



WHOO'S NEWS

MAY 1, 2026



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KSS CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The BC Summer Games are coming to Kelowna this summer – July 22-26, 2026. The BC Games is a very large event and as many as 3,000 volunteers come together to ensure participants have an unforgettable experience. KSS is an accommodation site this year and **volunteers are needed!**

For your convenience, please see Volunteer Registration Form: [BC Summer Games Volunteer Registration Form.pdf](#)
You can choose Kelowna Secondary as your site on the form.

Completed forms may be returned to Candace Picklyk, Administrative Assistant, KSS office. At that time, we can verify if you have an approved Criminal Record Check on file. If not, we have the Criminal Record Check packages in the office for you to fill out. We will help process this. You will need two pieces of I.D., and one must be photo ID. Volunteers will be contacted to schedule their times once their form has been processed.

We need community support to help make this a wonderful experience for these young athletes. Please volunteer!

For more information and for volunteer registration, please see [HERE](#).

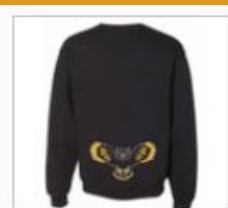
UPCOMING DATES

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| Apr 24-May 5 | Gr 11-12 in-class Sexual Health Education |
| May 1 | National Principals' Day |
| May 1 | Student Written Learning Updates are published |
| May 4-10 | Mental Health Week |
| May 4-15 | AP Exams |
| May 5 | Red Dress Day |
| May 5 | OC Student Advising, by appointment |
| May 12 | KSS PAC AGM in LLC at 6:30 p.m. - see page 3 |
| May 13 | District Authority Presentations |
| May 13 | IH Student Wellness Clinics (a.m.) |
| May 15 | Prom |
| May 18 | NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day |
| May 20 | Diner en Blanc |

LAST CHANCE FOR GRAD 2026 GEAR!

THE GRAD STORE IS OPEN and will close on May 17th.

ORDER [HERE](#)



May 5 is Red Dress Day/2024MMIWG2S+. Red Dress Day is to remember and take action to prevent any more Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit folks to be lost to violence and colonialism.

Okanagan College Student Advising

Students may register for a 15-minute one-on-one appointment with an OC Advisor, at the KSS Counselling Center, below:

May 5 - Register [HERE](#)



PAC UPDATE

AGM Announcement

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 2026-2027 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 2026-27 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 2026-27 (roles and nomination status):

- Chair or Co-chair *
- Vice or Co-chair - **Open for nominees**
- Treasurer *
- Secretary - **Open for nominees**
- Academic Chair *
- Athletic Chair *
- Fine Arts Chair *
- Indigenous Chair - **Open for nominees**
- Technical Education Chair *
- Student Support Chair *
- Clubs Chair - **Open for nominees**
- 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 : **May 12th @ 6:30pm**
: **in the school library**

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

MAY 4-10, 2026



M
May 4



Outdoor Picnic - We invite staff and students to bring a blanket and enjoy their lunch on the back field soaking in the sunshine

T
May 5

Red Dress Day - National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQ+ People in Canada

W
May 6

Wear Green - Wear green today to support reducing mental health stigma. Come get your FREE green tea in the morning for those wearing green

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May 7

Music - De-stress with the power of music. Come through the MPR in the morning or at lunch to feel the impact of music on your mental health

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May 8

Connections - Connect with a friend or family member today. Staff, we invite you to connect on the patio at Original Joe's at 3:30pm



**MORE
INFO**

Staff will receive an e-mail every morning of each day with more details, resources, and suggested activities

KSS Outdoor Indigenous Learning Circle

From KSS, we would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to Bruno Dubois and the staff at **IHE Heavy Equipment Operator Training** for their donation of operator time and quarry stones, and to Scott Piquard and Khristopher Scott at **James Tirecraft Kelowna** for their community mindedness, connections, and support. Without these outstanding community partners generously working together alongside our staff and students, our Indigenous students' long-standing dream of having an outdoor Indigenous Learning Circle would not have come to fruition. Thank you to IHE and James Tirecraft, the outstanding staff at each, to SD23's Operations Department, and to our Indigenous department and students led by Grade 12 student Dilynn Scott for helping foster a legacy of nature-based Indigenous learning, reconciliation, and hope that generations of KSS students will benefit from.





