



École Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

October 4, 2024

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Our Remembrance Day Assembly for students will be held on November 8th.

For the past few years we have made a slideshow of family members and/or friends of the KSS Community that have served for the KSS Remembrance Day Ceremony.

If you have a digital copy of a photo of a loved one that you would like to be added to the presentation this year please email it to Mr. Holly (ryan.holly@sd23.bc.ca), along with the name of the person(s), their rank if known, and their relations to KSS.

For example:



Anna Żylicz &
Captain Stanisław
(Stan) Holly
Mr. Ryan Holly's
Grandparents

Upcoming dates . .

Oct 4-5	Jr. Boys & Jr. Girls Best of the West Championship
Oct 8	Photo Retakes
Oct 8	KSS PAC Meeting via Zoom 6:30 p.m.
Oct 9	Parent-Teacher Conferences in the gym 4:30-6:30 Early Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.
Oct 11	NO SCHOOL—Implementation Day
Oct 14	NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Day
Oct 18-19	Sr. Boys & Sr. Girls Best of the West Championship
Oct 25	NO SCHOOL—Pro-D Day
Oct 30	District Dual Credit Information Night
Nov 6	Quarter 1 ends

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday, OCTOBER 9

Parent-Teacher Conferences have been scheduled for Wednesday, **October 9th**.

Students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. on this day and buses will be running.

Interviews are from 4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m. in the KSS Gym.

No appointments. Just come to the gym during the allotted times!

BELL SCHEDULE Oct 9	
8:55 a.m.	Warning Bell
9:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.	Period 1
10:10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Period 2
11:15 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.	Break
11:25 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.	Period 3
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Period 4

KSS ADMINISTRATION

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of October as “**Principal and Vice-Principal Month**” in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Thank you to our KSS Admin Team!

KSS Administration Team:

Scott Parker, Principal

Christey Hughes, Vice-Principal A-G

Jeff Prasad, Vice-Principal H-N

Mike Kormany, Vice-Principal O-Z

Thank You!



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors:

Your self-talk is everything. Cringe, but true. Be mindful of how you talk to yourself.

NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

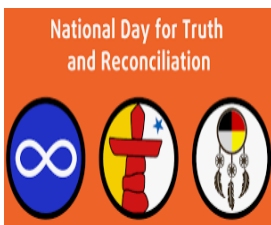


Each year, September 30th marks the **National Day of Truth & Reconciliation** and it is a federal statutory holiday. **Orange Shirt Day** also takes place on September 30th.

At KSS, we recognized this day on Friday, September 27th .



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of this history is a vital component of the reconciliation process.



Outdoor Education taking a moment to reflect on Truth and Reconciliation

Grade 12: Class of 2025

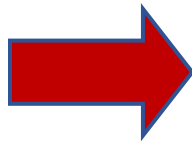
POST-SECONDARY

PREPARATION

**KSS will be offering grade 12 students
3 optional POST SECONDARY PREPARATION SESSIONS (PSP)
to help prepare for education after high school!**

PSP #1

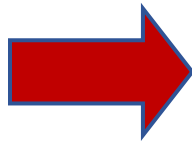
Wed & Thur October 16 & 17
@ 11:30 am
KSS LIBRARY
and
Thur October 17 @ 3:30 pm
KSS LIBRARY



- ✓ Getting Organized
- ✓ Transcripts
- ✓ Entrance Requirements
- ✓ How to apply

PSP #2

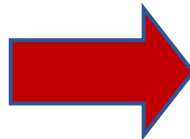
Wed & Thur November 26 & 27
@ 11:30 am
KSS LIBRARY
and
Thur November 27 @ 3:30 pm
KSS LIBRARY



- ✓ Funding
- ✓ Central Okanagan Bursary
& Scholarship Society:
COBSS
- ✓ Scholarships / Awards

PSP #3

Tue & Wed April 15 & 16
@ 11:30 am
KSS LIBRARY



- ✓ Post-secondary calendar
- ✓ Updates & deposits
- ✓ Course planning
- ✓ Course registration

**The sessions are identical. Please plan to attend during your spare to avoid missing class time.*

If you must miss class time, plan ahead with your teacher - early class dismissal required.

