



# Whoo's News



October 9, 2020

**MID-DAY BUSSING PICK UP TIMES** are being adjusted . . .

First wave of buses will **LEAVE** at 11:55 a.m. and the second wave at 12:00 p.m.

**DON'T BE LATE FOR YOUR BUS!!**



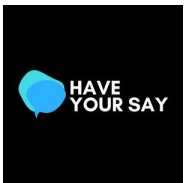
## SCHOOL FEES

The fastest and easier way to pay school fees is on-line. Given the current COVID pandemic, the fact that the District is not anticipating providing the same level of cultural performances as we have in the past and students are not using lockers, Student Activity Fees will not be charged for the upcoming school year.

Opportunity to purchase a **Yearbook** has also been added on to student accounts in order to take advantage of early bird pricing. Please log on to your child's account at School Cash Online to see the options available. It is strongly suggested that all fees are paid on-line as an automatic receipt is generated and proof of payment is always available. Deadline for early bird purchase of \$30.00 is December 1st! The regular price will be \$35.00 and the deadline to purchase is February 28. **A huge SHOUTOUT to Ms. Nicoll and the Yearbook Class for the amazing job they do on creating our Yearbook full of great memories.**

## GRAD FEES

The 75.00 **Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony Fee** has been added to the Grade 12 students and expires April 1st. These fees cover grad photo sitting and complimentary photo at commencement, keepsake grad photo composite, grad gown rental, keepsake grad cap, and rental of the venue and security OR a professionally-produced virtual ceremony. These fees are not refundable. Our 2020 Virtual ceremony and all graduation paraphernalia used ALL of the collected funds so 2021 fees have remained the same.



## ATTENTION KSS PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:

The October PAC meeting has been changed to Tuesday October 20th, at 6:30 pm via Zoom. We will be discussing the 2020-2021 PAC budget. If you would like to attend, and did not already send a request for our first meeting, please email the PAC at: [kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca) We hope to see you there!



**DON'T FORGET YOUR MASK!!**



Please help us . . . .

Please help us reinforce the importance of our end-of-day procedures. Regardless of whether a student's day ends at 11:44 or 3:16, it is important that they leave the school grounds immediately. Our safety plans are designed around reducing the volume of students at mid-day and preventing social gatherings.

We have also received concerns from the community about our students congregating, without masks or physical distancing, off of school property (in parks, at local businesses, etc.). Thank you for supporting our message about being safe and courteous ambassadors for KSS while out in public.

## SD23 District Student Council

Are you interested in representing students in your grade at a school district level? Join the Student District Council (DSC). We're looking to make a diverse council, dedicated to representing the voices of youth and improving student life.

We meet the first Monday of the month from 4:15pm-5:45pm at the School Board Office on Hollywood Road.

Our mission is to create a connection between the students and the board of education, advocate for the betterment of student life, assume an active leadership role on behalf of the students, and to promote positive relationships and camaraderie between schools.

We're looking for representatives from grade 10-12.

Applications are due October 19th.

[Google Application form](#)

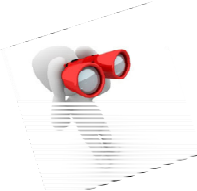
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# be a leader.

### Students, are you working in the trades??

If you are a high school student 15 years of age and over working in a trade, you may be eligible to participate in the ITA Youth Work Program while in high school and be eligible for a **\$1000 financial award and credits towards graduation.**

If you are interested in signing up for this amazing opportunity, please contact the Dual Credit Program at 250-469-6455 or by email at [dualcredit@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:dualcredit@sd23.bc.ca)



### Looking for your 2019/2020 Yearbook??

We have great news for you!  
Thank you to our KSS Leadership Students we distributed **KSS Year-books** for three days last week and the remainder **will be delivered to students in their Block 1 class next week!!**

### KSS and KLO Yearbooks

Thank you once again to Mr. Triggs and our amazing Leadership Students who delivered year books from our feeder schools to students in Grade 10 at KSS during their Block 1 class this week!

If you did NOT receive yours, please come by the office to collect it!

# Memories

### *Lady of The Lake*

We are hosting two information nights which interested individuals may attend.

The first is being held October 19th at 7 pm at Kelowna Bible Chapel, the second is online (via Zoom) being held on October 26th at 7 pm.

We are focused on teaching young women in Kelowna the leadership skills they need to empower themselves and gain opportunity for their future. The Lady of the Lake candidacy program is six months of weekly training sessions from January to July. Our program is completely free because of our community sponsors.

The training focuses on:

- public speaking
- car maintenance
- building self-confidence
- nutrition
- financial management
- self defense
- networking
- area knowledge and Okanagan tourism
- and so much more!

