



École Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

October 11, 2024

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Our Remembrance Day Assembly for students will be held on November 8th.

For the past few years we have made a slideshow of family members and/or friends of the KSS Community that have served for the KSS Remembrance Day Ceremony.

If you have a digital copy of a photo of a loved one that you would like to be added to the presentation this year please email it to Mr. Holly (ryan.holly@sd23.bc.ca), along with the name of the person(s), their rank if known, and their relations to KSS.

For example:



Upcoming dates . .

Oct 14	NO SCHOOL —Thanksgiving Day
Oct 18-19	Sr. Boys & Sr. Girls Best of the West Championship
Oct 25	NO SCHOOL — Pro-D Day
Oct 30	District Dual Credit Information Night
Nov 6	Quarter 1 ends
Nov 7	Quarter 2 begins
Nov 8	Remembrance Day Assembly (closed ceremony)
Nov 11	NO SCHOOL —Remembrance Day
Nov 12	KSS PAC Meeting in KSS Library (LLC) 6:30 p.m.
Nov 21	Cultural Performance
Nov 22	Student Written Learning Updates are published to MyEd Student Portal

KSS GRAD 2025

GRAD PHOTOS

Grads! Your grad photo sessions are now open for booking. Don't wait, book your spot today!

There is no sitting fee. Digital and printed packages are available for purchase through Artona.

Sign up using the QR code :



GRAD FEES

A commencement fee of \$75.00 has been attached to all grade 12 students in School Cash Online. This fee covers cap, gown and stole, rental & decoration of the venue and security. Fees are non-refundable.

This \$75.00 commencement fee, as well as any other fees, must be paid in order to purchase tickets to winter formal, grad banquet as well as to pick up grad gowns.

Fees are paid online at School Cash Online—[HERE](#).

Please check the KSS Website, Grad Page for more grad information.—[LINK](#).



Early Bird pricing ends Dec. 1!

Buy yours ASAP for **\$30.00**

(\$35 personalized)

Purchase online [HERE](#).



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors:

Success isn't about motivation. It's about having the discipline to act, even when you don't feel like it.

Grad 2025 Info

Grad Google Classroom: 2hyd22x

Grad Photos

When: November 25 - January 14th

Where: At the school (trailer near portables)

Additional Info: Students are asked to use the QR code that will be on the google classroom and posted around the school to book a sitting for their grad photo portrait session. These will be the photos used in the yearbook, and so we ask all grads to book a session whether they are interested in purchasing photos or not.

January bookings will open once December time slots are filled.

Winter Formal

When: Wednesday December 11th, 2024

Where: At the school

Additional Info: Semi-formal event. Tickets will be \$20 and sold to grade 12 KSS students only. Ticket sales will take place late November at the school and include entry to the dance as well as light refreshments.

There will be an email go out requesting parent volunteers for this event.

Prom

To connect with the planning committee follow @kssprom2025 on instagram, or email ksspromcommittee@gmail.com

When: Friday May 16th, 2025

Where: Waterfront Park (promenade) and Delta Grand Hotel (dinner and dance)

- Ticket prices will be determined based on fundraising efforts throughout the year.
- Tickets sold to KSS grade 12 students only. Students must be up to date on fees and have no overdue library books in order to purchase tickets.
- Ticket sales will take place the week of April 28th before school (8:00-9:00), at lunch (11:45-12:20) and after school (3:15-4:00) out of room 147. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER MAY 2ND.
- The promenade will begin promptly at 5:30pm from Rhapsody Plaza with grads asked to arrive no later than 5:00pm.
- The promenade will conclude at the Delta Grand Hotel with dinner and dance to follow.
- KSS code of conduct in effect for the evening

Convocation

When: Saturday June 7th, 2025

Where: KSS Gymnasium

- Students will be split into two ceremonies based on last name. A-L starting at 10:30am and M-Z at 2:30pm. Students are asked to arrive 45 minutes prior to their start time.
- Each student will be allotted 6 tickets for guests to come watch. The ceremony will be live streamed.
- Grad gowns are ordered on behalf of all grade 12 students. Information about students height will be collected on google classroom.
- Grad gowns will be distributed on dates TBD at the school.
- Please forward accessible seating requests to natalie.spencer@sd23.bc.ca

KSS ATHLETICS

For updates, and Athletic calendar, see KSS Athletics on the KSS Website under "Students" top tab. [HERE](#) is a link.



