



Whoo's News



January 26, 2024

2024 - 2025 COURSE REQUESTS



Course planning for next year:

- ⇒ Important dates are listed below under “Upcoming Dates”.
- ⇒ **Parent information sessions are being offered** (*no need to RSVP*).
- ⇒ Updated information is on the [KSS Calendar](#) on the KSS Website.
- ⇒ KSS Course [Viewbook](#) and Course Request Planning Sheets are on the KSS Website (under “About”).
- ⇒ **Course Requests are online only via MyEd Student Portal.**

2024-2025 Course Requests DEADLINES:

- * **Grad 2027 (incoming Gr 10) Course Requests are DUE Friday, February 23 at midnight.**
- * **Grad 2025 (incoming Gr 12) and Grad 2026 (incoming Gr 11) Course Requests are DUE Wednesday, March 6 at midnight.**

Upcoming Dates . .

Jan 29	Semester Turnaround—NO SCHOOL
Jan 29	2024-2025 Online Enrollment Applications open (see attached)
Jan 30	First day of classes for Semester 2 / Quarter 3 (schedule is 1234)
Feb 1—3	Western Canada Basketball Tournament
Feb 9	Student Written Learning Updates (<i>report cards</i>) are published to MyEd Student Portal
Feb 13	KSS PAC Meeting via Zoom at 6:30 p.m.
Feb 13	Grad 2027 (incoming Gr 10) Parent Course Request Information Session in KSS MPR at 6:00 p.m.
Feb 13	Grad 2027 (incoming Gr 10) Pre-AP Math 10 Parent Information Session in KSS MPR at 7:00 p.m.
Feb 14	Grad 2025 (Gr 11) & Grad 2026 (Gr 10) Course Request Assemblies in the afternoon
Feb 14-17 & Feb 21-24	Night Owl Theater presents “Shakespeare in Love”
Feb 16	PRO-D Day—NO SCHOOL
Feb 19	Family Day—NO SCHOOL
Feb 21-22	Interim Reports go home
Feb 22	Grad 2025 (Gr 11) & Grad 2026 (Gr 10) Parent Course Information Session VIA ZOOM at 6:00 p.m.
Feb 23	2024-2025 Course Requests DUE via MyEd for Grad 2027 (incoming Gr 10)
Mar 6	2024-2025 Course Requests DUE via MyEd for Grad 2025 (Gr 11) & Grad 2026 (Gr 10)
Mar 6	Parent-Teacher Conferences—Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

IMPORTANT!



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

**French Immersion Kindergarten
Informational Session:**
Tuesday, January 16, 2024
@ 6:00-7:00 pm
sd23.org/french-immersion-session

**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on
Monday, January 29, 2024, at 7:00 am for 2024 - 2025 School Year**
(for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K – 12)

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide telephone support to parents that require assistance.
Documentation Submission Deadline: **Friday, March 15, 2024**

If you are new to Canada, please contact the Welcome Centre for enrollment information at (250)470-3258

HOW TO APPLY

PLEASE NOTE: *The application process is online only. You are required to have a valid email account.*

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

No internet access? Please contact your school for assistance.

Online applications begin on Monday, January 29, 2024 at 7:00 am. 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 in person or by email by **Friday, March 15, 2024**.

1. Student's **Birth Certificate** or other government issued proof of age and citizenship.
2. **Proof of Parent/Guardian B.C. Residency**
 - a. Combination BC Driver's License and Services Card (copy of both sides); or,
 - b. BC Services Card (copy of both sides) **and** one item from the list of supporting documentation below; or,
 - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of supporting documentation below.
3. **Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address/Supporting Documentation**
 - Ownership of a dwelling or long-term lease or rental of a dwelling;
 - Documentation indicating British Columbia residence (i.e. utility bill);
 - British Columbia registration of an automobile;
 - British Columbia Driver's License (copy of both sides); or,
 - A current income tax return filed as a British Columbia resident.

AFTER Thursday, August 29, 2024

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 may not 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, 2024, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2024. No exceptions.