During the six months, the candidates participate in countless volunteer events across the community. Where they are able to gain volunteer hours for school. At the end we also give away 7 different bursaries to our candidates. (Value between \$500 and \$1000)

**Our program is open to any young woman living in the Kelowna area between the ages of 16 and 18.**

Any person who may be interested can either contact me ([kaitlyn\\_678@hotmail.com](mailto:kaitlyn_678@hotmail.com)) or Randi Peters

This fall, we're hosting Big Info on Zoom over three nights. We invite you and your students to join us online for our largest information session from the comfort of home.

**Big Info – At-home Edition**  
**October 6, 7, and 8, 4 pm**  
[View full schedule online](#)



Each night will cover different industry sectors as well as key student services areas. While the event may look a little different this time, your students will still be able to explore multiple areas of study, hear from faculty and staff, and get all their questions answered. They'll also have a chance to win one of five prizes of \$1000 in tuition.

To help spread the word, we prepared a [downloadable poster](#) you can print and display at your school. We've also produced a [digital slide](#) you can share on your school monitors. We hope to see online at Big Info!

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CTA BUTTON: Register now.

LINKS TO: [https://www.bcit.ca/about/visit/big-info/?utm\\_source=bcit&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=big\\_info](https://www.bcit.ca/about/visit/big-info/?utm_source=bcit&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=big_info)

The PSIBC (Post-Secondary Institutions of BC) is a consortium of 30 BC post-secondary institutions that support high school students and their parents by providing information they need to help make the best post-secondary education decisions. Typically this group organizes school visits and events across the province to connect with students, but due to COVID-19, information session will be online. The attached instruction sheet will help students with the registration as well as the dates and times of the virtual information fairs.

## Post-Secondary Institutions of BC present the PSIBC VIRTUAL FAIR

<https://postsecondarybcvirtualfair.easyvirtualfair.com/>

While typically we have had post-secondary institutions visit our school individually and also as a group for the PSIBC Fair Event, this year these events are going virtual. The PSIBC Virtual Fair is an amazing opportunity to research post-secondary opportunities within BC and gather all sorts of information!



### WHEN:

|                                  |            |                                  |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| Monday, Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup>     | 2pm – 6pm  | Kelowna/Vernon/Okanagan students |
| Tuesday, Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>    | 3pm – 7pm  | Kelowna/Vernon/Okanagan students |
| Wednesday, Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup> | 3pm – 7pm  | Provincial Community Event       |
| Saturday, Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>  | 12pm – 4pm | Provincial Community Event       |
| Wednesday, Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 3pm – 7pm  | Provincial Community Event       |

### REGISTRATION HOW-TO:

1. Click on the registration link to create an account.
2. Fill in all mandatory fields.
3. Make sure you remember your e-mail and chosen password for the platform! You'll need it to log in.
4. "Programs of Interest" → you are only able to select one option. Don't worry, you can get information about any program you wish. Just choose the one you are leaning towards at this moment.
5. Email address → use an email you will frequently check. Recruiters may need to follow up with you after the fair to answer your questions or send you information.
6. Date & Time → Select your preferred date and time for Kelowna/Vernon/Okanagan secondary schools or for a Provincial Community Event.

### NOTES & HELPFUL TIPS:

- Some PSIs will have more recruiters available for their local students.
- YES, you can sign up for both Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> plus any community events.
- YES, parents can sign up too!
- Recruiters and representatives are only available during the fair times.
- YES, you can still go into the booths of PSIs outside of fair times, you will be limited to downloading information and looking at the booth. Generally fairs are scheduled for the afternoons and evenings so if you need to get a document or take a look at a booth, the best option is to do that in morning.
- Please do NOT sign up for events outside of our region or the community events.

### WHEN VISITING A VIRTUAL BOOTH, YOU CAN...

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|  | <b>INSTITUTION PROFILE</b><br>General info                 |  | <b>SOCIAL MEDIA</b><br>Links to follow schools                              |
|  | <b>CHAT</b><br>Live chat with recruiters                   |  | <b>ONLINE CHATS</b><br>Chats with specific times, or specific offices/depts |
|  | <b>OFFERS</b><br>ex: Application links                     |  | <b>PRESENTATIONS</b><br>Live events or pre-recorded                         |
|  | <b>VIDEOS</b><br>ex: tours, general info, 'how-to'         |  | <b>MAILBOX</b><br>Send message to recruiter                                 |
|  | <b>DOWNLOADABLE DOCUMENTS</b><br>ex: viewbooks             |  | <b>BANNERS</b><br>Images for download                                       |
|  | <b>WEBSITE LINKS</b><br>Ex: admissions, scholarships, etc. |  | <b>POSTERS</b><br>Images for download                                       |

