



École Kelowna Secondary School

## Whoo's News

October 25, 2024

### Ministry Assessment Week

**Monday, October 28 – Friday, November 1 is Ministry Assessment week.**

As you may know, students graduating with a Dogwood Diploma in B.C. are required to complete Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, and Literacy 12 assessments. These are available to be written in Math 10 Classes and English 10 courses in November, January, April, and June each year.

Upcoming Numeracy 10 assessments are scheduled in class for the week of October 28 – November 1.

Literacy 10 and 12 assessments will be written in class in January.

For students who have missed previous assessments, make up sessions are available on Monday October 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please contact KSS Vice Principal Mike Kormany [michael.kormany@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:michael.kormany@sd23.bc.ca) with any questions.

### HALLOWEEN GUIDELINES

Halloween is quickly approaching. Students are welcome to bring a costume to school on Halloween (Thursday, October 31st). Our leadership teachers and students are creating a number of fun activities for students on this date!

**Costumes must be appropriate for the school environment.** Please review the following guidelines:

- ⇒ Costumes are expected to be school appropriate.
- ⇒ Costumes with masks are not permitted.
- ⇒ Costumes are not to have any dangerous accessories (i.e. toy guns, swords, or any other weapons).
- ⇒ Costumes that are offensive to others' religion, race, culture or belief system are not permitted. Students must show respect for others by not choosing costumes that are insensitive and/or offensive to the diverse backgrounds represented by others at our school.

KSS promotes the values expressed in the BC Human Rights Code respecting the rights of all individuals in accordance with the law – prohibiting discrimination based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, physical and mental disability, gender identity and gender expression, sex or sexual orientation – In respect of discriminatory publication and discrimination in accommodation, service, and facility in the school environment.

Please make every effort to keep this day fun and safe for all students and staff!

### Upcoming dates . .

|           |                                                                       |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Oct 30    | District Dual Credit Information Night                                |
| Nov 3     | Daylight Saving Time (clocks go back 1 hour)                          |
| Nov 6     | Quarter 1 ends                                                        |
| Nov 7     | Quarter 2 begins                                                      |
| Nov 8     | Remembrance Day Assembly (closed ceremony)                            |
| Nov 11    | <b>NO SCHOOL</b> —Remembrance Day                                     |
| Nov 12    | KSS PAC Meeting in KSS Library (LLC) 6:30 p.m.                        |
| Nov 20-23 | Night Owl Theatre Mainstage Production                                |
| Nov 22    | Harmony Day                                                           |
| Nov 22    | Student Written Learning Updates are published to MyEd Student Portal |
| Nov 28    | Cultural Performance—Dufflebag Theatre                                |



*Mental Health Memo from your counsellors:*

**Confidence comes from stacking little wins. Consistently.**



# REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Friday, November 8, 2024 at 10:45 a.m.

KSS Gym



Air Marshall David  
Crooks, CB, OBE  
Morganna Young's  
Grandfather



**Our ceremony for KSS students and staff  
will include the following:**

- ◇ Songs sung by the KSS choir
  - ◇ KSS Cadets
- ◇ Poems read by KSS students
  - ◇ Wreath Laying
  - ◇ Piper-Andrew Moore
- ◇ Veteran- Mary Ann Barber, CD, MN, NP
  - ◇ Candles of Peace

*Reminder—No cell phones and no hats.*



Private Cecil  
Champagne  
Ms. Kerry Champagne's  
Father



Robert (Bob) Hamilton  
Frith, Flying Officer in  
the Royal Australian  
Air Force (KIA in  
Egypt, June 30th, 1942  
Ms. Fiona Irvine's Great  
Uncle & Carson Irvine's  
Great Great Uncle



Private Frank  
Andrew Shindelka  
Mr. Tony Sodaro's  
Grandfather



Edgar John  
Burgess  
Mrs. Amanda  
Hilverda's Great Uncle



## KSS BEST OF THE WEST VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2024 KSS Sr. Girls and Sr. Boys Best of the West Championship, sponsored by the Payton & Dillon Budd Memorial Fund, was held on Friday, October 18th and Saturday, October 19th at the KSS Gym. Forty boys teams and forty girls teams competed in Western Canada's biggest high school tournament.