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

KSS STUDENT WRITTEN LEARNING UPDATES

Semester 1/Quarter 2 Student Written Learning Updates (*Report Cards*) will be published to the MyEd Student Portal on **Friday, February 9 at 3:00 p.m.**

Prior to this date, students should log in and ensure they have access!

MyEd link [HERE](#).

- Student Login ID: stu23firstname.lastname
- If you need a password reset, please see the main office
- Further instructions may be found on the KSS Website under Documents & publications, “How to Log into Your MyEd Portal KSS”. Link is [HERE](#).



GRAD PHOTOS—Retakes and make-up sessions



Please use the google form below to sign up for a time to get grad photo retakes or, if photos in December were missed, this is your chance to get a grad portrait taken. Note that these are NOT full 16-pose sessions like they were before winter break. These photos will only be the cap-and-gown portrait style photos you will see in the yearbook.

SIGN UP [HERE](#)

KSS ATHLETICS

Please go to KSS Athletics website (on KSS website) for all athletic/team information and gym schedule.

Link is [HERE](#).

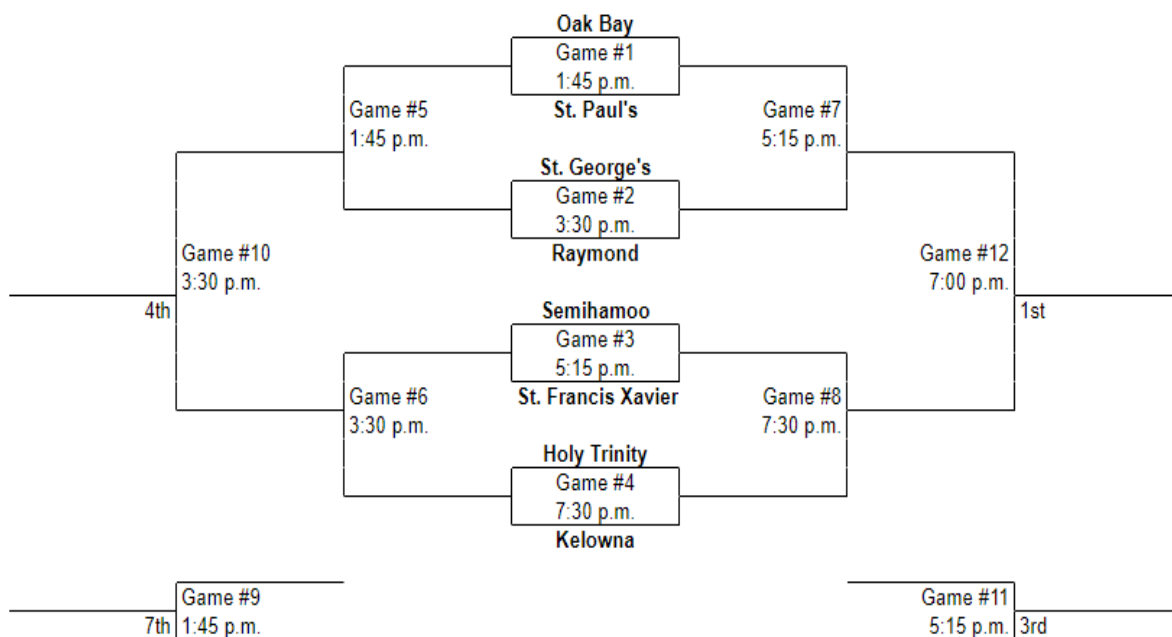
GOOD LUCK TO all the teams taking part in
the 49th Annual Western Canada Basketball Tournament
February 1-3, 2024 at KSS Gym

	DAY PASS	TOURNAMENT PASS
STUDENT	\$ 5.00	\$10.00
ADULT	\$10.00	\$25.00

For more information and Live Stream, see Kelowna Owls Athletics website [HERE](#).

The 49th Annual Western Canada Basketball Tournament

presented by:





The Night Owl Theater
Production of

Shakespeare is Love.

