



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Thank you for using **School Messenger - Safe Arrival Absence Reporting System** to excuse absences, lates and early departures.

School Messenger - Safe Arrival may be accessed three ways:

- (1) **School Messenger App** (most user friendly).
- (2) Online Parent Portal: go.schoolmessenger.ca.
- (3) Call the School at 250-870-5105 and press "1".



SCHOOLMESSENGER®

ABSENCE CALLS

Safe Arrival will generate a 'call' to parents/guardians for students with an unexcused absence. The timestamp of the call is the time that the school schedules the call-out. **This is NOT the time of the student absence.** Please contact student teachers if you would like clarification on the absence time/class.

GRADUATION

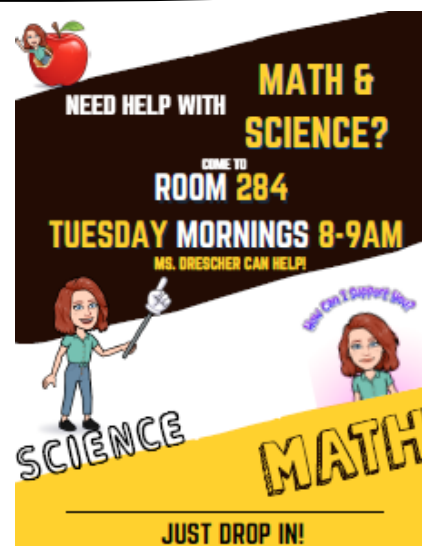
GRAD WINTER FORMAL - Thurs., Dec 18

PROM - Fri., May 15

CONVOCATION - Sat., June 20

Grad 2026 Photo Appointments may be reserved now! Photos are taken at KSS fields in the Artona Mobile Studio. Appointments may be reserved between November 26 - January 18. [HERE](#) is the link to register. Photo packages are purchased through Artona. GRADS must sign up for the Grad Google Classroom!

Please check the KSS Website for Grad dates and latest grad information - [HERE](#)!



UPCOMING DATES	
Sept 25	Rotary Youth Exchange Info Session 5:30 p.m.
Sept 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No School)
Oct 1-2	Interim Reports go home
Oct 3-4	Jr Best of the West Championship
Oct 6	Photo Retakes (a.m.)
Oct 7	Gr 12 Parent Info Night / PSI Mini Fair 6:00 p.m.
Oct 8	Early Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.
Oct 8	Parent-Teacher Conferences in the Gym 4:30 p.m.
Oct 10	Implementation Day (No School)
Oct 13	Thanksgiving Day (No School)
Oct 17-18	Sr Best of the West Championship
Oct 22	Post-Secondary Prep #1 in LLC at lunch
Oct 24	Pro-D Day (No School)
Oct 29	SD23 Dual Credit Night



