



Whoo's News



January 27, 2023

KSS Course Selection for 2023-24 will be taking place in the coming months. Please take some time to review course offerings at KSS in the [viewbook](#).

Students should make sure that they have access to their MyED Portal. Instructions are available [here](#) on the KSS website.

Grad Clothing Sale #2

The second grad clothing sale is open now until February 15. Once the sale ends on February 15, the items will go into production and will take approximately four weeks to arrive at KSS.

To order, click [HERE](#).



GRAD 2023

Please see *KSS Website, Parents, Grad Section* for details as they become available [HERE](#).

Proud for Prom

Proud for Prom is a local volunteer organization that helps students access formal wear if cost is an issue. They are holding a massive event for students across the Okanagan on Saturday, February 25 for grade 12 students. Students may sign up here [HERE](#).

For more information about Proud for Prom, please see their Facebook and Instagram accounts.



SPIRIT WEEK Jan 30—Feb 3

- ⇒ Monday: **Crazy Eyewear Day**
- ⇒ Tuesday: **Western Day... Howdy Cowboy**
- ⇒ Wednesday: **Jersey Day**
- ⇒ Thursday: **Black & Gold Day**
- ⇒ Friday: **Crazy Black and Gold Day... Time to go wild!**



January 30

Semester 2 begins

February 2 - 4

Western Canada Basketball Tournament

February 6

Course selection begins

February 9

Report Cards released digitally via MyEd Student Portal

February 14

PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.

February 16

Music Showcase 7:00 p.m.

February 17

Pro-D Day—no school

Please see KSS Calendar on the website for the most updated information!

Link [HERE](#).



Central Okanagan
Public Schools
Together We Learn

Indigenous-Focused Course Graduation Requirement

Essential Information



In effect
for 2024
graduates.

COMMON QUESTIONS



Q: Are these courses recognized at post-secondary institutions?

A: Yes, the English and Social Studies options satisfy the BC Dogwood Diploma, and are recognized across Canada.



Q: Who will teach these courses?

A: Teachers who are trained to teach in the related content area, as exists in the K-12 system currently.



Q: Why is this being put in place now?

A: In October 2021, Government directed the Ministry of Education and Childcare as part of the commitments in the BC Tripartite Education Agreement.

The introduction of this graduation requirement is an important next step towards Truth & Reconciliation & supports the commitment to develop the "Educated Citizen."

WHAT IS REQUIRED?



Students graduating with a BC Dogwood Diploma will need to complete 4 credits of an Indigenous-focused course.

WHY IS THIS IN PLACE?



Develops understandings of cultures, histories, contexts and perspectives of Indigenous peoples of BC.



Part of the Framework for Reconciliation Action Plan in BC includes a commitment to implementing a course related to First Peoples as part of BC's graduation requirements.



Good to Know:

There is no increase to the number of graduation credits, which remain at 80.

Double Duty:



English First Peoples, Contemporary Indigenous Studies & BC First Peoples also satisfy **EITHER** the English Language Arts 12 **OR** Social Studies 12 requirement respectively (2 grad requirements at once).

Current Course Options:

- English First Peoples 10-12
- BC First Peoples 12
- Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12

Possible Future Courses:

Currently, there are locally developed courses being put forward for approval to fulfil this requirement. More info to come.

Contact your secondary school for more information, such as which courses are available at their location.



[FAQ Guide](#)



[Calls to Action](#)