THE PLAY

Scan for tickets



Based on the screenplay by
Marc Norman & Tom Stoppard

Adapted for the stage by
lee hall

Music by Paddy Cunneen
Originally produced on the
West End by Disney
Theatrical Productions &
Sonia Friedman Productions,
directed by Declan
donnellan, and designed by
Nick Ormerod

**Directed and
Produced by
James Long &
Doryan Elliott**

**KSS Studio Theatre
1079 Raymer Ave**



**\$10 students
\$15 adults**



February 14th-17th

February 21st-24th

February 17th Matinee

Doors at 6:30 pm

Show at 7:00 pm

Show at 1:00 pm

Produced with special arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com

PURCHASE TICKETS [HERE](#)



Career Life Programs

Academic Dual Credit – Engineering at UBCO

Career-Life Programs would like to congratulate the nine students who successfully completed a first-year Engineering course offered in partnership with UBCO. The students' performed above the class average and earned a post-secondary credit on their permanent transcript.

They are well on their way to further exploring the world of Engineering.

Academic Dual Credit applications are due as of February 22nd for the next intake (September 2024). Interested students are asked to visit their Career Centre for further information.

Link to [APPLICATION](#).

Upcoming Post-Secondary Events!

Experience UBC-O: Tuesday, February 20th

Experience OC: Thursday, May 2nd

Career-Life Programs is excited to have students attend these events that will allow them to spend time exploring the campuses as well as meet professors and current students to learn more about post-secondary education. There will be many faculties available to speak to students and offer details about what to expect from those focus areas as well as answer questions.

UPCOMING POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION VISITS

Date	PSI Name	Time	Location
Monday Feb. 12 th	NAIT (Northern Alberta Institute of Technology)	11:30 - 12:30	MPR



VOLUNTEER AT YLW

Jr. Ambassador Program



In partnership with Central Okanagan Public Schools, YLW launched the Junior Ambassador Program in the summer of 2010. High School students in grade 10-12 at Central Okanagan Public Schools can earn their volunteer hours while gaining exposure to career opportunities in the aviation industry.

Volunteer work will center on customer service. Students will assist individuals by answering questions about the Airport and the community. Junior Ambassadors will greet guests and assist passengers in need as they enter and exit the airport, always maintaining a high level of professional customer service.

Volunteer hours are flexible, and shifts are available on weekdays and weekends. Students will be expected to commit to one 4-hour shift per week for a minimum of four months. Students must be able to provide their own transportation to and from their volunteer shifts (parking is free for volunteers).

For more information about the YLW Junior Ambassador Program and to pick up an application form, please visit the KSS Careers Office. **Spring 2024 registration deadline is Friday, February 2, 2024.**

**KELOWNA GENERAL HOSPITAL -
INTERIOR HEALTH**

**Volunteer Services
Opportunity**

Grade 11 & 12

**6 month commitment for
4 WEX 12AB credits**

Build your
resume by
volunteering
in the health
care sector

Choose from:
Information Desk
or
Clinical Units:
(Cardiac & 4W)

See your KSS Career Centre
for more info and an application form

no deadline to apply - placements are ongoing

**KELOWNA GENERAL
HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**

**Volunteer
Opportunity**

Grade 9-12

**150 hour commitment for
8 WEX 12AB credits**

Build your
resume by
volunteering
in the
health care
sector

Choose from:
Royal Bistro
The Gift Shop
Perking Lot Coffee Shop
Rutland Thrift Store

See your KSS Career Centre
for more information and an application form

no deadline to apply - placements are ongoing



KSS PAC



The Parent Advisory Council plays an important role in the school. While there is a PAC executive, **every parent/guardian with a child at KSS is automatically a PAC member** and is encouraged and welcome to attend and give input/ask questions at any or all PAC meetings. It's a great way to stay connected to school happenings.

THE NEXT KSS PAC MEETING IS

Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

If you have already attended a KSS PAC meeting in the 2023-2024 school year, you will receive a zoom link for this meeting closer to the date. If you would like to attend the PAC Meeting Zoom, please e-mail KSS.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca , along with the name of your student and grade, saying you wish to be added to our PAC meeting notification list. You will then be emailed the zoom link.

There is no meeting in March. The April meeting is Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 and will be via Zoom. May is the AGM and the election of the 2024-2025 PAC.

