

Whoo's News



January 22, 2021

Capstone

Semester 2 starts on February 1st with Day 2 (Blocks 1/3). Timetables were distributed to students in their Block 2 class (afternoon) on January 21 and 22. Students that do not have a block 2 class were able to pick it up in their Block 4 class. Counsellors will available for necessary changes from January 25 to 28, please be aware that our classes are very full and changes may not be possible.

During this time, students also had the opportunity to return Semester 1 textbooks to the Textbook Room.





2021 - 2022 School Year (for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K - 12) Online applications begin on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 am, Schools will be open at 7:00 am to support parents that require assistance Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 12, 2021

The enrollment application period begins Monday February 1^{st,} 2021 (beginning at 7:00 am on-line) Friday, March 12^{th,} 2021.

The Summer Enrollment Application period begins: Tuesday, August 31st, 2021 to Thursday, September 2^{nd,} 2021.

Please see page 7 for all the details

Please Mark Your Calendar:

January 25 - 29 Numeracy and Literacy Assessments (see page 3 for the schedule and details)

January 28 Term 4 (Q2) Ends

January 29 Semester Turnaround - students do not attend February 1 Semester 2 starts - Day 2 Blocks 1 and 3 Group A

February 3/4 Buses arrive early @ 10:55 a.m. (Students bussed early on Feb. 3 Group B / Feb. 4 Group A)

First Dry Grad Planning Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. To attend the meeting, please send February 3

your name and email address to: shandzimm@gmail.com

Kelowna Secondary January Basketball information

Although all school sports remain in **STAGE 2**, Kelowna Secondary Athletics program is going to offer BASKETBALL individual workout programs starting Monday January 18th after school. All **Kelowna Secondary** and **SD# 23 COVID** protocols are in place. Due to **BCSS** and **VIA SPORT** protocols only 12 athletes are allowed to be together in the gym at one time (2 per basket).

An information meeting will be held in the KSS gym on **MONDAY January 18th** at lunch. There the boys supervisor Mr. Harry Parmar and the girls supervisor Mr. Jeff Begg will have session information. Athletes are encouraged to sign up to the same time slot each week. This will continue until February 5th. If the **PHO** in conjunction with **BCSS** and **Via Sport** change the restrictions on their February 5th news conference, we will evolve with those new restrictions.

Boys in Grade 10 + 11

Monday's 3:30 - 4:30 pm and 4:30 - 5:30 pm Wednesday's 3:30 - 4:30 pm and 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Boys in Grade 12

Friday's 7:30am - 8:30 am Boys in grade 12

Girls in Grade 10 - 12

Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30 and 4:30 - 5:30 pm Girls in grade 10 - 12 Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30 and 4:30 - 5:30 pm Girls in grades 10 -12

Go to: https://www.kssowlsathletics.com/basketball-january-2021.html to sign up.

Contact Information:

Boys Harry Parmar email: harry.parmar@sd23.bc.ca

Girls Jeff Begg email:jeff.begg@sd23.bc.ca



Grad Clothing Sale #2

The second of three grad clothing order is now available at the following link: https://kssgrad21-2.itemorder.com/. The online sale ends January 31, and items will arrive three to four weeks after that date.

A reminder that items ordered in October are available for pick-up in room 193.



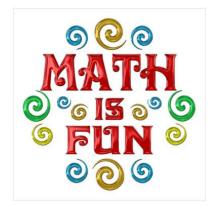




January 2021 Grade 10 NUMERACY ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE GRADE 10 Numeracy Assessments • Quarter 2 grade 10 and 11 students (who have not yet written!) • Grade 12 students who have not written assessment!

- Student assessments will be held in rooms indicated below.
- · Chromebooks have been booked for you and are highlighted in yellow.
- NOTE: We will have some E-School students, Grade 12 students, and any absent students in to write on January 29.

Monday	Tuesday
January 25	January 26
9:00 – 11:43 am (Block 4)	9:00 - 11:43 am (Block 4)
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12:34 – 3:16 pm (Day A Block 2)	12:34 – 3:16 pm (Day B Block 2)
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-WPM10 (Enns) Rm 226 Chrome Myrah 235	-WPM10 (Enns) Rm 226 Chrome 235
-PREC11 (Griesebeck) P8 Chrome Port 1	-PREC11 (Griesebeck) P8 Chrome Port 1





Grade 10 students who are currently taking English or Math this quarter will be writing their Graduate Assessment this week.

