



Whoo's News

June 23, 2023



Mark your calendars!

YEAR END PROCEDURES - New !

As we return to a 'new normal' this school year, hard Copy **final Report Cards** will be distributed in **Homeroom** on **Thursday, June 29 from 9:00—10:30 a.m.** Buses are running.

Students must pay all outstanding fees and have returned library books and textbooks by this date in order to receive their Report Card. Students that had outstanding fees or books would have been given an overdue statement at Locker Cleanout Homeroom on June 19th. If you are unsure if you have outstanding fees, you may check your School Cash Online account [HERE](#). Students will be able to take care of fees up to, and including, June 29th.

Report Cards will not be published in MyEd or mailed home. Students that are unable to pick up their Report Card on June 29th may come to the main office the following week on July 4-6 between 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. to pick up.



Locker Clean Out was held on June 19th. Students are asked to empty their lockers if they have not already done so and hand in their combination lock to the front office by JUNE 29th. Any items left on July 1st will be donated or discarded.

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

June 23

2023/2024 Student Schedules for all incoming students in Grades 10-12 will be posted to the MyEd Portal. Portal instructions for students are found on KSS website under Documents & Publications.

June 26-28

Students going into grade 11 & 12 may meet with their alpha counsellors in the MPR (*during the following times*) for **course change requests** **ONLY IF they are missing courses for graduation requirements or if their timetable is incomplete.** Changes are not guaranteed as class space is very limited.

June 26 - 9:00-11:00 am & 1:00-2:00 pm / June 27 - 9:00-11:00 am & 1:00-3:00 pm / June 28 - 9:00-11:00 am & 1:00-3:00 pm

July 4-6

Students going into Grade 10 that are requesting course changes may come to KSS to meet with Administrators on **July 4—6 between 10:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-3:00 pm.** Class space is very limited; therefore, course change requests are required to discuss in person.

YEARBOOKS

There are many yearbooks that have not been picked up yet.

If you ordered a yearbook, please go to Room 195 with ID during break/lunch times.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Aug 31	LINK Training for incoming Grade 10 students (AM)
Sept 4	Labour Day—No School
Sept 5	First Day of School
Sept 12	Photo Day
Sept 12	KSS PAC Meeting



Please continue to check the KSS website for the most current and up-to-date information throughout the Summer!

STAFF RETIREMENTS

We would like to thank the following staff members that are retiring at the end of this school year.

Best of luck to you all!

Congratulations!

Mrs. F. Barth , C.E.A.

Mr. T. Carlson, Japanese Teacher

Mr. S. Fuller, Head Custodian



Thank you for your many contributions over the years. You will all be missed!



Congratulations Class of 2023! Your hard work and dedication has paid off. Best wishes as you embark on a new journey!

Important Information for Grads:

- ⇒ **Transfer your data!** You must download or transfer your personal SD23 GSuite data by the end of June.
Option 1: Download or transfer your SD23 GSuite data (if you are the 'Owner') - see [HERE](#).
Option 2: Download all of your files - see [HERE](#).
- ⇒ **Due July 7: Final Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) Selections for 2023 Graduates**
Final transcripts will be released by July 31. To ensure timely delivery to your selected PSIs, students should make their selections in the StudentTranscripts Service (STS) by July 7. *See the following page for more information.*
- ⇒ **Grade 12 Final Transcripts.** Students will not be mailed a final transcript from the BC Ministry of Education. Students must order their own transcript copies through the Student Transcript Service – [LINK](#). The \$10 transcript fee is waived for the first printed transcript order placed within six months after graduation.
- ⇒ **Dogwoods** will be available for pick-up at the KSS office starting the last week of August.

Deputy Minister's Bulletin

Ministry of Education and Child Care



Student Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) Selections – July 7

June 16, 2023

By **July 7, 2023**, Grade 12 and adult students are encouraged to visit the [StudentTranscripts Service](#) (STS) to pre-authorize release of their final transcript data to their chosen post-secondary institutions (PSIs) for admissions purposes.

