

Whoo's News



April 8, 2022

Dear KSS Families,

In January of this year, our Ministry's Graduation Literacy and Numeracy Assessments for Grades 10s and Graduation Literacy Assessment for Grade 12s were cancelled. These assessments are required for students to graduate.

To ensure all students in Grades 10 and 12 write these assessments and have an opportunity to rewrite in June should they choose to, all of our District's high schools will be conducting a Graduation Assessment Writing Day on April 27th, 2022. On that day *Grade 10-12 classes will be cancelled* to facilitate all students writing on the same day and ensuring staff are available to invigilate these assessments.

Students in Grades 10, 11 & 12 who are not required to write are welcome to attend that day but will be directed to supervised classrooms for independent study. Regular instruction for these grades will be suspended.

Busses will run as usual on this day to facilitate transportation for all students.

Specific details regarding the timing and room locations of the exams on that day will be communicated closer to the date.

Thank you for your understanding of this adjustment to our schedule as we work to provide the optimum opportunities for success for our students.



Not Returning to KSS for September 2022?

Please contact us and let us know that you will not be returning as soon as possible.

250-870-5105 or KelownaSecondary.School@sd23.bc.ca



The next **KSS PAC meeting** will be held by Zoom on Tuesday April 12th at 6:30pm. If you would like to receive the zoom link and have not received it in the past, please email kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca with your name, email address, and name and grade of your student(s).



The Annual General Meeting of the KSS PAC will be held on Tuesday May 10th at 6:30 pm. Please stay tuned for details, as we are hoping to meet in person (and on Zoom) for the first time in more than two years! We will be holding elections for all PAC Executive Committee positions. For a list of positions, please see the PAC page on the KSS website. All positions are open for nominations and are for a one-year term. We are especially in need of a new Treasurer. All parents and guardians of current KSS students are voting members of the PAC and eligible to hold an executive position.

For more information or to make a nomination, please email kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca.

UPCOMING DATES:

April 12: PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.

April 15: Good Friday (no school)

April 18: Easter Monday (no school)

April 22: Quarter 3 Ends

April 25: Quarter 4 Begins

April 27: Numeracy and Literacy Assessments for Grades 10 and 12 students (no regular classes - see above)

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2022 KSS Grad Information

As the end of the school year approaches, the time has come to discuss traditional school-sanctioned events, including the Grad Walk, Prom (Dinner and Dance), and Convocation Ceremonies. We know that these are graduation milestones for which our students and families have been eagerly awaiting.

Due to the ever-changing Provincial Health restrictions regarding the group size that can gather indoors versus the size of our graduating class, we have had to make some decisions in order to move ahead with our planning for our Convocation Ceremony (Stage Crossing). The only facility in town that can safely accommodate our Grad Class members, their families, and our staff will not be available this year as it is undergoing renovations and will be unavailable until at least the end of July. This is the only facility in our area that can accommodate the size of our class and those of the other larger secondary schools in our district.

After speaking with our Grads about their needs and wishes, KSS will be again hosting our Graduation Stage Crossing on the weekend of **June 4-5 in our gymnasium**. Graduates will have the option to sign up with their friends and will be allowed to have 6 guests view their recorded stage crossing. Please be aware, that the number of guests may need to change if any new Public Health orders come into effect. There are no vaccination restrictions for graduates or their guests.

Sign-up will occur in April and will be advertised in the Whoo's News, on the KSS website, and on the Grad 2022 Google Classroom. As in 2020 and 2021, we have hired a professional film production company to record the graduates' stage crossing. The production will be released on YouTube for all extended family members and loved ones to view on Friday, June 24th, 2022, and will include the graduates' stage crossing, traditional speeches, and awards. All stage recordings must be completed on June 4th or 5th, after which the staging and video company will be unavailable.

A \$75 Graduation Fee has been added to your Graduate's student account and is due prior to April 2, 2022. These fees cover:

5"X7" grad photo Decorations of the Grad Venue

Keepsake folder Security

Keepsake cap, gown and stole Professionally produced online video

In order to participate in the 2022 ceremony, students must have returned any overdue library or textbooks and paid any outstanding student fees no later than Monday, May 30th, 2022 (or made payment plan arrangements with your alpha Vice-Principal.)

A keeper souvenir cap, gown, and stole are on order and are set for distribution on **May 30th and June 1st during block 3-4 in the MPR room (9:00 – 11:00 am).** We will be calling down Grade 12 classes to the MPR to minimize disruption. Students on spares at this time must come in during these times and pick up these items.

