



École Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

January 10, 2025



SEMESTER TURN AROUND

Semester 1 / Quarter 2 ends on Friday, January 24th.

Monday, January 27th is Semester Turn Around Day. There are no scheduled classes on this date.

Semester 2 / Quarter 3 Student Schedules will be published to the MyEd Student Portal on Friday, January 24th.

Students should TAKE A PICTURE of their schedule!

The office does not print Student Schedules.



A note about the MyEd Student Portal:

Students must have access to the MyEd Student Portal. All course requests, Student Schedules and Student Written Learning Updates are published to the MyEd Student Portal.

You will find a link to MyEd on KSS Website—[HERE](#).

Student Login ID = "stu23firstname.lastname" & Password

For password reset, please see the office.

MINISTRY ASSESSMENTS

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.

Literacy 10 and 12 assessments will be written in class from January 16th – January 22nd.

For students who have missed previous assessments, make up sessions are available on Monday January 13th, Wednesday January 15th and Friday January 17th.

Please contact KSS Vice Principal Mike Kormany michael.kormany@sd23.bc.ca with any questions.

Upcoming dates . .

Jan 13-24	Ministry Assessments
Jan 14	KSS PAC Meeting via zoom 6:30 p.m.
Jan 15	Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.
Jan 15	Capstone Presentations PM
Jan 24	Semester 1 / Quarter 2 ends
Jan 27	Semester Turn Around— NO SCHOOL
Jan 28	Semester 2 / Quarter 3 begins
Feb 6-8	Western Canada Basketball Tournament
Feb 7	Student Written Learning Updates are published to Student MyEd Portal at 3:00 p.m.
Feb 11	KSS PAC Meeting via Zoom 6:30 p.m.
Feb 14	Pro-D Day—NO SCHOOL
Feb 17	Family Day—NO SCHOOL



GRAD PHOTO

RETAKES



Grad Photo Retakes are scheduled for Tuesday, February 25th in the MPR.

Retakes are for any Grade 12 students that missed their Grad Photo sitting or need a retake.

Students must sign up! Link is [HERE](#)



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors:

Focus on developing grit. What is grit? Doing your best with things that you really don't want to do. It is a trait that is important for success.

KSS ATHLETICS

3A Girls Soccer Tryouts 2025

**** Prior to attending the 1st tryout, please fill out this form : <https://forms.gle/5ug1eBYtuY34UQWo8>**

1st Round of Tryouts:

Monday, January 20th, 7:00-8:00 a.m., Rutland Bubble

Friday, January 24th, 7:00-8:00 a.m., Rutland Bubble

After Round 1, cuts will be made (how many depends on how many attend Round 1).

2nd Round of Tryouts:

Monday, January 27th, 7:00-8:00 a.m., Rutland Bubble

Friday January 31st, 7:00-8:00 a.m., Rutland Bubble

After Round 2, cuts will be made (how many depends on how many attend Round 2).

3rd Round of Tryouts (if needed):

Monday, February 3rd, 7:00- 8:00 a.m. , Rutland Bubble

After Round 3, final cuts will be made. Roster maximum is 20 players, but could be less!

3A Boys Rugby Tryouts 2025— *Open to Boys in grade 11 and 12 only*

Open Pre-Trial Practices

Tuesday, January 14th, 7:00-8:30 a.m., KSS Gym

Thursday, January 16th, 7:00-8:30 a.m., KSS Gym

1st Tryout:

Friday, January 24th, 7:00-8:30 a.m., KSS Gym

Optional: Tuesday, January 28th, 7:00-8:30 a.m., KSS Gym

2nd Tryout:

Thursday, January 30th, 7:00-8:30 a.m., KSS Gym

3rd Tryout:

Tuesday, February 4th, 7:00-8:30 a.m., KSS Gym

Post-Trial Team Practices:

Tuesday, February 11th, 7:00-8:30 a.m., KSS Gym

Thursday, February 13th, 7:00-8:30 a.m., KSS Gym

COBSS (Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society) deadline is coming up on January 20th, 2025. If you are needing money to pay for your post-secondary plans, this is a GREAT opportunity. Find out more at <https://cobss.sd23.bc.ca/> or see your school counsellor. KSS access code is: kss2025



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.schoolcashonline.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.

YAP!

Ages 16-19

The Youth Arts Program (YAP) at the Kelowna Art Gallery is a fun, laid-back drop-in space for teens aged 16-19. Come hang out, collaborate on creative projects, and get inspired by our current exhibitions.



Happening on the last Thursday of every month, this is your chance to use a variety of art materials, work on your own projects, or try something new with one of our KAG-curated activities.

FREE

JAN 30 | 4-7 PM
ArtJam

Kick off 2025 by making something totally your own! Drop in to learn how to create & decorate a saddle-stitched journal.

Also, mark your calendar for these upcoming dates:
February 27 | 4-7pm | Paper Blooms

**KELOWNA
ART GALLERY**

1315 Water Street | 250-762-2226 | www.kelownaartgallery.com

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CAREERS?**



PARTICIPATE IN THE
**JEAN MINGUY MEMORIAL
RCMP YOUTH
Academy**

MAY 25TH-30TH

Applications are DUE January 31st
for this week long immersive experience.

Applications are now available
from your Career Coordinator, your
school's office, or from our website.



AGES 16-18
Are invited to apply

Cost is
\$350

includes all food, lodging
and supplies for the week.

**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

Thank you for supporting us
with your donations!