Current students may make up to 25 PSI selections free of charge, generally up to six months after completing their last course. They are also entitled to order one free printed transcript (by mail) after graduation, which can be sent to any address they choose. All other transcript orders in STS (including [PDF transcripts](#)) are \$10 each.

Distribution of Final Transcripts

As of May 2023, student graduation status is updated nightly on transcripts, based on the latest data reported by schools. For distribution purposes, transcripts are not considered final until the Ministry has released June Assessment session results by July 31. How and when students' final transcripts are sent will depend on the PSI and the [options](#) selected by students in the STS:

- [22 B.C. PSIs, 23 Alberta colleges and universities, and the Ontario Universities' Application Centre \(OUAC\)](#) can request transcript updates electronically throughout the year (when authorized by the student)*
- [Six B.C. PSIs and University of Alberta](#) will receive final marks through a batch electronic data transfer sent by July 31 (followed by weekly updates until early September)
- All other PSIs will receive paper transcripts, which will be processed by July 31st (typically arriving by mail at PSIs in the first week of August, or later, depending on the location)

"Send Now" option

If a student has carefully reviewed their transcript and are satisfied that it is complete and accurate, they can also choose the send 'now' option to send their most current transcript to a selected PSI at any time.

***Important:** If a student's selected PSI is capable of receiving [ongoing electronic updates](#) (i.e., XML transcripts), the student should choose the second option to "Send my transcript now and allow this Post-Secondary Institution to request transcript updates until the date specified below." It is also recommended that they leave the authorization period set to the default date of one year.

For Schools: PSI Selections – Student Summary Report

On the [School Secure Web](#), the "PSI Selections – Student Summary Report" (available under the "Post-Secondary Reports" link) is updated weekly until mid-July. Schools can use the report to confirm students' selected PSIs and identify those students who may be known by the school to be applying to a PSI but haven't made a selection in STS.

Help Resources

Detailed STS help videos and documentation are available at [StudentTranscripts Service Help Documentation](#).

Questions

Schools: student.certification@gov.bc.ca

Students: StudentTranscripts@gov.bc.ca

Offshore schools: Offshore.Administrator@gov.bc.ca

RECOGNITION

Congratulations to the following KSS students who won in their respective categories for the Kelowna Civic & Community Awards!



BROOKLYN WIDDESS

**Augie Ciancone Memorial Award
Youth Female Athlete of the Year**



WALKER SODARO

**Augie Ciancone Memorial Award
Young Male Athlete of the Year**

CONGRATULATIONS to the KSS Boys AAA Volleyball Team for another successful season! The team brought home the banner for the second year in a row.

Team Players: Walker Sodaro, Owen McParland, Tyler Valuck, Kian Bos, Lynden Infanti, Nash Semeniuk, Lincoln Wagner, Eddy Kallo, Tristan Shanks, Matthew Chayka, Erik Wheeler, Chey Ragoonaden, Connor Collinson-Lea, Dominic Sodaro, Jack Waterhouse

Coaches: Sodaro & Ibbetson



KSS is very proud of all of our Track and Field athletes. At a recent US National high school Track and Field Competition, **Elise Drake** threw a 4kg hammer a staggering 49.28m. This throw gave her a new personal record and a third place podium finish. It also earned her an All American Athlete Title.



STUDENTS SEEK DONATIONS FOR INDIGENOUS INQUIRY PROJECT

June 21, 2023

Kelowna, BC – The Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee at École Kelowna Secondary School (KSS) is looking for contributions from the community to help fund their Outdoor Classroom Project.

A dedicated group of student leaders from the KSS Indigenous Academy continues to pass the torch of their Indigenous Inquiry Project, and they are now fundraising to make the outdoor learning space a reality. Graduating Leadership student Amelie Guignard had the idea of spreading the fundraising effort beyond the school.

“With the Indigenous course requirement opportunities coming in the next school year, an outdoor classroom is a perfect space for some of the learning to occur,” says Guignard, who is also Métis. “As a graduate, I’m glad to know the work on this project will continue to benefit future students and help the journey toward Truth and Reconciliation.”