Congratulations to KSS Sr. Boys who won Best of the West for a record 4 years in a row!

## KSS ATHLETICS

Any students interested in **Wrestling Team** please attend a short meeting  
in Portable 7 at Lunch on Monday October 28th

For updates, and Athletic calendar, see KSS Athletics on the KSS Website  
under "Students" top tab. [HERE](#) is a link.

# Grad 2025 Info

## Grad Google Classroom: 2hyd22x

### Grad Photos

When: November 25 - January 14th

Where: At the school (trailer near portables)

Additional Info: Students are asked to use the QR code that will be on the google classroom and posted around the school to book a sitting for their grad photo portrait session. These will be the photos used in the yearbook, and so we ask all grads to book a session whether they are interested in purchasing photos or not.

January bookings will open once December time slots are filled.

### Winter Formal

When: Wednesday December 11th, 2024

Where: At the school

Additional Info: Semi-formal event. Tickets will be \$20 and sold to grade 12 KSS students only. Ticket sales will take place late November at the school and include entry to the dance as well as light refreshments.

There will be an email go out requesting parent volunteers for this event.

### Prom

To connect with the planning committee follow @kssprom2025 on instagram, or email [ksspromcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ksspromcommittee@gmail.com)

When: Friday May 16th, 2025

Where: Waterfront Park (promenade) and Delta Grand Hotel (dinner and dance)

- Ticket prices will be determined based on fundraising efforts throughout the year.
- Tickets sold to KSS grade 12 students only. Students must be up to date on fees and have no overdue library books in order to purchase tickets.
- Ticket sales will take place the week of April 28th before school (8:00-9:00), at lunch (11:45-12:20) and after school (3:15-4:00) out of room 147. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER MAY 2ND.**
- The promenade will begin promptly at 5:30pm from Rhapsody Plaza with grads asked to arrive no later than 5:00pm.
- The promenade will conclude at the Delta Grand Hotel with dinner and dance to follow.
- KSS code of conduct in effect for the evening

### Convocation

When: Saturday June 7th, 2025

Where: KSS Gymnasium

- Students will be split into two ceremonies based on last name. A-L starting at 10:30am and M-Z at 2:30pm. Students are asked to arrive 45 minutes prior to their start time.
- Each student will be allotted 6 tickets for guests to come watch. The ceremony will be live streamed.
- Grad gowns are ordered on behalf of all grade 12 students. Information about students height will be collected on google classroom.
- Grad gowns will be distributed on dates TBD at the school.
- Please forward accessible seating requests to [natalie.spencer@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:natalie.spencer@sd23.bc.ca)



# We Don't Want You to Sell Anything!

But we still need your help

Dear Parents/guardians.

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 2025 graduates. Any funds beyond our goal will be held in a PAC scholarship account for future years!

## How to donate

We have decided to use the school district donation option this year for our scholarship/bursary fund. It allows us to keep all of the money that you donate, rather than having to pay platform fees, and gives you a tax receipt. **WIN-WIN!**

### Steps:

1. Go to [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com) and sign in using your credentials that you pay your school fees with
2. Click *Make a Donation* to open the donation form
3. Choose *Kelowna Secondary*
4. In the message box write *PAC Scholarship Fund*
5. *Add to Cart* to go to the payment page

