



Whoo's News



May 21, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Below is the procedure for attending our Graduation 2021 Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6. We must be very careful to follow all provincial health guidelines and ask that our families support this in full.

Note: We have had to change the 10-minute time slots to 13. These time changes will be reflected on the Signup website after May 21. Thank you very much for your flexibility, as we are moving forward with safety at the forefront.

Note: Cap and gown pick-up times will be announced closer to the date. Please keep an eye out for an email announcement.

Students and guests should arrive 20 minutes prior to their scheduled time and remain in their cars until their time is called; this will be clearly indicated. Once your time is called, line up in family groups at the front of the school in the order on the schedule. Spacing will be clearly indicated and pods must remain physically distanced at all times with masks on. (**Location 1 on the map**)

- We will not be able to accommodate families who arrive late or those who wish to go at an earlier time. It is essential to our film crew and announcers that we remain in our scheduled times.
- Volunteers will move you throughout stations set up at the school. We have blocked off specific areas, so please follow the instructions of your volunteer and only proceed when indicated.
- Grads may remove their masks and keep them in their right hand when they cross the stage. The administrators on-stage will have clear face shields. When grads exit the stage, they will be seated in chairs in front of the stage to watch the following grads. When the group of 8 grads is finished, guests and grads will exit the gym together.
- You will be exiting through a designated hallway and must proceed directly to your cars and leave the premises. Unfortunately, we cannot encourage visiting, so grads and guests must vacate the area as quickly as possible, physically distanced, to allow the following groups to enter the school site. (**Location 4 and 5 on the map on page 2**)

Thank you in advance for observing each of these steps; they are in place to protect each of us. We look forward to a wonderful day celebrating your grad!

Cap and Gown care suggestions:



- Iron the gold stoles beforehand
- Secure the caps prior to walking the stage: Wrap the cord around the button once, twist, and then wrap again.
- Some gowns will have a lot of static cling depending on the fabric your student is wearing underneath the gown. You may want to spray the gown with Static Guard or rub it with a dryer cloth beforehand
The cap, gown, tassel, and stole are all keepsakes!

