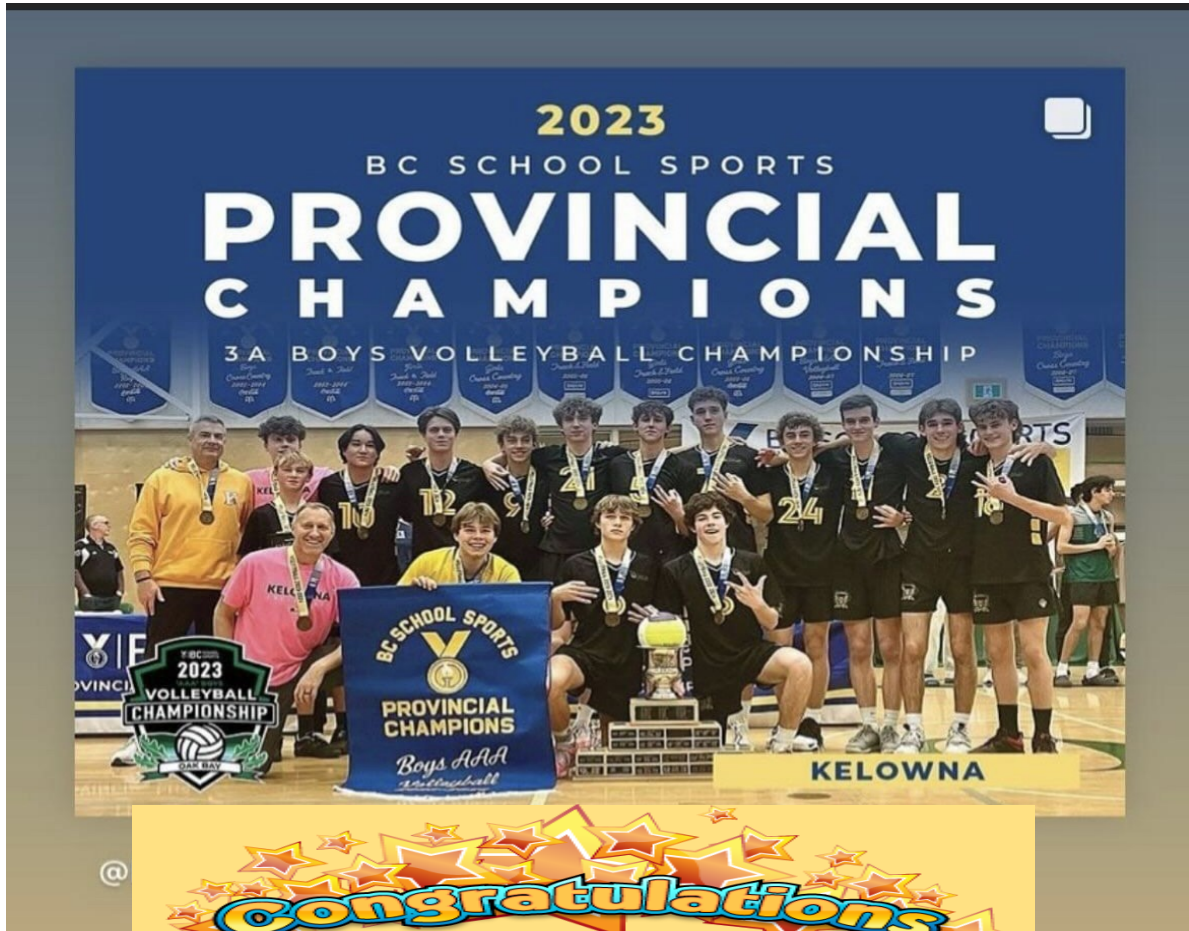




Whoo's News

December 8, 2023



Upcoming dates . .

Dec 8	Jazz at The Laurel 7:00 p.m.
Dec 11	St. Michael's Cathedral Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.
Dec 13	Grade 12 Movie Night in MPR
Dec 14	SD23 Women in Trades 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Dec 19	Jazz Concert in KSS MPR 7:00 p.m.
Dec 21	LOCKER CLEAN OUT
Dec 23-Jan 7	NO SCHOOL—Winter Break
Jan 8	School re-opens (full day)



KSS SPIRIT WEAR IS ON SALE!

Hoodies, beanies, YETI tumblers!

