



Whoo's News



January 6, 2023

Happy New Year

Grad Clothing Sale #2

The second grad clothing sale is open now until February 15. Once the sale ends on February 15, the items will go into production and will take approximately four weeks to arrive at KSS. Click here to shop: <https://kssgrad23jan.itemorder.com/>



Happy New Year, KSS parents and guardians! The PAC welcomes your input and involvement. Attending meetings or joining the board is a great way to stay up to date on school and District happenings, to get to know the staff and other KSS families and to have a say in how money is spent on your student's activities!

The January PAC meeting is:
Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30 pm.
Please note this month's meeting
will be ZOOM ONLY.

We'd love for you to join us! If you are not already on the zoom list, please email kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca by Monday the 9th to get the Zoom link.



Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP) Opportunity for Students Gr. 9-12 – March 27-31, 2023

This HIP opportunity would be of interest to student leaders who wish to participate in national dialogue aimed at peacebuilding and creating sustainable environmental change. Students (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) are invited to submit their completed applications to paul.mulvihill@telus.net, the Y2Y Rep for the British Columbia Zone 5060. Paul Mulvihill will submit the applications to HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples) where 2 successful applicants will be selected from Zone 5060.

This opportunity takes place March 27-31, 2023 in Winnipeg, MB. **Deadline for submission: Jan. 15, 2023**

Parking at KSS

With the accumulation of snow that has fallen over the past week, some of our parking spots have been taken up by snow. **Parking spots will be at a premium in the student and staff parking lot.**

Please plan accordingly.



Upcoming dates . .

January 9	COBSS Applications close at midnight
January 10	9:00 a.m. COBSS paper applications due in Career/Counselling Office PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m. via zoom email kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca to receive the link
January 18	Early Dismissal 12:30 p.m.—Grade 12 Capstone
January 24—26	Numeracy and Literacy Assessment writing
January 27	Semester turnaround day - No classes in session





Central Okanagan
Public Schools
Together We Learn

Indigenous-Focused Course Graduation Requirement

Essential Information



In effect
for 2024
graduates.

COMMON QUESTIONS



Q: Are these courses recognized at post-secondary institutions?

A: Yes, the English and Social Studies options satisfy the BC Dogwood Diploma, and are recognized across Canada.



Q: Who will teach these courses?

A: Teachers who are trained to teach in the related content area, as exists in the K-12 system currently.



Q: Why is this being put in place now?

A: In October 2021, Government directed the Ministry of Education and Childcare as part of the commitments in the BC Tripartite Education Agreement.

The introduction of this graduation requirement is an important next step towards Truth & Reconciliation & supports the commitment to develop the "Educated Citizen."

WHAT IS REQUIRED?



Students graduating with a BC Dogwood Diploma will need to complete 4 credits of an Indigenous-focused course.

WHY IS THIS IN PLACE?



Develops understandings of cultures, histories, contexts and perspectives of Indigenous peoples of BC.



Part of the Framework for Reconciliation Action Plan in BC includes a commitment to implementing a course related to First Peoples as part of BC's graduation requirements.



Good to Know:

There is no increase to the number of graduation credits, which remain at 80.

Double Duty:



English First Peoples, Contemporary Indigenous Studies & BC First Peoples also satisfy **EITHER** the English Language Arts 12 **OR** Social Studies 12 requirement respectively (2 grad requirements at once).

Current Course Options:

- English First Peoples 10-12
- BC First Peoples 12
- Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12

Possible Future Courses:

Currently, there are locally developed courses being put forward for approval to fulfil this requirement. More info to come.

Contact your secondary school for more information, such as which courses are available at their location.



FAQ Guide



Calls to Action

NATIONAL CALL FOR YOUTH LEADERS



MARCH
27 – 31, 2023

MAKE REAL CHANGE HAPPEN

HIP is in search of 50 youth ages 15 to 18 from across Canada to participate in this innovative program & National dialogue aimed at peacebuilding & creating sustainable environmental change.



LEARN MORE

WWW.HIPY2Y.COM



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District 5350 Manitoba,
Saskatchewan,
Northern Ontario



CANADIAN MUSEUM FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS

Grad portraits

ATTENTION GRADUATES!