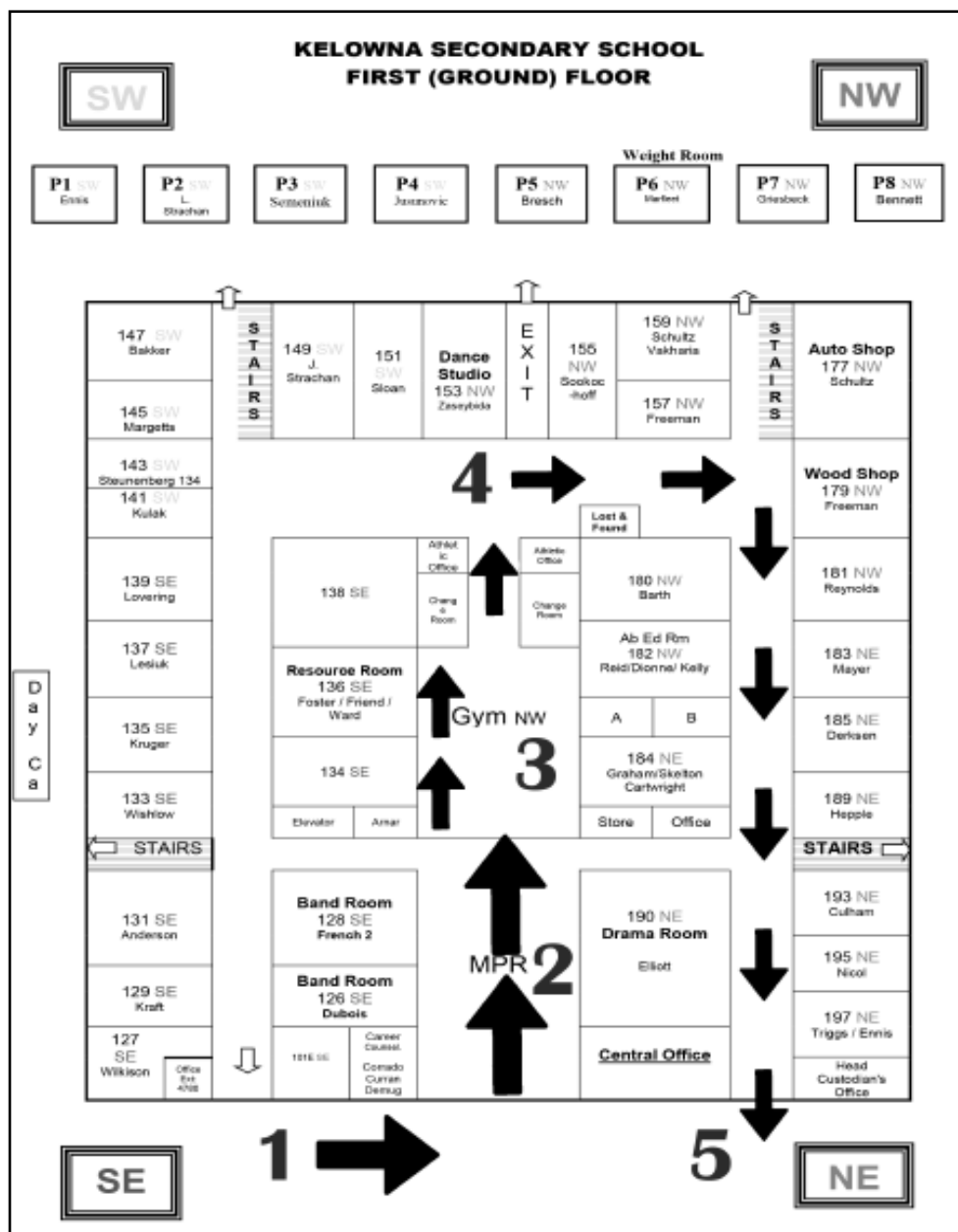
Please see page 2 for the map for further details

Not signed up for the Stage Crossing? Do it NOW:

<http://kssgrad.weebly.com/commencement-new.html>

Grade 12 Graduates please be cautious and follow the Public Health Officer recommendation for COVID protocols at all times.

If you are asked to self-isolate by Interior Health, you will unfortunately miss the scheduled stage crossing and there will be no other opportunity for you to rebook another time. **Please be safe.**



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 your Grade 12 student. Administrators, teachers, parents and students work very hard to organize these events and ensure all safety concerns are addressed. Grad Winter Formal, Grad Fun Night, 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. The activities are organized and arranged by graduates themselves that include "grad kidnappings" and subsequent "bush parties" that take place in our community.

We want to be clear that we have serious concerns regarding student behavior and safety at all of the above-mentioned non sanctioned events. There has been incidents of serious injury to students and we strongly caution and counsel parents to investigate these non-sanctioned activities carefully.

The staff at KSS want your child's grade 12 year to be positive, memorable and safe.