The purposes of the project are to bridge all students with the land, honour local Indigenous teachings, create a welcoming outdoor gathering space, and partner with people interested in being a part of Reconciliation. Planning included consultation with local Indigenous elders to ensure the space includes Indigenous ways of knowing and being.

“The value of this Outdoor Classroom lies in its profound ability to mend the cracks within our often-fragmented community,” says Abdalla Tall, Grade 11 Leadership student. “Like a meticulous tapestry, it holds the potential to stitch distinct perspectives and cultures together with threads of understanding and empathy. I genuinely hope this space will be pivotal toward Truth and Reconciliation.”

Donations to the project can be [made through School Cash Online](#), which ensures that all funds go directly to the project with no fees. Donors can register with an email to receive a charitable tax receipt, then click "Make a Donation" and choose "KSS Indigenous Inquiry Project" as a Fund Destination. Donors can also contact the school office at KSS by calling 250-870-5105.

Learn more about the student work on this project by [watching this video](#).

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For comments or more info, please contact:
Christey Hughes, Vice-Principal, 250-870-5105 ext. 6946

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Welcome • Bienvenue

KSS Indigenous Inquiry Project



An outdoor
learning
space



The KSS Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee has created an Outdoor Classroom design that has been proposed for construction on our school field between the school and the basketball courts.

The purpose of the project is to bridge all students with the land, honour local Indigenous teachings, create a welcoming outdoor gathering space, and partner with people interested in being a part of Reconciliation.

This will be a space that emphasizes the use and celebration of Indigenous ways of knowing and being. Students involved have worked on designs to create a space that reflects values of respecting the land, learning outside, storytelling, and many cross-curricular initiatives. The space is also meant to be inclusive, accessible, welcoming, versatile, and safe.



For more information
and to donate
scan this QR code



Donations
can be made in person
by cash or cheque
at the KSS School Office
or

if you are a KSS parent
go to *School Cash Online*
click on *Make a Donation*
select fund destination of
KSS Indigenous Inquiry Project

For student
informational
video
scan QR code



KSS Indigenous Outdoor Classroom Concept (below)

Designed by: GTA Architecture Ltd.



Amélie Guignard, Abdalla Tall & Ava Cudmore, students from KSS Truth & Reconciliation Advisory Committee, being interviewed by Global News on June 21st for a news piece on the KSS Indigenous Outdoor Classroom.





June is Indigenous Canadian History Month and June 21 (Summer Solstice) is National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Our Indigenous Academy has been celebrating this important month. A few events they were able to take part in are described below.

- Indigenous Academy students visited Vaseux Lake Park on June 5 & 6 to hear stories and learn on the land from a local knowledge keeper.
- On June 21, our Indigenous Academy travelled to Glimpse Lake. The day honoured a partnership with N'kwala Band School on Upper Nicola Band territory. The purpose was to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples' Day with Elders, Community Leaders, and students through traditional games, music, food, and outdoor activities.

FOUR SEASONS CULTURAL SOCIETY

POWWOW

BETWEEN THE LAKES

"Healing the Nation"

SnPink'tn Penticton, BC

June 23-25, 2023

South Okanagan Events Centre

Host Drum: Southern Express
Honorary Drum: High Water
Master of Ceremonies: Francis James & Joseph Pierre
Arena Director: Gary Abbott

Head Lady: Nicole Schellenberg
Head Man: Tyrone Kruger
Host Hotel: TBA
Head Drum Judge: TBA
Head Dance Judge: TBA

Specials:

Kylie Jack Coming Out
Graduation Special
Head Woman's Old-Style Jingle
Head Man's Switch Up
Sweetheart Special
Two Spirited Special (Jill Setah)
Overdose Awareness Special
Residential School Blanket Dance
(All proceeds to IRSSS)
Tiny Tot Special in memory of Edna and Clara Jack

(1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100 and 4th \$50)

Vendors: Native Handicrafts Only

Admission: TBA

Pow Wow Info Contact:

@FourSeasonsCulturalSociety
 fourseasonspowwow@gmail.com
 250-488-7199
www.penticton.ca/powwow

June 23 Grand Entry 7 pm

June 24 Grand Entry 1 pm and 7 pm

June 25 Grand Entry 1 pm

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CITY OF Penticton

Four Seasons Cultural Society has all rights to the Pow Wow.