Delivery will be prior to Winter Break!

Please order [HERE](#).

Orders will close on December 10th.



JAZZ CONCERT



You are invited to an evening of music by the Jazz Combo's in the KSS MPR. Save the date: **Tuesday, December 19!**

The school entrance will be decorated and the air festive. Please join us and invite family and friends to an evening of musical entertainment put on by the Jazz Studies students. Admission is by donation.



The doors open at 6:30 PM and the Concert is from 7:00- 8:30 PM.

KSS ATHLETICS

Spring Team Tryouts!

Scan the QR Code or use the link [HERE](#) to go directly to the KSS Athletics Spring Team Tryout page for Ultimate Frisbee, Boys Rugby and Girls Soccer tryout information.



COBSS (CENTRAL OKANAGAN BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY)

KSS SCHOOL CODE = kss2024

COBBS on-line application closes: January 15, 2024 @ 11:59 p.m.



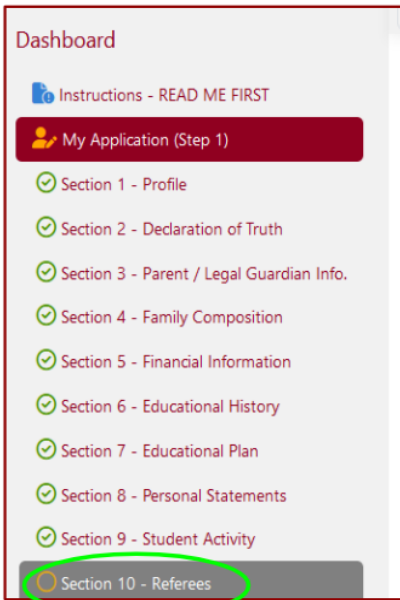
www.cobbs.ca

Please note that the application process this year is completely online – no paper

PSP#2 presentation is posted on the KSS website under Counselling and Post-Secondary Information as well as in the Grade 12 Google Classroom.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR COBSS APPLICANTS

HOW TO SEND LINK TO REFEREES



- There is a glitch in the COBSS application this year.
- Referees are not notified via email until you have completed sections 1 through 10 of My Application.
- To get the statements of reference to your referees faster, you do **NOT** need to fully complete all 10 sections.
- You only need to start each section with a few words for the system to think you have completed it and then the link will be sent to your referees.
- **Remember to return to complete all sections later.**
- This issue will be fixed for next year's application.
- Completed statements of reference are still required to be submitted by your referees by 11:59 pm January 15th.

UPCOMING POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION REPRESENTATIVE VISITS TO KSS

Date	PSI Name	Time	Location
Thursday Dec. 14 th	St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS	11:30– 12:30	MPR

KSS CHORAL PROUDLY PRESENTS:

**VOICES AT
ST. MICHAEL'S
CATHEDRAL**

608 Sutherland Ave.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER
11TH 7:00PM**



**Doors open at 6:30 pm
Entry by donation**

Proceeds go to support KSS Choral program

Don't have time to FUNDRAISE??



Now Accepting

DONATIONS FOR KSS PROM 2024

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, bosses, friends of friends; your KSS Graduate of 2024 needs your support. Prom is just around the corner and we want to give them a night to remember at a lower ticket price, please donate to help fund their event!

Go to **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**
to make the Donation



SchoolCash Online



Central Okanagan School District

Sign into your School Cash Online account or register for an account if you don't have one!

Register

Sign In

Choose your donation amount or type in another amount.

Gift Information

I would like to make a donation of: ☐ \$20 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1000

Other Amount:

Make A Donation

Click on the Make A Donation Button

Be sure to select Kelowna Secondary as the Fund Destination to be sure the donation goes to the correct school.

Fund Destination: **Kelowna Secondary**

Message to School Board

Message: (Optional)

KSS PROM

Next be sure to type KSS PROM in the message box so the donation goes to the correct event at the school.

Add To Cart

Add to Cart then follow the prompts to process your donation payment. A tax receipt will be emailed directly to you shortly after completing the payment.

Any questions please email the KSS Prom Committee at ksspromcommittee@gmail.com





KSS PAC



The Parent Advisory Council plays an important role in the school. While there is a PAC executive, every parent/guardian with a child at KSS is automatically a PAC member and is encouraged and welcome to attend and give input/ask questions at any or all PAC meetings. It's a great way to stay connected to school happenings. PAC Meetings are also an opportunity to bring questions or concerns to administration or to PAC attention.