In order to collect these times, the students must

Be in a calculable position to graduate. Any students who are not meeting graduation requirements will be directed to their school counsellors and may not proceed.

Returned any outstanding library or textbooks and paid all student fees including the \$75 Grad Fee. If this poses a problem, parents/guardians must set up a payment plan with their alpha Vice-Principal.

In early May, our counselors will be visiting Grade 12 classrooms to collect the Grad Information Sheet that will be read out loud as our graduates cross the stage.

The KSS Grad 2022 Formal Promenade at Waterfront Park is booked for May 20th, 2022 (Time TBD)

The prom details that follow after the promenade are still in the works and will be communicated at a later time. There is a volunteer Grad Parent committee that has taken on the task of organizing the 2022 KSS Prom. As we get closer to the 2022 KSS Prom date, these parents will be reaching out to all our Grad Parents for support. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to honor our Grads of 2022 during these challenging uncertain and unprecedented times. Please stay connected to our school website (www.kss.sd23.bc.ca), KSS Grad 2022 website (http://kssgrad.weebly.com/), and/or our Whoo's News School Newsletter.

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 are still organizing and supporting at KSS for your Grade 12 student. These events may look different or may be cancelled depending on the status of COVID-19 and the restrictions. Administrators, teachers, parents, and students work very hard to organize these events and ensure all safety concerns are addressed. Grad Movie Night, Grad Spring Fling, Prom, and the Convocation Ceremony are just a few activities that we plan and prepare for your child's enjoyment.

Unfortunately, there are other <u>non-sanctioned grad events</u> that we do not supervise or 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 have 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.



To SD23 Grade 10/11 Parents and Guardians:

The RSS forestry program is currently accepting any student in Grades 10 or 11, who is interested in forestry, environmental studies or working outside to join us for a job shadow.

The forestry program aims to expose students to a variety of forestry related careers including but not limited to forest management, sustainability, wildfire prevention and fighting, logging, forest health and forest product value added industries.

Students take the course for a full year starting in February and will earn 40 high school credits. They will also earn a number of industry certifications including Occupational first aid, Transport endorsement, WHMIS, bear aware, basic chainsaw operation, danger tree assessment training. These are in addition to the dual credit portion of the course which is the Certified Utility Arborist Level 1 apprenticeship.

This course takes place primarily on various sites outdoors throughout the central Okanagan and has a massive hands-on component. Students will gain skills through authentic learning opportunities working alongside teachers and industry professionals.

To sign up for a job shadow contact the career center at your $\underline{\text{students}}$ school.

For more information, please check out the promo video on the RSS website http://www.rss.sd23.bc.ca/Programs/Forestry/Pages/default.aspx#/= or contact the lead teacher Marshall Corbett.

Marshall Corbett, B-Ed, M-Ed RSS Forestry Teacher Marshall.corbett@sd23.bc.ca Congratulations to the following individuals/ teams that are finalists in the City of Kelowna Civic and Community Awards:

<u>Augie Ciancone Memorial Award - Young Female Athlete</u>

Awarded to the most outstanding female high school athlete in the area of the Central Okanagan. Winner is chosen by the Okanagan Central Schools Athletic Association:

Kennedy Day

<u>Augie Ciancone Memorial Award - Young Male</u> Athlete

Awarded to the most outstanding male high school athlete in the area of the Central Okanagan. Winner is chosen by the Okanagan Central Schools Athletic Association:

Everett Schmuland

Young Citizen of the Year Sponsored by Crowe MacKay

Awarded to a young citizen in recognition of their overall outstanding voluntary contributions to Kelowna.

David Withler

Bob Giordano Memorial Award

Awarded to an individual who has contributed significantly to Kelowna through voluntary service to amateur sport, such as coaching or administrative support:

Mike Sodaro

Bryan Couling Memorial Award

Sponsored by Raymond James
Awarded to the Kelowna based team (amateur or professional) who brought the greatest amount of recognition to Kelowna:

Kelowna Secondary School Owls Boys Volleyball Team



KSS Spring Athletics

Check out the KSS Athletics Webpage for information on sports teams and our Athletic / Gym Calendar.

Summary: What to Do When Sick

If you have symptoms of illness, stay home.

Most people don't need testing for COVID-19. Use <u>BCCDC Self-Assessment Tool</u>, or connect with 8-1-1 or your health care provider to find out if a COVID-19 test is recommended.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

Fever or chills
Cough
Loss of sense of
smell or taste

Difficulty breathing Sore throat Loss of appetite

Sneezing Extreme fatigue or tiredness Headache

vomiting Diarrhea

Body aches

Nausea or

Go to an emergency department or call 911 if you:

- Find it hard to breathe
- Have chest pain
- · Can't drink anything
- Feel very sick
- Feel confused

If you have MILD SYMPTOMS

Runny nose

(or have tested negative) STAY HOME.