CONVOCATION

Convocation ceremony this year is on Saturday, **June 20th** in the school gym. Due to the size of the graduating class, there will be **two ceremonies**. Ceremony 1 starts at 10:30 a.m. and ceremony 2 starts at 2:30 p.m.



Students will have the opportunity this year to CHOOSE which ceremony to participate in.

A google form will open at 7:30 a.m. on May 22nd that will allow you to select your chosen ceremony. Please note there is space for 315 students per ceremony. *Ceremony selection is on a **first come first served** basis.* Once one ceremony is full, the google form will be closed and anyone who did not make a selection will be automatically assigned to either morning or afternoon (wherever there is room).

Each graduate will be given 6 tickets for friends/family to attend the ceremony. Tickets will be distributed with caps and gowns.

CAP & GOWN

Cap and gown distribution will happen in the MPR the week of June 1st–5th. To pick up your gown, you must first submit the "Convocation Information" google form that has been assigned to you.

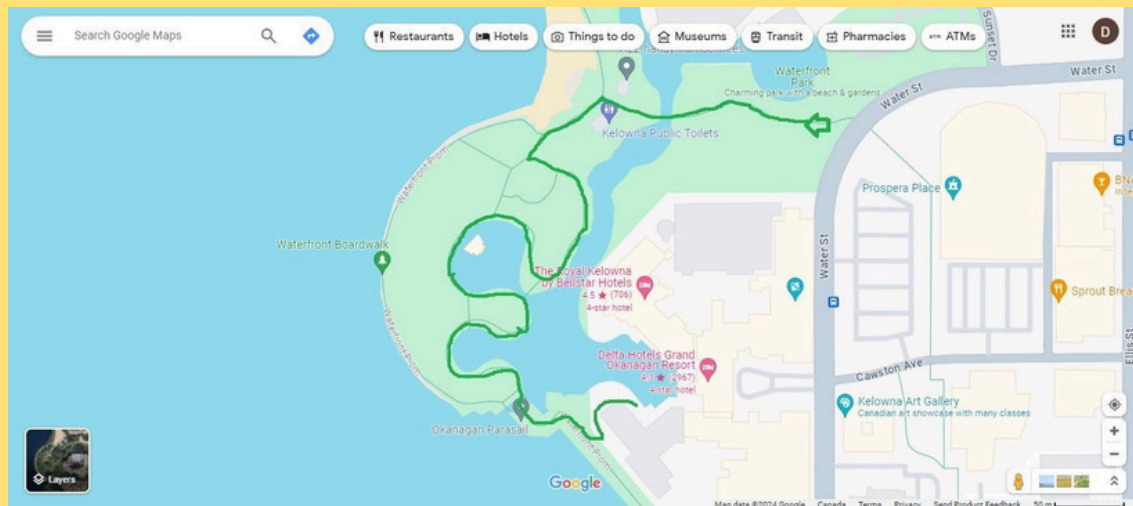
Grads: keep checking your Grad Google Classroom for updates!

KSS Promenade (Grad Walk), Grad Banquet and Dance, is on Friday, May 15, 2026.

Grade 12 KSS Prom Ticket Sales are now closed. We will be inviting a limited number of non-KSS grads to join us at prom. If your date is a Grade 12 student at another school in the Okanagan, they may purchase a prom ticket on May 4th, beginning at 7:30 a.m. in room 147. We will have 50 tickets available for non-KSS students that are a guest of a KSS Grad. When purchasing their ticket, a guest must be with a KSS Grad student, show their valid student ID, hand in a signed Parent Permission Form and provide the name/email of a staff member at their school that will verify good standing. **Guest tickets are first come-first served.** Students may pick up a Prom Parent Permission Form outside the main office, in front of room 147, and at the school store.

We look forward to seeing all graduates and their loved ones for the traditional graduation promenade beginning at the Dolphins Statue, downtown, at 1200 Water Street. Grads **MUST** be in place at the **Dolphins by 5:00 p.m.** on Friday, May 15. The Promenade Walk will begin at 5:15. The walk will conclude at the pool entrance of The Delta Grand Hotel where the banquet and dance will take place. Grads will be checked into the banquet and dance at this location. **Photo ID must be provided for entrance.**

Grad Walk Map



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 Movie Night, Grad BBQ, 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. These activities are often organized and arranged by the graduates themselves and include "grad kidnappings" and subsequent "bush parties" that take place in our community.

We need to emphasize our serious concerns regarding student behavior and safety at all of the above-mentioned non-sanctioned events, as there have been incidents of serious injury in past years.