For more information on KSS PAC, including all meeting dates, minutes of meetings and PAC Executive, please see KSS Website, Parents, PAC. Link is [HERE](#).

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:

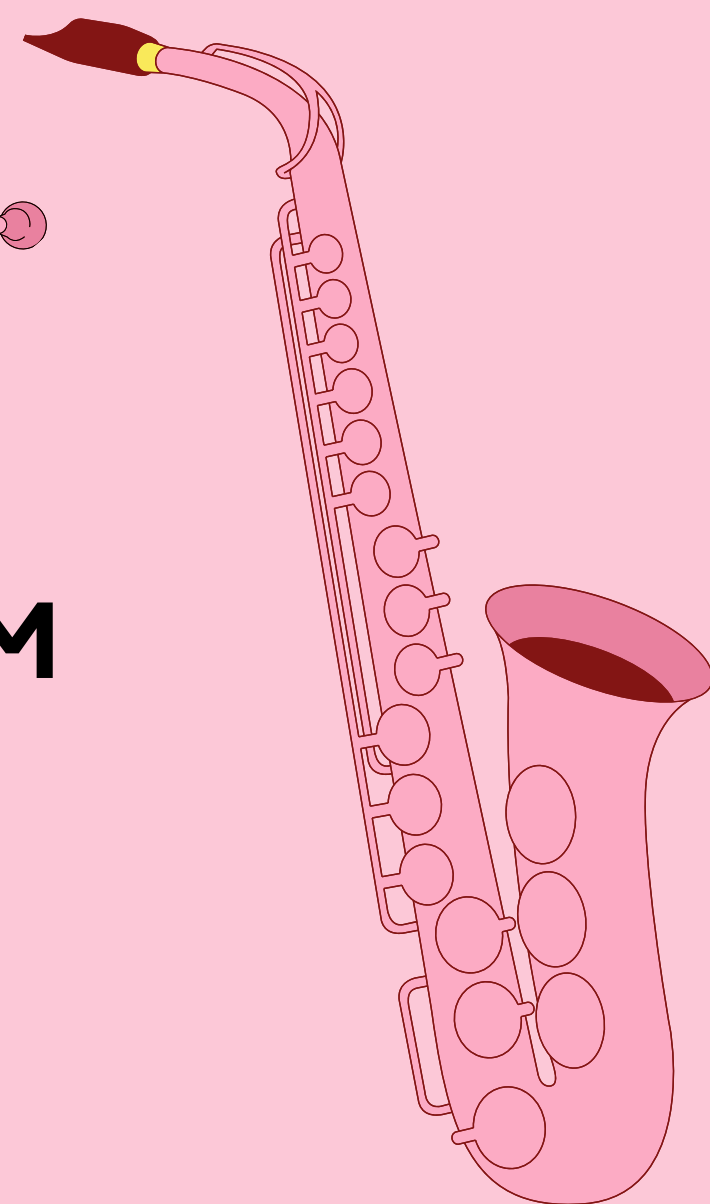
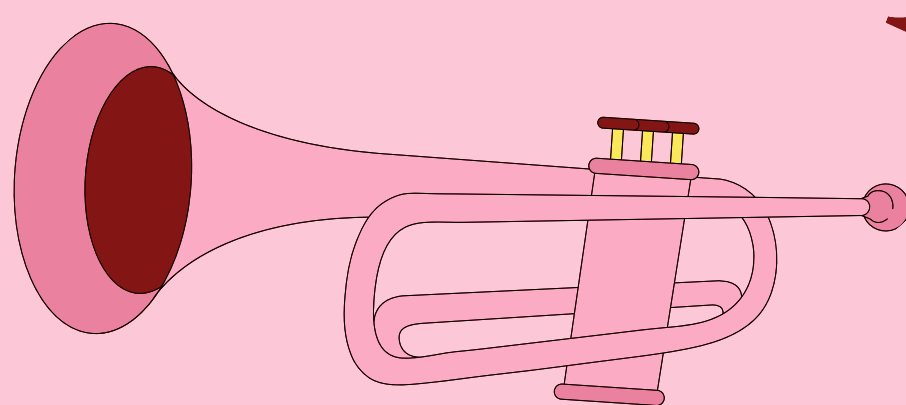
- Kindergarten 853 hours (based on 288 minutes X 183)
- Grade 1-6 878 hours (based on 288 minutes X 183)
- Grades 7-12 952 hours (based on 313 minutes X 183)