**With your support, we can empower the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and changemakers.**



# KSS CLUBS ~ 2024-2025

| CLUB                                                                                                                               | CONTACT                                                | MON              | TUES                  | WED                                          | THURS                                                                     | FRI              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
|                                                                                                                                    |                                                        |                  |                       |                                              |                                                                           |                  |
| <b>Avid Readers Club</b><br><br>Students will select books of various genres & meet monthly to discuss them. Bring your own snack! | Ms. J. Franz                                           |                  |                       | Room 235<br>Last Wed of every month @ lunch. |                                                                           |                  |
| <b>Birding Club</b>                                                                                                                | Ms. B. Miller                                          |                  | Room 288 @ lunch      |                                              | Room 288 @ lunch                                                          |                  |
| <b>BIPOC Connections Group</b>                                                                                                     | Mr. D. Ragobar<br>Ms. M. Ragoonaden<br>Ms. C. Drescher |                  |                       | Room 147 @ lunch                             |                                                                           |                  |
| <b>Coding Club</b>                                                                                                                 | Ms. B. Miller                                          |                  |                       |                                              |                                                                           | Room 288 @ lunch |
| <b>Crib Club</b>                                                                                                                   | Ms. F. Freeman                                         |                  | Room 157 @ lunch      |                                              |                                                                           |                  |
| <b>Dance Club</b>                                                                                                                  | Ms. C. Zaseybida<br>Ms. T. Pilon                       |                  |                       |                                              |                                                                           | Room 153 @ lunch |
| <b>Diversity Club</b>                                                                                                              | Mr. A. Harris                                          |                  | Room 159 @ lunch      |                                              |                                                                           |                  |
| <b>DnD Club</b>                                                                                                                    | Mr. A. Harris                                          | Room 159 @ lunch |                       | Room 159 @ lunch                             | Room 159 @ lunch                                                          |                  |
| <b>Global Awareness Club</b>                                                                                                       | b. Wrauley                                             | Room 232 @ lunch | Room 232 @ lunch      |                                              |                                                                           |                  |
| <b>Guitar Club</b>                                                                                                                 | Mr. D. Shevchuk                                        |                  | Room 185 @ lunch      |                                              | Room 185 @ lunch                                                          |                  |
| <b>Improve Club</b>                                                                                                                | Ms. T. Ciccotelli                                      |                  |                       | Theatre (Room 190) @ lunch                   |                                                                           |                  |
| <b>Magic The Gathering</b>                                                                                                         | Ms. S. Galigan                                         |                  |                       |                                              |                                                                           | Room 260 @ lunch |
| <b>Kiwanis Key Club</b>                                                                                                            | Mr. C. Cartwright<br>Ms. J. Cartwright                 |                  |                       |                                              |                                                                           |                  |
| <b>KSS Interact Club</b>                                                                                                           | Ms. M. Kulak                                           |                  |                       |                                              |                                                                           | Room 141 @ lunch |
| <b>Philosophy Club</b>                                                                                                             | Ms. A. Kehler                                          |                  |                       |                                              | Room 233 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs of every month @ lunch |                  |
| <b>Robotics Club</b>                                                                                                               | Mr. A. Harris                                          |                  | Room 159 3:30-6:00 pm |                                              | Room 159 3:30-6:00 pm                                                     |                  |
| <b>Social Board Games Club</b>                                                                                                     | Mr. D. Cochrane<br>Ms. C. Herzog                       |                  |                       | Library @ lunch                              |                                                                           |                  |
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## UPCOMING POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION REPRESENTATIVE VISITS TO KSS

| Date                                      | PSI Name                          | Time                       | Location |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Friday,<br>November<br>1 <sup>st</sup>    | Dalhousie<br>University           | 11:30 -<br>12:30           | MPR      |
| Thursday,<br>November<br>14 <sup>th</sup> | UBCO -<br>Application<br>workshop | Afterschool<br>3:30 - 4:30 | Library  |
| Tuesday,<br>November<br>19 <sup>th</sup>  | University<br>of Calgary          | 11:30 -12:30               | MPR      |

### SAT

Are you interested in writing the SAT (Suite of Assessments)? KSS is now a SAT testing centre and the following dates are still available: Nov 2, Dec 7, March 8, May 3, and June 7.

To sign up, register [HERE](#).



In addition to virtual events, there are three on-campus events from 10:00am - 12:30pm:

- Saturday, Sept. 21
- Saturday, Oct. 26
- Saturday, Nov. 23

Students get a tour, presentation lead by current students, and lunch in the dining hall.

## DISCOVER UBC's Okanagan Campus Kelowna, BC

### DEGREES

- Applied Science (Engineering)
- Arts
- Health and Exercise Science
- Management
- Media Studies
- Nursing
- Science
- Sustainability
- Visual Arts

Virtual and In-Person Events



## Start Your Future

Make an impact at one of Canada's top engineering schools.