Presentations will be posted on the KSS website for further information.

Grad 2025 Info

Grad Google Classroom: 2hyd22x

Grad Photos

When: November 25 - January 14th

Where: At the school (trailer near portables)

Additional Info: Students are asked to use the QR code that will be on the google classroom and posted around the school to book a sitting for their grad photo portrait session. These will be the photos used in the yearbook, and so we ask all grads to book a session whether they are interested in purchasing photos or not.

January bookings will open once December time slots are filled.

Winter Formal

When: Wednesday December 11th, 2024

Where: At the school

Additional Info: Semi-formal event. Tickets will be \$20 and sold to grade 12 KSS students only. Ticket sales will take place late November at the school and include entry to the dance as well as light refreshments.

There will be an email go out requesting parent volunteers for this event.

Prom

To connect with the planning committee follow @kssprom2025 on instagram, or email ksspromcommittee@gmail.com

When: Friday May 16th, 2025

Where: Waterfront Park (promenade) and Delta Grand Hotel (dinner and dance)

- Ticket prices will be determined based on fundraising efforts throughout the year.
- Tickets sold to KSS grade 12 students only. Students must be up to date on fees and have no overdue library books in order to purchase tickets.
- Ticket sales will take place the week of April 28th before school (8:00-9:00), at lunch (11:45-12:20) and after school (3:15-4:00) out of room 147. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER MAY 2ND.
- The promenade will begin promptly at 5:30pm from Rhapsody Plaza with grads asked to arrive no later than 5:00pm.
- The promenade will conclude at the Delta Grand Hotel with dinner and dance to follow.
- KSS code of conduct in effect for the evening

Convocation

When: Saturday June 7th, 2025

Where: KSS Gymnasium

- Students will be split into two ceremonies based on last name. A-L starting at 10:30am and M-Z at 2:30pm. Students are asked to arrive 45 minutes prior to their start time.
- Each student will be allotted 6 tickets for guests to come watch. The ceremony will be live streamed.
- Grad gowns are ordered on behalf of all grade 12 students. Information about students height will be collected on google classroom.
- Grad gowns will be distributed on dates TBD at the school.
- Please forward accessible seating requests to natalie.spencer@sd23.bc.ca

KSS ATHLETICS

For updates, and Athletic calendar, see KSS Athletics on the KSS Website under "Students" top tab. [HERE](#) is a link.



KSS BEST OF THE WEST VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

This is our first chance to bring some KSS School Spirit into our gymnasium this year!!! The 2024 KSS Jr. Girls and Jr. Boys Best of the West Championship, sponsored by the Payton & Dillon Budd Memorial Fund, will be held on Friday, October 4th and Saturday, October 5th. There will be 64 teams from around BC, Alberta and the Yukon playing in our gym all day long!!! *Come on down and cheer on our Owls—it is **FREE!***

For schedules and livestream please see the website [HERE](#).

KSS GAME TIMES:

Friday, October 4th

10:30am KSS Jr. Girls vs. Vernon & Jr. Boys vs. Vancouver Christian

12:00pm KSS Jr. Girls vs. WJ Mouat & Jr. Boys vs. Penticton

3:00pm KSS Jr. Boys vs. Abbotsford Christian

6:00pm KSS Jr. Girls vs. Fernie



GOOOO Owls!!!

Saturday, October 5th

9am KSS Jr. Boys & Jr. Girls Quarterfinals

2:00pm KSS Jr. Boys & Jr. Girls Semifinals

4pm BOTW Gold Medal Finals

The 2024 KSS **Sr.** Girls and **Sr.** Boys Best of the West Championship, sponsored by the Payton & Dillon Budd Memorial Fund, will be held on Friday, October 18th and Saturday, October 19th.



Sr Girls AAA Volleyball finish 4th at Douglas College

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS !

