



WHOO'S NEWS

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JAN 19

5 / 6 - 7 / 8
COBSS Application Closes

JAN 20

1 / 2 - 3 / 4

JAN 21

5 / 6 - 7 / 8
OC Advising in MPR (by appt)

JAN 22

1 / 2 - 3 / 4

JAN 23

5 / 6 - 7 / 8
Last Day of Semester 1 / Quarter 2

STUDENT SCHEDULES will be published to MyEd
Parent/Student Portal on Friday, Jan 23rd.

STUDENTS: TAKE A PICTURE WITH YOUR PHONE!

Copies are not printed at the office.



UPCOMING DATES

Jan 26	Semester Turn-around Day - NO CLASSES
Jan 27	Semester 2 / Quarter 3 begins
Jan 28	IH Student Wellness Clinics (a.m.) in Career Ctr
Feb 5-7	Western Canada Basketball Tournament
Feb 6	Student Written Learning Updates are published
Feb 10	KSS PAC Budget Meeting in LLC at 6:30 p.m.
Feb 11	IH Student Wellness Clinics (a.m.) in Career Ctr
Feb 11	2026-2027 Course Request Parent Sessions
Feb 13	Pro-D Day - NO SCHOOL
Feb 16	Family Day - NO SCHOOL
Feb 17-18	Interim Reports

Okanagan College Advisor Visit

Okanagan College Advisor Michelle Somerville is coming on Wednesday January 21st to KSS's MPR to meet with students regarding any program or course questions they have. Advisors will be available from 12:00:-12:30 for drop in and 12:30-3:00 for scheduled appointments. Appointments are 15-minutes each.

Advisors are here to help you make the most of your time at OC. Whether you plan to take a full credential, or a few transferable courses, your decision to come to school is a life-changing choice. Education Planning Advising is all about working together to create a plan that works for you. We'll go over program requirements, prerequisites, course options, and help you map out your academic path. We're here to guide you through college processes and ensure you have a clear plan for your time at OC.

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT TIME HERE

We are here
to Help



MINISTRY ASSESSMENTS

Students graduating with a Dogwood Diploma in B.C. are required to complete Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 and Literacy 12 assessments. Assessments are available to be written in November, January, April, and June each year. **Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 and Literacy 12 assessments will be written in class between January 12th - January 30th.**

Please contact KSS Vice-Principal Jeff Prasad at jeff.prasad@sd23.bc.ca with any questions regarding assessments.

2026-2027 COURSE REQUEST Parent Information Sessions on Feb 11th in KSS Gym:

2026-2027 Gr 10: 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Pre-AP Math for 2026-2027 Gr 10: 6:00-6:30 p.m.
2026-2027 Gr 11 & 12: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Parents and students are encouraged to attend.
No need to RSVP.





Dear Parents and Guardians of KSS Class of 2026,

Exciting news — your teen's graduating year has officially arrived! In just six short months, they'll walk across the stage as part of the KSS Class of 2026. 🎓 Before that milestone, we need your help planning one of the most memorable events of their high school experience — Prom 2026!

Accomplished So Far:

- Parent Prom Committee Leads: Justine, Theresa, Sharon, and Deannie
- Teacher Leads: Daniel Ragobar & Natalie Spencer
- Prom Date: May 15, 2026
- Venue: Delta Grand Hotel — secured!

How You Can Help

Most volunteer support will be needed between January and April, as we lead up to prom. Whether you're able to help occasionally or take on a larger role, every contribution makes a difference. Each helping hand brings us closer to creating an unforgettable night for our graduates.



Upcoming Parent Prom Committee Meeting

The Parent Prom Committee will be meeting via Zoom to discuss fundraising initiatives-the goal is to raise \$30,000 to help lower ticket cost per student:

- **Date: Monday, January 19 at 5pm**
- **Details: Zoom link will be sent via email**

➡ **Join the Prom Committee! SIGN UP HERE!**



Let's work together to make Prom 2026 magical, meaningful, and truly memorable for our students. If you have questions or would like to get more involved, please don't hesitate to reach out — we'd love to hear from you!

