



# Whoo's News



October 29, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We would like to connect with interested Grade 12 parents to talk about **Grade 12 Prom Celebrations and Dry Grad for KSS**. Covid has forced us to rethink how we do these two events and families have done an exceptional job reconfiguring more personalized ways to honor their students.

In the past, KSS has planned the promenade, followed by a banquet and dance. This event consisted of a promenade on the waterfront followed by a banquet dinner and an evening of dancing at the Delta Grand. Dry Grad is an event planned by a KSS parent committee that traditionally took place on the weekend following the graduation commencement ceremony.

Over the past 10 years, both the KSS prom planning team and Dry Grad committees have seen a steady decline in participation for these two events. We are seeking your input on how we can make these events the best celebrations for our graduates.

We would like to host a Zoom Grade 12 parent meeting on November 4 at 6:00 pm to dialogue about any changes that we may want to make together. Please take the time to sign up by clicking this link below. We look forward to collaborating with you. [Grade 12 Prom and Dry Grad Meeting](#)

School District #23 wrestling is back! The program is for SD #23 girls and boys in Grades 8 to 12. Information regarding the program can be found at: [www.cowawrestling.com](http://www.cowawrestling.com) or by calling Coach Al McAvena at 250-861-3163.



Kelowna Secondary is looking for a coach for the Sr. Girls Basketball B team please contact Mr. Bernhardsson @ [arnar.bernhardsson@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:arnar.bernhardsson@sd23.bc.ca)

**Sr Girls Basketball A** Tryouts Tuesday, Wednesday November 2 and 3 at 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

**Sr Boys Basketball B Team** Tryouts Monday November 1 7-8:30 a.m. and Tuesday November 2 7-8:30 a.m.

**Jr Girls and Boys Basketball** Tryout will be after Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021



*Go Owls!!*



## KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL - PARENT SURVEY VICE-PRINCIPAL APPRAISAL

Christey Hughes

The Board requires the Superintendent of Schools to implement a system for the regular evaluation of the performance of principals and vice-principals in order to:

- meet the requirements of the School Act with respect to the evaluation of employees not covered by a Collective Agreement;
- improve the quality of educational leadership provided by school principals and vice-principals and consequently improve the instructional program in district schools;
- recognize and encourage effective school leadership;
- assist the school principal and vice-principal in assessing his/her own performance;
- assist the principal and vice-principal in setting and pursuing professional growth opportunities and specific career objectives.

Please consider completing the following 10 minute survey. The survey closes on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm

<https://ca.research.net/r/VicePrincipalAppraisal-ChristeyHughes-Parent>

Thank you  
for your  
Feedback

### Enhancing Substance Use Prevention in BC Schools Survey

In Phase 2 of an ongoing engagement initiative, the Province is seeking input on how to help meet the challenge of youth substance use and its associated harms. Please invite parents and caregivers in your school community to complete this [short survey](#) by November 19.



### KSS Foundry bottle drive

Dear KSS parents

We are collecting bottles for the month of November to raise money for the Foundry.

The Foundry is an organization in Kelowna that supports mental health and wellness for the youth of the Okanagan.

Please donate your bottles to any of the three bottle depots, and put them under the Kelowna Secondary phone number, 250-870-5105, and all proceeds will go straight to the Foundry.

Thank you for your support in our event, if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Triggs at [fane.triggs@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:fane.triggs@sd23.bc.ca)



## Ministry Graduation Assessments

All Students must complete Grade 10 Numeracy and Literacy Assessment prior to Graduation  
The following is a schedule of the upcoming assessments for grade 10 students currently enrolled in Math and English, as well as make-up session for grade 11 and 12 students who may have missed doing these assessments.

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nov 1 – Monday<br>9:00 – 11:45 (Block 5/6)<br>Numeracy Assessment<br>Semeniuk<br>Murphy<br>Enns    | Nov 1 – Monday<br>12:35 – 3:15 (Block 7/8)<br>Numeracy Assessment<br>Wade<br>Semeniuk<br>Murphy           |                                                                                                                                 |
| Nov 2 – Tuesday<br>9:00 – 11:45 (Block 1/2)<br>Numeracy Assessment<br>Donnelly<br>Vakharia<br>Enns | Nov 2 – Tuesday<br>12:35 – 3:15 (Block 3/4)<br>Numeracy Assessment<br>Donnelly<br>Wade<br>Semeniuk        |                                                                                                                                 |
| Nov 3 – Wednesday<br>9:00 – 11:45 (Block 5/6)<br>Literacy Assessment<br>Bennett<br>Kelliher        | Nov 3 – Wednesday<br>12:35 – 3:15 (Block 7/8)<br>Literacy Assessment<br>Bennett<br>Oleksewich<br>Kelliher | Nov 3 – Wednesday<br>9:00 – 11:30<br>Grade 11<br>Literacy Make-Up Session 1<br><br>12:35 – 3:15<br>Grade 12<br>Literacy Make Up |
| Nov 4 – Thursday<br>9:00 – 11:45 (Block 1/2)<br>Literacy Assessment<br>Jusunovic<br>Kelliher       | Nov 4 – Thursday<br>12:35 – 3:15 (Block 3/4)<br>Literacy Assessment<br>Myrah<br>Ragobar<br>Jusunovic      | Nov 4 – Thursday<br>9:00 – 11:30<br>Grade 11<br>Numeracy Make-Up<br><br>12:35 – 3:15<br>Grade 12<br>Numeracy Make Up            |
|                                                                                                    |                                                                                                           | Nov 5 – Friday<br>9:00 – 11:30<br>Grade 11<br>Literacy Make-Up Session 2                                                        |