4A Boys Basketball tryouts are next week:

Mon, Oct 7

Tues, Oct 8

Thurs, Oct 10

7:00 a.m.—8:30 a.m. in the KSS Gym



KSS CLUBS ~ 2024-2025

CLUB	CONTACT	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Avid Readers Club Students will select books of various genres & meet monthly to discuss them. Bring your own snack!	Ms. J. Franz			Room 235 Last Wed of every month @ lunch.		
Birding Club	Ms. B. Miller		Room 288 @ lunch		Room 288 @ lunch	
BIPOC Connections Group	Mr. D. Ragobar Ms. M. Ragoonaden Ms. C. Drescher			Room 147 @ lunch		
Coding Club	Ms. B. Miller					Room 288 @ lunch
Crib Club	Ms. F. Freeman		Room 157 @ lunch			
Dance Club	Ms. C. Zaseybida Ms. T. Pilon					Room 153 @ lunch
Diversity Club	Mr. A. Harris		Room 159 @ lunch			
DnD Club	Mr. A. Harris	Room 159 @ lunch		Room 159 @ lunch	Room 159 @ lunch	
Global Awareness Club	b. Wrauley	Room 232 @ lunch	Room 232 @ lunch			
Guitar Club	Mr. D. Shevchuk		Room 185 @ lunch		Room 185 @ lunch	
Improve Club	Ms. T. Ciccotelli			Theatre (Room 190) @ lunch		
Magic The Gathering	Ms. S. Galigan					Room 260 @ lunch
Kiwanis Key Club	Mr. C. Cartwright Ms. J. Cartwright					
KSS Interact Club	Ms. M. Kulak					Room 141 @ lunch
Philosophy Club	Ms. A. Kehler				Room 233 2 nd and 4 th Thurs of every month @ lunch	
Robotics Club	Mr. A. Harris		Room 159 3:30-6:00 pm		Room 159 3:30-6:00 pm	
Social Board Games Club	Mr. D. Cochrane Ms. C. Herzog			Library @ lunch		

Central Okanagan Public Schools

Dual Credit Information Night

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

STUDENTS AND PARENTS WELCOME!

Central Okanagan Public Schools is hosting a **Dual Credit Information Night** on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 6:00 pm at **Kelowna Secondary School**.

The purpose of this event is to showcase our Dual Credit Program options and provide an opportunity for students and parents to communicate directly with our post-secondary and industry training partners.

Please join us to discover the many benefits of a dual credit program, including tuition sponsorship and the ability for students to get a head start on a rewarding career.

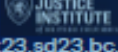
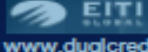
AGENDA:

5:30 pm: Doors open to public to visit with post-secondary partners

6:00 pm: Dual Credit Presentation Overview - Bob Boback

6:20-7:00 pm: Parents and Students have an opportunity to talk with post-secondary partners to learn more

7:00 pm: End of Event



www.dualcredit23.sd23.bc.ca

SKILLEDTRADESBC



UBC Geering Up
Kelowna, Okanagan

GO ENG GIRL! EXPLORE AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

JOIN US FOR AN ALL-GIRLS* EVENT AT UBC OKANAGAN

The field of Aerospace Engineering is taking off with Canada's growing demand for more skilled engineers.

What is it like to design and create devices that travel through the atmosphere and beyond? Find out as we discover the world of flight, space travel, and the Aerospace Engineering cutting-edge technologies that make it possible. Tackle real-world (and out-of-this-world) engineering challenges by harnessing your creativity and design skills. Craft your versions of the engineering marvels that are helping us explore the universe.

Meet faculty and students, explore the campus, and connect with undergraduate mentors to hear their stories and experiences...come prepared to learn, explore, and get a sneak peek of life on campus!

Want to register?

See the KSS career centre today to secure your spot! **Deadline to register is October 18, 2024**

* We have an inclusive view of the word "girl" and welcome trans, genderqueer, and non-binary participants.

INTERESTED?

Who:

Grade 11 and 12 girls*

When:

Tuesday, Oct 22, 2024

Where:

UBC Okanagan

Cost:

* busing provided by your school

* Free - Includes a pizza lunch!