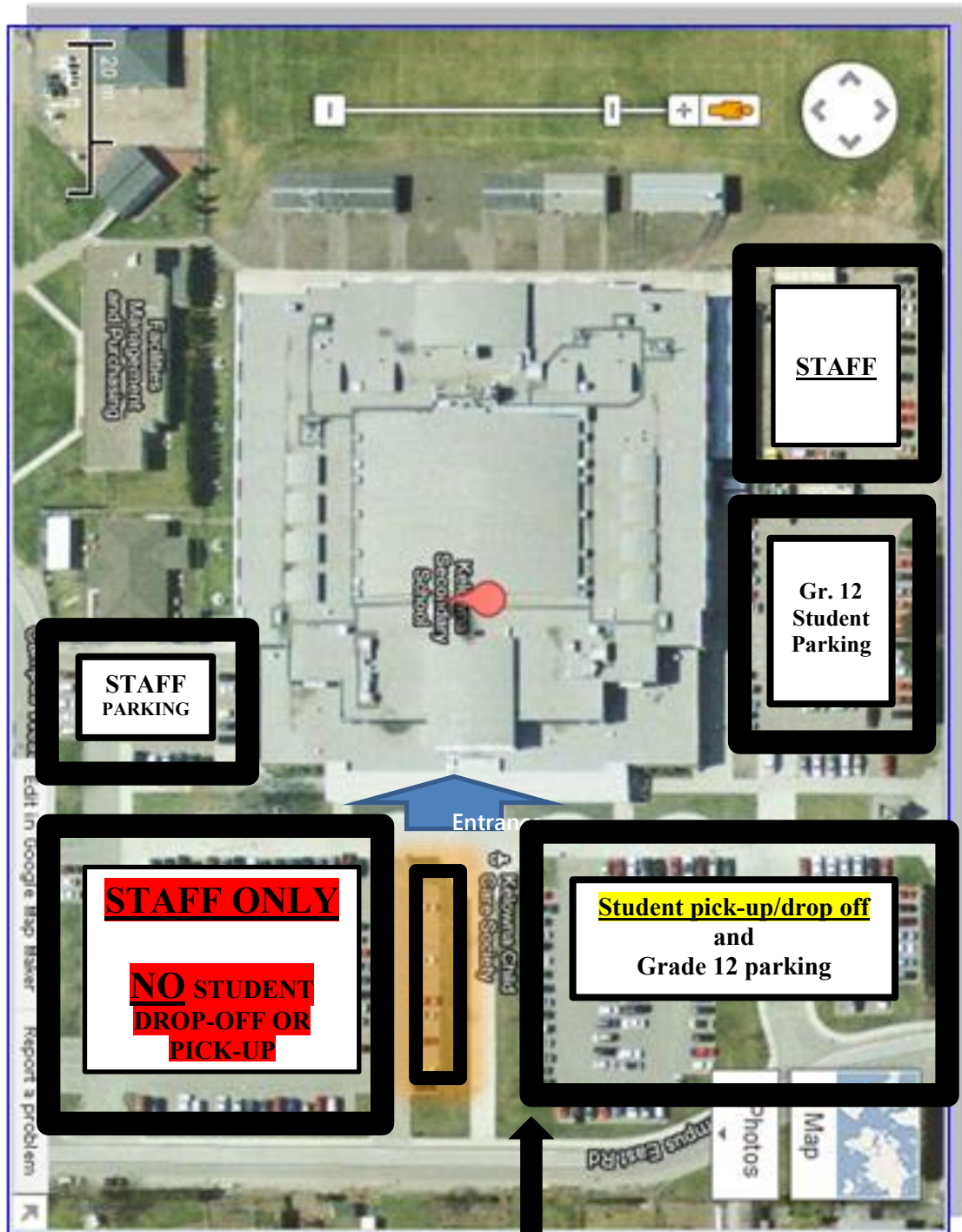
KSS CALENDAR

Please check the KSS Website for important information and upcoming events. You will also find the KSS Calendar on the KSS Website main page. Please check this calendar for more details and latest updates. Link is [HERE](#)

KSS SCHOOL PARKING MAP

PLEASE DO NOT USE STAFF/VISITOR PARKING FOR PICK-UP OR DROP-OFF OF STUDENTS!

Please park only in our Visitor Parking section to avoid being towed.
Staff members come and go throughout the day and expect to be able park in the staff parking area to report for work. **Please do not park in empty staff spots.**



OKANAGAN COLLEGE

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Visitor Parking

There are only 15 Visitor parking spots.
If they are full, please park off site.

MEDICAL ALERTS

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform the school of a Student's Medical Alert. Please come to the office to complete the appropriate Medical Forms. Epi-Pens and medication may be kept in the school Medical Room if appropriate documentation is on file. **These documents must be submitted/reviewed and signed yearly.**

ATHLETICS

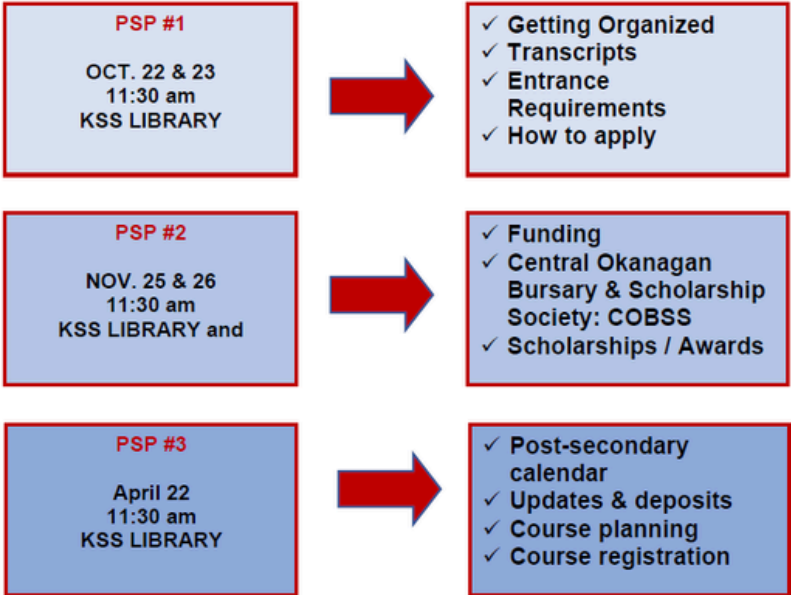
Students that are interested in competitive **swimming** are invited to attend a Swim Team meeting on Tuesday, Sept 16th at lunch in room 193.



All athletic information is found on the website: KSS website, "Students", "Athletics". The Athletic Calendar, Gym Schedule, livestreams and all athletic information is found here. [HERE](#) is a link.

