



École Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

December 6, 2024

Dr. Brad Baker, Ministry of Education Superintendent of Indigenous Education visited École Kelowna Secondary School on Wednesday, December 4th. Dr. Baker toured our Gathering Room and met with our **Indigenous Leadership Teacher Assistants**, who shared a presentation of the development of this new course. The project began as an idea after they attended the Okanagan Mainline Regional Indigenous Education Council's 2nd Annual Student Summit, focusing on Anti-Racism. At the Summit, students, Ava Cudmore, Dilynn Scott and Kaylie Gross told their Vice-Principal, Mrs. Christey Hughes and their Indigenous Advocate, Mrs. Esmée Rothfusz, that student voice needs to continue to be elevated and that they have the capacity to support educators in their classrooms with cultural offerings, advocacy and their individual perspectives. Alongside several staff members at KSS, the students developed the course. Their mentors helped construct a syllabus and the course was proposed. Beginning September 2024, the Indigenous Leadership TA course has been offered at KSS and several classes have benefited from the TAs' presence and offerings.

During Dr. Baker's visit to KSS this week, **Ava, Dilynn** and **Kaylie**, along with fellow student, **Libby** Reis, highlighted their leadership development and their school-wide offerings that support student identity and development of intercultural competencies. KSS teachers sign-up via a Google Form to request visits from the TAs who bring offerings to their classes such as: Lanyard Beading, Hoop Earring Beading, Brick Stitch Beading, Drumming, Lah'al, Elder Support, Circle Protocol, 7 Grandfather Teachings. Teachers are always present and engaged when the TAs bring offerings into classrooms. Participating students receive TA credits towards their Dogwood Diplomas.

A few comments from teachers after the TAs attended their classes to support in learning:

"Thank you for your help. You set a positive tone and were a calming presence. I feel that the small group setting was beneficial." - post Ethnobotany Walk, English 11/12 Class

"You were such a great addition to our trip! Invaluable Presence!"

"It was wonderful having Ava and Dilynn lead a discussion and land acknowledgement for my Grade 11 class. I look forward to more opportunities to learn from and with you!"



Upcoming dates . .

Dec 9 Mrs. Dubois Music Concert in gym 7:00 p.m.

Dec 10 Mrs. French Music Concert in gym 7:00 p.m.

Dec 11 Grade 12 Grad Winter Formal

Dec 17 Winter mini-market in MPR at lunch

Dec 18 **Locker Clean Out 12:35 p.m.**

Dec 18 Jazz in the MPR 7:00 p.m.

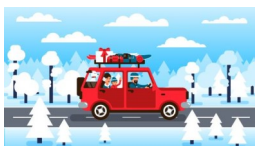
Dec 20 Last day before Winter Break

Dec 21-Jan 5 Winter Vacation

Jan 6 School reopens after Winter Vacation

Jan 14 KSS PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Jan 15 Capstone / **Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.**



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors:

Watch what happens to your energy and motivation when you rely on healthy sources of dopamine like exercise and sunlight.

KSS ATHLETICS



École KSS Jr. Boys Provincial Champions

Congratulations to the École KSS Junior Boys who made history last weekend, winning the Junior Volleyball Provincials on their home court for the first time in the 35-year history of the tournament - without dropping a set!

École KSS Jr. Boys Provincial Champions in action..



After a 1st place finish at the Okanagan Zone Junior Cross Country Championships, and a 2nd place finish at U16 BC Athletics Cross Country Championships, Grade 10 KSS student **Coen Kissmann** topped off the cross-country season placing 13/130 competitors at the Canadian Cross Country Championships in London, Ontario, on Nov. 30. The BC U16 boys contingent, including Coen and another grade 10 KSS student, **Coulter Sieben** (33/130), won the bronze medal for provincial ranking at the Nationals. Congratulations!

