



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

At KSS, in-class attendance is expected. **Notes are not accepted** to excuse absences, sign out or leave early. Parents/Guardians are required to report absences, lates and early departures using **School Messenger - Safe Arrival Absence Reporting system**. *Please do not call the main office.*

LATE

Students that are **more than 30 minutes late for class must check in at the office.**

The office will timestamp the student's arrival. Once the student makes their way to their classroom, their teacher will change the Absence to a Late. If this is an excused late, parents may report this in Safe Arrival. If a parent has an enquiry regarding an absent/late, they are to contact the classroom teacher.

EARLY DEPARTURE

Parents are required to report early departures into School Messenger. Once reported, the teacher will see this in MyEd and release the student at the reported dismissal time. If there is no excused absence in MyEd, students will be sent to the office for follow-up. This may delay student dismissal as the office obtains parental approval. If no parental approval is obtained, the student will be sent back to class.

TEAM ATTENDANCE

Coaches will report their team absences to the office. Students are expected to have a "Student Authorized Absence Form" filled out by their teachers for classes they will miss and show this form to their coach. Students keep this form as their homework is listed here.

Thank you for utilizing School Messenger and helping us keep all students safe and accounted for.

Upcoming dates . .

May 2	Cultural Performances in the gym
May 2	Student Written Learning Updates are published to <u>MyEd Parent Portal</u> at 3:00 p.m.
May 5-9	Mental Health Week
May 7-8	Move4Mana in MPR at lunch
May 13 & 27	Health Nurse Wellness Clinics in Career Ctr AM
May 15	District Award Scholarship Presentations AM
May 16	PROM
May 19	Victoria Day—NO SCHOOL
May 20	KSS PAC AGM 6:30 p.m. in LLC (<i>all parents welcome</i>)
May 21	Diner en Blanc
May 21-22	Multicultural Festival in MPR
May 26-30	Night Owl Theatre
May 28	Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m. Capstone Presentations PM

PROM TICKET SALES

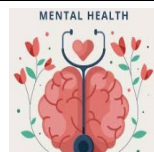
Prom tickets will be on sale April 28—May 2, before school (8:00-9:00 a.m.), during lunch, or after school (3:15-4:00 p.m.) in **Room 147**.

Each ticket is **\$110 each** and will be sold in person only to Grade 12 students. Students may pay with cash, debit or credit.

In order to purchase Prom Tickets, students must not have any outstanding fees or books.

Please pay fees online at [School Cash Online](#). If you must pay with credit/debit/cash, students may come to the main office during lunchtime.

If your family is experiencing financial difficulties, please speak with your Alpha VP.



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors:

Mindset shift:

Instead of worrying "what if they reject me," try and imagine "what if they become my best friend."



GRAD 2025



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in Graduation, Grade 12 students must have:

- ◇ Filled out the "Convocation Information" Form on the Grad Google Classroom
- ◇ Returned any overdue library books or textbooks;
- ◇ Paid any outstanding student fees (*including \$75.00 Grad Commencement Fee*); and,
- ◇ Be in a calculable position to graduate.

PROMENADE & BANQUET

Promenade (Grad Walk), followed by Grad Banquet and Dance, is on **Friday, May 16, 2025.**

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Promenade will begin at 5:30 p.m. sharp. **Grads must arrive** at The Dolphins downtown **by 5:00 p.m. to line up!** The walk will begin at The Dolphins and conclude at the pool entrance of The Delta Grand Hotel where the banquet and dance will take place.



Prom banquet and dance is for Grade 12 students only. **Grads must show photo ID to enter The Grand.** More information is to come regarding table/seat selection.

The KSS Code of Conduct will be in place for the entire evening.

CONVOCATION

Convocation (Commencement Ceremony) is the cap and gown ceremony where students will receive their graduation diploma.

Convocation is on **Saturday, June 7, 2025** in the KSS Gym. There are two ceremonies:

- 1: Last Names beginning with **A — L** at **10:30 a.m.**
- 2: Last Names beginning with **M — Z** at **2:30 p.m.**



Each student may receive **up to SIX tickets**. There is no waitlist for extra tickets. Student will pick up their convocation tickets when they pick up their grad cap, gown and stole at the end of May. Convocation will be livestreamed via link on the KSS Web-site (Grad tab) for those that are unable to attend. The Graduation Commencement Fee of \$75.00 was due on April 1st. Payment may still be made in School Cash Online.

OUTSTANDING FEES

The "**Outstanding Fees & Textbooks List**" will be posted in the MPR and is sorted by PUPIL NUMBER. Please have your grade 12 student check this list and take care of any outstanding fees. Students will find their Pupil Number in their MyEd Student Portal.

Fees are paid via [School Cash Online](#).

If you do not see a fee in School Cash Online, please check your History to see if it has already been paid.



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On behalf of the graduating class of 2025 and this year's grad council at Kelowna Secondary School, we would like to request donations to help fund and execute this year's upcoming graduation/prom. With such a large graduating class, the PAC, grad council, as well as staff at KSS have taken on the large task of planning this event. Any donations would be put towards helping lower the cost of each student's admission into the event but could also be used towards the expenses of the event itself. Some of the expenses include food, entertainment (music and photography), decorations, and the venue rental.