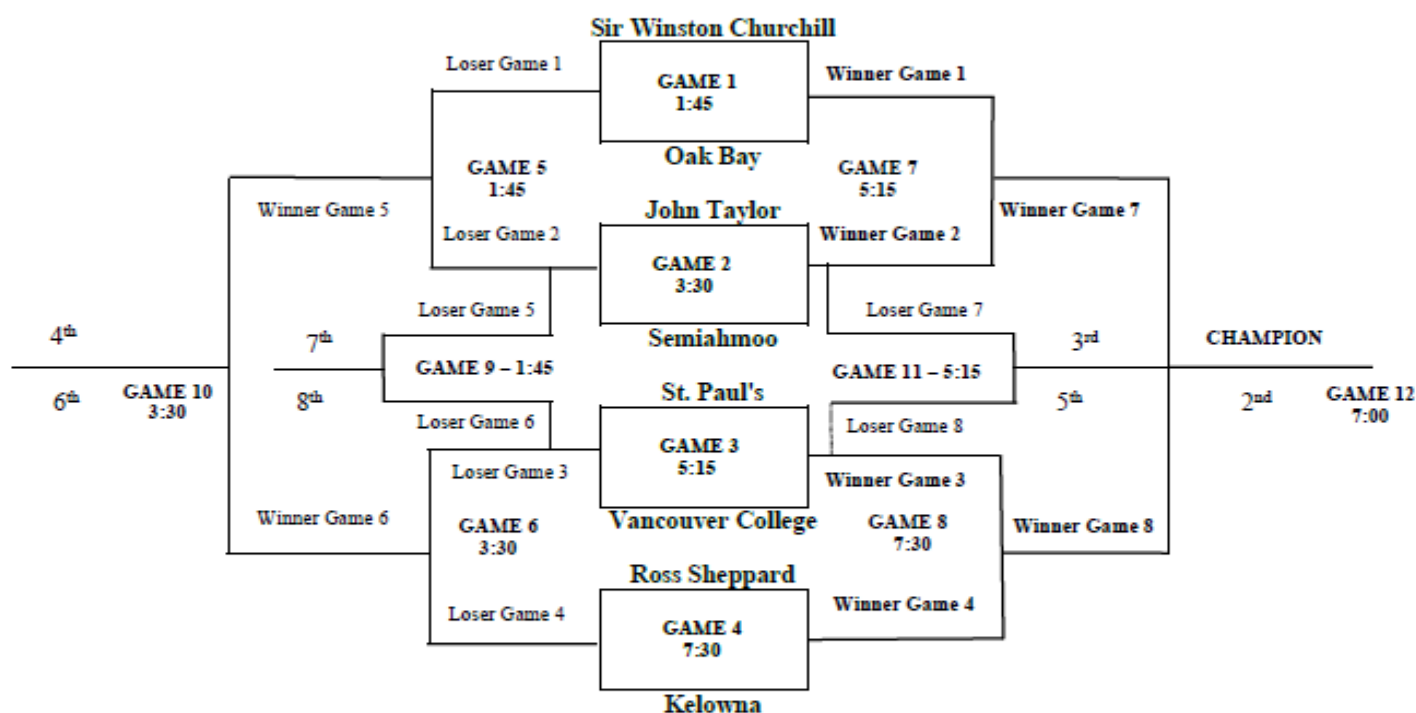


OWLS ATHLETICS

Western Canada Basketball Tournament Feb. 2-4th. See [HERE](#) for more information.



WESTERN CANADA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FEBRUARY 2, 3 and 4, 2023



The team listed on the bottom of the bracket is the home team for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

	#1	1:45 PM
	#2	3:30 PM
*	#3	5:15 PM
*	#4	7:30 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

	#5	1:45 PM
	#6	3:30 PM
**	#7	5:15 PM
**	#8	7:30 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

#9	1:45 PM
#10	3:30 PM
#11	5:15 PM
#12	7:00 PM

* 103.1 Beach Radio Slam Dunk Contest will take place at 7:00 Thursday night

** One Team Sports Group Point Contest will take place at 7:00 Friday night

Spring Tryout link [HERE](#) —Sr. Girls Rugby, Tennis and Ultimate (New Info)

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Welcome • Bienvenue

KSS Indigenous Inquiry Project



An outdoor
learning
space



The KSS Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee has created an Outdoor Classroom design that has been proposed for construction on our school field between the school and the basketball courts.

The purpose of the project is to bridge all students with the land, honour local Indigenous teachings, create a welcoming outdoor gathering space, and partner with people interested in being a part of Reconciliation.



This will be a space that emphasizes the use and celebration of Indigenous ways of knowing and being. Students involved have worked on designs to create a space that reflects values of respecting the land, learning outside, storytelling, and many cross-curricular initiatives. The space is also meant to be inclusive, accessible, welcoming, versatile, and safe.

For student
informational
video
scan QR code



For more information
and to donate
scan this QR code



Donations
can be made in person
by cash or cheque
at the KSS School Office
or
if you are a KSS parent
go to *School Cash Online*
click on *Make a Donation*
select fund destination of
KSS Indigenous Inquiry Project



KSS TRUTH & RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

DO YOU CARE ABOUT RECONCILIATION?

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT OUR SCHOOL?

IF SO, THIS TEAM MIGHT BE FOR YOU!