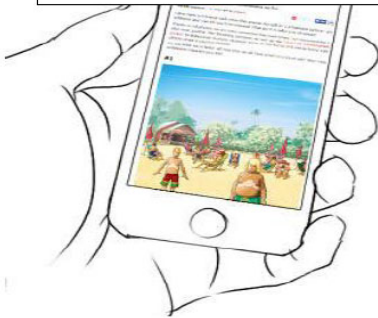
Dry Grad Parents Celebrate

The Graduates of 2021 May 31st to June 4th

Grade 12's - Participate for your chance to win GREAT Prizes

<p>Monday Kick off to Grad Week</p> <p>Dress up as a Crazy Owl Black and Gold, Be Creative Win Prizes</p> <p>CRAZY OWLS DAY Dress up in your best black and gold outfit for crazy owl spirit day!</p> 	<p>Tuesday Canadian EH?</p> <p>Tim Hortons Donut Day Dress up in your Canadian Wear</p>  <p>TIMMY'S TUESDAY Dress up in red and white and enjoy a complimentary treat from Tim Hortons!</p> <p><small>JUNE 1ST DRESS UP TO GET AN ENTRY IN A DRAW FOR ANOTHER PRIZE!</small></p>	<p>Wednesday Monochrome Day</p> <p>Monochrome day JUNE 2ND DRESS IN YOUR FAVOURITE MONOCHROME OUTFIT TO BE ENTERED IN A PRIZE DRAW Pick your favourite colour and dress entirely in that one colour!</p> 	<p>Thursday Jersey Day</p> <p>Wear a Jersey to get an entry in another prize draw!</p> <p>JERSEY DAY JUNE 3RD</p> 	<p>It's Friday Red Carpet Formal Day</p> <p>Come in your finery and walk the red carpet.</p> <p>Formal Day DRESS UP IN YOUR BEST FORMAL WEAR DRESS UP FOR AN ENTRY IN THE FINAL SPIRIT DAY PRIZE DRAW</p> 
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Activities all week Include-Kahoot's, Candy Guess, Contests- Win BIG




KSS Dry Grad Parents have been working hard to create a memorable week for our Grads
We have planned a different activity for every day to celebrate both our KSS spirit and the 2021 Graduating Class of KSS.


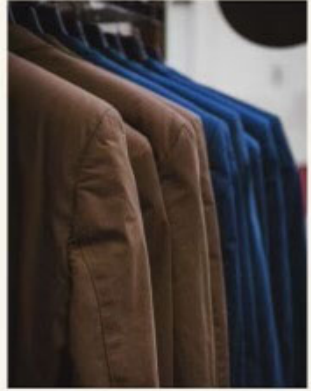
Mark Your Calendars May 31st to June 4th

Follow us on Instagram@ kssowls2021 or on Facebook @KSS GRAD 2021


Stay tuned for more information to come!!!!



DONT FORGET!!!
Submit Your Photos
MAKE SURE TO STAY SIX FEET APART FROM FRIENDS

- GRAD COUNCIL IS COLLECTING PHOTOS OF PEOPLE IN FORMAL PROM OUTFITS AS WELL AS BABY PHOTOS.
- FEATURED IN THE ENTRANCE WAY TO THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES.



Submit your pictures to the assignment in Grad Google classroom by **May 30th**
You may also send them to Payton Irvine via Instagram (payton_a_irv)

Reporting Absences with SchoolMessenger

***Note - you can enter absences in SchoolMessenger in 3 ways:**

(1) Enter an Absence Using the Smartphone App



(2) Enter an Absence Using the Online Parent Portal

• [visit go.schoolmessenger.ca](https://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

(3) Enter an Absence by Calling the School

• **call the school, press "1" and follow the prompts**

Please Mark Your Calendar: ✓

May 21	Term 7—Quarter 4 ends
May 24	Victoria Day - No school
May 25	Term 8 - Quarter 4 begins Day 1, Block 4/2 (Group B)
May 25	First session of Sexual Health Education for Grade 10's (second session June 9)
June 2	Early Dismissal 12:15 p.m.
June 2	Grade 12 Capstone



CONGRATS TO THE KSS OKANAGAN 12 LANGUAGE CLASS.

Winners and Grand Champions of the 2021 Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack National Indigenous Health Contest! This new to KSS Okanagan Language 12 class has won a National contest with their reflections on balancing studies and stresses while remaining healthy.

This involved exploring how to create balance among the physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional aspects of life with equal importance.

Two of the students, **Taylor and Julia** had their work place in the top three. The judges found Taylor's work to be incredibly creative. They loved how she tied in her obvious love of art with the colours of the medicine wheel as well as Okanagan words to share what helps her balance her holistic wellness. This poster really tied to the theme of the contest because it showed how Taylor uses art and other aspects of her life to balance mental health.