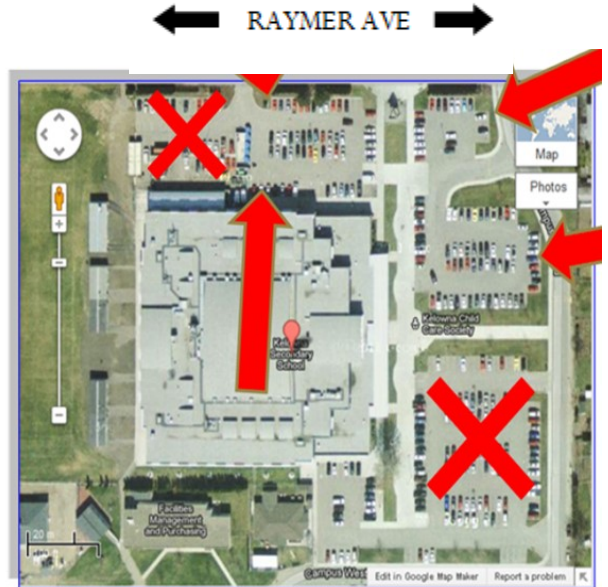
For all KSS Team updates, try-out information and **KSS Gym Schedule**, see KSS Athletics on the KSS Website under "Students" top tab. [HERE](#) is a link.

KSS PARKING REMINDERS

With the change in weather, we'd like to remind you of KSS parking and student pick-up/drop-off procedures. *Please refer to the parking map.*

The **arrows** indicate the **Student Parking Lots**. Student parking is first come, first serve and vehicles must have a parking pass displayed.

The **arrows** also represent the **Visitor (Parent) Parking area**, which is located 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.



Towing is enforced.



**Parents ARE NOT TO USE the Staff Parking lots (X)
for student drop off or pick up at ANY time for ANY reason.**



Bottle Drive

KSS Prom 2025

Collection Date:
2024-2025

Drop-off Locations:
Local Return-It Express Stations

- 680 Dease Road
- 1936 Kent Road
- 1314 St. Paul Street

USE CODE: 250-KSS-GRAD
(250-577-4723)

Simply bring your containers to the depot in sealed, TRANSPARENT BLUE or CLEAR BAGS, and enter the KSS grad class number at the Express kiosk. You will be prompted to select the number of bags you're dropping off, and the kiosk will automatically print stickers for each of your bags with the KSS Grad Express account code. Tag each of your bags with a sticker, and drop the bags off in the designated Express drop-off area to be counted and credited to our account.
(Note: a maximum of 12 glass bottles can be included in each bag.)

Questions?
Please email the Prom Committee:
ksspromcommittee@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting us
with your donations!



LOCATION:
MARTIN AVE BGC CLUB
1434 GRAHAM ST,
KELOWNA



F.A.C.T.

FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER

DATES & TIMES

THURSDAYS, 5:30-7:30 PM

JAN. 9
JAN. 16
JAN. 23
JAN. 30



ABLE TO SERVE 80 PEOPLE

DESCRIPTION

COME FOR A BALANCED MEAL, COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS, AND SOME ACTIVITIES IN THE GYM!

SIGN UP - SCAN QR CODE OR SIGN UP AT THE RUTLAND CLUB!



FACT GIVES FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER THROUGH SHARING A MEAL TOGETHER AND ESTABLISHING RELATIONSHIPS...



We Don't Want You to Sell Anything!

But we still need your help

Dear Parents/guardians.

Each year the KSS PAC provides 2 bursaries and 2 scholarships of \$1000 each to KSS graduates who will be attending post-secondary education in the Fall of their graduating year. The bursaries/scholarships are awarded to students based on financial need, academic achievement, and a desire to pursue post-secondary education in Canada.

Previously, these were funded through KSS's annual provincial community gaming grant, however, gaming funds are no longer allowed to be used for bursaries and scholarships. Hence, the PAC must fundraise in order to continue to provide these funds to support KSS students in their future education.

This is where YOU come in!

Please consider donating! Any amount, no matter how large or small, makes a difference!