Mountain West Studios is pleased to offer
GRAD PORTRAIT SESSIONS



WHEN:
January 9th to January 20th 2023

LOCATION:
Multipurpose Room

SIGN UP ONLINE AT :
mountainwest.ca



- * We provide cap, gown, school colors, diplomas and a variety of backgrounds.
- * Please bring just one favorite selection of clothes for your casual photos.
- * Feel free to bring along props for your casual photos. (Sports items, musical instruments, etc.)
- * Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your appointment time. (Late arrivals may have to reschedule to another date.)

ANY QUESTIONS, CALL US: 604.433.0551 EXT. 126

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Toll Free 1.888.644.4494 x 126
grads@mountainwest.ca
mountainwest.ca



Buddy photos

Mountain West Studios is pleased to offer this ever-popular group program

EXCLUSIVELY FOR GRADS!



DATE:
January 6th 2023

LOCATION:
Multipurpose Room

**SITINGS FILL UP QUICKLY,
SO BOOK NOW AT:**

mountainwest.ca

- * Sit fee is \$10 per participant, per group.
- * Our professional team of photographers will set up on-location at your school for an unforgettable portrait event.
- * Small or large groups may include: friends, family members, couples, or special clubs and teams. Personalize this photo by bringing props, pets, sporting gear...create your own theme!
- * Simple and efficient online sign-up, ordering and delivery direct-to-home.

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How To Prepare For Photo Day

Please arrive at your appointment 15 minutes early. You want to be relaxed and ready for your photo session. Ensure that you allow enough time to prepare and to discuss your poses and backgrounds with the photographer.



Clothing

Traditional - Formal - Casual

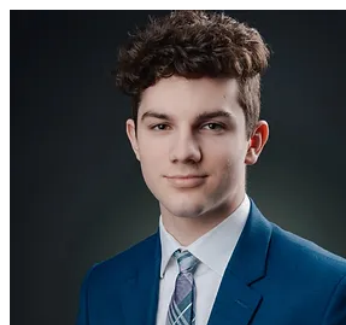
During your Graduation portrait sitting, we will take 'traditional' photos, with the grad robe and sash in your school's colours; others may be 'contemporary' poses in formal (or casual) attire.



Make Up

Natural is best

Thick and heavy foundation or cosmetics is not recommended. Natural is best for great photos. Use a bit of loose powder to remove shine and a bit of concealer to lighten up dark spots and cover blemishes.



Hair

Avoid a bad hair day.

Different or new hairstyles are not the best for photo day. If you want to get a haircut, we recommend a trim so that you feel comfortable. Hair cuts should be booked one week before photo day. No hats please.

KSS Girls AAA Soccer Tryouts

How Do I Register?

Access through KSS Athletics website

Link: **bit.ly/kss-soccer** scanning the QR Code



We are inviting 20 lucky students to get away to the U of A!

Attendees will join us in Edmonton, Alberta's capital city - Canada's largest, northernmost metropolis - where they will discover our breathtaking North Campus, nestled atop the lush North Saskatchewan river valley and just steps away from the iconic Whyte Avenue district.

Their adventure will include transportation reimbursement*, accommodations, meals and a jam-packed schedule of events. They will stay in residence, explore state-of-the-art facilities, uncover hidden gems on campus and experience U of A student life first-hand.

Who: 20 Grade 11 Students From Across Canada

When: May 26 - 28, 2023

Where: University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

Students can learn more and apply at uab.ca/getaway. The application deadline is January 31, 2023

CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES EVENT



Connect with university reps from across Canada & learn more about your post-secondary options!

50+ INSTITUTIONS | JAN 19th, 6:00-8:00 PM

Register online at <https://cuebc.org/>

Save The DATE



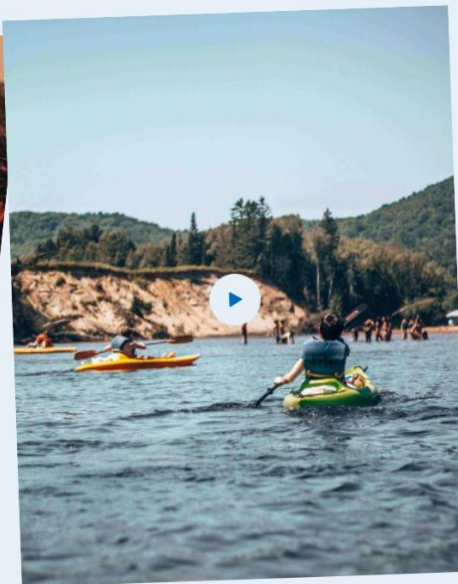
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Enjoy summer in  Montreal and
experience  UdeM

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on this ad for
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2023

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE AWARDS

**Planning to attend Okanagan College next fall?
You may be eligible for an entrance award.**

Students graduating from a secondary school within the Okanagan College region (Revelstoke to Princeton) entering Okanagan College in September 2023 may be eligible for the following awards.