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

KSS MUSIC SHOWCASE 2024

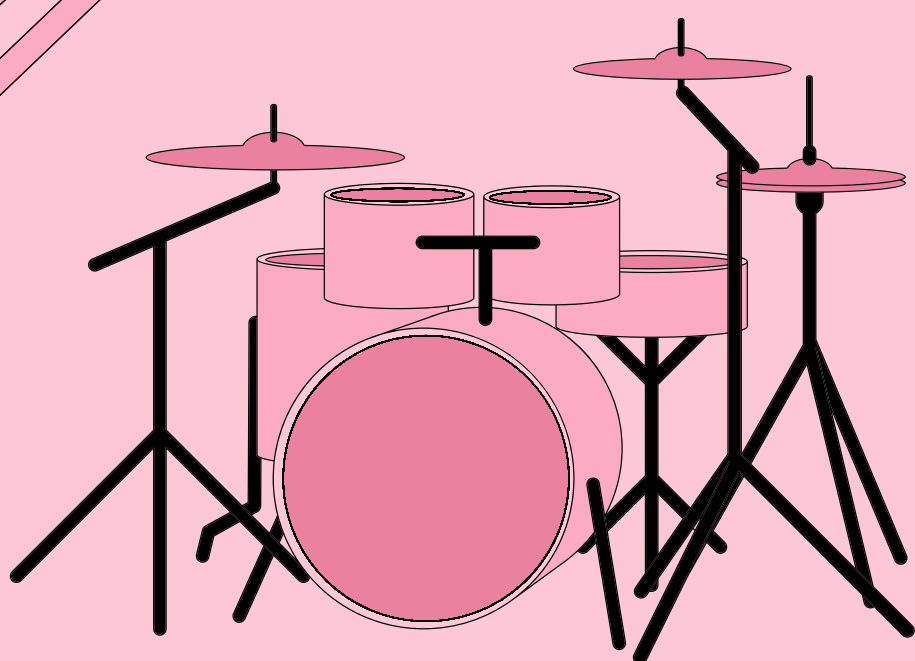
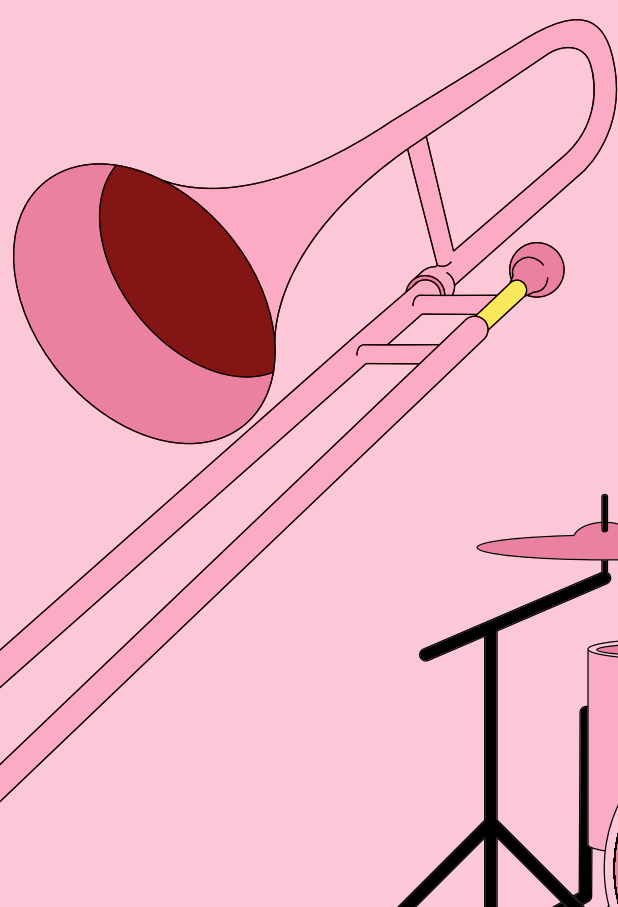
MONDAY, MARCH
4TH, 7:00 PM



DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

ADULTS: \$20

STUDENTS: \$10



FIRST LUTHERAN
4091 LAKESHORE
RD.