KSS COACHING OPPORTUNITIES

Kelowna Secondary Athletic Department is looking for Coaches for the following teams for the Fall:

1. Cross Country
2. Jr Girls Volleyball B team
3. Jr Girls Volleyball A team
4. Sr. Girls Volleyball A team



If you are interested, please email Arnar.Bernhardsson@sd23.bc.ca

2023 KSS Football Registration

KSS Football registration has begun for the 2023 season! We welcome Grade 10s and 11s to sign up to be part of a championship program! No experience necessary! If you want to be part of something special and are committed to being T.O.U.G.H., this is the place for you!

Important Dates:

Spring Camp: Monday, June 5th, 2023 - Friday, June 16th, 2023

Spring Scrimmages: JV - Monday, June 19th, 2023 Varsity - Tuesday June 20th, 2023 @ KSS - Time TBD

Training Camp: Monday, August 21st, 2023 - Friday, September 1st, 2023

All practice times are from 5PM - 7PM on the KSS Fields.

The registration package must be completed and handed in before participating.

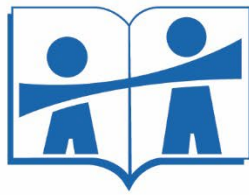
Please contact Chris Cartwright for any other questions—chris.cartwright@sd23.bc.ca.

T.O.U.G.H. PEOPLE WIN!

Be T.O.U.G.H.!

GO OWLS!





**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

June 1, 2023

RE: 2024-2025 School Calendar

(The 2023-2024 School Calendar is established and available to view at www.sd23.bc.ca.)

Dear Parents/Guardians and School Community:

The Ministry of Education passed Bill 36, the School Amendment Act, which eliminated the Standard School Calendar. As a result, school districts are now required to establish their own school calendars. The Calendar Committee is comprised of representatives of the partner groups in the Central Okanagan Public Schools, including the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (C.O.T.A.), Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3523 (C.U.P.E.), Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice Principals' Association (COPVPA), and the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC). This committee has met to draft a proposed 2024/2025 school calendar (attached), which meets the requirements of Bill 36.

Section 87.01 (7) of the School Act requires consultation on school calendars. A board must make public a proposed school calendar one month before submitting it to the Ministry. We are inviting the community to review the proposed calendar for the 2024/2025 school year and to provide input to the proposal before it is discussed by our Board of Education at a public meeting.

I invite you to provide your input about this proposal by Friday, June 30, 2023, by completing a very brief survey at the link below:

<https://ca.research.net/r/2024-2025SchoolCalendarSurvey>

We anticipate that the finalized 2024/2025 school calendar (once approved by the Board of Education) will be provided to parents early this fall. Copies will be provided directly to you through your child's school.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this proposal.

Yours truly,

Bob McEwen
Executive Director of Human Resource

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2024-2025 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 Local Calendar 2024/2025
Days in session	190 (3 Summer Pro Days August 26, 27, 28)
Number of days of instruction	183
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 3
National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	Monday, September 30
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 11
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 25
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	December 23 – January 3
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Wednesday, January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 6
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 14
Family Day	Monday, February 17
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	March 17 – March 28
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, March 31
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 18
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 21
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 19
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 27

The Calendar for 2024-2025 complies with Bill 36 - School Amendment Act (School Calendar Regulation).

The minimum hours of instruction are:

- Kindergarten 853 hours (based on 288 minutes X 183)
- Grade 1-6 878 hours (based on 288 minutes X 183)
- Grades 7-12 952 hours (based on 313 minutes X 183)

Provides the:

- Number and dates of the days in session
- The number and dates of each day of instruction
- Vacation Periods and the Statutory Holidays
- The dates of each Non-Instructional Day
- The number of hours of instruction offered students in each grade group

SCHOOL CALENDAR FORM - GENERAL

2024/2025 CALENDAR

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■ Instructional
 ■ Non-Instructional
 ■ Vacation Period
 ■ Statutory Holiday



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