

# Whoo's News



January 29, 2021

Semester 2 starts on Monday, February 1st with Day 2 (Blocks 1/3). Timetables were distributed to students in their Block 2 class (afternoon) on January 21 and 22. Students that do not have a block 2 class were able to pick it up in their Block 4 class. The office is not able to print student timetables.





**Attention Bussing Students** 

Feb 3/4 - Buses will arrive early at 10:55 am

Thank you to our students, staff, parents and guardians for all of your patience with our additional safety protocols this school year at KSS. Your efforts help to keep KSS a safe environment for all of us.

Site entry at KSS is only for those individuals required to be on the premises. Site Administrators will decide which individuals may be invited in to our building. This includes before and after school, there are no spectators permitted for any activities within our building at this time. Thank you for your understanding.



## ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Spring 2021 Enrollment 2021 - 2022 School Year (for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K - 12) Online applications begin on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 am, Schools will be open at 7:00 am to support parents that require assistance Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 12, 2021

The enrollment application period begins Monday February 1<sup>st,</sup> 2021 (beginning at 7:00 am on-line) Friday, March 12<sup>th,</sup> 2021.

The Summer Enrollment Application period begins: Tuesday, August 31st, 2021 to Thursday, September 2<sup>nd,</sup> 2021.

Please see page 7 for all the details

## Please Mark Your Calendar:

February 1 Semester 2 starts - Day 2 Blocks 1 and 3 Group A

February 3/4 Buses arrive early @ 10:55 a.m. (Students bussed early on Feb. 3 Group B / Feb. 4 Group A)

First Dry Grad Planning Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. To attend the meeting, please send February 3

your name and email address to: shandzimm@gmail.com

PAC Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. . If you would like to attend and have not previously, February 9

please email your name, contact email, and student's name at: kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca

Grade 10/11 parent information night via zoom - Please sign up using this link: February 17

https://forms.gle/sh5hkR2fYPDcr3WD6







Aidan Vint (Queen's), Nate Beauchemin (Calgary), Noah Gross (Queen's), Tariq Brown (Saskatchewan), Jack Marsland (Toronto) and Dylan McBratney (SFU) have all been invited to play university football this fall

## Level Up: KSS football sending 6 to college

Despite a football season sacked by the pandemic, the Kelowna Owls are celebrating six graduating players headed on to the next level. Read here for all the details

## 2021 -2022 - Grade 10 and 11 Course Selection

For KSS students in Grade 10 and 11, the counselors and administration team will be presenting to our student body about the course selection process for the 2021- 2022 school year.

On Tuesday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> (grade 10) and on Wednesday Feb 10<sup>th</sup> (grade 11), students will learn how to select their courses they would like for next year. Staff will be zooming into students' classes with a detailed presentation. We will record this zoom presentation and post it to our website for those that may be absent and for our online e-school students returning to us next year. During these presentations, students will be given a course selection-planning document to help them determine what classes they need for their graduation plan.

On Wednesday Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, KSS will be hosting a Parent Information Night at 6:00 pm. At this time, we will be presenting the same information that we presented to grade 10 and 11 students the week earlier. At the end, we will also be able to answer some general questions. If parents have specific questions about their child, we encourage you to reach out to their school counselor or their alpha vice- principal.

Please sign up using this link <a href="https://forms.gle/sh5hkR2fYPDcr3WD6">https://forms.gle/sh5hkR2fYPDcr3WD6</a>

by Feb 16<sup>th</sup> to receive an invite for the Parent Information Zoom Link.

## The link will be sent to you on February 17<sup>th</sup> to the e-mail address that you request.

The week of Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> – Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, counselors and administration will be going into classes and will have students select their classes online. It is very important for students to be prepared at this time on what they would like to take for next year. If students are not prepared, students may not get the courses they would like.