YOUR ROLE WILL INVOLVE:

- PLANNING/ORGANISING TRUTH & RECONCILIATION INITIATIVES
 - I.E TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WEEK, ETC.
- MAKING MEANINGFUL DECISIONS
- LEADING PROJECTS & GAINING VOLUNTEER HOURS
- SHARING YOUR OPINIONS



WANT TO APPLY?:

- 1) SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW
- 2) ANSWER THE QUESTIONS & SUBMIT



**** THE SELECTION COMMITTEE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION IN THE COMING WEEKS. IF YOU WOULD PREFER AN IN-PERSON INTERVIEW INSTEAD OF ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN WRITING, PLEASE LET US KNOW IN THE GOOGLE FORM. ****

**DEADLINE TO APPLY |
FEBUARARY 8, 2023**



SCAN THE QR CODE



Kelowna Secondary School Jazz and Vocal presents:

KSS MUSIC SHOWCASE 2023

**Thursday,
February 16,
7:00 pm**
Doors open at
6:30

Evangel Church
3261 Gordon Dr,
Kelowna

Tickets at the
door, from
students & school
cash online.
\$20 general
admission or \$10
for students



Featured guests:

Cory Weeds, Alto Sax
Champion Fulton, Piano & Voice

SUSTAINABLE

DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGE

GRAND FINALE

FEB 20
23
23 6-9 PM

Rotary Centre for the Arts

This live competition is sure to inspire as student-team finalists present their impactful projects and compete for funding to make their projects a reality!



*The evening is **FREE**, but space is limited.
Reserve your seat for the Grand Finale now!*
eventbrite.com/e/sustainable-development-challenge-finale-tickets-502075430127



EMPOWERING YOU **Building Resiliency**

Empowering YOU is a **FREE** 10-week program that provides mental health education to help youth develop skills that enable them to cope with challenges in life. The ultimate aim of Empowering YOU is to help youth aged 14 to 17 to manage stress, moments of anxiety, mood challenges, and relationship difficulties through self-awareness, coping strategies (e.g., mindfulness), connecting with nature and physical activity.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The goal of this program is to develop a sense of connection and belonging among participants in the 10-week program while learning about tools and techniques to manage their mental health. The program will run once a week for two hours. The first hour is dedicated to learning and information. During the second hour, youth engage in physical activity which gives them an opportunity to experience and practice the information and learning. The program builds largely on the work of Jill Rathus and Alec Miller (2015) and dialectical behaviour therapy (DBT) and more specifically their DBT Skills Manual for Adolescents.

Snacks are provided and participants will receive a \$100 credit towards recreational activities after the program.

We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Government of Canada and support of the Province of British Columbia.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The overarching guiding principle for Empowering You is to **create a safe space** by:

- ✓ Creating and supporting positive experiences and peer relationships.
- ✓ Ensuring programming is standardized, age-appropriate and builds on best practice.
- ✓ Incorporating and practicing emotional, physical and mental risk management.
- ✓ Practicing strength based and trauma informed approaches to facilitation

PARTICIPANTS

Empowering YOU is a program for youth, aged 14 to 17, including youth in care or aging out of care, to assist with managing stress, moments of anxiety, mood challenges and relationship difficulties.

WHERE AND WHEN

Parkinson Recreation Centre, Kelowna

Tuesdays 5:30-7:30pm, February 7 to April 11, 2023

NATIONAL CALL FOR YOUTH LEADERS



MARCH
27 – 31, 2023

MAKE REAL CHANGE HAPPEN

HIP is in search of 50 youth ages 15 to 18 from across Canada to participate in this innovative program & National dialogue aimed at peacebuilding & creating sustainable environmental change.



LEARN MORE

WWW.HIPY2Y.COM



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District 5350 Manitoba,
Saskatchewan,
Northern Ontario



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HUMAN RIGHTS



StudentTranscripts Service

Information For Students

StudentTranscripts Service (STS) is an online application for students to view their school marks, transcripts, scholarships and send transcripts electronically to post secondary institutions and employers.



Get Started

To register for STS students will need:

- Personal Education Number (PEN)
- Full legal name
- Date of birth
- Email address

Step 1 Go to the Ministry of Education's **Transcripts and Certificate website** at <http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca>.

Step 2 You **must sign up** for a BCellD before you can use the StudentTranscripts Service. For BCellD signup, you need to:

- Complete the fields to register for a basic BCellD
- Select your password reset questions and answers (*remember these as you will need them if you forget your password*)
- Follow the system prompts and sign up for StudentTranscripts Service.