Those Grade 11 students who are currently taking English or Math this quarter AND have not yet written their Numeracy or Literacy 10 Assessment, will be writing this week.

Any E-School students who have had English or Math this quarter AND have not written the Numeracy or Literacy 10 Assessment have the opportunity to write on Friday January 29 at 9 am.

Any Grade 12 students who have NOT written their numeracy 10 Assessment can write on Friday, January 29.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Franklin.

Robbie.frankling@sd23.bc.ca

Grade 10 LITERACY ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

GRADE 10 Literacy Assessments

2021

• Quarter 2 grade 10 and 11 students (who have not yet written!)

January

- Student assessments will be held in rooms indicated below.
- Chromebooks have been booked for you and are highlighted in yellow.
- NOTE: We will have some E-School students and any absent students in to write the assessment on January 29.

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FEN 10 (King) 281 Chrome 281 Holly

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Please indicate your interest by providing your name and contact email to: takeabreathforschools@gmail.com and get started right away!



Take a Breath for Schools and Communities

Invites you to join the new KSS Community website

Use the recordings and proven tools for-

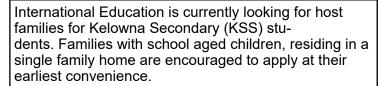
- Stress Reduction
- Optimizing Health and Wellness
- Anxiety, Sleep, Illness/Injury
 and recordings for better performance in-
- Academics, Sports, the Arts, and Career

New audio recordings for creating your best health, wellness, and empowered lifestyle! Additional tools include- habit forming tools, communication skills, individual health support, and more.

Now available to all students, staff, and parents in the KSS community

Please indicate your interest by providing your name and contact email to; takeabreathforschools@gmail.com and get started right away!

takeabreathforschools.org



- Host families for 2 boys from China arriving February 2021
- Host families for girls arriving April 2021

Since September, Central Okanagan Public Schools has welcomed 282 international students into local schools. In Canada over 15,000 K-12 students have arrived safely, followed all quarantine measures, and are attending schools across the country. Students are required to submit a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of their departure from home country. There have been no cases of COVID-19 linked to international student travelers arriving to Canada to date. Canada's border remains open for students with study permits and international students travelling to our school district do so under the requirements of governments and health authorities.

For more information about hosting an international student, please contact KSS homestay coordinator by email Nathalie.Messent@sd23.bc.ca or by phone 250-470-3258.





https://app.trellis.org/night-owl-theatre-company-presents-winter-break

Promo video:

https://youtu.be/iBw-bkXb3wU



This year our winter show will run from

January 27th to January 30th.

It is a live streamed production called "Winter Break." With short scenes reflecting on the experiences of high school students before they go off on winter break, it has it all: humour, drama, social justice, ghosts..



All-Girls Events

Who & When?

Grade 12: Sustainability for our Future - Thursday Oct 29th, 2020

Grade 9: Robotics Today - Thursday Dec 3rd, 2020 Grade 10: Design our Future - Wednesday Jan 27th, 2021

Grade 11: The Future of Tech - Thursday Feb 25th, 2021

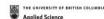
Grade 8: Invitation to Create - Thursday Mar 11th, 2021

How Do I Register For These Free Events?

http://geeringup.ca/high-school/kelowna/all-girls

Find out more at geeringup.ca





JOIN OUR PARENTS TOGETHER PROGRAM

This program helps parents of teens gain confidence, discover practical tips and resources, and find support from other parents

MONDAYS, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

LOCATION: ONLINE PARENTING GROUP

COST: BY DONATION

TO PRE-REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT:

(250) 462-5574





BOCC - Parenting Programs were developed by staff and parents throughout BC and is administered under the auspices of I Girls Clubs of Canada. Provincially, Parenting Programs are generously funded by the Ministry of Children and Family Development

Parents—Challenges with School Attendance? https://keltymentalhealth.ca/school-attendance-webinars

Grade 12 Post Secondary Prep







Dry Grad is a longstanding tradition for KSS Grads and is planned by a parent committee. Send your name and e-mail address to shandzimm@gmail.com to take part in the Zoom Mtg.