For most people, testing is not recommended.

Mild symptoms can be managed at home.

If you TEST POSITIVE: SELF ISOLATE

- 1. Complete an online form to report your test result
- 2. Manage your own symptoms
- 3. Let your household contacts know

Return to School/Work

Stay home until you feel well enough to return to your regular activities.

If you are fully vaccinated OR less than 18 years of age

You can end isolation and return to school/work when all conditions are met:

- At least 5 days have passed since your symptoms started, or from test date if you did not have symptoms.
- Fever has resolved without the use of feverreducing medication, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen.
- 3. Symptoms have improved

You should avoid non-essential visits to higher risk settings such as long-term care facilities and gatherings for another 5 days after ending isolation.

If you are 18 years of age or older AND not fully vaccinated

You can end isolation and return to school/work when all conditions are met:

- At least 10 days have passed since your symptoms started, or from test date if you did not have symptoms.
- Fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen.
- 3. Symptoms have improved.

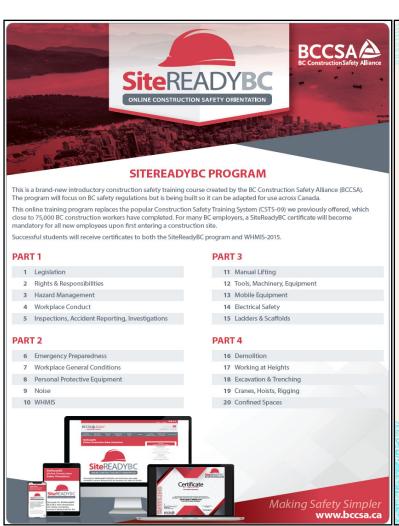
If you still have symptoms

Continue to isolate longer if you still have a fever or are not feeling better. If you are unsure or concerned connect with your health care provider or call 8-1-1.

What to do if someone is sick in your household:

You can continue to attend school if someone in your household is sick and/or self-isolating as long as you do not have any symptoms of illness and feel well. This includes if they have tested positive for COVID-19. Ensure you closely monitor yourself (or your child) for symptoms of illness and stay home if you feel unwell. The best way to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. Vaccines are available for anyone ages 5 and up. Register now at:

Getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca









NEXT STEPS FOR UVIC APPLICANTS

FROM HIGH SCHOOLS IN CANADA 2022

Thanks for applying to Canada's top comprehensive university—the University of Victorial This is your chance to study at a globally recognized research university, get hands on experience, and live and learn in our extraordinary environment. Use this checklist to keep track of the next steps to becoming part of the UVic community. If you have any questions, email us at recruitment@uvic.ca. We hope to see you in September!

Create a Netlink ID

Once you've applied, create your Netlink ID at <u>uvicca/netlink</u>. This will become your @uvicca email address while you're a student. You'll also use your Netlink ID to access the UVic student portal where you'll self-pent your grades, apply for scholarships and register for your courses.

Submit supplemental information

Prepare your supplemental information (if required) and submit it by your program's supplemental application deadline. This is usually January 31 or earlier. You can find these requirements and deadline on your program's page at <u>unic.ca/programs</u>.

Submit proof of English language proficiency

If your first language isn't English, submit proof of English language proficiency by February 28 or the deadline indicated in your application checklist. uvic.ca/enpr

Self-report your grades between February 15 and March 15

Self-report your interim grades or predicted IB scores via the link in the checklist in the UVic application portal. <u>uvic.ca/application</u>
By self-reporting your grades, you will be automatically considered for entrance scholarships based solely on your calculated admission average. You must self-report your grades to be considered for admission or scholarships at UVic.

Apply for on-campus housing between February 7 and May 1

Hoping to live on campus? Apply between February 7 and May 1 at <u>uvic.ca/residence</u>.

Apply for specific-criteria application awards

You can apply for specific-criteria application awards (based on grades and merit) as of February 15. You can apply before you've received an admission offer, but make sure to submit your application before the deadline of April 30. uvic.ca/entrancescholarships

Accept your offer!

We'll send your offer of admission by email. Be sure to read all information carefully and pay the acceptance deposit by the deadline specified in your offer. Doing so will reserve your seat at UVic and enable you to register for classes. wicca/admitted

Apply for a study permit, if required

If you're not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, apply for your study permit as early as possible to allow for processing time. You can apply for your permit at <u>canada.ca/immigration</u>. You must pay your acceptance deposit before you can receive a study permit letter from UVic. uvic.ca/admitted

Register for courses

Watch your email between late May and early June for registration information including when to log in to find out your registration date and time.

