



Whoo's News



SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

CONGRATULATIONS!! The first week of school is done! We welcomed approximately 700 new students to Kelowna Secondary and it has been very busy with 1,875 students navigating their way to new classrooms, becoming familiar with new routines and generally settling in during this unprecedented time. A **Code of Conduct** was distributed during Homeroom and discussed with students. Please use the link below to review the Code of Conduct on the website. [Code of Conduct 2020](#)

September 14 students will begin regular class rotations as per our [School Calendar](#)

September 14: Block 1 and Block 3 (Group A) / September 15: Block 1 and Block 3 (Group B)

Students are reminded to not arrive at school prior to 8:30 and to report directly to their first block following protocol

SCHOOL FEES

The fastest and easier way to pay school fees is on-line. Given the current COVID pandemic, the fact that the District is not anticipating providing the same level of cultural performances as we have in the past and students are not using lockers, Student Activity Fees will not be charged for the upcoming school year. **SCHOOL PHOTOS** are scheduled for **September 21, 22 and 23, a.m. only**. Every student needs to have their picture taken for their student ID card (free of charge). Coloured packages will be available for various prices, and information on how to purchase them will be distributed at a later date.

Opportunity to purchase a **Yearbook** has also been added on to student accounts in order to take advantage of early bird pricing. Please log on to your child's account at School Cash Online to see the options available. It is strongly suggested that all fees are paid on-line as an automatic receipt is generated and proof of payment is always available. Deadline for early bird purchase of \$30.00 is December 1st! The regular price will be \$35.00 and the deadline to purchase is February 28.

ATTENDANCE

Parents/Guardians are required to report absences using the School Messenger - Safe Arrival Absence Reporting system. ***Please do not call the main office.***

The System can be accessed three ways:

(1) Enter an Absence Using the Smartphone App (most user friendly)



(2) Enter an Absence Using the Online Parent Portal

- visit go.schoolmessenger.ca

(3) Enter an Absence by Calling the School



*Please bring your own
refillable water bottle
as there is a closure
of our drinking
fountains.*



Stay tuned for exciting information about **Minga**, a virtual school platform for students, teachers and staff to share news, announcements, events and more!

An optional \$10.00 **Parking Pass Fee** will be added to all **Grade 12 students**, and is only for those who wish to purchase a parking pass. Applications for a Parking Pass will be available the second week of school in front of the office in the MPR. COMPLETED Parking Pass Application and proof of payment will be required prior to your parking pass being issued. STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS, please contact the office if you have any questions.



The \$75.00 **Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony Fee** has been added to Grade 12 students and expires April 1st.



KSS GRAD

There will be an information **ZOOM** meeting for all grads interested in running for president or applying for grad council on **Thursday, September 17 @ 7:00 p.m.** The zoom link will be posted on the Grad 2021 Google Classroom.

Sports at Kelowna Secondary Fall 2020

www.kssowlsathletics.com

(Please see page 4 of of this newsletter for safety protocol in sports at KSS)



X-Country Running

Monday / Thursday Mission Creek Park 4:00 pm

Starting Monday September 14th, please see Mr. Carlson in Room 291 during the day for more information. Please contact Mr. Carlson at thomas.carlson@sd23.bc.ca for more info.

Field Hockey

Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday

Mission Turf (M15) 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Starting Tuesday September 15th, please contact arnar.bernhardsson@sd23.bc.ca for more info.

Football

Tuesday / Thursday KSS Fields 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Starting Tuesday September 22nd, please contact chris.cartwright@sd23.bc.ca for more info.

Volleyball

Jr Girls Volleyball (Gr. 10)

Information Meeting Monday September 14th at 3:30 pm in the Gym

Try-outs Tuesday September 15th 7:00 – 8:30 am KSS Gym

Thursday September 17th 7:00 – 8:30 am KSS Gym

Please contact jill.friend@sd23.bc.ca for more info.



Jr Boys Volleyball (Gr.10)

Information Meeting Monday September 14th at 11:45 am in the Gym (**Group A**)

Tuesday, September 15th at 11:45 am in the Gym (**Gym B**)

Try-outs: Wednesday September 16th 3:30 – 5:00 pm in the gym

Monday September 21st 3:30 – 5:00 pm in the gym.

Please contact jadon.vakharia@sd23.bc.ca for more info.

Sr. Girls (Gr. 11/12)

Information Meeting Monday September 14th at 5:00 pm in the Gym

Tryouts: Wednesday September 16th 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the gym

Friday September 18th 3:30 – 5:30 pm in the gym

Please contact kelly.hettinga@sd23.bc.ca for more info.

Sr. Boys (Gr. 11/12)

Information Meeting Monday September 14th at 3:30 pm in the Gym

Tryouts: Tuesday September 15th 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the gym

Wednesday September 16th 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the gym

Thursday September 17th 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the gym

Please contact michael.sodaro@sd23.bc.ca for more info.