## KSS Parent Advisory Group News

The KSS PAC is updating its Constitution & Bylaws to reflect current roles, responsibilities and policies. Notice of proposed changes must be announced to the KSS community at least two weeks prior to the vote. The current PAC Constitution can be viewed on the KSS website [here](#) and the proposed changes are included [here](#). In summary, the proposed changes:

- add Indigenous Chair position
- update terms by changing his/her to their, Chairperson to Chair
- rename Applied Skills to Technical Education
- remove Nominations Chair appointment and duties
- provide AGM notification/call for nominations at ONE meeting prior to the AGM
- remove task of forming a committee for each department Chair

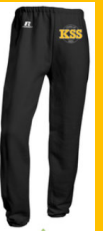


Any comments or questions can be sent via email to the PAC at [kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca) The new Bylaws are on the agenda to be adopted at the next PAC meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. In addition, we will be voting on the 2021-22 PAC budget at this meeting.

## Grad Clothing

Here is the link to the first of three grad clothing sales: <https://kssgrad22.itemorder.com/sale>

The deadline for this round is November 7 in order to receive the shipment at KSS in time for winter break. When the order arrives, students will be notified of when and where to pick up their items. We will also post in the next Whoo's News that orders have arrived, and when and where to pick-up. Occasionally, parents and guardians will order clothing as a surprise or gift for their grad. In that case, please email Ms. Culham after you submit your order so that the grad will not be contacted.



# New Youth Art Programs

FALL 2021



For more Info and Register:  
[rotarycentreforthearts.com](http://rotarycentreforthearts.com)



### ART AND ROBOTS

October 13 - November 3  
every Wednesday  
from 4:30 to 6:00pm  
(Ages 8 - 12)



### DRUM WORKSHOP

October 14 - November 25  
every Thursday  
from 4:00 to 5:00pm  
(Ages 11 - 15)



### AFTER SCHOOL ANIME

October 14 - November 25  
every Thursday  
from 4:30 to 6:00pm  
(Ages 12 - 18)

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centre for the arts

250.717.5304  
[RotaryCentrefortheArts.com](http://RotaryCentrefortheArts.com)

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## Start Your Future

Make an impact at one of Canada's  
top engineering schools.

## UBC Engineering Open House

**Virtual:** Saturday, November 6, 2021

**On-Campus:** Saturday, November 20, 2021

Sign up online to attend our  
virtual or on-campus events at:  
[engineering.ubc.ca/openhouse](http://engineering.ubc.ca/openhouse)

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Engineering

ENGINEERING.UBC.CA







**TED<sup>x</sup> Youth**  
**@DoyleAve**  
x = independently organized TED event

03 / 17 / 2022

# TEDXYOUTH



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ROTARY IS A GLOBAL NETWORK OF 1.2 MILLION NEIGHBOURS, FRIENDS, LEADERS, AND PROBLEM-SOLVERS WHO SEE A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE UNITE AND TAKE ACTION TO CREATE LASTING CHANGE – ACROSS THE GLOBE, IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND IN OURSELVES.

Take action, build international understanding, and make new friends around the world.

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. Find out how serious leadership can be seriously fun.

