



École Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

September 20, 2024

Parking & Student Drop-off / Pick-up

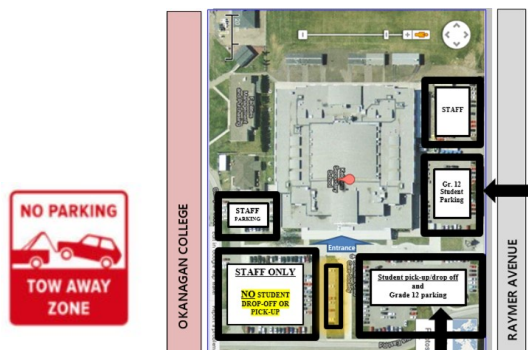
Grade 12 students must only park in the indicated Grade 12 student parking areas. A parking pass must be displayed. Grade 12 parking passes are still available.

The Visitor Parking is in the Student Parking Lot. Please remember to pick up a visitor parking pass from the office.

Parents dropping off or picking up are to use the Visitor / Student Parking lot to ensure the safety of our staff and students.

Parents ARE NOT TO USE the Staff Parking lot for student drop off or pick up at ANY time for ANY reason.

Parking is enforced and you will be towed !!



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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

UPCOMING POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION REPRESENTATIVE VISITS TO KSS

Date	PSI Name	Time	Location
Friday, September 27 th	University of Alberta	11:30 - 12:30	MPR
Tuesday, November 19 th	University of Calgary	11:30 - 12:30	MPR

Upcoming dates . .

Sept 23-27	Truth and Reconciliation Week
Sept 27	University of Alberta visit in MPR during lunch
Sept 30	NO SCHOOL —National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
Oct 1-2	Interim Reports go home
Oct 5	World Teacher's Day
Oct 8	Photo Retakes
Oct 8	KSS PAC Meeting via Zoom
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



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors:

Confidence isn't saying "I'm the best." It's saying "I'll do my best even if I'm not the best."

Attach your confidence to your work ethic, not how you stack up to others.

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

Swimming

Students that have previous competitive swimming experience are invited to attend a KSS Swim Team meeting if you are interested. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 25 at lunch time (11:45 a.m.) in Room 193.

Please check the KSS Athletics page often for the most up-to-date information on athletics—team try-outs, schedules, etc. You will find KSS Athletics on the KSS Website under “Students” top tab. [HERE](#) is a link.



Sr. Boys Volleyball Team

Champions of Douglas College Tournament

KSS OWLS FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER

We've recently registered our "KSS OWLS FOOTBALL" with Return It Express! Essentially, it's a bottle drive program made easy.

People can drop off their bags full of recyclable bottles at any Return It Express location - by simply printing a label onsite using our code: **7802422092**

No sorting required! DROP-LABEL & GO! the return is automatically put in our Team account!

Thank you for your support!



Sr. Girls Field Hockey

action in Oliver!



Ready to trade classrooms for cathedrals? Textbooks for tapas? **Europe is calling!**

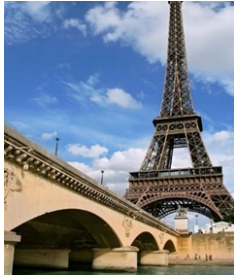
Join us for the trip of a lifetime for Spring Break 2025 as we **travel to France and Spain!**

For more information and to enroll: drop by to see

Ms. Irvine in Room 284, visit:

www.eftours.ca/2789312VX or scan the QR Code.

Limited spots available.



DISCOVER UBC's Okanagan Campus Kelowna, BC

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

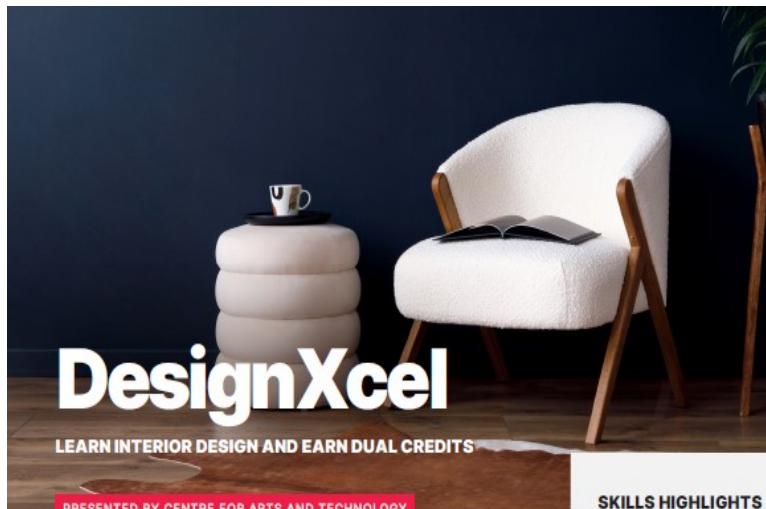
- Saturday, Sept. 21
- Saturday, Oct. 26
- Saturday, Nov. 23

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

DEGREES

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

Virtual and In-Person Events



DesignXcel

LEARN INTERIOR DESIGN AND EARN DUAL CREDITS

PRESENTED BY CENTRE FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

Are you interested in discovering skills and careers in the interior design industry while earning dual credits?

