



WHOO'S NEWS

JUNE 12, 2026

CONVOCATION 2026

Convocation is Saturday, June 20th, in the KSS gym.

Ceremony 1 starts at 10:30 a.m.

Ceremony 2 starts at 2:30 p.m.

We ask that **grads arrive 45 minutes before the start of their ceremony** and proceed to the **library**.

Parents, please be mindful that these are formal ceremonies, so we ask that you remain in the gym for their duration. If there are any accessibility concerns, please email Natalie Spencer at Natalie.Spencer@sd23.bc.ca

Convocation tickets have been distributed with the grad caps and gowns. There are still many grad caps/gowns/tickets that have not been picked up! Grads, please come to the main office to pick up.

Grads will be called down to the gym on Thursday afternoon (June 18th) to show them the set up and answer any questions they may have.



PROM 2027

There is a Prom Parent Committee handoff meeting on **Wednesday, June 24th at 6pm in the MPR.**

Any current grade 11 parents who want to get involved and support our class of 2027 prom, please attend for information.

THE SCHOOL, INCLUDING THE OFFICE AND CAREER CENTRE, IS CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER, BEGINNING ON JULY 1.

ON MONDAY, AUGUST 31, THE SCHOOL WILL OPEN FOR NEW STUDENT REGISTRATIONS. RETURNING STUDENTS MAY REQUEST A COURSE CHANGE IN-PERSON AT THE CAREER CENTRE SEPTEMBER 1-4, ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

PLEASE CHECK THE [KSS WEBSITE](https://www.kss.sd23.bc.ca) FOR UPDATED INFORMATION AND THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER BREAK!



Locker Clean-out and Yearbook Distribution on June 17th

9:00-9:15 a.m. Homeroom

All students will go directly to their Homeroom at 9:00 a.m. to clean out their lockers and return locks to their Homeroom Teacher. Students' homerooms remain in the same room for the duration they are at KSS. Student Homerooms are found in the Student and Parent MyEd Portals as well as on Student Schedules and Written Learning Updates.

The Bookroom and Library will be available for students to return books. **Students may keep their books until Friday, June 19 if needed.**

Any items that are left in lockers after June 25th will be donated or discarded!!

9:15-11:45 a.m. – Block 1/2

Students will be called down in their block ½ class if they *pre-purchased a yearbook*. **Students must have photo ID** or have a teacher vouch for them in order to pick up their yearbook.

Students on a spare, and dual credit students, may come anytime in the morning of June 17 to the Drama Room.

**** If you are unsure if you purchased a Yearbook, please check your "History" in School Cash Online.****

Safety of your Child at Non-Sanctioned Graduation Events

For each of our grade 12 students, the graduation year is one of the most special and celebrated milestones to date. We have several events that we organize and support at KSS for Grade 12 students. Administrators, teachers, parents and students work very hard to organize these events and ensure all safety concerns are addressed. Grad Winter Formal, Grad Movie Night, Grad BBQ, Prom and the Convocation Ceremony are just a few activities that we plan and prepare for your child's enjoyment.

Unfortunately, there are other non-sanctioned grad events that we do not supervise nor support. These activities are often organized and arranged by the graduates themselves and include "grad kidnappings" and subsequent "bush parties" that take place in our community.

We need to emphasize our serious concerns regarding student behavior and safety at all the above-mentioned non-sanctioned events, as there have been incidents of serious injury in past years.

The staff at KSS want your child's grade 12 year to be positive, memorable and safe, and we strongly caution and counsel parents to investigate these non-sanctioned activities carefully.

KSS YEAR-END

The last day of scheduled classes is Friday, **June 19**. It is a full day, and the block order is 1-2/3-4. *There will be a school-wide BBQ Celebration at lunch!*

Convocation is Saturday, **June 20**. Grads, check your Grad Google Classroom for details. There are still caps/gowns & convocation tickets in the office that haven't been picked up!

"I" Days are **June 22-24** for students that need to complete assignments. Buses are running.

ALL STUDENTS are expected to attend the final Homeroom on Thursday, June 25 at 9:00 a.m. for the following:

- **Final Student Written Learning Updates** . *These are not emailed or mailed.*
BEAT THE LINE-UPS! If you have outstanding fees, pay online at School Cash Online.
If you have outstanding textbooks and/or Library Books, return them by June 25th!
- **Student Schedules** for next year returning Grade 11 & 12 students. *These are not emailed or mailed.*
Course Change Requests will be in-person in the Career Centre September 1-4.
- Individual **Graduate photos** from Graduation Ceremony.
- **Yearbooks**. Last chance to pick up your Yearbook! Students that have pre-purchased a Yearbook may go to Drama Room after Homeroom to pick up their yearbook. Students must have Photo ID. If you are unsure if you purchased a yearbook, please check your "History" in School Cash Online.
- **Locker Clean-out is on June 17th**. Items left in lockers after this date will be put in Lost & Found. All items left after June 25th will be donated or discarded.

Buses will be running on June 25th. Bus departure from KSS is at 11:00 a.m.

***** Students that do not attend Homeroom on June 25th at 9:00 a.m. will need to return the following week on June 29 or 30. *****

Documents returned from teachers after Homeroom on June 25th are sorted and this takes the remainder of the day.

HOMESTAY FAMILIES ARE NEEDED FOR KSS!

We are looking for families to host international high school students from around the world. The next round of placements begins September 2026. Homestay compensation will be \$1200/month/student starting in 2026-2027.

Apply now to join our team as a host family for international students experiencing Canada!

[Click HERE to learn more & apply](#)



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TAKING SUMMER CLASSES?

Are you taking online classes through the summer?
The **Youth Education Support Program** through the YMCA
is able to offer support through the summer.

Click [HERE](#) for details!



ÉCOLE KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL 2026-2027 CALENDAR



Days in session	189 (3 summer Pro Days August)
Number of days of instruction	182
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 8
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Wednesday, September 30
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 9
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 12
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 23
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Wednesday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, December 21 – Friday, January 1
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Friday, January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 4
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 12
Family Day	Monday, February 15
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, March 15 – Thursday, March 25
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Tuesday, March 30
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, March 26
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, March 29
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 24
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Wednesday, June 30

Early Dismissal Days	
September 8, 2026—12:15 p.m. dismissal	First Day of School
October 7, 2026 — 1:30 p.m. dismissal	Parent-Teacher Conferences
January 13, 2027 — 12:30 p.m. dismissal	Capstone Presentations
March 3, 2027 — 1:30 p.m. dismissal	Parent-Teacher Conferences
May 26, 2027 — 12:30 p.m. dismissal	Capstone Presentations
June 29, 2027 — 11:00 a.m. dismissal	Last Day of School

Terms		
Name	Start Date	End Date
Quarter 1	September 8, 2026	November 13, 2026
Quarter 2	November 16, 2026	January 28, 2027
Quarter 3	February 1, 2027	April 20, 2027
Quarter 4	April 21, 2027	June 23, 2027
Semester 1	September 8, 2026	January 28, 2027
Semester 2	February 1, 2027	June 23, 2027

Regular Bell Schedule	
8:55 a.m.	Warning Bell
9:00 a.m. - 10:19 a.m.	Period 1
10:19 a.m. - 10:27 a.m.	Break
10:27 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Period 2
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m. - 1:49 p.m.	Period 3
1:49 p.m. - 1:57 p.m.	Break
1:57 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Period 4