## UBC Engineering Open House

**Virtual:** October 17-18

**Vancouver On-campus:** November 2

**Okanagan On-campus:** November 2

Sign up online to attend our virtual or on-campus events at: [engineering.ubc.ca/openhouse](https://engineering.ubc.ca/openhouse)



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Engineering  
Faculty of Applied Science



# Bottle Drive

## KSS Prom 2025



**Collection Date:**  
**2024-2025**

**Drop-off Locations:**  
Local Return-It Express Stations

- 680 Dease Road
- 1936 Kent Road
- 1314 St. Paul Street

**USE CODE: 250-KSS-GRAD**  
**(250-577-4723)**

Simply bring your containers to the depot in sealed, **TRANSPARENT BLUE** or **CLEAR BAGS**, and enter the KSS grad class number at the Express kiosk. You will be prompted to select the number of bags you're dropping off, and the kiosk will automatically print stickers for each of your bags with the KSS Grad Express account code. Tag each of your bags with a sticker, and drop the bags off in the designated Express drop-off area to be counted and credited to our account.  
(Note: a maximum of 12 glass bottles can be included in each bag.)

Questions?  
Please email the Prom Committee:  
[ksspromcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ksspromcommittee@gmail.com)

Thank you for supporting us with your donations!



## WATER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

# DUAL CREDIT

Are you interested in increasing your technology skills? Do you want to know more about career opportunities in the water industry? This course will provide you with skills and knowledge related to the growing water technology sector.

- Free training offered by Okanagan College and SD23
- Attend classes two evenings per week at Okanagan College
- Taught by industry professionals
- Gain hands-on skills directly related to the water industry

### PROGRAM DETAILS

Tuesday and Thursday  
4 – 6 p.m.

Course runs Jan. 2025 to Apr. 2025

FREE for grade 11 – 12 students interested in environmental science, skilled trades and a professional career where you can make a difference for your community.

Students will receive four high school credits toward their high school diploma and three Okanagan College credits towards their OC Water Engineering Technology diploma.

**OC Okanagan**  
COLLEGE

Contact your High School Career Centre  
for more details.

[careerlife.programs@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:careerlife.programs@sd23.bc.ca)

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.23



## ENGINEERING Sampler Program

Explore your future with us  
**Students in Grade 10 - 12**

This is an introductory program which introduces students to the engineering profession and what it has to offer.

- Electronic Engineering Technology
- Civil Engineering Technology
- Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Water Engineering Technology

**PROGRAM LOCATION**  
Okanagan College Engineering Labs  
Online Synchronous, Tues & Thurs evenings, & Saturdays

**CREDITS** - 4 Gr. 12 elective credits

Start by visiting your  
Career Centre today!

**Website**

[www.dualcred23.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.dualcred23.sd23.bc.ca)

**Enroll  
Now!**

**DUAL  
CREDIT**  
**OC Okanagan**  
COLLEGE



## Video Game Prototype Micro-Credential

- January 27, 2025
- Grades 10-12 (grade-12 priority seating)
- Tues & Thurs eve. & 2 Saturdays/mon.
- Blended Learning - synchronous online and in-person, field studies
- \$100 Course Fee

### Prerequisites/Notes:

- Strong academic standing and demonstrated exploration.
- Consistent attendance and work ethic.
- No program shadow available.



## Video Game Prototyping Micro-credential

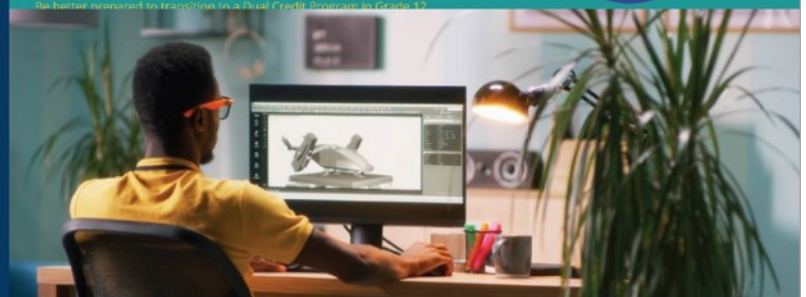
Explore your future with us  
**Students in Grade 11 - 12**

Video game prototyping is the process of creating a simplified, early version of a video game to test and validate design concepts, gameplay mechanics, and overall feasibility before investing significant time and resources into full-scale development. Prototyping allows developers to experiment with ideas, gather feedback, and identify potential issues or improvements at an early stage.