Join the DesignXcel program to

- ✓ Learn interior design skills in a hands-on environment
- ✓ Understand historical and current design trends
- ✓ Explore careers in the interior design industry
- ✓ Connect with Okanagan interior design professionals

Program Details

- FREE Tuition
- Open to all grade 11 & 12 students in 2024/25
- Program runs during the February to June semester of 2025
- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
- Earn four high school credits and six credits toward a diploma in Interior Design at Centre for Arts and Technology
- Taught by professional Interior Designers
- Easily apply through your school's Career Centre

SKILLS HIGHLIGHTS

- Principles and Elements of Interior Design
- Design theory, terminology, and presentation skills
- Historical design trends and their impact

SPACE IS LIMITED!
Are you ready for your DesignXcel?

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MAY 15TH TO THE CAREER CENTRE



SoundStart

LEARN AUDIO ENGINEERING AND EARN DUAL CREDITS

PRESENTED BY CENTRE FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

Are you interested in discovering skills and careers in the audio and music industry while earning dual credits?

Join the SoundStart program to

- ✓ Learn hands on skills in a recording studio
- ✓ Explore careers in the music and audio industry
- ✓ Learn audio software including Pro Tools and Ableton Live
- ✓ Connect with Okanagan audio professionals

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- Earn four high school credits and six credits toward a diploma in Audio Engineering & Production at Centre for Arts and Technology
- Taught by professional Audio Engineers
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SKILLS HIGHLIGHTS

- Microphones varieties and recording techniques
- Filters and audio FX
- Pro Tools and Ableton Live
- Signal flow and routing

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How do I get my 30 hours for Graduation?

Career Exploration and Career Volunteer hours help you gain the 30 hours you need for graduation. You can accumulate these hours in Grades 10 - 12. There are lots of possibilities - see below for some examples!

Explore

- Job Shadows
- Career Fairs
- Job Fairs
- Experience OC
- Experience UBC-O
- CAT Student for a day
- OC Student for a day
- Program Shadows
- GO ENG Girl
- Fire Boot Camp
- KGH Health Care Conference
- Spotlight Classroom Presentations
- Class Field Studies

Volunteer

- Summer and Spring Break Camps
- Monster Bash
- Scarecrow Festival
- Christmas Light Up
- Downtown Christmas Market
- Kettlebells & Poppies
- Food Drives
- YLW Ambassador
- KGH/Interior Health
- YMCA
- SPCA
- Foodbank
- Art Gallery
- Church
- Sports

It's easier than you think!

Visit your Career Centre for more information!

www.careerlifeprograms.com

Central Okanagan Public Schools
Together We Learn

New Members Needed to Join...

DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL

Meet New People, Promote Student Voice, Make an Impact

In need of ONE Grade 10 and ONE Grade 12 student from KSS

Accepting applications until Sept 24th

EMAIL ANY QUESTIONS TO DSC@SD23.BC.CA

FILL OUT THIS GOOGLE FORM TO APPLY!



Elections BC is hiring secondary school students for the 2024 Provincial General Election through the **Youth at The Booth** program



You have skills, we have jobs.

- Work on Saturday, October 19, 2024, as an election official in your community
- Earn at least \$390 for attending training and working a full day
- Get experience for graduation, your resume, and post-secondary applications
- Learn about elections and voting



Bottle Drive

KSS Prom 2025



Collection Date:
2024-2025

Drop-off Locations:
Local Return-It Express Stations

- 680 Dease Road
- 1936 Kent Road
- 1314 St. Paul Street

USE CODE: 250-KSS-GRAD
(250-577-4723)

Simply bring your containers to the depot in sealed, **TRANSPARENT BLUE** or **CLEAR BAGS**, and enter the KSS grad class number at the Express kiosk. You will be prompted to select the number of bags you're dropping off, and the kiosk will automatically print stickers for each of your bags with the KSS Grad Express account code. Tag each of your bags with a sticker, and drop the bags off in the designated Express drop-off area to be counted and credited to our account.
(Note: a maximum of 12 glass bottles can be included in each bag.)

Questions?
Please email the Prom Committee:
ksspromcommittee@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting us with your donations!



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

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