Send final grades to UVic

Send your final official grades plus any other requested documents by the deadline listed in the UVic application portal <u>uvic.ca/final-grades</u>



Visit <u>jabc.ca/dyp</u> or contact <u>Jesslyn.Smith@jabc.org</u>









A parent's/guardian's guide to the cancellation of the French Immersion 12 Assessment for the 2021/22 School year (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12° année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12))

Background and what occurred

British Columbia's French Immersion programme allows students to earn dual diplomas, receiving both a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique. In order to graduate with both diplomas (often referred to as Dual Dogwoods), French Immersion students must meet specific course requirements, and also write provincial assessments in Literacy 10 and 12 (English), Numeracy 10 (English or French), and l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12). The LTF12 assessment has two distinct components: an oral component and a written component. The oral and written components are administered at different times. The French Immersion Literacy 12 assessment (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue seconde – immersion) was scheduled for first administration in January 2022.

Over the past few months, grade 10 and 12 provincial assessments have been impacted significantly by work force capacity issues and the ability to address technical issues within the electronic assessment system. The capacity issues for the Ministry and e-assessment service provider teams have been exceptated as of late by COVID-19 Omicron variant. Due to these ongoing impacts, the Ministry made the difficult decision to cancel the January administration of all grade 10 and 12 provincial graduation assessments. Approximately 1000 French Immersion students took the oral component of LTF12 in the four days before the January session was cancelled. No students have taken the written component, which was canceled along with all other assessments

A decision was subsequently made to maintain the April 2022 and June 2022 sessions for all graduation assessments except for l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12).

Why is the LTF12 Assessment cancelled for 2021/22?

The decision of when to provide courses taught in French for French Immersion students is scheduled at the school level, and in many cases all courses in French are completed in the first semester of the grade 12 year, or occasionally even in grade 11. As many French Immersion students do not have the opportunity to use French beyond their courses, it is of most benefit to students that they take the LTF12 assessment as soon after completing all their French courses as possible. In addition, if students are not currently taking any courses in French, they do not have access to teacher support in preparing for the LTF12 assessment.

Due to the language loss concern for those who have completed all their French language courses by January (which is approximately 59% of all French Immersion students), the Ministry of Education does not expect this group to write LTF12 in any further sessions offered in the 2021/22 school year. Requiring some students to write the assessments and not others based on when courses are offered would create inequity and therefore, in fairness to all students, the decision has been made to cancel LTF12 for this school year and to provide all Grade 12 French Immersion students in 2021/22 with an exemption for this assessment

The Ministry recognizes the hard work French Immersion students put into their course of study and that the cancellation of the LTF12 assessment for this school year is not ideal. As well, those students who completed the oral component prior to the January cancellation may feel that their efforts are not valued. However, after discussion with various groups, including Principals and Vice Principals and French Immersion teachers, it was

decided that providing an exemption for all students was the best solution, providing the greatest fairness to students.

All students who successfully complete their graduation requirements (other than LTF12) will receive Dual Dogwoods.

With the decision to cancel l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12) for the 2021/22 school year, all students who successfully complete their graduation requirements (both course work and graduation assessments other than LTF12) this school year will be granted the Dual Dogwoods

What Assessments do French Immersion Students require in 2021/22?

Along with their course requirements, French Immersion students must complete the following graduation assessments:

- Literacy 10 (English)
- Numeracy 10 (English) or l'Évaluation de numératie de la 10^e année (French)
- Literacy 12 (English)

It is important to note that the cancellation of the LTF12 assessment (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12° année – Français langue seconde – immersion) is for the 2021/22 school year ONLY and that this assessment will be a requirement for Dual Dogwoods for the 2022/23 school year and subsequent school years.

What about Post-Secondary Institutions?

Consultation and discussions with post-secondary institutions confirm that admissions will not be impacted by the cancellation of the LTF12 assessment (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue seconde – immersion) and the exemption provided to graduating French Immersion students for this assessment.





APRIL 2022

DASH BC UPDATES

Educational Spring Fling Conference



The 18th Annual Spring Fling Educational Conference will be hosted through Prince George Secondary School as an online event on April 29, 2022. This conference strives to emphasize connections between educators, and connections to the ongoing inquiry that occurs in classrooms and schools. Rebecca will be presenting DASH'S Outdoor Classroom Workshop titled Take Your Classroom Outside! from 1:00-2:30pm PST. For more information, email Rebecca at reeneque results of the more information about conference details and registration, please click here.