Sign Up for a BCellD

Step 3 Log-in to StudentTranscripts Service using your BCellD.

When registering for the Student Transcript Service using your BCellD, you will be prompted to:

- Enter your student information used by your school (see **Get Started** information above)
- Read the personal data collection info and complete the process by clicking "submit"
- An email will be sent to the email address provided and must be activated within 24 hours of receipt or you will need to complete the registration process again
- Once activated, you will be able to log onto STS using your BCellD and password.

Log In with BCellD

Step 4 From your STS Dashboard, you can choose your post-secondary institutions (PSIs) selections, preview, send and order transcripts, view exam and assessment results and view scholarship information. Please note that all transcripts previewed in the STS are considered unofficial, but official transcripts will be sent out when ordered.

You will need to consent to the STS privacy notice which enables the ministry to send your transcripts to your selected PSIs by paper or electronically depending on how the PSI is able to receive transcripts. Printed copies of transcripts may take up to 3 weeks for processing and delivery to your selected PSIs.

Troubleshooting:

For BCellD questions: <https://www.bceid.ca>

For StudentTranscripts questions: servicebc@gov.bc.ca.



2023

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE AWARDS

**Planning to attend Okanagan College next fall?
You may be eligible for an entrance award.**

Students graduating from a secondary school within the Okanagan College region (Revelstoke to Princeton) entering Okanagan College in September 2023 may be eligible for the following awards.

- OKANAGAN COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS
- OKANAGAN COLLEGE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARDS
- OKANAGAN COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ENTRANCE AWARDS
- RICK AND YASMIN THORPE & FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIPS
- MCILLIVRAY ENTRANCE AWARD FOR BUSINESS
- TONY SELLAR LEADERSHIP ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP
- JOHNSTONE MEMORIAL AWARDS
- OC PENTICTON CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

**APPLICATIONS OPEN
DECEMBER 1, 2022**

HOW TO APPLY:
Eligibility criteria and details about how to apply online are available by visiting okanagan.bc.ca/awards
APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Online Applications will be accepted until March 10, 2023. Students and school staff will have until March 17, 2023 to provide required documentation.

Questions? Contact awards@okanagan.bc.ca or Toll Free in BC: 1-800-767-5492



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[okanagan.bc.ca](https://www.okanagan.bc.ca)



STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAMILY SUNDAYS AT THE KELOWNA ART GALLERY

Students will work under the supervision of the staff at the Kelowna Art Gallery for the Family Sundays Art Program. The student volunteers will assist with the activities provided each Sunday to children and families. Students should be interested in art and working with children and families. The timing will be from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm each Sunday.

Kelowna Art Gallery
1315 Water Street



PLACEMENTS WILL BE ONGOING
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN
APPLICATION PACKAGE, PLEASE COME TO
THE CAREER CENTRE

Enjoy summer in  Montreal and
experience  UdeM

Double click
on this ad for
more details!



Student Volunteers Needed for Family Day Fun Capital News Centre | Feb. 20 | 1 - 4 p.m.

Featuring fun and games for the whole family including a Park
& Play bouncy castle, zorb soccer, active games and free skating!

Sign up in the KSS Career Center
Deadline to Apply is February 13

With financial support from the
Province of British Columbia



Jumpstart



City of
Kelowna

kelowna.ca/calendar



**UBCO
HEAT**
— SPORT CAMPS —

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
Visit goheat.ca/camps

Get in the game this summer with UBCO Sport Camps!

Led by nationally recognized coaches and student athletes, UBCO Heat Sport Camps offer a fun-filled week of skill development. These camps are a great way to introduce youth ages 5 to 17 to a sport or help them improve their techniques. Camp programming includes golf, basketball, volleyball, biking and more.

Camps are set to run in July and August at UBC Okanagan. Follow this [link](#) or check out goheat.ca/camps to learn more and register today!

How do you do, fellow kids?
Looking for something to do
this winter?



The RCA has some cool youth programming.
No cap. **CHECK IT OUT!**

**WINTER CAN BE A DRAG SOMETIMES,
BUT NOT WITH THESE PROGRAMS!**



YOUTH GUITAR LESSONS

Tuesdays, Jan 17 –Feb. 28
Ages 9-14



HORROR WRITING WORKSHOP

Tuesday, Jan 24
Ages 13-18



STREET DANCE WORKSHOP

Thursday, Jan. 26
Ages 12-18



AFTER SCHOOL ANIME

Thursdays, Jan. 26 –Mar. 2
Ages 12+



INTRO TO STREET DANCE

Tuesdays, Feb. 21 –Mar. 14
Ages 15+

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Parenting Your Anxious Youth

THE BRIDGE
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

Meet for 1.5 hours weekly with
parents/caregivers who are on
the same journey.