Donations can be made to cover or lower the cost of specific items or can be given for general use. All funds donated will go entirely towards putting together an unforgettable event for our grad class. Tax receipts can be provided if your donation is made through the Central Okanagan School District's website **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**. You can register/log into this site and select the button **Make A Donation**, select an amount for your donation, choose **KELOWNA SECONDARY** as the Fund Destination, and add **KSS PROM** to the Message to School Board to ensure your donation is added to our event. If you do not require a tax receipt, a cheque can be made to **KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL** attention **KSS PROM**.

<https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/56/15/false/true>

Any help would be greatly appreciated, as it would help ensure that every student has the opportunity to attend the event at a minimal cost to all and make it a memorable night for our grads.

Sincerely, KSS Grad Class of 2025



PAC UPDATE

Community Matters

You are a Part of the PAC

If you are a parent or guardian with a student returning or starting at KSS this fall, you are automatically part of the PAC for the 2025-26 school year! As a member you are invited to the upcoming AGM; and are encouraged to consider getting more involved and letting your name stand for a PAC executive role.

The PAC Executive

For those new to the school, the PAC at KSS isn't about fund raising so don't let that thought scare you. The major role is allocating the approximately \$30,000 of BC Gaming Funds to help fund extracurricular activities such as; class field trips, musical instruments, sports uniforms, dance instruction, robotics, and more.

KSS is required to have a PAC executive to continue receiving BC Gaming Grant Funding. We will be voting in the 2025-26 PAC executive at the AGM. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please email KSS.PACPresident@sd23.bc.ca. There can also be nominations from the floor at the AGM.

KSS PAC Executive Committee 2025-26 (roles and nomination status):

- Chair or Co-chair §
- Vice or Co-chair - **Open for nominees**
- Treasurer (1 nominee)
- Secretary §
- Academic Chair §
- Athletic Chair §
- Fine Arts Chair §
- Indigenous Chair §
- Technical Education Chair §
- Student Support Chair §
- Clubs Chair §
- COPAC Rep - **Open for nominees**

§ denotes that the current person in the role is willing to stay in the role for next year

Even if you can't volunteer for a position, the PAC welcomes your input and attendance at all meetings. It's an easy way to keep up with what is happening at KSS. We look forward to seeing you!

AGM

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**May 20th @ 6:30pm
in the school library**

Caregivers EFFT Workshop

Emotion Focused Family Therapy

Is your youth struggling with mental health challenges like anxiety, depression, substance use, or disordered eating? Do you need support navigating their behaviour, setting limits, or responding to their emotions?

This workshop aims to equip caregivers with practical skills and tools to better support their loved ones facing mental health and wellness challenges.

Monday May 26 and
Tuesday May 27, 9am - 4pm
2 DAY WORKSHOP

In-person at Foundry Kelowna 100-1815 Kirschner Rd

To register email kendra.arthurs@cmhkelowna.org AND michelle.ouimet@cmhkelowna.org or call 236.420.2803



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WOMEN in STEM (Grades 9-12)



An evening workshop of hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math based activities, experiential learning, and mentorship.

Designed for young women in grades 9-12 to connect, experience, and build networks that will support their STEM journey.

May 12th
4 pm - 7 pm
ARTS Building UBCO



Confirmed Mentors Representing Careers in:

Chemistry • Ecology • Engineering •
Biochemistry • Neuroscience • Physiotherapy •
UBCO STEM Students • Computer Science •
Dentistry • with more to come!

Register before April 31 at: <https://www.active.com/kelowna-bc/technology/camp/women-in-stem-grades-9-12-2025>



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Chaires pour les femmes en sciences et en génie
Chairs for Inclusion in Science and Engineering /
Chaires pour l'inclusion en sciences et en génie



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

SOUTH KELOWNA ELEMENTARY

FAMILY
FUN NIGHT

FRIDAY

June 6th - 4:00 - 7:30 pm

SIGN UP IN THE
CAREER/COUNSELLING CENTRE



VOLUNTEER AT THE IG WEALTH MANAGEMENT WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025 Kelowna City Park

We are recruiting day-of-event volunteers to help us set up, clean up, register participants, provide general support and more.

To sign up, visit your
Career Centre!

Deadline to apply is May 1st



[alzbc.org/
EventVol](https://alzbc.org/EventVol)



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Summer 2025

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Develop your leadership skills while earning high school credit or volunteer hours at Camp OC

Take your leadership skills to the next level with our **Leadership in Action** program.

Three options:

Option 1: Earn 2 credits

- 15 hours of online coursework + 1 week volunteering at Camp OC

Option 2: Earn 4 credits

- 15 hours of online coursework + 2 weeks volunteering at Camp OC

Option 3: Earn Hours

- Volunteer at Camp OC and earn work experience hours toward graduation

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DEADLINE TO APPLY: THURSDAY, MAY 22ND



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or email us at www.campoc.ca