GRADE 12 POST-SECONDARY PREPARATION

KSS will be offering grade 12 students 3 optional Post-Secondary Prep (PSP) Sessions to help prepare for education after high school. Students should attend during their spare or make arrangements with their teacher for early dismissal.





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Attention KSS Students: If you love adventure and experiencing new cultures, we have an exciting travel opportunity for you. Scan the QR code above to learn more. Don't delay - only 6 spots remaining and there is a \$150 enrollment discount until Sept 22!



STUDY ABROAD
The Youth Exchange Scholarship
provided by your local Rotary Club



Valued at over \$24,000: Room, board, tuition, and monthly stipend for a high school year abroad.

HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED OF...

- ▶ TRAVELING THE WORLD?
- ▶ LIVING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY?
- ▶ BEING FLUENT IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

The Youth Exchange Scholarship for one academic year covers room, board, tuition, and a monthly stipend. The student/family pays for airfare, medical insurance, personal and optional expenses.

The Youth Exchange Scholarships are made possible by the generosity of our Rotary partners overseas and local Rotary clubs. Students must be in grade 9, 10 or 11 to apply.

**Student and Parent Information Night**
KSS Main Entrance
September 25 5:30 to 6:30
For more information contact colleen.ranta.mccowan@gmail.com

Try-a-Trade presented by BC HYDRO

Date: September 25, 2025

Time: 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Okanagan College Trades Building – Kelowna Campus

Join us for an exciting evening exploring the world of skilled trades! Whether you're a student considering your future or a parent eager to learn more about career opportunities, this event has something for everyone.

What to Expect:

Hands-On Workshops:

Choose from a variety of interactive workshops, including:

- Aircraft Maintenance
- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Heavy Mechanical
- Sheet Metal
- And More

Panel Discussions for Parents:

Parents are invited to attend engaging panel discussions with industry professionals. Learn about career pathways, job prospects, and the skills needed for success in the trades.

Why Attend?

- Discover different trades and what they offer
- Get hands-on experience in real workshops
- Connect with instructors and industry experts
- Find out how to start your journey in the trades

Who Should Attend?

- Anyone 13-19 years of age
- Parents and guardians

Don't miss this opportunity to explore your future at Okanagan College through a Dual Credit program or after graduation! **Attendance is FREE**, but space is limited due to shop capacity.

Reserve your spot today:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=72j4XCb2zk2a3ipxqrVnYTG6GWvHkA9Gr7WkYLKvkVNUMORMWIIJSzdLUEVBMFNVVfduRjEzTVJKUC4u&route=shorturl>



MEET YOUR DIRECTOR!

We are excited to celebrate
Mrs. Sheila French's 20th year at KSS!

Mrs. French is passionate about helping every student connect with their voice and discover the joy of singing.

Whether you're new to choir or have sung for years, we'd LOVE for you to join us and SING!

 Stop by the music room (128) with questions

 Sheila.french@sd23.bc.ca

Come be part of something special—your voice matters here! 

COME AND SING
SONGS FROM
COLDPLAY
TO **WICKED**
TO **ESTONIAN**
CHORAL MUSIC

CALLING ALL KSS STUDENTS!

 **4 CREDITS IS YOURS WHEN YOU SING IN CHOIR**

NO AUDITION REQUIRED



WE MEET 2 MORNINGS A WEEK @ 7:30 AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION TALK TO MRS. FRENCH IN ROOM 126/128, EMAIL HER AT SHEILA.FRENCH@SD23.BC.CA OR TALK TO OTHER MUSIC STUDENTS!

ATTENTION: Parents, Students and Schools



Central Okanagan Public Schools
Together We Learn

Central Okanagan Public Schools

is pleased to offer the "School Bus Stop" which is located on our website at www.sd23.bc.ca



School Bus Stop

Parents, students and schools can now sign up to receive email or text alerts when the school bus route is delayed.

To register for alerts and to view a complete list of bus routes displaying the current status, select the school bus icon on our website at www.sd23.bc.ca or go to the site directly at <https://schoolbusstop.sd23.bc.ca>

Our first priority is the safety and well-being of our students. Due to the varied reasons our school bus routes may be delayed or in extreme situations, cancelled, it is not practical for drivers or staff to personally phone all those affected. Safety is everyone's responsibility and we must all be diligent when staying up to date on the status of our school bus routes.

All school bus route cancellations and delays in excess of 10 minutes will be posted on the "School Bus Stop"

If you have signed up for the alerts, upon posting the delay, you will receive an email or text with the route delay, length of delay and reason for the delay. You could also expect to see general alerts when weather conditions or an emergent situation arises regarding the bus route.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

6:00 AM—5:00 pm

250-870-5151

transportation@sd23.bc.ca

STAY INFORMED ON BUS ROUTE DELAYS—SIGN UP TODAY!