Bottle Drive

KSS Prom 2025

Collection Date:
2024-2025

Drop-off Locations:
Local Return-It Express Stations
• 680 Dease Road
• 1936 Kent Road
• 1314 St. Paul Street

USE CODE: 250-KSS-GRAD
(250-577-4723)

Simply bring your containers to the depot in sealed, **TRANSPARENT BLUE** or **CLEAR BAGS**, and enter the KSS grad class number at the Express kiosk. You will be prompted to select the number of bags you're dropping off, and the kiosk will automatically print stickers for each of your bags with the KSS Grad Express account code. Tag each of your bags with a sticker, and drop the bags off in the designated Express drop-off area to be counted and credited to our account.
(Note: a maximum of 12 glass bottles can be included in each bag.)

Questions?
Please email the Prom Committee:
ksspromcommittee@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting us
with your donations!



BASKETBALL TRYOUTS !

4A Girls Basketball tryouts are next week:

Tues, Oct 15

Thurs, Oct 17



7:00 a.m.—8:30 a.m. in the KSS Gym

LEFTOVER CANDY FUNDRAISER!

KSS KEY CLUB IS FUNDRAISING FOR THE FOOD BANK!

BRING YOUR LEFTOVER CANDY AND THE CANDY YOU DON'T LIKE TO THE MPR ON MONDAY, NOV 4 AND TUESDAY NOV 5





CLUB VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM

PROGRAM FEATURES

- U11-U18 TEAMS (Grades 5-12)
- MULTIPLE TEAMS IN EACH AGE
- COMPETITIVE TRAVEL OPTIONS
- EXPERIENCED TEAM OF COACHES
- CENTRAL GYMS FOR PRACTICES
- YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY

Genesis Athletics is a community-run, registered non-profit, whose mission is "to empower youth to pursue skill development, character growth, and life excellence through sport"

GIRLS PROGRAM

U11-U17 TEAMS (Grades 5-11)

BOYS PROGRAM

U11-U18 TEAMS (Grades 5-12)

FOR MORE INFO

To find out more go to:
GENESISATHLETICS.CA



REGISTER NOW

UPCOMING POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION REPRESENTATIVE VISITS TO KSS

Date	PSI Name	Time	Location
Wednesday, October 16 th	Queen's University	11:30 - 12:30	MPR
Wednesday, October 16 th	University of Victoria Gustauson School of Business	11:30 - 12:30	MPR
Friday, November 1 st	Dalhousie University	11:30 - 12:30	MPR
Tuesday, November 19 th	University of Calgary	11:30 - 12:30	MPR

 **UBC Geering Up**
Kelowna, Okanagan



GO ENG GIRL: EXPLORE AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

JOIN US FOR AN ALL-GIRLS* EVENT AT UBC OKANAGAN

The field of Aerospace Engineering is taking off with Canada's growing demand for more skilled engineers!

What is it like to design and create devices that travel through the atmosphere and beyond? Find out as we discover the world of flight, space travel, and the Aerospace Engineering cutting-edge technologies that make it possible. Tackle real-world (and out-of-this-world!) engineering challenges by harnessing your creativity and design skills. Craft your versions of the engineering marvels that are helping us explore the universe.

Meet faculty and students, explore the campus, and connect with undergraduate mentors to hear their stories and experiences...come prepared to learn, explore, and get a sneak peek of life on campus!