If you have any questions please feel free to email your counselor or your alpha Vice-Principal

Last Names A-G,	Counselor	Dianne Demug	diane.demug@sd23.bc.ca
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Last Names H-N,	Counselor	Kelly Dawson	kelly.dawson@sd23.bc.ca
	Vice-Principal	Robbie Franklin	robbie.franklin@sd23.bc.ca
Last Names O-Z,	Counselor	Sandy Corrado	sandy.corrado@sd23.bc.ca
	Vice-Principal	Ryan Mansley	ryan.mansley@sd23.bc.ca

## Kelowna Secondary January Basketball information

Although all school sports remain in **STAGE 2**, Kelowna Secondary Athletics program is going to offer BASKETBALL individual workout programs starting Monday January 18th after school. All **Kelowna Secondary** and **SD# 23 COVID** protocols are in place. Due to **BCSS** and **VIA SPORT** protocols only 12 athletes are allowed to be together in the gym at one time (2 per basket).

An information meeting will be held in the KSS gym on **MONDAY January 18th** at lunch. There the boys supervisor Mr. Harry Parmar and the girls supervisor Mr. Jeff Begg will have session information. Athletes are encouraged to sign up to the same time slot each week. This will continue until February 5th. If the **PHO** in conjunction with **BCSS** and **Via Sport** change the restrictions on their February 5<sup>th</sup> news conference, we will evolve with those new restrictions.

## Boys in Grade 10 + 11

Monday's 3:30 - 4:30 pm and 4:30 - 5:30 pm Wednesday's 3:30 - 4:30 pm and 4:30 - 5:30 pm

## Boys in Grade 12

Friday's 7:30am - 8:30 am Boys in grade 12

## Girls in Grade 10 - 12

Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30 and 4:30 - 5:30 pm Girls in grade 10 - 12 Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30 and 4:30 - 5:30 pm Girls in grades 10 -12

Go to: <a href="https://www.kssowlsathletics.com/basketball-january-2021.html">https://www.kssowlsathletics.com/basketball-january-2021.html</a> to sign up.

## Contact Information:

Boys Harry Parmar email: harry.parmar@sd23.bc.ca

Girls Jeff Begg email:jeff.begg@sd23.bc.ca

## Message from the International Education Department

International Education is currently looking for host families for Kelowna Secondary (KSS) students. Families with school aged children, residing in a single family home are encouraged to apply at their earliest convenience.

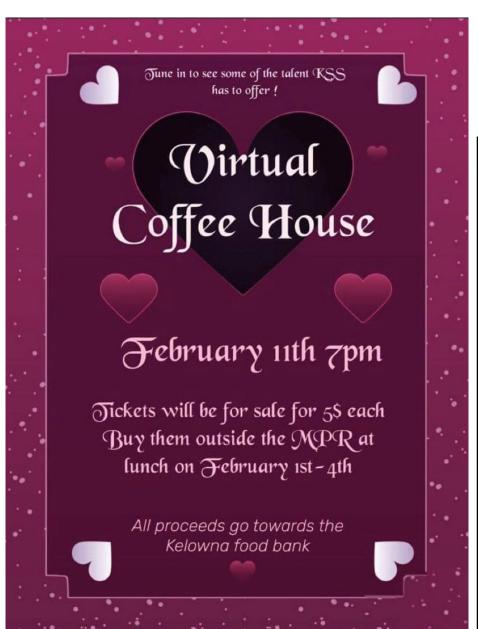
- Host families for boys
- Host families for girls arriving April 2021

Since September, Central Okanagan Public Schools has welcomed 282 international students into local schools. In Canada over 15,000 K-12 students have arrived safely, followed all quarantine measures, and are attending schools across the country. Students are required to submit a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of their departure from home country. There have been no cases of COVID-19 linked to international student travelers arriving to Canada to date. Canada's border remains open for students with study permits and international students travelling to our school district do so under the requirements of governments and health authorities.

For more information about hosting an international student, please contact KSS homestay coordinator by email <a href="mailto:Nathalie.Messent@sd23.bc.ca">Nathalie.Messent@sd23.bc.ca</a> or by phone 250-470-3258.

Families are reimbursed \$900/month for expenses. Thank you in advance for your kind support of the International Education program and our International students!









## 2021-2022 Budget Presentation

Public presentation Monday, Feb. 1, 2021

The public presentation explaining how the District's budget is established will take place at the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm by Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88985333609? pwd=djQ2RUVybmFUZER2TIE1ZzhKZGx yUT09

Meeting ID: 889 8533 3609

Passcode: 983505

We encourage all those interested in learning more about the School District 2021-2022 budget and how to provide input to participate in this information meeting.