**COME SUPPORT STUDENTS AS THEY SHOWCASE THEIR
MUSICAL TALENTS, AND ENJOY SNACKS, BEVERAGES AND
WE HAVE SILENT AUCTION.**

PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT THE KSS MUSIC DEPARTMENT

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH KSS
STUDENTS OR AT THE DOOR

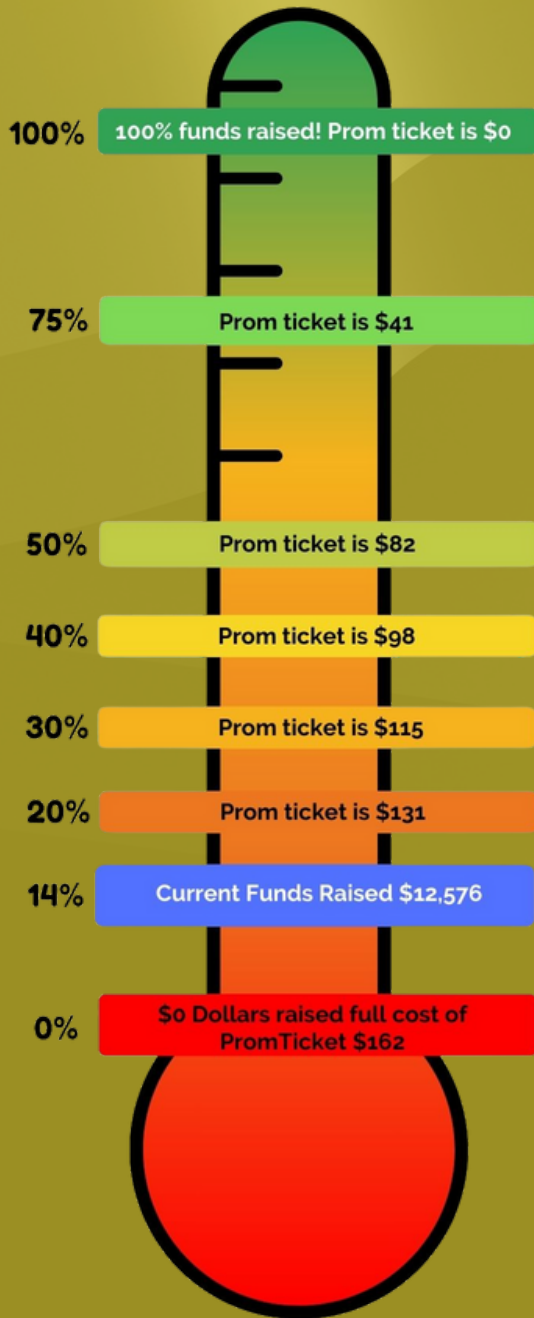


KSS CLASS OF 2024 PROM DONATIONS



FUNDRAISING GOAL:

To reduce the cost of the Prom Ticket



We are off to a great start raising funds to ensure ALL grads have a magical night at Prom.

There is an amazing evening planned from the Grad walk to beautiful venue at the Delta Grand Hotel. There will be a delicious dinner, photographers and photos booths, DJs, and many ways to create forever memories of this important evening! Funds raised will reduce the cost of the Prom ticket to ensure all grads can be a part of this special evening!

YOU can help by:

- Donating today! Simply go to your School Cash Online account. Make a donation and be sure to note in the box it is for **KSS PROM 2024!**
- **GRADS** – Join the Parking Spot Raffle. All grade 12 students can play to have a chance to win a prestigious parking spot for 2 weeks. Enter as many times as you want!
- Bring your empties to the closest Return-It Express Depot and use code: **250-KSS-GRAD**

ksspromcommittee@gmail.com

Ticket costs rounded to have an even dollar amount
Final ticket cost will not be available until tickets go on sale in the spring.