Who:
Parents/Caregivers of
youth aged 12-16

Where:
The Bridge Youth &
Family Services
#8-2604 Enterprise Way

We will talk about:

- What anxiety is and how it works.
- How to better understand your youth's experience.
- Skills to help you and your youth cope.
- Skills to communicate with your anxious youth.
- Skills to manage situations in which your youth's anxiety impacts daily life.



**Five Group
Sessions**

Thursdays 4:30 -
6:00 p.m.
January 19-
February 16, 2023

No cost to attend.

Register by emailing
info@thebridgeservices.ca or call
250-763-0456

CANADA SAFETY COUNCIL HOME ALONE & BABYSITTING COURSES



Kidz 4 Safety

ONLINE & IN-PERSON SESSIONS

Home Alone: Ages 9+ yrs | \$53
Babysitter Training: 10.5+ yrs | \$70

Register at:

www.babysittingkelowna.com

kidz4safety@gmail.com

or

call/text 250-317-2868



KELOWNA CIVIC & COMMUNITY AWARDS

The City of Kelowna wants to recognize outstanding young people in the community with their awards for

- Young Citizen of the Year
- Teen Honor in the Arts and
- Young Male/Female Athlete of the Year

Have you contributed greatly to the community of Kelowna through volunteer work, arts or athletics? If this is you, find a community member who can speak to your contributions and is willing to nominate you. You cannot nominate yourself for these awards.

Nominations for the 48th annual Civic & Community Awards are open now until February 10, 2023.

See link below for the nomination package that will need to be completed and submitted by a nominator -

<https://www.kelowna.ca/%3Cfront%3E/civic-community-awards-online-nomination-form>

Please note: For Young Athlete of the Year, individuals must see Mr. Bernhardsson at KSS regarding the nomination process.

Selections are solely based on the nomination package highlighting the nominee's achievements/contributions to the community for last year - 2022.

Nominees must not have personally benefited from their volunteer activities, nor should the contributions be considered part of their normal school, employment or job responsibilities.

Past information can be included, but the nomination package should primarily regard contributions in 2022.

January 9, 2023



It is with great pleasure that we are contacting all of the schools in the Kelowna area, to announce the nomination period for the 48th Annual Civic and Community awards.

Each year we hold a gala awards event to celebrate the contributions and achievements of individuals and students, who have had a positive impact on the city of Kelowna.

There are so many deserving people and youth in our community and we urge you to think about those who may qualify from your school.

*Each high school should be able to identify at least one male student and one female student who exemplify volunteerism and leadership in their school. As well as a student that has demonstrated excellence in the Arts.

Youth Award Categories include:

Young Citizen of the Year

Awarded to a young person in recognition of their overall outstanding voluntary contributions to the city of Kelowna. Contributions could include volunteer work for their school, sports teams and/or local organizations.

Teen Honour in the Arts

Awarded to a youth who has made outstanding contributions to their school and Kelowna, through cultural and/or artistic efforts.

Other Award Categories for Consideration:

Athletic Team of the Year & Male and Female Athlete of the Year

For complete details regarding all award categories and accessing nomination forms, please go to [Civic & Community Awards | City of Kelowna](#)

Deadline for Nominations - Friday February 10, 2023

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process or the event please contact Craig Campbell at 778-738-3441, or email ccampbell@kelowna.ca

Thank you for taking the time to recognize someone special in our community!

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Do you have a passion to work with children or youth, enjoy driving and excited to have the holidays and summers off with your children?

Central Okanagan Public School District is in need of professional drivers to operate our school bus routes

For more information contact Transportation Services
250-870-5151 or email us at transportation@sd23.bc.ca

To apply

Scan the QR code or use the link: <https://bit.ly/SD23BusDrivers>



\$28.23 per hour

Applicants must have:

- Completed Grade 10
- A valid Class 1 or 2 B.C. Driver's License with Air Brake Endorsement or
- A class 5 License with a Class 2 Learners and Air Brake Endorsement
- A clear Driver's Abstract



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