Learn more about Geering Up Visit

bit.ly/GUKelowna, email us at kelowna.geeringup@ubc.ca, or scan this QR code:



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FAMILY

MONSTER

BASH

Sunday, October 27

MNP Place | 1-4 p.m.

Free fun for the entire family!

VOLUNTEER NOW!

For more information and an application form, see the KSS Career Centre

Deadline to apply is Thursday, October 17!



VOLUNTEER AT YVL

Jr. Ambassador Program

In partnership with Central Okanagan Public Schools, YVL 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 YVL Junior Ambassador Program and to pick up an application form, please visit the KSS Careers Office. **Fall 2024 registration deadline is Thursday, October 10, 2024.**

UPCOMING POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION REPRESENTATIVE VISITS TO KSS

Date	PSI Name	Time	Location
Wednesday, October 16 th	Queen's University	11:30 - 12:30	MPR
Tuesday, November 19 th	University of Calgary	11:30 - 12:30	MPR



In addition to virtual events, there are three on-campus events from 10:00am - 12:30pm:

- Saturday, Sept. 21
- Saturday, Oct. 26
- Saturday, Nov. 23

Students get a tour, presentation lead by current students, and lunch in the dining hall.

DISCOVER
UBC's Okanagan Campus
Kelowna, BC

DEGREES

- Applied Science (Engineering)
- Arts
- Health and Exercise Science
- Management
- Media Studies
- Nursing
- Science
- Sustainability
- Visual Arts

Virtual and In-Person Events



BIPOC CONNECTIONS GROUP

FOR STUDENTS OF COLOUR TO CELEBRATE, CONNECT, AND GIVE SPACE TO BE THEMSELVES

FIRST MEETING
SEPT 11TH

LUNCH
ROOM 147
WEDNESDAYS



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**BLACK
INDIGENOUS
PEOPLE
OF
COLOUR**

TEACHER SPONSORS
MRS. RAGOONADEN
MR. RAGOBAR
MS. DRESCHER

HALLOWEEN PARTY

WITH PERFORMANCES BY

★ THE KING JOVIAN ★
★ UR GIRL MEEMS ★
★ GINGER SNAPP ★



OCTOBER 26TH, 5-9PM
DOORS OPEN AT 4:30

 **this space**



We Don't Want You to Sell Anything!

But we still need your help

Dear Parents/guardians.

Each year the KSS PAC provides 2 bursaries and 2 scholarships of \$1000 each to KSS graduates who will be attending post-secondary education in the Fall of their graduating year. The bursaries/scholarships are awarded to students based on financial need, academic achievement, and a desire to pursue post-secondary education in Canada.

Previously, these were funded through KSS's annual provincial community gaming grant, however, gaming funds are no longer allowed to be used for bursaries and scholarships. Hence, the PAC must fundraise in order to continue to provide these funds to support KSS students in their future education.

This is where YOU come in!

Please consider donating! Any amount, no matter how large or small, makes a difference!

Our fundraising goal is \$4,000 to cover the awards for 2025 graduates. Any funds beyond our goal will be held in a PAC scholarship account for future years!

How to donate

We have decided to use the school district donation option this year for our scholarship/bursary fund. It allows us to keep all of the money that you donate, rather than having to pay platform fees, and gives you a tax receipt. **WIN-WIN!**

Steps:

1. Go to www.schoolcashionline.com and sign in using your credentials that you pay your school fees with
2. Click *Make a Donation* to open the donation form
3. Choose *Kelowna Secondary*
4. In the message box write *PAC Scholarship Fund*
5. *Add to Cart* to go to the payment page

Give To Central Okanagan School District

Gift Information

I would like to make a donation of: ☐ \$20 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1000 Other Amount:

Fund Destination: **Kelowna Secondary**

Tribute Information

This gift is: Name of honoree:

Message to School Board

Message (Optional): **PAC Scholarship Fund**

Tax Receipt

A donation receipt will be emailed to you upon completion of your cart checkout.

[Back](#) [Add To Cart](#)

With your support, we can empower the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and changemakers.