The judges commented that Julia's art was incredibly beautiful and unique. Colours of the medicine wheel surrounding the girl with braided-hair in the centre of the poster caught their eyes, and the Okanagan words surrounding her tied to the overall theme of the contest, which is understanding how one can balance their holistic wellness.

Further, we then won the grand prize with the entire class all receiving t-shirts and their teacher, Mr. Ernst, receiving a fresh hoodie. We may appear in further Indigenous curriculum within the Legacy School ReconciliACTION Guidebook, and the Okanagan Language students have won an amazing prize pack from the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund including an autographed copy of *Secret Path*, signed by Jeff Lemire.

Congratulations to the Okanagan Language 12 Language class and to KSS as a whole. Also, thank you to the late Gord Downie and the Tragically Hip for creating this opportunity.

lmlmt (thank you!), Tyler Ernst (skalula).



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

May 20, 2021

Dear Graduates and Families:

We recognize that graduation from high school is an important milestone for both students and families. Graduation activities are cherished events where families get to celebrate the accomplishments of their graduates publicly. Central Okanagan Public Schools strongly believes it is important to recognize the class of 2021 and share the memories of the many years that have led to this significant accomplishment with classmates and families.

Teachers and administrators value celebrating accomplishments in academics, applied skills, athletics and the fine arts. We care about the graduating class and are planning to find meaningful ways to recognize them. We also want to recognize scholarship and bursary winners and thank the community sponsors for these important awards.

We must celebrate safely and follow the directions of Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Minister of Education, The Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, regarding safe practices and physical distancing including a restriction on the size of gatherings. The traditional graduation ceremonies, Proms, Grad Walk and Dry Grad activities cannot happen under the current Provincial Health Officer's orders.

As a result, we have had to reimagine our graduation plans and how we can celebrate the Graduation Class of 2021. Graduation Coordinators at your Secondary Schools have met with their graduation councils to develop new plans to make graduation meaningful and memorable. These will be similar to the graduation events held last year. We have done our best to listen to the voices of our graduates as we planned to honour the class of 2021.

Unfortunately, there are non-sanctioned grad events that we do not supervise nor support. The activities organized and arranged by graduates themselves that include the infamous "grad kidnappings" and subsequent "bush parties" that take place in our region. We have serious concerns about recent bush parties where COVID-19 exposures and transmissions have occurred. We would be very disappointed if our graduates had to miss their ceremony due to isolation orders because of a positive COVID-19 result or an exposure that occurred at unsanctioned group gatherings. Please follow the current health guidance so that you can formally celebrate your graduation with your peers.

Graduation 2021 will be a historic event. Let's work together to make it meaningful and memorable for all.

Be safe and be kind,

Sincerely,

Kevin Kaardal
Superintendent of Schools/CEO



WHAT MAKES A GOOD SIDE-HUSTLE?

A Zoom-based entrepreneurship workshop exclusively for grade 10 & 11 students, by UVIC's Gustavson School of Business

- Side-hustles are micro businesses you can run out of your home to make some money
- How do you know if you have a good idea for a side-hustle business?
- Learn from UVIC, TV and industry experts how to evaluate side-hustles and other new business ideas
- Consider applying what you learn in the session in your own side-hustle this summer

See what a university entrepreneurship class is like and learn why you might want to consider UVIC's Gustavson School of Business.

This free entrepreneurship workshop for grade 10 and 11 students allows attendees to test drive what it's like to be in a UVIC Business classroom. This workshop is being led by entrepreneurship faculty members Brock Smith and Claudia Smith, and will give you a taste of Gustavson and entrepreneurship through a fun and engaging session.

