2022



Students can book their session through our website at 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 back grounds 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:

- Please wear a V-neck, tank top or wear a shirt and tie for your cap and gown photos.
- 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.
- Hair and make-up (if worn) should be done before you arrive, but bring supplies for touch-ups
- 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

KSS Foundry bottle drive

Dear KSS parents

We are collecting bottles for the month of November to raise money for the Foundry.

The Foundry is an organization in Kelowna that supports mental health and wellness for the youth of the Okanagan.

Please donate your bottles to any of the three bottle depots, and put them under the Kelowna Secondary phone number, 250-870-5105, and all proceeds will go straight to the Foundry.

Thank you for your support in our event, if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Triggs at fane.triggs@sd23.bc.ca



Please note that UBC-O and UBC-V have published a requirement to maintain one's offer of admission. Students are required to achieve a "Proficient" level on the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment. KSS will now offer 3 opportunities for students to write the assessment. Please complete the google form on the KSS Grad Google Classroom (classroom code is 4d4whlt) and sign up for an earlier sitting if preferred.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScioVYfauLu195kJSMT8H86IXzd-SNzg2l-3BIUrY8DXSchVw/viewform>

Here is the link to the information regarding the assessments on UBC's website. Please note that they state if this level of proficiency is not met, offers are reviewed on a case-by-case basis

<https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/admitted/keep-offer/>

Questions regarding the requirement can be directed to our UBC recruiters.

UBC-Student Recruitment

UBC: Anthony Dodds
250-807-9269

anthony.dodds@ubc.ca

UBC: Lauren Schroeder
250-807-9159

lauren.schroeder@ubc.ca

UBC/ UBC-O General inquiries: recruitment.ok@ubc.ca, 250-807-8521. Voicemails are returned within 24hrs, emails usually 3-5 days.

Are you in high school?

PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE? WE CAN HELP!



Get study tips and homework help from mentors and tutors



Build skills and share your hobbies and interests with friends



Set goals and make a plan for college or university



Work with Club staff to help you get where you want to go

IN PERSON DROP IN

3-6pm

Mondays: Rutland (355 Hartman Road)

Thursdays: Downtown Youth Centre (1633 Richter St.)

Fridays: Westside Youth Centre (2466 Main St., WK)

zoom VIRTUAL TUTORING
By appointment!

CONTACT INFO
Email: cbannow@bgco.ca
Cell: 250-258-4913
Message: @BGCOyouth

Talk to Club staff to learn more about joining Raise the Grade



Boys & Girls Clubs



The Path to UBC



Additional Info





**UNIVERSITY
OF ALBERTA**

The University of Alberta is welcoming 20 lucky students from across Canada with the opportunity to get away and experience U of A.

U of A Getaway Program is a whirlwind weekend of exciting events where students will stay in residence, explore state-of-the-art facilities, learn about our 200+ programs, discover hidden gems on campus, and experience all the U of A has to offer!

Attendees will join us in Alberta's capital city, Edmonton, where they'll discover our breathtaking North Campus, nestled atop the lush North Saskatchewan river valley and just steps away from the bustling Whyte Avenue district. Their adventure will include transportation reimbursement (up to a maximum based on location), accommodations, meals, and a jam-packed schedule of events!

Who: Open to Grade 11 students throughout Canada

When: May 27 - 29, 2022

Where: University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

20 Grade 11 students will be selected for this unique experience. Students can learn more and apply at uab.ca/getaway. The application deadline is **January 28, 2022**.

Please note, as of November 1, 2021, guests visiting the University of Alberta are required to be fully vaccinated and must provide proof of vaccination upon arrival. For more information, please visit uab.ca/covid19.

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SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Do you have a passion to work with children or youth, enjoy driving and excited to have the holidays and summers off with your children?

Central Okanagan Public School District is in need of professional drivers to operate our school bus routes

For more information contact Transportation Services
250-870-5151 or email us at transportation@sd23.bc.ca

To apply

Scan the QR code or use the link: <https://bit.ly/SD23BusDrivers>

\$28.23 per hour

Applicants must have:

- Completed Grade 10
- A valid Class 1 or 2 B.C. Driver's License with Air Brake Endorsement
- A clear Driver's Abstract



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