Want to register?

See the KSS career centre today to secure your spot! Deadline to register is October 18, 2024

* We have an inclusive view of the word 'girl' and welcome trans, genderqueer, and non-binary participants.

INTERESTED?

Who:
Grade 10, 11 and 12 girls*
When:
Tuesday, Oct 22, 2024
Where:
UBC Okanagan
bussing provided by your school
Cost:
Free - includes a pizza lunch!

Learn more about Geering Up Visit bit.ly/GUKelowna, email us at kelowna.geeringup@ubc.ca, or scan this QR code:



 THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
School of Engineering
Okanagan Campus

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Central Okanagan Public Schools

Dual Credit Information Night

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

STUDENTS AND PARENTS WELCOME!

Central Okanagan Public Schools is hosting a Dual Credit Information Night on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 6:00 pm at Kelowna Secondary School.

The purpose of this event is to showcase our Dual Credit Program options and provide an opportunity for students and parents to communicate directly with our post-secondary and industry training partners.

Please join us to discover the many benefits of a dual credit program, including tuition sponsorship and the ability for students to get a head start on a rewarding career.

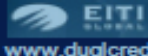
AGENDA:

5:30 pm: Doors open to public to visit with post-secondary partners

6:00 pm: Dual Credit Presentation Overview - Bob Boback

6:20-7:00 pm: Parents and Students have an opportunity to talk with post-secondary partners to learn more

7:00 pm: End of Event



www.dualcredit23.sd23.bc.ca

SKILLED TRADES BC



Sunday, October 27

MNP Place | 1-4 p.m.

Free fun for the entire family!

VOLUNTEER NOW!

For more information and an application form, see the KSS Career Centre

Deadline to apply is Thursday, October 17!



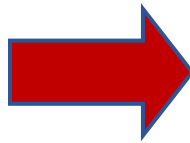
Grade 12: Class of 2025

POST-SECONDARY PREPARATION

**KSS will be offering grade 12 students
3 optional POST SECONDARY PREPARATION SESSIONS (PSP)
to help prepare for education after high school!**

PSP #1

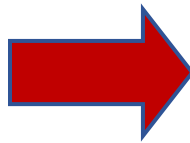
Wed & Thur October 16 & 17
@ 11:30 am
KSS LIBRARY
and
Thur October 17 @ 3:30 pm
KSS LIBRARY



- ✓ Getting Organized
- ✓ Transcripts
- ✓ Entrance Requirements
- ✓ How to apply

PSP #2

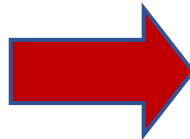
Tues & Wed November 26 & 27
@ 11:30 am
KSS LIBRARY
and
Thur November 27 @ 3:30 pm
KSS LIBRARY



- ✓ Funding
- ✓ Central Okanagan Bursary
& Scholarship Society:
COBSS
- ✓ Scholarships / Awards

PSP #3

Tue & Wed April 15 & 16
@ 11:30 am
KSS LIBRARY



- ✓ Post-secondary calendar
- ✓ Updates & deposits
- ✓ Course planning
- ✓ Course registration

**The sessions are identical. Please plan to attend during your spare to avoid missing class time.*

If you must miss class time, plan ahead with your teacher - early class dismissal required.

Presentations will be posted on the KSS website for further information.



NEED HELP WITH

**MATH &
SCIENCE?**

COME TO
ROOM 284

TUESDAY MORNINGS 8-9AM

MS. DRESCHER CAN HELP!



How can I support you?