- OKANAGAN COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS
- OKANAGAN COLLEGE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARDS
- OKANAGAN COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ENTRANCE AWARDS
- RICK AND YASMIN THORPE & FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIPS
- MCGILLIVRAY ENTRANCE AWARD FOR BUSINESS
- TONY SELLAR LEADERSHIP ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP
- JOHNSTONE MEMORIAL AWARDS
- OC PENTICTON CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

**APPLICATIONS OPEN
DECEMBER 1, 2022**

HOW TO APPLY:

Eligibility criteria and details about how to apply online are available by visiting okanagan.bc.ca/awards

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Online Applications will be accepted until March 10, 2023. Students and school staff will have until March 17, 2023 to provide required documentation.

Questions? Contact awards@okanagan.bc.ca
or Toll Free in BC: 1-800-767-5492



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okanagan.bc.ca

Proud for Prom

Proud for Prom is a local volunteer organization that helps students access formal wear if cost is an issue. They are holding a massive event for students across the Okanagan on Saturday, February 25 for grade 12 students. Students may sign up here: <https://forms.gle/oFJjnLRusLCTuE6f6>



HOSTED BY
SCHOOL DISTRICT #22

JEAN MINGUY MEMORIAL RCMP YOUTH ACADEMY

JOIN US

MAY 7-13

Are you interested in
Policing Careers?

AGES 16-18

Students Are invited to apply

Applications DUE Jan 31st

APPLICATIONS
AVAILABLE IN THE KSS
CAREERS OFFICE

COST IS

\$350

INCLUDES ALL FOOD, LODGING AND SUPPLIES
FOR THE WEEK



MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE:

SD22.BC.CA/PROGRAMS-SERVICES/CAREERS/
DMEYER@SD22.BC.CA



'intheknow' Connect and Learn

For families and caring adults who
are parenting a child or youth with
mental health and/or substance
use challenges.

EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'. WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.

Self Harm: There is Always Help,
There is Always Hope

Cost: Free of Charge

Date(s):

Monday January 9, 2023 12-130pm (PST)

Thursday January 12, 2023 5-630pm (PST)

Tuesday January 17, 2023 630-8pm (PST)

Monday January 23, 2023 630-8pm (PST)

Wednesday January 25, 2023 930-11am (PST)

Learn with us! Hear Kim Leifso a clinical counsellor and Clara,
a young person with lived experience; talk about what they
know and have experienced with self-harm.

Come together with other families to watch this 30 minute
video presentation followed by a facilitated discussion by a
FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker.

Registration required:

www.familysmart.ca/events



How do you do, fellow kids?
Looking for something to do
this winter?



The RCA has some cool youth programming.
No cap. CHECK IT OUT!

WINTER CAN BE A DRAG SOMETIMES,
BUT NOT WITH THESE PROGRAMS!



YOUTH GUITAR LESSONS

Tuesdays, Jan 17 –Feb. 28

Ages 9-14



HORROR WRITING WORKSHOP

Tuesday, Jan 24

Ages 13-18



STREET DANCE WORKSHOP

Thursday, Jan. 26

Ages 12-18



AFTER SCHOOL ANIME

Thursdays, Jan. 26 –Mar. 2

Ages 12+



INTRO TO STREET DANCE

Tuesdays, Feb. 21 –Mar. 14

Ages 15+



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KELOWNA CIVIC & COMMUNITY AWARDS

The City of Kelowna wants to recognize outstanding young people in the community with their awards for

- Young Citizen of the Year
- Teen Honor in the Arts and
- Young Male/Female Athlete of the Year

Have you contributed greatly to the community of Kelowna through volunteer work, arts or athletics? If this is you, find a community member who can speak to your contributions and is willing to nominate you. You cannot nominate yourself for these awards.

