



# WHOO'S NEWS

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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. 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

May 15	Prom
May 18	NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day
May 20	Diner en Blanc
May 22	Grad Convocation Ceremony Google Forms opens. Students choose their ceremony.
May 25-30	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual New Works Festival, Night Owl Theatre
May 27	Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.
May 27	Grade 12 Capstone Presentations (p.m.)
June 8-19	Ministry Assessments
June 8-12	KSS Cancer Week
June 8-9	KSS Music Concerts 7:00 p.m.
June 10	IH Student Wellness Clinics
June 11	Indigenous Graduation
June 12	AP Banquet
June 13	Choral Concert at St. Michael's 7:00 p.m.
June 17	Homeroom for Locker Clean-out 9:00 a.m.
June 19	Semester 2 / Quarter 4 Ends
June 20	Convocation (see page 2)
June 22-24	"I" Days
June 25	Last Day of School
June 25	Homeroom for Final Student Written Learning Updates at 9:00 a.m.

### CAPSTONE on MAY 27

Grade 12 Capstone will be on May 27, 2026, in the afternoon. The Block Order on this day is 7/8 5/6 (Block Order Schedule is below). Early dismissal will be at 12:30 p.m. Buses will pick up at this time. **STUDENTS: please check your Capstone Google Classroom for your time.** If you have any questions, please see Mr. Sodaro or Mr. Parmar.

EARLY DISMISSAL at 12:30 p.m.	
Capstone Presentations (January 14 & May 27, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)	
8:55 a.m.	Warning Bell
9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Period 1
9:50 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.	Period 2
10:35 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.	Break
10:55 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.	Period 3
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Period 4

### LAST CHANCE FOR GRAD 2026 GEAR!

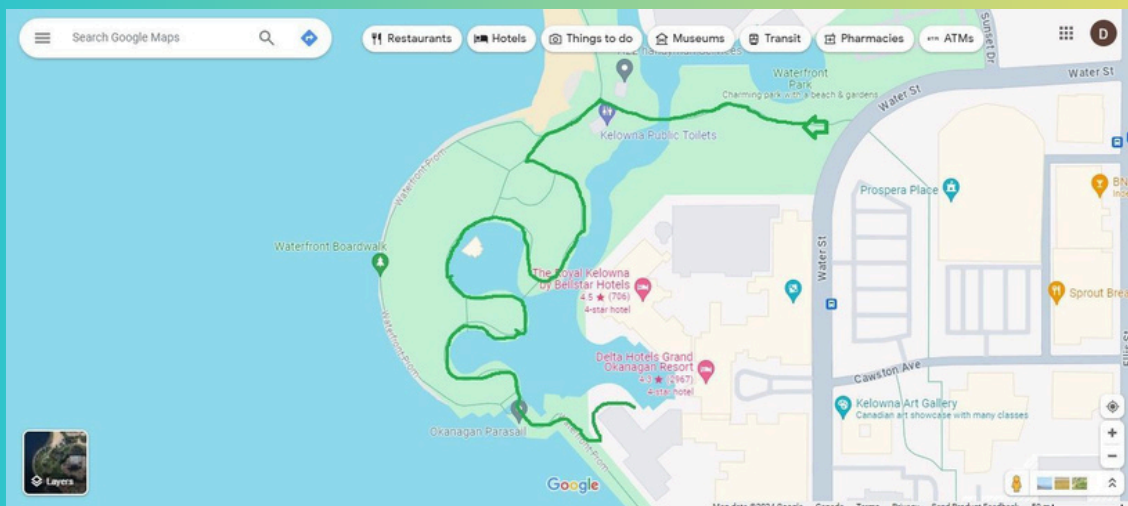
THE GRAD STORE IS OPEN and will close on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

[ORDER HERE](#)

## PROM

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**



## 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 Grads to select their 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 a ceremony, based on remaining space.

Each graduate will be given 6 tickets for friends/family to attend their Convocation Ceremony. Tickets will be distributed with caps and gowns. Cap and gown distribution will happen in the MPR the week of June 1st-5th. Grads must submit the "Convocation Information" google form prior to receiving their tickets, cap and gown.

## 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.



# ÉCOLE KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL 2026-2027 CALENDAR



Days in session	189 (3 summer Pro Days August)
Number of days of instruction	182
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 8
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Wednesday, September 30
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 9
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 12
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 23
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Wednesday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, December 21 – Friday, January 1
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Friday, January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 4
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 12
Family Day	Monday, February 15
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, March 15 – Thursday, March 25
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Tuesday, March 30
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, March 26
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, March 29
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 24
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Wednesday, June 30

Early Dismissal Days	
September 8, 2026—12:15 p.m. dismissal	First Day of School
October 7, 2026 — 1:30 p.m. dismissal	Parent-Teacher Conferences
January 13, 2027 — 12:30 p.m. dismissal	Capstone Presentations
March 3, 2027 — 1:30 p.m. dismissal	Parent-Teacher Conferences
May 26, 2027 — 12:30 p.m. dismissal	Capstone Presentations
June 29, 2027 — 11:00 a.m. dismissal	Last Day of School

Terms		
Name	Start Date	End Date
Quarter 1	September 8, 2026	November 13, 2026
Quarter 2	November 16, 2026	January 28, 2027
Quarter 3	February 1, 2027	April 20, 2027
Quarter 4	April 21, 2027	June 23, 2027
Semester 1	September 8, 2026	January 28, 2027
Semester 2	February 1, 2027	June 23, 2027

Regular Bell Schedule	
8:55 a.m.	Warning Bell
9:00 a.m. - 10:19 a.m.	Period 1
10:19 a.m. - 10:27 a.m.	Break
10:27 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Period 2
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m. - 1:49 p.m.	Period 3
1:49 p.m. - 1:57 p.m.	Break
1:57 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Period 4



*Night Owl Theatre proudly presents  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual New Works Festival -*

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

The Festival runs Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, to Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.  
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.



**EARN CAREER  
EXPLORATION HOURS!**



# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



Student Accomodations Hosts will run a  
Help Desk for student athletes and  
coaches at the BC Summer Games.

## **Volunteer Shifts**

- Wednesday, July 22 - Sunday, July 26
- Locations - Kelowna, Mission and Rutland
- Various shifts available



**Visit your Career Center to pick up an application today!**

**Apply by Friday, June 12th**

## ***SING OUT KELOWNA***

The top choral groups in Kelowna are coming together for an exciting evening of performance in support of music in our public education system. Scan the QR or the [box office.ca](http://boxoffice.ca) for tickets to this inaugural event, We'd love to see tremendous Kelowna Secondary School support from students, staff, and families for this inaugural event. Thank you for considering!

- Kelowna Secondary ▪ Mount Boucherie Secondary ▪
- Rutland Secondary ▪ Okanagan Mission Secondary ▪
- Dr. Knox Middle ▪

With Music Director Sheila French

~Presents~



**Monday, June 1, 2026**

**7:00 PM**

**Kelowna Community Theatre**

**Tickets \$20 at [boxoffice.ca](http://boxoffice.ca) or scan QR Code**



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