#### What are the benefits?

Connect with leaders in your community and around the world to:

- Take action to make a difference in your school and community
- Discover new cultures and promote international understanding
- Become a leader in your school and community
- Have fun and make new friends from around the world

**For more information please go to the MPR on Nov. 15th at lunch!**

## PARENTING YOUR ANXIOUS YOUTH



### MEET FOR 1.5 HOURS WEEKLY WITH PARENTS/CAREGIVERS WHO ARE ON THE SAME JOURNEY

#### Who:

Parents/Caregivers of youth aged 12-16

#### 5 Group Sessions:

Thursdays 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.  
October 7 - November 4

#### Where:

The Bridge Youth & Family Services  
Online via Zoom

#### Admission:

No Cost

To register email [jen.teigen@thebridgeservices.ca](mailto:jen.teigen@thebridgeservices.ca)  
or call 250-718-1412

#### We will talk about:

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



We transform lives and build community

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250-763-0456



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### [UBC/UBCO Admission Information Digital Guide](#)

*Check it out!!*

## The Path to UBC



## Additional Info

### Indigenous Student Resources

- Indigenous Programs and Services (Okanagan)
- Indigenous Portal (Vancouver)
- Pathways for Indigenous students:
  - Aboriginal Access Studies
  - UBC-Langara Aboriginal Transfer Partnership

### Plan Your Finances

- Loans, bursaries and financing
- Awards
  - Presidential Scholars Award
  - Centennial Scholars Award
  - Beyond Tomorrow Scholars Award
- **Awards for Indigenous students**
- First-year cost calculator

### Program Highlights

- Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency (Okanagan)
- Bachelor of Sustainability (Okanagan)
- UBC Sauder - University of Hong Kong Dual Degree (Vancouver)

### Transfer Students

- Eligibility, requirements and evaluation process
- Transfer credit check
  - BC Transfer Guide
  - UBC Transfer Credit Search Tool

### Contact Us!

[recruitment.ok@ubc.ca](mailto:recruitment.ok@ubc.ca)  
[indigenous.recruitment@ubc.ca](mailto:indigenous.recruitment@ubc.ca)



[you.ubc.ca/counsellors](https://you.ubc.ca/counsellors)



## Career Development Services

Online services now available!

**AGES 16-30**

Our **FREE SERVICES** are currently being offered for social distancing by **PHONE, EMAIL AND ZOOM!**

Paid programs, including Jumpstart will continue to be delivered virtually. For more information, visit [www.ymcaokanagan.ca/careerservices](http://www.ymcaokanagan.ca/careerservices)

### Our next JUMPSTART SESSION

**is Nov 8th - Dec 17th!**

Call or email to attend our next info-session!

Here's a few ways you can get in touch with us about our services offered:

- Call for detailed information. Our staff will be happy to tell you more about our great programs. Reach us at **250-861-5627**.
- Email us your questions. Book a meeting and get registered for services through [connect@ymcaokanagan.ca](mailto:connect@ymcaokanagan.ca)

Building healthy communities





We're back and this time, we're talking with Red Seal Trades Instructors!

Every Tuesday this fall, OC Instructors will be providing an insider's look into skilled trades programs, shops, labs and kitchens. During these live-streamed virtual presentations, find out about admission requirements, employment outcomes and what it takes to be a successful student and tradesperson. Trades Talk Tuesdays are designed for people who are interested in learning more about entry-level trades training opportunities at the Kelowna, Vernon, Salmon Arm and Penticton campuses.

Registration for each virtual event is required. Sessions will be recorded and available after the event. Review presentation dates and to register, visit:

[okanagan.bc.ca/trades](http://okanagan.bc.ca/trades)

Questions?

250-862-5457 • [trades@okanagan.bc.ca](mailto:trades@okanagan.bc.ca)



**OWLS** This is your opportunity to sign up for a Career Mentorship Experience with a community member that will be here at KSS in Room 101E beside the Career Counselling Center. This opportunity will meet your Job Shadow requirement, once you attend and complete the Virtual Job Shadow Booklet.

Please add your name only to the sessions that you are interested in as space is limited.

To sign up go to KSS Website>Career-Life Programs>Spotlights, Conferences, and Career Fairs>Career Experiences Form OR come into the Career Office.

The following Experiences are now open for sign up.

\*Tuesday, November 2nd at 9:30am for the Veterinary practices hosted by Chris Collingwood.

\*Thursday, November 4th at 9:30am for TRU Software Engineering Career Talks. Learn from an Engineering Advisor and Accreditation Coordinator how students navigate their academic career at TRU in their BEng in Software Engineering Program. This experience CANNOT be used as a Job Shadow.

\*Monday, November 8th at 12:30pm for Lawyer Joe Gordon who practices in Litigation, Family Law, Driving Prohibitions, DUI, Speeding Tickets, and Criminal Law.

\*Monday, November 15th at 9:30am for Sandman Hotel & Suites Group hosted by Chantal Hoffer, Regional Sales Manager. This session will focus on career paths related to Business Executives, Sales, Restaurant and Conference opportunities.

\*Wednesday, November 17th at 9:30am for career paths related to Optometry. Karen Jansen van Rensburg from IRIS optometry will be here to discuss this field and potential opportunities in medicine.

\*Tuesday, November 23rd at 12:30pm for the Airline Industry and Pilots hosted by Dave Spevakow.