THE NEXT KSS PAC MEETING IS

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

If you have already attended a KSS PAC meeting in the 2023-2024 school year, you will receive a Zoom link for this meeting closer to the date.

If you would like to attend the PAC Meeting Zoom, please e-mail KSS.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca along with the name of your student and grade, saying you wish to be added to our PAC meeting notification list. You will then be emailed the zoom link.

The February meeting is on Tuesday, February 13th and will be via Zoom.

For more information on KSS PAC, including all meeting dates, minutes of meetings and PAC Executive, please see KSS Website, Parents, PAC. Link is [HERE](#).

We hope to see you at a PAC Meeting soon !





PAC SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY FUNDRAISER

DIRECT DONATION OPPORTUNITY

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 2024 graduates. Any funds beyond our goal will be held in a PAC scholarship account for future years!

HOW TO DONATE

We will be using the School District donation option for our Bursary & Scholarship Fund. It allows us to keep all of the money that you donate, rather than having to pay platform fees, as well as gives you a tax receipt! (Subject to a minimum donation of \$20.00)

Steps:

1. Head over to www.schoolcashonline.com and sign in using your log in details that you pay your school fees with.
2. Click **Make a Donation** to open the donation form.
3. Under Gift Information you can choose the amount you wish to donate.
4. In the "Fund Destination" choose **Kelowna Secondary School**
5. In the message box write **KSS PAC Bursary/Scholarship donation (This is Important to ensure donations are received by the PAC)**
6. **Add to cart** to go to the payment page 😊

The screenshot shows the 'Give To Central Okanagan School District' donation form. It includes sections for 'Gift Information' (with radio buttons for \$20, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1000 and an 'Other Amount' field), 'Fund Destination' (a dropdown menu), 'Tribute Information' (with a dropdown for 'This gift is' and a field for 'Name of honoree'), 'Message to School Board' (with a text area and a 'Message (Optional)' label), and 'Tax Receipt' (with a note: 'A donation receipt will be emailed to you upon completion of your cart checkout.'). At the bottom are 'Back' and 'Add To Cart' buttons. A red arrow points to the 'Add To Cart' button.



KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL -
School District 23 is presenting,

Women in Trades

Thursday, December 14th
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Kelowna Secondary School, 1079 Raymer Avenue

**Promoting opportunities for Women to find a
Career Pathway in the Trades &
Apprenticeship Programs.**

Okanagan College along with local Businesses and
Industry Partners will be joining us with presentations
and valuable information related to the Trades.



Central Okanagan
Public Schools

Together We Learn



Kelowna Minor Lacrosse Association FREE Learn to Play BOX LACROSSE

December 20, 2023, January 17, 2024, and February 21, 2024
At Capital News Centre 6:15PM-7:45PM

Bring a helmet, gloves, sport jock, & stick. Limited equipment (helmet, gloves, & stick) available to use on a first come first serve basis.

Open to boys and girls born 2019 –2008

Save time and complete the waiver online -->



Community Service Worker Training Program

To address the shortage of community service workers, the YMCA of Southern Interior BC is developing a training program for people ages 17-29 that will provide free group-based skills development training, certifications, and employment readiness preparation. Participants will receive...

Paid training in industry-specific certifications and soft skills, including:

- ✓ Trauma-Informed Practice
- ✓ Mental Health First Aid
- ✓ San'Yas Indigenous Cultural Safety
- ✓ First Aid, WHMIS, and Food Safe
- ✓ De-escalating Potentially Violent Situations
- ✓ Ethics of Helping: Boundaries and Relationships
- ✓ Professionalism in the Workplace
- ✓ Gender Affirming/Inclusive Language
- ✓ Conflict Resolution & Communication
- ✓ Stress Management and Well-Being
- ✓ Employment Readiness Skills

Industry connections:

- ✓ Connections to employers
- ✓ Guest speakers and site tours
- ✓ Up to 3 months of follow-up from program coordinators

Outcome:

Participants have relevant certifications and training and are ready to begin employment with community partners in the social service industry.