This workshop is a good fit if one or more of these apply to you:

- You are in grade 10 or 11
- You've seen some neat ideas on TikTok or Instagram and wonder about doing something similar
- You want to learn some entrepreneurial skills, or about business in general
- You are interested in what a university class might be like
- You and your friends want to make some money this summer with an idea of your own

The workshop will be delivered on Zoom, and there are two dates to choose from:

[Click here to register for Tuesday, May 25th from 6pm – 7pm](#)

[Click here to register for Thursday, May 27th from 6pm – 7pm](#)

Contact Daniel Nair, UVIC Business advisor at bcom.admissions@uvic.ca for more information



uvic.ca/gustavson



@gustavsonuvic



Gustavson
School of Business
University of Victoria

Attention: Jazz Band Parents, and Students,



I am pleased to let you know the Grade 10 Jazz students are on fire and hungry for as much music as they can manage!! Thank you for entrusting them in my care as much as you do.

There are 2 summer camps, I would recommend. One is in person, and one is online only, as it is in Sitka, Alaska and we cannot go there this year. Many of my students in the past have gone to Sitka and a few did their online last year. They will all tell you this camp is amazing, they learned so much and it was incredibly inspiring. The VSO Camp is equally fantastic. The VSO sign up just opened. There numbers are very limited this year so if you are interested, I **would not wait to sign up** or the lower mainland students will take all the spots within a day or so.

Below are the links to both camps. I promise the investment is worth it! If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at sheila.french@sd23.bc.ca.

<https://vsoschoolofmusic.ca/program/summer-jazz-workshops/>

<https://www.fineartscamp.org/sitka-jazz-workshop.html>

Thank you and have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Sheila French
Music Director
Kelowna Secondary School





**SUMMER
SPORT CAMPS**
Running July-August



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Visit goheat.ca/camps or contact
ubcoheat.summercamps@ubc.ca
for more information.

Get in the game this summer with UBCO sport camps

Led by nationally recognized coaches and student athletes, UBCO's Heat Sport Camps offer a fun-filled week of skill development and game tactics for youths aged 11 to 18. With a focus basketball and volleyball, these camps are a great way to introduce youth to a sport or help them develop skills to improve their game. A low coach to athlete ratio means your child will benefit from personalized feedback and a positive, welcoming learning environment.

Camps are set to run in July and August, and registration is now open. Visit <https://goheat.prestosports.com/Community/Youth/heatssportcamps> to learn more.

Please note: due to COVID-19, these camps are operating at a restricted capacity. Registration fills up quickly—sign up now to secure your spot!

'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 ZOOM.





Erupting Angst

Anxiety in children can often show itself as anger, aggression, or sadness. By learning how these emotions are connected, we can better respond to the needs of our children. This presentation will elaborate on this relationship between anger, aggression and anxiety, and highlight what parents can do about it.

Communities: Kelowna/Penticton/Vernon
Cost: Free of Charge
Date: May 26, 2021 at 6:30pm

Registration Required: www.familysmart.ca/itk

Watch a video with us and come together with other families for a facilitated discussion by FamilySmart Parent in Residence.



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Undergraduate Programs and Admissions

UBC UPDATES:

May is an exciting time for your students as many of them will be making their final university decisions for the fall. Here are some important resources to help you navigate the home stretch.

Deadline to accept offers of admission

Students can find the date by which to accept their offer in the [Student Service Centre](#). Generally the deadline to accept an offer of admission from UBC Okanagan is **June 1**, and some students admitted to the Vancouver campus have been given extensions to the May 1 deadline. Students can accept their offer and pay their acceptance deposit in the Student Service Centre.

Next steps for admitted students

Students who have received an offer of admission from UBC might be wondering what's next. Our [after you've been admitted](#) page offers a step-by-step guide and video to help admitted students plan their finances, secure housing, figure out course planning, and complete other crucial tasks between now and September.

Orientation options for new students

Once your students have accepted their offer to UBC, they're ready to start thinking about the [orientation options](#) available to them this summer. Together, these orientations are designed to help them meet their first friends, get familiar with their new campus, and feel confident in their academic readiness so they have more time to focus on what matters in September.

International study permits

International students attending high school in Canada (who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada) should obtain a post-secondary study permit to study at UBC. That will involve [changing the conditions on their current permit](#). If your students will be arriving to UBC from a different country, more guidance can be found on the [coming from abroad](#) page.