2022 Parent Education Conference

The annual <u>BCCPAC Parent Education Conference</u> will be held on April 29-May I, 2022, at the Westin Wall Centre Vancouve airport. This year's focus is Making Connections, Maving Forward, the event will feature speakers and exhibitors from all over British Columbia DASH will be there promoting our Kid Commute, healthy school resources and more. For more information about conference details and registration, please click <u>here</u>.



DENTAL HEALTH







NUTRITION

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Teaching Resources: Gardening activities

Spring is here! Are you looking for fun and educational gardening and food activities for your classroom? Have a look through the following resources for inspiration on lesson plans and classroom activities:

Spring/Summer Ag Activity Pack - Check out Agriculture in the Classroom's activity pack for gardening ideas and activities for grade 2-7 students.



ving Outside: School Gardens – Farm to School BC has a list of a variety of resources for BC Schools for getting started on a school garden.

Green Thumbs at School - Have a look through this toolkit by SPEC for lessons plans and classroom activities to connect children to their food and to nature

TOBACCO AND VAPOUR PRODUCTS

Teaching and Learning

Smoking and Vaping Glamorized on the Screens
The annual Truth Initiative's report "While You Were Streaming: Nicotine on Demand" analyzed tobacco imagery across the 15 most popular streaming shows among 15- to 24-year-olds and found that 60% of their favorite new releases and 64% of the top binge-watched shows included





What can educators do?

Discuss the impact of exposure to imagery and advertising with students to encourage awareness, critical thinking and advocacy
-Check this database to confirm if tobacco or vaping is depicted in a movie or series
-Include vaping and smoking media literacy in your teaching using resources from Smoke Free Movies; Smokefree Media;

Common Sense; & Media Smarts

More on this:

More on trins: -Read this <u>2 minutes article</u> on the issue -Watch the "While You Were Streaming: Nicotine on Demand" promotional <u>video</u>

Health Canada is asking for feedback on the Tobacco & Vaping Products Act

On March 16 Health Canada opened a public consultation regarding the <u>Tobacco and Vaping Products Act</u> (TVPA) as part of its legislative review process. They are looking for perspectives on the operation of the vaping-related provisions of the TVPA, with a particular emphasis on protecting young persons. Interested parties may participate by sending a written submission by April 27, 2022 to: legislativereviewtypa_revisionlegislativeltpv@hc-scgc.ca. For more information visit the <u>TVPA consultation page</u>.

RESOURCES

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Teaching Toolkits

Interior Health has recently updated the Teaching Toolkits with resources for teachers on a variety of health related topics like COVID-19 Information, Dental and Oral Health, Hand Hygiene, Positive Mental Health, and



Healthy Schools Information Sharing

The following School Districts have a Healthy Schools tab on their websites. Take a look at all the great information available rom: <u>SD 5, SD 6, SD 8, SD 19, SD 53, SD 73, SD 83</u>

Tobacco and Vapour Prevention and Control:

Do you need to reach Interior Health Tobacco and Vapour Prevention and Control? Contact us at tobacco@interiorhealth.ca or 1-855-744-6328 prompt #5



COULD IT BE YOU?

RBC Training Ground is a talent identification and athlete funding program designed to find young athletes with Olympic potential, and provide them with the resources they need to achieve their podium dreams. The program assesses athletes using basic tests that measure speed, strength, power, and endurance capabilities.

Date: Sunday, April 10, 2022

Time: 9:30am PST City: Kelowna

Venue: University of British Columbia (Okanagan) Facilitated by: Canadian Sport Institute Pacific

Visit rbctrainingground.ca for more information on how to register!



2022 Partnering National Sport Organizations

Providing second phase sport-specific testing to the selected athletes.































Our fun and educational camps are full of interactive activities and adventures. Campers will enjoy small class sizes with experienced teachers guiding them through theme based weeklong camps. Camp OC is a great place to engage kids in their interests and passions or ignite new sparks in areas such as engineering, arts, science, technology, trades, outdoor activities and culinary arts. Whatever their interests, we are sure they will find it here!

For more information or to register, please go to www.campoc.ca

Get in the game this summer with UBCO sport camps

Led by nationally recognized coaches and student athletes, UBCO's Heat Summer Sport Camps offer a fun-filled week of skill development for kids aged 6 to 18. These camps are a great way to introduce youth to a sport or help them improve their techniques. Camp programming includes golf, basketball, volleyball, running, cycling, and more.

Camps are set to run in July and August, and registration is now open. Click here to learn more.