\*Thursday, November 25th at 12:30pm with Chris Keer from Keer & Company Chartered Professional Accountant who provides Tax, Accounting and Advisory services to small businesses and individuals.



## KSS'S CURRENT PRODUCTION 2021-22 SEASON

### FALL PRODUCTION

# TREASURE ISLAND



Kelowna Secondary School's NIGHT OWL THEATRE COMPANY is proud to present *Treasure Island* this holiday season. Adapted by Todd Espeland from Robert Louis Stevenson's thrilling pirate adventure, this play will give you an action packed evening of live theatre that will leave you whistling sea shanties for days! Our play begins in the mid 1700's, along the coast of England, and ends up with a harrowing escape from the deserted Skeleton Island. There are treasure maps, sword fights, outlandish characters, and of course, pirates. The author, Espeland, does an amazing job keeping the gritty feel of the time, while making it a story fit for all ages of the 21st Century. We hope you can join us!

Shows will run from **Wednesday, December 8th to Saturday, December 11th**, at the KSS Studio Theatre, 1079 Raymer Avenue. The shows will begin at 7 pm, with doors opening at 6:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased: at the door; in person from the box office up to one week before opening night; or reserved by email at [nightowltheatre@gmail.com](mailto:nightowltheatre@gmail.com). Prices are **\$10** for students/seniors and **\$15** for adults. We will be donating \$1 of each ticket to the Foundry here in Kelowna.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

The Kelowna Art Gallery is looking for students to volunteer on Family Sundays. Contact the KSS Career Centre to apply!

SFU's Faculty of Applied Sciences is for those who see problems as opportunities and are ready to discover their potential for shaping a better tomorrow. Home to the Schools of Computing Science, Engineering Science, Mechatronic Systems Engineering, and Sustainable Energy Engineering, we are shaping the next generation of leaders in technology and engineering. We offer rewarding areas of study complemented by unique learning experiences that foster innovation and an entrepreneurial spirit.

The online sessions will be taking place on the following dates and times:

**Future Students Information Session: Learn about Applied Sciences**

Date: Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Time: 8:00-9:00am

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Date: Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Time: 8:00-9:00am



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**Future Students Information Session: Computing Science and Software Systems**

Date: Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

Time: 4:30-5:30pm

**Future Students Information Session: Learn about Applied Sciences**

Date: Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

Time: 4:30-5:30pm

**Future Students Information Session: Engineering Sciences, Mechatronics Systems Engineering, Sustainable Energy Engineering**

Date: Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

Time: 4:30-5:30pm

**Future Students Information Session: Transfer Presentation**

Date: Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

Time: 4:30-5:30

**Future Students Information Session: Computing Science and Software Systems**

Date: Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Time: 4:30-5:30pm

RSVP: <https://www.sfu.ca/fas/prospective-Students/events.html>

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**A zoom meeting from a Queens University representative will be hosted for interested KSS students at 6pm PT on 4 November 2021. A quick presentation followed by questions is on the agenda.**

Here is the link: <https://queensu.zoom.us/j/93900957880?pwd=STJIS250ZGVhZzBMNXNzZEcwTkE0Zz09>  
(passcode if required: 505065)

If students are interested in applying for Major Admission Awards (MAA) or our QuARMS program – they should submit their OUAC applications by mid-November so that they will have access to the required MAA application, which is due by 8 December 2021. QuARMS applicants will need to have a transcript received by Queen's by 8 December 2021.

More information on the MAAs can be found here: [https://link.edgepilot.com/s/0b27de44/Mt-t3\\_eNnEmz1eH6WahqiA?u=https://www.queensu.ca/studentawards/home](https://link.edgepilot.com/s/0b27de44/Mt-t3_eNnEmz1eH6WahqiA?u=https://www.queensu.ca/studentawards/home)

QuARMS information is here: <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/89d06264/7h0E4rDxi0CoDbBwSVbnFA?u=https://meds.queensu.ca/academics/quarms>

There are also webinars scheduled this fall that may be of interest to students – they can be found here: [https://link.edgepilot.com/s/6263df5f/a60P5OV\\_7kulTxintCPVzw?u=https://www.queensu.ca/admission/webinars](https://link.edgepilot.com/s/6263df5f/a60P5OV_7kulTxintCPVzw?u=https://www.queensu.ca/admission/webinars) You will note there are currently two public regional webinars for BC and Yukon students. These occur on Nov 8 and Dec 13 at 5pm PT. Registration is done by visiting the same link included above.

**A University of Calgary representative will be here in person on November 24<sup>th</sup> during our lunch hour in the MPR to answer any questions that students have regarding the University of Calgary registration, scholarships and the entrance process.**