Program structure:



Contact the program coordinators:

✉ izabela.krahelskaya@ymcasibc.ca

✉ theresa.husar@ymcasibc.ca

☎ 250-863-4856

☎ 250-258-0512

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INTERESTED IN
**POLICING
CAREERS?**



PARTICIPATE IN THE
**JEAN MINGUY MEMORIAL
RCMP YOUTH
Academy**

MAY 11 - 17, 2024

DEADLINE TO APPLY

IS JANUARY 31st

Applications are
available from the KSS
Career Centre or from
our website.



AGES 16-18
Are Invited to apply

Cost is
\$350

Includes all food, lodging
and supplies for the week.

KELOWNA GENERAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Volunteer Opportunity

Grade 9-12

**150 hour commitment for
8 WEX 12AB credits**

Build your
resume by
volunteering
in the
health care
sector

Choose from:
Royal Bistro
The Gift Shop
Perking Lot Coffee Shop
Rutland Thrift Store

See your KSS Career Centre
for more information and an application form

no deadline to apply - placements are ongoing

KELOWNA GENERAL HOSPITAL - INTERIOR HEALTH

Volunteer Services Opportunity

Grade 11 & 12

**6 month commitment for
4 WEX 12AB credits**

Build your
resume by
volunteering
in the health
care sector

Choose from:
Information Desk
or
Clinical Units:
(Cardiac & 4W)

See your KSS Career Centre
for more info and an application form

no deadline to apply - placements are ongoing

Strong Neighbourhoods



Youth Development & Engagement Grant

GET EMPOWERED!

RACK UP SOME VOLUNTEER HOURS

**UP TO \$1000 TO SUPPORT YOUTH LED
COMMUNITY PROJECTS OR EVENTS**

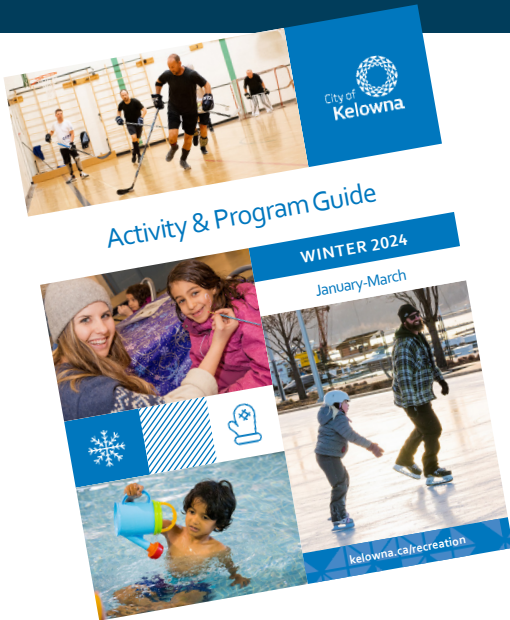
PROJECT/EVENT IDEAS
FILM FESTIVAL | OPEN MIC NIGHT | PORCH CONCERT | MURALS |
NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS | TRASH TO TREASURE

HELP MAKE YOUR COMMUNITY A BETTER
PLACE TO LIVE AND PLAY

OPEN TO YOUTH AGES
13-24

NEIGHBOURHOODS@KELOWNA.CA
KELOWNA.CA/NEIGHBOURHOODS

Warm up to winter with City programs & events



2024 Winter Activity & Program Guide

Register now for winter recreation and culture programs running from January until March!

Find after-school programs, spring break camps, fitness classes, sports leagues, swimming lessons and more for all ages and abilities. There's something for everyone in every neighbourhood!

Register or learn more at kelowna.ca/recreation.

Apply now for a Youth Development & Engagement Grant

Get empowered! We have up to \$1,000 in matching grant funds to support youth-led community projects or events. Team up with other youth (ages 13-24) in your community to get creative, take the lead, rack up some volunteer hours, boost your resume, hone your leadership skills and build friendships all while making your neighbourhood a better place to live.

Learn more or apply at kelowna.ca/neighbourhoods.



Upcoming events

- **December 9, 1 - 3 p.m.** - Free Public Skate at Rutland Arena
- **December 17, 1 - 3 p.m.** - Family Holiday Skate at Rutland Arena
- **December 30, 6 - 9 p.m.** - New York New Year's at Stuart Park

Find event details or explore even more events at kelowna.ca/calendar.

Learn more about recreation programs and activities at
kelowna.ca/recreation.