UBCO Geering Up All-**Girls STEM Workshops GRADE 8-12** 2020/2021

Registration Link: https://geeringup.apsc.ubc.ca/all-girls-okanagan/

As a reminder, these workshops take place from 4:00-6:00pm via Zoom and are offered for free, but the registration closes the Sunday before the session date for that specific grade level.

Wednesday Jan 27th Design our Future (Grade 10)

The Future of Tech (Grade 11) Thursday February 25th

Invitation to Create (Grade 8) Thursday March 11th

It is that time of year again as KSS is hosting Debate Regionals Qualifier for the Law Foundation Cup. We are looking for amazing individuals who would be willing to volunteer some of their time to make the event a success.

It's true, the zoom event is held on a Saturday, Jan. 30 morning (see time slots needed for judges below), but it is also a great opportunity to start your Saturday with an engaging argument about the urbanization of West Africa. In fact, you could judge it with someone you know and then discuss it over a morning coffee.

Alternatively, join in for a later morning debate and be surprised by an impromptu topic. At the end of it, the truth is that students need support from teachers and community members to make this event possible. Feedback is what inspires them to keep improving and growing as debat-

In fact, KSS is the only team in the entire Southern Interior that is part of the Debate and Speech Association of BC, so support is important now more than ever.

Do not to worry if you haven't judged before. There is a training session right before the debates start.

Please contact kyla.bresch@sd23.bc.ca to volunteer

9:00 - 9:30	Briefing	12:00 - 12:30	Lunch
9:30 - 10:00	Registration	12:30 - 1:00	Round 3
10:00 - 11:00	Round 1	1:00 - 2:00	Round 3
11:00 - 12:00	Round 2	2:00 - 2:15	Submit scores

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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Megamind Learning Centre presents...

MEGAMIND **FOUNDER'S \$CHOLARSHIP**

Do you love writing? Are you a Canadian student in Grades 8-12? If so, you are eligible to apply for the Megamind Founder's Scholarship! All you have to do is write a short story or informational text (not more than 800 words) in either English or French and submit it on our website. The winner will win \$1000. The last day to apply is January 31,

Please visit our website for the application form and additional details: https://megamindlearning.com/scholarship.html



THE SEL SCOOP – January 2021 Supporting your Child Socially and Emotionally

Special Edition: Managing Big Feelings!

For many reasons beyond our control, life can feel stressful right now. Here are a few tips to help your chil manage when big and uncomfortable feelings show up :

Talk about Emotions

Being able to identify, name, and talk about feelings reduces input from the emotion center of the brain and increases input from the thinking and problem solving center of the brain. It is also helpful to practice noticing emotions as physical sensations (literally, feelings)!



Listen and Empathize

Validate their feelings, judgement free – all feelings are okay, but all behaviour is not! You don't have to agree with what they might be feeling, but it is important to listen and respect it. Ask open-ended questions ("tell me what that feels like"; "tell me more". Ask prompting questions "What do you think would happen if ...")



Reframe Stress & Encourage a Growth Mindset Help children shift from a "stress hurts" to a "stress helps" mindset. Stress, big or small, presents opportunities for growth and learning. Even though a situation can't always be fixed, every situation can be improved - help them identify the powers they have to influence things.



Acknowledge your own Feelings

It's helpful for children to see that everyone strugales. even arown-ups. Model talking about feelings, talking about how feelings show up in the body, thinking through solutions, and using healthy coping strategies that make problems better, not worse! Choose self-disclosures carefully and keep adults worries in the hands of adults!



Reframe Feelings as Messages

Feelings are simply pieces of information that we have the power to choose what to do with. We don't want to ignore feelings but we don't want to respond impulsively to them either. Help them learn to interpret the message - stop and think, and make a good choice.





Notice What They are Doing Well Praise effort more than outcome. When offering ositive feedback, be specific (identifying a clear desired behaviour that you would like to see repeated) and legitimate (following purposeful and meaningful accomplishments or actions and contributions). Encourage your child to think of how far he or she has come rather than how far he or she still needs to go. Help them see what they can do



Teach and Practice Problem Solving Skills What am I feeling? What is the Problem? What are the possible solutions? What would happen if...? (weigh the pros and cons). What will I try? Did it work? Practice stress management techniques such as deep breathing, distraction, movement, and positive



Give them Choice

Having a sense of agency, purpose, and control in a situation that may otherwise feel very much out of their control can be helpful. This could as simply as choosing what activities to do when, what to have for meals, what they want to wear, what movie to watch during family movie night. Some kids may need controlled choice (options limited to 2 or 3)



What we give Attention to Grows What we focus on, we get more of - choosing to focus on the positives, the learning opportunities, what is within our control, and the ways that we can make a small improvement in a given situation is empowering!