The staff at KSS want your child's grade 12 year to be positive, memorable and safe, and we strongly caution and counsel parents to investigate these non-sanctioned activities carefully.

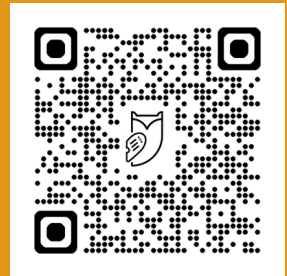


*Night Owl Theatre proudly presents
the 3rd Annual New Works Festival -*

*a student-written, directed, acted, and
produced festival with 12 original plays.*

The Festival runs Monday, May 25th, to Saturday, May 30th.
Doors open at 6:30 pm and the show begins at 7 pm.

Tickets are \$5 for Students and \$10 for Adults.
Follow the QR code to purchase tickets.



City of Kelowna
YOUTH EDITION!
*Strong Neighbourhoods'
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Featuring
Pitch Perfect 1

Come hang out with friends for a chill night in the park — lawn games, sports, or just vibing. When the sun sets, grab a blanket and enjoy the popcorn and outdoor movie!

SUNSET GAMES & MOVIE
May 21 | 7:30 p.m. | Dehart Park
Movie starts at 8:30 p.m.
Ages 14-19.

Free popcorn and pizza (donated by Dominos Frost Rd.)

kelowna.ca/neighbourhoods

EXPERIENCE OC

May 7, 2026
1000 K.L.O. Road, Kelowna Campus

Experience OC:
May 7, 2026 / 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Experience what it's like to be a college student for a day!
Sign up in the Career/Counselling Centre
Space is limited!



UBC Geering Up
Kelowna, Okanagan



Summer Camp Registration Now Open!

Take your STEM learning beyond the classroom!

Join our action-packed, hands-on summer day camps to explore the wonderful worlds of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math! Build, explore, and design through our camps' interactive sessions.

All of our summer camps are taught by passionate, subject area expert university students and meticulously designed to tap into core foundational knowledge and speak to young curious minds.

Dive into Coding, innovate in unique environments like our All Girls* camps, and more! Each week is a dynamic mix of hands-on activities, demonstrations, tours, mentors, and design challenges.

Limited bursaries available. Please scan the QR code to learn more.

A Glimpse of Geering Up Camps



Weekly programming from June 29th to September 3rd, 2026



9AM - 3PM (Before/After Care options available)



UBC Okanagan, Kelowna Campus



Grade Levels: 1-12 (*Program themes vary*)

Register Today!




For more info, visit:

bit.ly/kelownacamps



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MATH & SCIENCE?

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ROOM 284
TUESDAY MORNINGS 8-9AM
MS. DRESCHER CAN HELP!

SCIENCE

MATH

JUST DROP IN!

Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities with Camp OC!

Camp OC offers week long day camps for children in grades 1 - 12, nurturing curiosity and building confidence through hands-on experience in arts, culinary, engineering, science and tech, trades and more!

Leadership in Action at Camp OC (earn 2 or 4 high school credits)

Leadership in Action at Camp OC empowers students entering Grades 10 - 12 to become confident, capable leaders through hands-on learning. Participants build skills in leadership fundamentals then put them into practice by volunteering with children at Camp OC, with guidance and feedback. If you are interested in a career working with children and want to gain both volunteer hours and course credits for high school - this is the program for you! See your School Career Centre for more information & applications. Deadline to apply: Friday, May 22nd

Volunteer at Camp OC (earn volunteer hours towards your 30-hour Career Exploration grad requirement)

The Volunteer program at Camp OC provides an excellent opportunity for students entering Grades 9 - 12 in the fall who are looking to earn volunteer hours while gaining experience working with children. Volunteers help support children and camp activities in a fun, engaging environment and are expected to be engaged, professional and reliable. See your School Career Centre for more information & applications. Deadline to apply: Friday, June 19th

campoc.ca

OC Okanagan
COLLEGE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

SOUTH KELOWNA ELEMENTARY

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

FRIDAY

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

SIGN UP IN THE
CAREER/COUNSELLING CENTRE

KSS Prom Fundraiser

Bottle Drive

Help raise money to offset the price of prom tickets for our 2026 grads!

Ongoing Collection

Drop-off Location:
Any Columbia Bottle Depot.

Use the following number when you drop your bags off!

250 826 9523

email any questions to natalie.spencer@sd23.bc.ca

Thank you for supporting us with your donation!