### **About COBSS**

The Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBSS) is a charitable foundation with local **volunteers** coordinating financial assistance for our high school graduates for their post-secondary education.

We collect and administer money from area **donors** including community and school groups, businesses, and individuals. Through COBSS, local grade 12 **students** can apply for over 550 awards. Criteria is set by the donor to recognize student achievement (such as citizenship, scholastic or athletic achievement) and/or to assist with financial need for further education.

New donors and volunteers are always welcome!

Email us at <u>COBSS@shaw.ca</u> and visit our website at <u>COBSS.sd23.bc.ca</u>

#### COBSS 2020 graduation stats:

- > 567 awards
- 442 recipients
- > \$513,480 total donations

## **Donor Comments**

"Many bright students shy away from post-secondary education because of the financial challenge. We like to do our small part to help those less fortunate than ourselves."

**Hugh & Brenda Gloster** 

"The **JAGTAC ENGINEERING BURSARY** supports female students studying engineering. Women in STEM who bring their strong math and science aptitudes to engineering challenges, break barriers and contribute to solving engineering challenges. Innovation lives in diversity."

John Logel

### **Important Dates**



Feb - Apr, 2021	Applications review & awards selection
June 2021	Graduation & COBSS awards presentations



## **All-Girls Events**

### Who & When?

Grade 12: Sustainability for our Future - Thursday Oct 29th, 2020

Grade 9: Robotics Today - Thursday Dec 3rd, 2020 Grade 10: Design our Future - Wednesday Jan 27th, 2021

Grade 11: The Future of Tech - Thursday Feb 25th, 2021

Grade 8: Invitation to Create - Thursday Mar 11th, 2021

## **How Do I Register For These Free Events?**

http://geeringup.ca/high-school/kelowna/all-girls

Find out more at geeringup.ca





## **JOIN OUR PARENTS TOGETHER PROGRAM**

This program helps parents of teens gain confidence, discover practical tips and resources, and find support from other parents

**MONDAYS, 6:00PM - 8:00PM** 

**LOCATION: ONLINE PARENTING GROUP** 

**COST: BY DONATION** 

TO PRE-REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT:

(250) 462-5574





Parents—Challenges with School Attendance? https://keltymentalhealth.ca/school-attendance-webinars

### **Grade 12 Post Secondary Prep**







Dry Grad is a longstanding tradition for KSS Grads and is planned by a parent committee. Send your name and e-mail address to <a href="mailto:shandzimm@gmail.com">shandzimm@gmail.com</a> to take part in the Zoom Mtg.



**UBCO Geering Up All-**Girls STEM Workshops **GRADE 8-12** 2020/2021

Registration Link: https://geeringup.apsc.ubc.ca/all-girls-okanagan/

As a reminder, these workshops take place from 4:00-6:00pm via Zoom and are offered for free, but the registration closes the Sunday before the session date for that specific grade level.

**Design our Future (Grade 10)** Wednesday Jan 27th

The Future of Tech (Grade 11) Thursday February 25th

Invitation to Create (Grade 8) Thursday March 11th

## **OKANAGAN COLLEGE TRADES & APPRENTICESHIP**

## STEP INTO STEEL-TOES for Women Program

Learn valuable skills for home use or to prepare for a career in trades CARPENTRY, JOINERY, AUTOMOTIVE, PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL

February 9 - March 21 6 weeks (week 1 on-line only)
Tuesday and Thursday 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Saturday or Sunday 8:00 to 3:00 p.m. (class will be split into two cohorts to ensure small class sizes and physical distancing) KELOWNA CAMPUS

#### PROGRAM DETAILS & BENEFITS

- Get hands-on experience with tools and materials from 5 Red Seal Endorsed trades
- Receive shop safety training
- Work full time while learning new skills
- Build confidence in a comfortable all-female cohort
- You could be working in the trades in as little as 6 weeks!