Talk Openly About Change Remind your child of a time when they successfully coped with a major change, limitation, or uncomfortable situation in the past (starting a new school, joining a new team). How did it feel, how did they cope, how did



SD23 Social Emotional Learning Team www.sd23sel.weebly.com



ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT

2021 - 2022 School Year (for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K – 12)

Online applications begin on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 am,

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide telephone support to parents that require assistance.

Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 12, 2021

HOW TO APPLY

In your web browser type: https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca

No internet access? Please contact your school and they will assist you with the online application.

PLEASE NOTE: The application process is online only, no paper enrollment is available. You are required to have a valid email account.

Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school by email by Friday, March 12, 2021.

- 1. Birth certificate or other government issued proof of age and citizenship
- 2. Proof of B.C. Residency
 - a. BC driver's license of parent/legal guardian AND
 - b. BC CARE card of parent/legal guardian OR
 - c. Other supporting documentation http://www.sd23.bc.ca/DistrictInfo/schoolenrollment/
- 3. Proof of Student's Living Address
 - a. Property ownership, lease or rental agreement OR recent utility bill

AFTER Thursday, September 2, 2021

New in-catchment area enrollments: Parents will be notified by a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

New out-of-catchment area enrollments: Parents <u>may not</u> be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

Qualifying age: The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2021 to qualify for school enrollment in September 2021. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website www.sd23.bc.ca or call (250) 860-8888.







January 22, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and School Community:

The Ministry of Education passed Bill 36, the School Amendment Act, which eliminated the Standard School Calendar. As a result, school districts are now required to establish their own school calendars. The calendar committee is comprised of representatives of the partner groups in the Central Okanagan Public Schools including the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (C.O.T.A.), Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3523 (C.U.P.E.), Central Okanagan Principals and Vice Principals' Association (COPVPA), and the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC). This committee has met to draft a proposed school calendar (attached), which meets the requirements of Bill 36.

Section 87.01 (7) of the School act requires consultation on school calendars. A board must make public a proposed school calendar one month before submitting it to the Ministry. We are inviting the community to review the proposed calendar for the 2021/2022 school year and to provide input to the proposal before it is discussed by our Board of Education at a public meeting.

I invite you to provide your input about this proposal by Friday, February 19, 2021 by completing a very brief survey at the link below:

https://ca.research.net/r/2021-2022SchoolCalendarSurvey

We anticipate that the finalized 2021/2022 school calendar (once approved by the Board of Education) will be provided to parents early this spring. A copy will be provided directly to you through your child's school.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this proposal.

Yours truly,

Bob McEwen

Executive Director of Human Resources

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Attachments



CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2021-2022 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 Local Calendar 2021/2022
Days in session	189
	(3 summer Pro Days August 30 - September 1)
Number of days of instruction	182
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 7
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 8
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 11
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 22
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Thursday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, December 20 – Monday, January 3
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Monday, January 3
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Tuesday, January 4
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February, 18
Family Day	Monday, February 21
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, March 21 – Friday, April 1
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, April 4
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 15
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 18
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 23
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Thursday, June 30

The Calendar for 2021-2022 complies with Bill 36 - School Amendment Act (School Calendar Regulation).

The minimum hours of instruction are:

•	Kindergarten	853 hours	(based on 290 minutes X 182)
•	Grade 1-6	878 hours	(based on 290 minutes X 182)
•	Grades 7-12	952 hours	(based on 314 minutes X 182)

Provides the:

- · Number and dates of the days in session
- . The number and dates of each day of instruction
- Vacation Periods and the Statutory Holidays
- The dates of each Non-Instructional Day
- The number of hours of instruction offered students in each grade group

SCHOOL CALENDAR FORM - GENERAL

2021/2022 CALENDAR

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Vacation Period Statutory Holiday