UBC's national mailout goes digital

In keeping with UBC's sustainability goals we are pivoting our print publications into a digital format. Instead of shipping out packages to all the school across the country we will be sharing our recruiter contact sheet, Prospective Undergraduate Guide and other information about programs and awards in a digital format. This new, centralized delivery will make it easier to share information with colleagues and students.

Virtual fall presentations

While we would have liked to connect in person this fall, to ensure everyone's safety we will be hosting our school presentations and counsellor events online again this year. We'll reach out to you in a few weeks to start scheduling school visits. In the meantime, if you have any questions, concerns or would like to confirm a booking, send us an email at recruitment.ok@ubc.ca or indigenous.recruitment@ubc.ca.

UBC Future Global Leaders

The UBC Future Global Leaders pre-university program offers high school students ages 15-18 an educational, social, and cultural experience from a first-rate Canadian university. Students take first-year-level online academic courses taught by top UBC professors, explore their interests, and gain a head start on achieving their university goals. [Summer registration is now open](#).

Program spotlight: Manufacturing Engineering

If your students enjoy solving problems and designing new things, they should take a look at [Manufacturing Engineering](#). Manufacturing engineers are tasked with turning materials into new products in the most effective, efficient, and economical way they can. At UBC, your students will get the chance to study the entire manufacturing process, from designing concepts and building mechanical parts through to product delivery. Studying on UBC's [Okanagan](#) or [Vancouver](#) campus – or both – they'll gain the technical skills that set them up for a broad range of jobs in the industry.

That's all for now! As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you or your students have any questions.

Sincerely, **UBC's Recruitment team** - The University of British Columbia

I'm done school... Now what?

Finished your studies and not sure where to go from here?
Apply your current degree to a career.

- explore your options
- network with industry leaders
- rediscover yourself through psychometric assessments

I'm ready for a challenge.

Stuck in an entry-level position or just ready to try something new?
Your job could use an upgrade.

- get support with job shifting or your next promotion
- discover educational possibilities
- make professional connections

No one's responding to my applications!

Ready to work but struggling to get hired?
Learn to land and ace an interview.

- build a killer resume and compelling cover letter
- practice interview skills
- earn certificates and get hands-on work experience

Career Development Services

Online services now available!

AGES 16-30

Our **FREE SERVICES** are currently being offered for social distancing by **PHONE, EMAIL AND ZOOM!**

Paid programs, including Jumpstart will continue to be delivered virtually. For more information, visit www.ymcaokanagan.ca/careerservices

Our next JUMPSTART SESSION

Is July 19thth - August 27th

Call or email to attend our next info-session!

Here's a few ways you can get in touch with us about our services offered:

- Call for detailed information. Our staff will be happy to tell you more about our great programs. Reach us at **250-861-5627**.
- Email us your questions. Book a meeting and get registered for services through connect@ymcaokanagan.ca

HELP SHAPE YOUTH PRESENCE IN THE KELOWNA ARTS SCENE

#RCAYOUTH COUNCIL

NEW!

RCA YOUTH COUNCIL

Designed for youth 13 - 18 years old looking for both a creative outlet and an opportunity to contribute to the Kelowna art scene.

JOIN RCA YOUTH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2021 - JUNE 2022 OR GET INVOLVED - VOLUNTEER

Deadline for applications
Wednesday, June 30th, 2021

Apply at: rotarycentreforthearts.com/get-involved/youth-council/

Rotary Centre for the Arts
421 Cavston Ave Kelowna BC V1Y6Z1
rotarycentreforthearts.com | Box Office: 250-717-5304

The RCA Youth Council is youth-led, which means you decide what projects you create!

- Organize art-related events, programs, and projects.
- Learn from leaders and mentors at the RCA and from the arts community.
- Have your voice heard!
- Share your ideas for art class offerings, performances, and youth events
- Develop leadership and shape your future community.
- Gain volunteer hours and experiences you can add to your resume.