\$1595.00 + GST (materials included)

Participants must supply their own PPE including steel-toe boots

## CONTACT US TO APPLY TODAY!

250-762-5445, 4825 ext. 877-755-2266, 4825 ext. witt@okanagan.bc.ca









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## Take a Breath for Schools and Communities

Invites you to join the new KSS Community website Use the recordings and proven tools for-

- Stress Reduction
- Optimizing Health and Wellness
- Anxiety, Sleep, Illness/Injury and recordings for better performance in-
- Academics, Sports, the Arts, and Career

New audio recordings for creating your best health, wellness, and empowered lifestyle! Additional tools include- habit forming tools, communication skills, individual health support, and more.

Now available to all students, staff, and parents in the KSS community

Please indicate your interest by providing your name and contact email to; takeabreathforschools@gmail.com and get started right away!



Megamind Learning Centre presents...

# **MEGAMIND** FOUNDER'S SCHOLARSHIP

Do you love writing? Are you a Canadian student in Grades 8-12? If so, you are eligible to apply for the Megamind Founder's Scholarship! All you have to do is write a short story or informational text (not more than 800 words) in either English or French and submit it on our website. The winner will win \$1000. The last day to apply is January 31,

Please visit our website for the application form and additional details: https://megamindlearning.com/scholarship.html



## **Gateway to the Building Trades** for Women Program

Learn valuable skills in different trades CARPENTRY, AUTOMOTIVE, SHEET METAL, PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL

Kelowna **APPLY NOW!** 

April 6 - June 25, 2021

### PROGRAM DETAILS

- Individual projects
- Shop safety training
- Learn how to secure employment or further trades training
   Employment readiness assistance: resume package and professional skills development
- Gain insight from mentors and industry guest speakers
- Participate in a community project

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE WOMEN Eligibility has changed. Connect with us to determine if you are eligible

**CONTACT US** 250-762-5445, ext. 4825 Toll-free 1-877-755-2266, ext. 4825 witt@okanagan.bc.ca









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2021 - 2022 School Year (for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K – 12)

Online applications begin on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 am,

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide telephone support to parents that require assistance.

Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 12, 2021

### **HOW TO APPLY**

In your web browser type: https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca

No internet access? Please contact your school and they will assist you with the online application.

PLEASE NOTE: The application process is online only, no paper enrollment is available. You are required to have a valid email account.

Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school by email by Friday, March 12, 2021.

- 1. Birth certificate or other government issued proof of age and citizenship
- 2. Proof of B.C. Residency
  - a. BC driver's license of parent/legal guardian AND
  - b. BC CARE card of parent/legal guardian OR
  - c. Other supporting documentation http://www.sd23.bc.ca/DistrictInfo/schoolenrollment/
- 3. Proof of Student's Living Address
  - a. Property ownership, lease or rental agreement OR recent utility bill

### AFTER Thursday, September 2, 2021

New in-catchment area enrollments: Parents will be notified by a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

**New out-of-catchment area enrollments**: Parents <u>may not</u> be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

**Qualifying age:** The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2021 to qualify for school enrollment in September 2021. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website www.sd23.bc.ca or call (250) 860-8888.







January 22, 2021

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 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 2021/2022 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, February 19, 2021 by completing a very brief survey at the link below:

## https://ca.research.net/r/2021-2022SchoolCalendarSurvey

We anticipate that the finalized 2021/2022 school calendar (once approved by the Board of Education) will be provided to parents early this spring. A copy 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 Resources

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Attachments



## CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2021-2022 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 Local Calendar 2021/2022
Days in session	189
	(3 summer Pro Days August 30 - September 1)
Number of days of instruction	182
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 7
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 8
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 11
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 22
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Thursday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, December 20 – Monday, January 3
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Monday, January 3
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Tuesday, January 4
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February, 18
Family Day	Monday, February 21
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, March 21 – Friday, April 1
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, April 4
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 15
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 18
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 23
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Thursday, June 30

The Calendar for 2021-2022 complies with Bill 36 - School Amendment Act (School Calendar Regulation).

The minimum hours of instruction are:

•	Kindergarten	853 hours	(based on 290 minutes X 182)
•	Grade 1-6	878 hours	(based on 290 minutes X 182)
•	Grades 7-12	952 hours	(based on 314 minutes X 182)

## 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

## 2021/2022 CALENDAR

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Vacation Period Statutory Holiday