Our fundraising goal is \$4,000 to cover the awards for 2025 graduates. Any funds beyond our goal will be held in a PAC scholarship account for future years!

How to donate

We have decided to use the school district donation option this year for our scholarship/bursary fund. It allows us to keep all of the money that you donate, rather than having to pay platform fees, and gives you a tax receipt. **WIN-WIN!**

Steps:

1. Go to www.schoolcashionline.com and sign in using your credentials that you pay your school fees with
2. Click *Make a Donation* to open the donation form
3. Choose *Kelowna Secondary*
4. In the message box write *PAC Scholarship Fund*
5. *Add to Cart* to go to the payment page

Give To Central Okanagan School District

Gift Information

I would like to make a donation of: ☐ \$20 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1000 Other Amount:

Fund Destination: **Kelowna Secondary**

Tribute Information

This gift is: Name of honoree:

Message to School Board

Message (Optional): **PAC Scholarship Fund**

Tax Receipt

A donation receipt will be emailed to you upon completion of your cart checkout.

[Back](#) [Add To Cart](#)

With your support, we can empower the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and changemakers.

**Volunteers needed
for the annual
Christmas Kettles
Campaign!**



**November 12th -
to December 24th**

**various times and
locations throughout
Kelowna &
West Kelowna**

Grades 10 - 12

*(students under 16 must
be accompanied by an adult)*

See your Career Centre for more info!

TEST DRIVE COLLEGE PROGRAMS



**DIGITAL
BOOTCAMP**
CENTRE OF ARTS & TECHNOLOGY



MORE INFO!

MARCH 24 - 27

CHOOSE YOUR MISSION

ACTING | ANIMATION

AUDIO ENGINEERING | FILMMAKING

GRAPHIC & WEB DESIGN | INTERIOR DESIGN

REGISTER NOW AT

digitalartschool.com/bootcamp

Earlybird rate of \$225 (reg \$250) for applications
received on or before **December 31st**.

hosted by...
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CAREER
COUNSELLORS

**INTERESTED IN
POLICING
CAREERS?**



**PARTICIPATE IN THE
JEAN MINGUY MEMORIAL
RCMP YOUTH
Academy**

MAY 25TH-30TH



AGES 16-18

Are invited to apply

Applications are **DUE January 31st**
for this week long immersive experience.

Applications are now available
from your Career Coordinator, your
school's office, or from our website.



**Cost is
\$350**

includes all food, lodging
and supplies for the week.

BIPOC CONNECTIONS GROUP

**FOR STUDENTS OF COLOUR TO CELEBRATE,
CONNECT, AND GIVE SPACE TO BE THEMSELVES**

**FIRST MEETING
SEPT 11TH**

**LUNCH
ROOM 147
WEDNESDAYS**

**B
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**BLACK
INDIGENOUS
PEOPLE
OF
COLOUR**

TEACHER SPONSORS
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MS. DRESCHER



EDUCATIONAL
TOURS

Costa Rica & Panama

Summer 2025

Save \$125

Enrol before Dec. 31, 2024 to take advantage of this exclusive offer.



Scan to enrol & for tour info

<https://www.efitours.ca/tour-website/2746033WP>

➡ Contact Ms. Brenda Gallagher at brenda.gallagher@sd23.bc.ca

➡ Explore & experience Costa Rica & Panama for 9 days in August with EF & the MBSS Travel Club.

➡ Flights, hotels, transportation, & 2 meals/day included.



This trip is being organized by Ms. Gallagher at Mt. Boucherie Secondary School. Please contact Ms. Gallagher for further information.

JAPAN

Spring
2026

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<https://www.eftours.ca/tour-website/2750090JU>



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TOURS

- Contact Ms. Brenda Gallagher at brenda.gallagher@sd23.bc.ca
- Enjoy 9 days in Japan in March 2026
- Visit Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, Hiroshima, & more!
- Flights, transportation, hotel, & 2 meals per day included.