SCIENCE

MATH

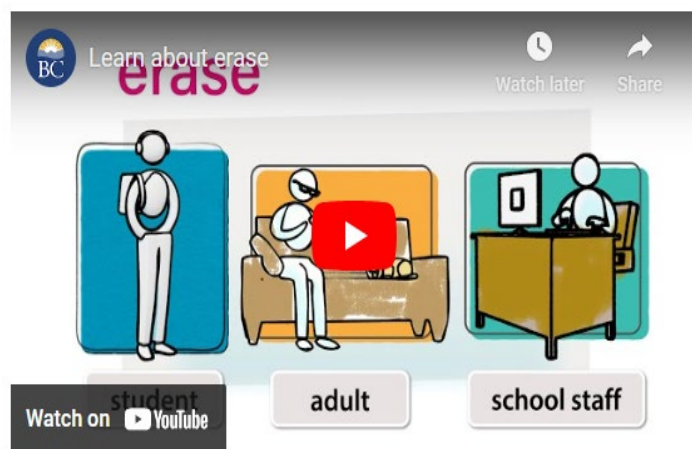
JUST DROP IN!



To help students, adults, and school staff build safe, caring and inclusive school communities, the Government of BC has created a valuable new online resource tool called [ERASE](#)

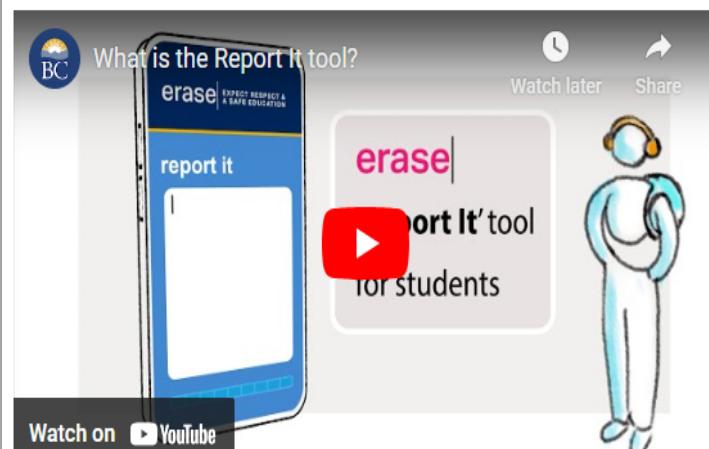
Learn more by viewing the links below

Learn about erase



Learn about the different tools, information, and resources available on erase to help support students, adults, and school staff.

What is the Report It tool?



Learn about an online reporting tool available to students to seek help or submit reports if you see or hear something that concerns you.

Safe, caring and inclusive schools



A short animated video about the importance of schools fostering inclusive classroom environments where everyone regardless of race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or ability, is welcome and feels safe.

erase: The Story



Read more about the erase strategy and how to build safe, caring and inclusive school communities.



We Don't Want You to Sell Anything!

But we still need your help

Dear Parents/guardians.

Each year the KSS PAC provides 2 bursaries and 2 scholarships of \$1000 each to KSS graduates who will be attending post-secondary education in the Fall of their graduating year. The bursaries/scholarships are awarded to students based on financial need, academic achievement, and a desire to pursue post-secondary education in Canada.

Previously, these were funded through KSS's annual provincial community gaming grant, however, gaming funds are no longer allowed to be used for bursaries and scholarships. Hence, the PAC must fundraise in order to continue to provide these funds to support KSS students in their future education.

This is where YOU come in!

Please consider donating! Any amount, no matter how large or small, makes a difference!

Our fundraising goal is \$4,000 to cover the awards for 2025 graduates. Any funds beyond our goal will be held in a PAC scholarship account for future years!

How to donate

We have decided to use the school district donation option this year for our scholarship/bursary fund. It allows us to keep all of the money that you donate, rather than having to pay platform fees, and gives you a tax receipt. **WIN-WIN!**

Steps:

1. Go to www.schoolcashionline.com and sign in using your credentials that you pay your school fees with
2. Click *Make a Donation* to open the donation form
3. Choose *Kelowna Secondary*
4. In the message box write *PAC Scholarship Fund*
5. *Add to Cart* to go to the payment page

With your support, we can empower the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and changemakers.