Warm regards,
The KSS Parent Prom Committee
ksspromcommittee@gmail.com

For updates, announcements, and important reminders, please follow us on social media:

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KELOWNA CIVIC & COMMUNITY AWARDS NOMINATIONS FOR AUGIE CIANCONE MEMORIAL AWARD

It is that time of year again for us to nominate any grade 12 multi-sport High School athletes that are exemplary. Note that this is for High School sports only, no Club sports are included.

The Augie Ciancone Memorial Award is one of the Kelowna Civic Awards handed out each year. This award is given to the top male and top female Grade 12 athlete in our district that exemplifies excellence in more than 1 high school sport, as well as excellence in citizenship, leadership and academics. As well, any post-secondary scholarship offers must be presented in writing.

***We encourage this to be an athlete lead process with regards to getting reference letters. ***

Nominations are ONLY brought forward from Athletic Directors. The OCSAA executive will meet to review applicants and choose finalists and winners.

See following description from the Kelowna Civic Awards website:

About the Augie Ciancone Memorial Award for Young Female/Male Athlete:

Augie Ciancone was instrumental in setting up Kelowna's first formal sports and recreation program for youth. He was an all-around athlete, excelling in gymnastics, lacrosse, boxing and horsemanship.

Augie's greatest gift was his ability and personal desire to encourage the young people of Kelowna to get involved in sports. He also challenged them to achieve their personal best. His goal was to turn their lives around by instilling the desire to challenge and achieve personal satisfaction through sports.

Augie passed away in January of 1952.

If you have a child who you think qualifies for this award, please forward their name to KSS Athletic Director at arnar.bernhardsson@sd23.bc.ca by **Noon Monday January 19, 2026.**



ULTIMATE FRISBEE TEAM

Grade 10 Ultimate Frisbee Team

If you're interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee join the Google Classroom: 2b3g4xj

KSS ATHLETICS WEBSITE

Wednesday, Jan 21 - Interest meeting in Portable 7 at lunch

Tryouts:

Monday, Feb 16th at West Kelowna Dome & Wednesday, March 4th at MNP Place

Senior Ultimate Frisbee Team - Grade 11-12

If you're interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee join the Google Classroom: pnmxwce

Wednesday, Jan 21 - Interest meeting in Portable 7 at lunch

Tryouts:

Monday, Feb 16th at West Kelowna Dome

Friday, Feb 27th at Mission Dome

Wednesday, March 4 at West Kelowna Dome

Friday, March 6th at MNP Place



Senior Boys' Rugby – Pre-Season Tryouts

Indoor Pre-Season Tryouts in the Gym

Time: 7:15–8:30 am

Dates: January 23, 26, 30

February 2, 9, 20, 23, 27

Bring: Indoor shoes and a water bottle.

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TRYOUT SIGNUP

Google Form

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Expectations

Attendance at multiple sessions is expected. Players will be evaluated on skill development, fitness, effort, attitude, and coachability over time. Communicate absences in advance.

Outdoor Cardio & Fitness Training (highly recommended): Thursday, January 15 & every Wednesday starting January 21 at 3:30–4:30 pm. Location: Outdoor fields. Bring running shoes and weather-appropriate clothing.

Team Stretch & Mobility (highly encouraged): every Tuesday morning, 7:30–8:30 am, starting February 3 and continuing throughout the season.

Regular Practices Begin in March on the outdoor fields. A full schedule will be shared once teams are finalized.

Senior Girls' Rugby

Pre-Season Tryouts / Indoor Pre-Season Tryouts in the Gym

Time: 7:15–8:30 am

Dates: February 2, 9, 20, 23, 27

Bring: Indoor shoes and a water bottle.



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Indoor Strength & Fitness Training (highly recommended): every Wednesday starting February 4 at 6:00–7:30 pm in Portable 6 - Weight Room. Bring: Indoor shoes and a water bottle.

Team Stretch & Mobility (Yoga / Recovery): every Tuesday morning, 7:30–8:30 am, starting February 3 and continuing throughout the season. Bring: Water bottle.

Regular Practices Begin in March on the outdoor fields. A full schedule will be shared once teams are finalized.

Tryout Expectations • Attend as many tryout and training sessions as possible • Arrive on time and prepared for all sessions • Communicate absences or conflicts with coaches in advance • Demonstrate consistent effort and a positive attitude • Listen to and apply coaching feedback • Show respect to teammates, coaches, and facilities.