



WHOO'S NEWS

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250-870-5105

STUDENT FEES

All **school fees** (cultural/activity, field studies, courses, yearbook, etc.) **are paid online via School Cash Online**. The required Cultural/Activity Student Fee for 2025-2026 is \$30.00 per student. [HERE](#) is a link to School Cash Online.

Central Okanagan School District's Financial Hardship Clause—Within Board Regulation 425R – Student Fees (see www.sd23.bc.ca), the Board of Education has indicated "that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship". Clause 8.5 in the Regulations states "Principals are directed to establish a procedure in each school which will allow for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families. Such procedures will preserve the dignity of families who may be unable to pay". Please contact your Alpha VP if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

YEARBOOK

An *optional* Yearbook fee has been added to student School Cash Online student accounts. The deadline for early bird pricing is December 1st. The final deadline to purchase a yearbook is February 28th. Extra copies are not printed.

GRADE 12 STUDENT PARKING PASS

An *optional* \$15.00 Grade 12 Parking Pass Fee has been added to all Grade 12 students. This is optional and only for those who wish to purchase a parking pass. Parking passes are available to Grade 12 students only and do not guarantee a parking spot, only the permission to park if a spot is available. To receive the parking permit, students must bring a receipt for the \$15.00 fee to the office along with the "2025-2026 Student Parking Policy Contract" (signed by a parent) and fill out the "Parking Registration" google form. All forms may be found on KSS Website, under "Students".

Link is [HERE](#).

Parking Passes will be granted beginning the week of September 8th. Students are to listen for announcements for times and location!

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PHOTOS

Student Photo Day is scheduled for Friday, September 12 morning. Re-takes are scheduled for Monday, October 6. All students will receive a complimentary ID card and photos will be in the KSS Yearbook. Photos may be purchased online through Artona.



GRAD PHOTOS

Grad 2026 Photo Appointments may be reserved now! Photos are taken at KSS fields in the Artona Mobile Studio. Appointments may be reserved between November 26 - January 18. [HERE](#) is the link to register. Photo packages are purchased through Artona.

UPCOMING DATES

Sept 9	KSS PAC Meeting in LLC 6:30 p.m.
Sept 10	Grade Assemblies in the Gym
Sept 12	Photo Day (a.m.)
Sept 25	Rotary Youth Exchange Info Session 5:30 p.m.
Sept 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No School)
Oct 1-2	Interim Reports go home
Oct 3-4	Jr Best of the West Championship
Oct 6	Photo Retakes (a.m.)
Oct 7	Gr 12 Parent Info Night / PSI Mini Fair 6:00 p.m.
Oct 8	Early Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.
Oct 8	Parent-Teacher Conferences in the Gym 4:30 p.m.
Oct 10	Implementation Day (No School)
Oct 13	Thanksgiving Day (No School)
Oct 17-18	Sr Best of the West Championship



PAC UPDATE Community Matters

If you are a parent or guardian with a student returning or starting at KSS this fall, you are automatically part of the PAC.

For those new to the school, PAC at KSS isn't about fund raising so don't let that thought scare you. A major role is allocating approximately \$30,000 of BC Gaming Funds shared with KSS to help fund extracurricular activities.

The PAC welcomes your input/attendance at meetings. It's an easy way to keep up with what is happening at KSS.

Please email kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca if you have questions or comments.

**JOIN US for the first monthly PAC meeting
September 9 at 6:30 in the KSS library**

Be Scent Aware



KSS CALENDAR

Please check the KSS Website for important information and upcoming events. You will also find the KSS Calendar on the KSS Website main page. Please check this calendar for more details and latest updates. Link is [HERE](#)

STUDENT ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

At KSS, in-class attendance is expected. Notes are not accepted to excuse absences, sign out or leave early. **Parents/Guardians are encouraged to report absences, lates and early departures using [School Messenger - Safe Arrival Absence Reporting system](#).**

REPORTING

School Messenger - Safe Arrival may be accessed three ways:

- (1) **School Messenger App** (most user friendly).
- (2) Online Parent Portal: go.schoolmessenger.ca.
- (3) Call the School at 250-870-5105 and press "1".



LATES

Students that are more than 30 minutes late for class must check in at the office. The office will timestamp the student's arrival. Once the student makes their way to their classroom, their teacher will change the Absence to a Late. If this is an excused late, parents may report this in Safe Arrival. Parents may contact the classroom teacher for attendance inquiries.

EARLY DEPARTURES

Parents may report early departures in Safe Arrival. Once reported, the teacher will see this in MyEd and release the student at the reported dismissal time. If there is no excused absence in MyEd, students will be sent to the office for follow-up. This may delay student dismissal as the office obtains parental approval. If no parental approval is obtained, the student will be sent back to class.

ABSENCE CALLS

Safe Arrival will generate a 'call' to parents/guardians for students with an unexcused absence. The timestamp of the call is the time that the school schedules the call-out. **This is NOT the time of the student absence.** Please contact student teachers if you would like clarification on the absence time/class.

MEDICAL ALERTS

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform the school of a Student's Medical Alert. Please come to the office to complete the appropriate Medical Forms. Epi-Pens and medication may be kept in the school Medical Room if appropriate documentation is on file. **These documents must be submitted/reviewed and signed yearly.**

ATHLETICS

All athletic information is found on the website: KSS website, "Students", "Athletics". The Athletic Calendar, Gym Schedule, livestreams and all athletic information is found here. [HERE](#) is a link.

Fall sports is up and running! Check the website for upcoming Fall Sports try-out times.

MEET YOUR DIRECTOR!

We are excited to celebrate **Mrs. Sheila French's 20th year at KSS!**

Mrs. French is passionate about helping every student connect with their voice and discover the joy of singing.

Whether you're new to choir or have sung for years, we'd LOVE for you to join us and SING!

📍 Stop by the music room (128) with questions

✉️ Sheila.french@sd23.bc.ca

Come be part of something special—your voice matters here!

A colorful poster for Math & Science help. It features a red apple icon, a cartoon girl holding a pencil, and a speech bubble saying "We don't support this!". The text reads: "NEED HELP WITH MATH & SCIENCE? COME TO ROOM 284 TUESDAY MORNINGS 8-9AM MS. DRESCHER CAN HELP! SCIENCE MATH JUST DROP IN!"

A poster for the Youth Exchange Scholarship. It features photos of students and a list of benefits. The text reads: "STUDY ABROAD The Youth Exchange Scholarship provided by your local Rotary Club. Valued at over \$24,000: Room, board, tuition, and monthly stipend for a high school year abroad. HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED OF... TRAVELING THE WORLD? LIVING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY? BEING FLUENT IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE? The Youth Exchange Scholarships are made possible by the generosity of our Rotary partners overseas and local Rotary clubs. Students must be in grade 9, 10 or 11 to apply. Rotary youth exchange Student and Parent Information Night KSS Main Entrance September 25 5:30 to 6:30 For more information contact colleen.narita.mccowan@gmail.com"