Nominations for the 48th annual Civic & Community Awards are open now until February 10, 2023.

See link below for the nomination package that will need to be completed and submitted by a nominator -

<https://www.kelowna.ca/%3Cfront%3E/civic-community-awards-online-nomination-form>

Please note: For Young Athlete of the Year, individuals must see Mr. Bernhardsson at KSS regarding the nomination process.

Selections are solely based on the nomination package highlighting the nominee's achievements/contributions to the community for last year - 2022.

Nominees must not have personally benefited from their volunteer activities, nor should the contributions be considered part of their normal school, employment or job responsibilities.

Past information can be included, but the nomination package should primarily regard contributions in 2022.

Parenting Your Anxious Youth



Meet for 1.5 hours weekly with parents/caregivers who are on the same journey.



Who:
Parents/Caregivers of youth aged 12-16

Where:
The Bridge Youth & Family Services
#8-2604 Enterprise Way

We will talk about:

- What anxiety is and how it works.
- How to better understand your youth's experience.
- Skills to help you and your youth cope.
- Skills to communicate with your anxious youth.
- Skills to manage situations in which your youth's anxiety impacts daily life.

Five Group Sessions

Thursdays 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
January 19-
February 16, 2023

No cost to attend.

Register by emailing

info@thebridgeservices.ca or call

250-763-0456

CENTRAL OKANAGAN BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY(COBSS) AWARDS

Grade 12 students who are planning to attend post-secondary schools in September 2023 are encouraged to apply to the Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society awards (COBSS).

Please visit the COBSS website www.cobss.ca to find the link to the student application which contains the eligibility criteria and instructions.

To access awards, students will need to use the school code - **kss2023**.

The application is now open and will close at 11:59 pm on January 9th, 2023.

Students must complete the application online AND print a copy of both the application and the selected awards before the site closes. The two required statement of reference forms need to be in a sealed envelope or delivered directly to the counsellors by the referee. Printable and fillable statement of reference forms are also on the COBSS website.

Paper copies of the application package need to be submitted to the counselling center on or before 9:00 am January 10th, 2023 with both the required **student and parent signatures**.

KSS Counsellors will add each applicant's transcript and will submit the application package directly to COBSS on behalf of the student.

The applicant's package will contain the following items held together with a **paperclip** (NO STAPLES).

1. One printout of **My Application** (signed by student and parent/guardian)
2. One printout of the **Statement of Awards**
3. Two **Statement of Reference** forms (in sealed envelopes or handed in directly to school counsellor by referee)



StudentTranscripts Service Information For Students

StudentTranscripts Service (STS) is an online application for students to view their school marks, transcripts, scholarships and send transcripts electronically to post secondary institutions and employers.



Get Started

To register for STS students will need:

- Personal Education Number (PEN)
- Full legal name
- Date of birth
- Email address

Step 1 Go to the Ministry of Education's Transcripts and Certificate website at <http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca>.

Step 2 You must **sign up** for a BCeID before you can use the StudentTranscripts Service. For BCeID sign up, you need to:

- Complete the fields to register for a basic BCeID
- Select your password reset questions and answers (remember these as you will need them if you forget your password)
- Follow the system prompts and sign up for StudentTranscripts Service.

Sign Up for a BCeID

Step 3 Log-in to StudentTranscripts Service using your BCeID. When registering for the Student Transcript Service using your BCeID, you will be prompted to:

- Enter your student information used by your school (see **Get Started** information above)
- Read the personal data collection info and complete the process by clicking "submit"
- An email will be sent to the email address provided and must be activated within 24 hours of receipt or you will need to complete the registration process again
- Once activated, you will be able to log onto STS using your BCeID and password.

Log In with BCeID

Step 4 From your STS Dashboard, you can choose your post-secondary institutions (PSIs) selections, preview, send and order transcripts, view exam and assessment results and view scholarship information. Please note that all transcripts previewed in the STS are considered unofficial, but official transcripts will be sent out when ordered.

You will need to consent to the STS privacy notice which enables the ministry to send your transcripts to your selected PSIs by paper or electronically depending on how the PSI is able to receive transcripts. Printed copies of transcripts may take up to 3 weeks for processing and delivery to your selected PSIs.

Troubleshooting:

For BCeID questions: <https://www.bceid.ca>

For StudentTranscripts questions: servicebc@gov.bc.ca.