VGP 100 - Storytelling Foundations and Asset Development  
VGP 101 - Interactive Design and Development  
VGP 102 - Sound Design for Games

Program will be delivered in Semester 2, outside the timetable, Delivery Method: Hybrid  
Rollout planned to transition to a Dual Credit Program in Grade 12

**Enroll  
Now!**





# Dual Credit Information Night

**Wednesday, October 30, 2024**

## STUDENTS AND PARENTS WELCOME!

Central Okanagan Public Schools is hosting a Dual Credit Information Night on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 6:00 pm at Kelowna Secondary School.

The purpose of this event is to showcase our Dual Credit Program options and provide an opportunity for students and parents to communicate directly with our post-secondary and industry training partners.

Please join us to discover the many benefits of a dual credit program, including tuition sponsorship and the ability for students to get a head start on a rewarding career.

## AGENDA:

5:30 pm: Doors open to public to visit with post-secondary partners

6:00 pm: Dual Credit Presentation Overview - Bob Boback

6:20-7:00 pm: Parents and Students have an opportunity to talk with post-secondary partners to learn more

7:00 pm: End of Event



[www.dualcredit23.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.dualcredit23.sd23.bc.ca)



## LEFTOVER CANDY FUNDRAISER!

**KSS KEY CLUB IS FUNDRAISING FOR THE FOOD BANK!**

**BRING YOUR LEFTOVER CANDY AND THE CANDY YOU DON'T LIKE TO THE MPR ON MONDAY, NOV 4 AND TUESDAY NOV 5**



## BIPOC CONNECTIONS GROUP

FOR STUDENTS OF COLOUR TO CELEBRATE, CONNECT, AND GIVE SPACE TO BE THEMSELVES

FIRST MEETING  
SEPT 11TH

LUNCH  
ROOM 147  
WEDNESDAYS

B  
C  
G

BLACK  
INDIGENOUS  
PEOPLE  
OF  
COLOUR



TEACHER SPONSORS  
MRS. RAGOONADEN  
MR. RAGOBAR  
MS. DRESCHER

## IN OTHER KSS NEWS....



Fourteen years ago, in this very classroom at KSS,  
these two former students met.



*Congratulations  
to Natasha Allen and Tristan Moench !*

Fast forward to October 11, 2024  
back at KSS,  
**he proposed and she said yes!**



# VIP TICKET RAFFLE

PROCEEDS SUPPORT LOCAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS  
BENEFITTING CHILDREN AND YOUTH

*(Participants must be 19 years or older and residents of British Columbia. BC Gaming Licence 152888)*



## TAYLOR SWIFT THE ERAS TOUR



**BUY YOUR TICKETS ON RAFFLEBOX**

**SALES END**

Thu Oct 31 2024

**DRAW DATE**

Wed Nov 06 2024

**DRAW LOCATION**

Route 97 Grill, formerly Smitty's Family Restaurant,  
2170 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna, BC V1Y 6G8

[www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/kc-co](http://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/kc-co)

We are offering an exclusive chance to win 2 VIP tickets to Taylor Swift's highly anticipated 2024 show in Vancouver, on December 7 2024! For just \$25, you can enter our raffle and potentially secure your spot at one of the most sought-after events of the year. But that's not all, we're sprinkling in some extra sparkle with a \$300.00 gift card.

**DON'T MISS THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO SEE TAYLOR SWIFT IN ALL HER GLORY, ALL WHILE SUPPORTING A GREAT CAUSE.**



### About Kiwanis Club of the Central Okanagan

We are a group of adults who volunteer to support programs and projects to improve the health and well-being of children and youth.

Proudly supported by Kiwanis. Kiwanis has generously contributed to KSS through scholarships and support of the football program.



**Kiwanis**

CLUB OF CENTRAL OKANAGAN  
Chartered in 1988