Hello KSS parents and guardians,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!

By virtue of being a KSS parent or guardian, you are a member of the KSS Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The purpose of the KSS PAC is to promote and improve the quality of education and the well being of students at Kelowna Secondary School.



The PAC will be holding its first meeting of the school year on Tuesday, September 22, at 6:30pm, via Zoom. The agenda will include a Principal's report and elections for the executive committee.

If you would like to attend the Zoom meeting, please email us by Friday, September 18th, at Kss.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca with your name, name and grade of your student(s), and your email address, so we can send you an invitation to the Zoom call.

We look forward to seeing you then!



SCHOOL PHOTOS



September 21, 22 and 23

9:00 - 11:30 a.m. only

(No retakes this year)



A HUGE **Thank you** to all our students and families for bringing masks to school!!!

All students were offered two district-provided masks this week. Please contact your student's block 1 teachers if masks were not received and if they are needed.

Welcome Jazz Band 10 students and Parents! to KSS! ☺

Mrs. French is having 2 lunch meetings to give you information about the Music program.

Students PLEASE attend on the day you stay for your PM class and bring your lunch.

After the meeting you will go to your PM classroom.

Meetings are Monday, Sept. 21 (Group B) and Tuesday, Sept. 22 (Group A)





Please note our new parking lot configuration

The Visitor Parking is now in the Student Parking Lot. Please remember to pick up a visitor parking pass from the office. This is also the area designated for student drop off and pick up to ensure the safety of our staff and students.

Parents ARE NOT TO USE the staff parking lot for student drop off or pick up.

Accident Insurance

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for **student injuries** that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage

Daily Health Check			
1. Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Fatigue	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
	Muscle aches	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
	Dizziness, confusion	YES	NO
	Abdominal pain	YES	NO
	Skin rashes or discoloration of fingers or toes	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

*Check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.

If you answered "YES" to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) your child should **NOT** come to school.

If they are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner.

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.



Social Distancing: Social distancing and reduced contact are encouraged wherever possible. Between students of different educational cohorts, it is mandatory. Coaches should be staying socially distant from athletes if they are involved in coaching multiple cohorts.

Equipment: Schools should attempt to reduce shared equipment where possible. Equipment sharing is permitted between students in the same educational cohort. Students in different educational cohorts are not permitted to share equipment unless it has been appropriately sanitized.

Minimizing Contact: While students in the same cohort can participate in a sport naturally without having to maintain strict social distancing, the ministry has stated that school sport must still maintain reduced contact. This means that in sports where there continuous or sustained close contact (as defined in the glossary) are required to adapt sessions to reduce the sustained contact.

Group Size in Stage 2: A maximum of 50 participants in any one training area. Approved coaches and staff are permitted in the training zone, but unless they are a teacher in the same educational cohort, are required to maintain a 2m distance. More than 1 cohort may practice on the same training area as long as the total number of participants does not exceed 50, there is no sharing of equipment (without cleaning) between the educational cohorts, and social distancing is maintained between students in different cohorts. We recommend that if a school is going to use one field of play for multiple cohorts, that a "buffer zone" of at least 2m (6ft) be set up that is clearly marked by cones or dividers so that it is easily distinguishable and that students and equipment cannot pass through this area.

'intheknow'

Information and Support

For families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with mental health challenges.

IN THE KNOW PROVIDES EXPERT SPEAKERS ON TOPICS IMPORTANT TO FAMILIES. CONNECT AND LEARN WITH OTHER FAMILIES FOR AN ONLINE DISCUSSION - JOIN BY COMPUTER OR PHONE.

Parenting when Anxiety Shows Up as Anger

Join us as we answer questions families have asked about the relationship between anger and anxiety. We'll share experiences and strategies that can help in hard moments and focus on strengthening our relationship with our children and youth when those have passed.

Registration Required:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6853319057342496781>

Communities: Kelowna, Penticton and Vernon

Cost: **Free of Charge**

Date: **Wednesday, September 30, 2020**

Time: **7pm - 8:30pm**

Connect and learn with other families for this online discussion. We will watch the video and talk about it together. Discussion facilitated by FamilySmart Parent in Residence

familiesmart.ca

COME OUT & SING Be Part of the

AWARD WINNING KSS MUSIC PROGRAM ☺

Auditions 4

Vocal Jazz & Chamber Choir

Where: Music Room (128) (across from the washrooms by the Fountain/Gym)

When: Before School/Lunches & after School – signup sheet is on the inside door-this year you must sign up for a slot to audition

Dates: Thurs/Fri ~ Sept. 10 & 11
&
Mon-Fri ~ Sept. 14 ~ 18

Come and sing a song of your choice (anything)!
Everyone is Welcome! Auditions are PRIVATE!!!
 All grades! All Students!
 Vocalists & Vocal Percussionists!

I look forward to hearing & seeing you!