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## POST-SECONDARY VIRTUAL INFO SESSIONS

**PLEASE NOTE** – Students/Parents may need to register for these events prior to the sessions.

| POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL   | DATE & TIME                             | LINK to VIRTUAL INFO SESSION  |
|---|---|---|
| <b>University of British Columbia Okanagan</b> – Online Info Sessions | Oct. 28 @ 6:30 – 8:30 pm                | <a href="https://you.ubc.ca/tours-info-sessions/online-sessions/#canadian">https://you.ubc.ca/tours-info-sessions/online-sessions/#canadian</a>                           |
|   | Nov. 5 @ 6:30 – 8:30 pm                 |   |
| <b>Okanagan College</b> – variety of virtual events                   | Varies – check link for updates         | <a href="https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/office-of-the-registrar/info-sessions">https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/office-of-the-registrar/info-sessions</a>                           |
| <b>University of Victoria</b> – Discover UVic Sessions                | Sept. 29 @ 4 pm                         | <a href="http://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/tours-events/events/">www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/tours-events/events/</a>  |
|   | Oct. 6 @ 4 pm                           |   |
|   | Oct. 27 @ 4 pm                          |   |
|   | Nov. 10 @ 4 pm                          |   |
|   | Nov. 17 @ 4 pm                          |   |
| <b>University of Victoria</b> – Parent Info. Nights                   | Nov. 24 @ 4 pm                          | <a href="http://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/tours-events/events/">www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/tours-events/events/</a>  |
|   | Sept. 27 @ 5 pm                         |   |
|   | Oct. 18 @ 5 pm                          |   |
| <b>Simon Fraser University</b> – Prospective Student Info Sessions    | Nov. 8 @ 5 pm                           | <a href="https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/campus-tours.html">https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/campus-tours.html</a>   |
|   | Nov. 22 @ 5 pm                          |   |
|   | Check link for updates on session times |   |
| <b>University of Calgary</b> – Virtual Open House                     | Oct. 3 @ 10 am -3 pm                    | <a href="https://www.ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/events/open-house">https://www.ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/events/open-house</a>             |
| <b>University of Alberta</b> – variety of virtual events              | Varies – check link for session times   | <a href="https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tours-and-events/index.html?">https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tours-and-events/index.html?</a> |

Here is a list of the links to local and larger Western Canadian post-secondary schools' virtual info sessions as listed on their websites. Please note that students may have to register for these events prior to the sessions.



# Move For Mana IT'S BACK!



Hi there KSS students, parents, and guardians! Did you know that according to recent UNICEF numbers, an estimated 16,000,000 children under the age of 5 years old around the world suffer from Severe Acute Malnutrition? These numbers have also been seen to be spiking across the globe due to the distress of the Covid-19 pandemic. This is where an initiative called Move4MANA enters. The Move4MANA Challenge is an initiative meant to inspire kids to get active in order to help spread awareness and create resources for those suffering from Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM). It is our goal to help lessen this number of starving kids and help them have a chance at a bright future. The initiative is simple, through the app Active For Good, we ask students to log their activity daily which takes less than 5 minutes. That activity is then calculated into Good Points and after a certain amount of Good Points, it will equal one RUTF packet. RUTF stands for Ready to Use Therapeutic Food and is a vitamin and protein packed peanut based food product that will be delivered to our target country after the challenge is over. Kids suffering from SAM that consumed this product three times a day for six weeks saw a dramatic increase in overall health and well-being. As this is the second year we are bringing this challenge to KSS, the results from last year's challenge were truly amazing. As a community, KSS saved 300 lives last year and we are aiming to save even more lives this year. This all depends on our involvement, so please help us help the world

## LET'S GO OWLS!

# GATEWAY TO TECH

Are you interested in increasing your technology skills?  
Do you want to know more about career opportunities  
in technology and coding? This program will provide  
you with skills and knowledge related to the growing  
technology sector.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Free training offered by Okanagan College and your local School District
- Attend classes two evenings per week synchronously and asynchronously online, through Okanagan College's platform Moodle
- Learn skills related to a variety of careers in the Information Technology Sector
- Taught by industry professionals
- Gain hands-on skills directly related to IT Essentials and Mobile Coding

## OCTOBER 29 – INTRO DAY

Classes start Nov. 3

Classes end March 11

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5 – 8:30 p.m.

Online delivery

FREE for grade 10 – 12 students interested in technology and coding

Students will receive four credits for a grade 12 elective course

### Space is limited!

Contact your Career Coordinator for more information and to register for the program.



CONTINUING STUDIES