



École Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

April 17, 2025

Okanagan College Advisor Sessions

Okanagan College Advisors are returning to KSS on **April 23rd and 24th** to KSS MPR to meet with students regarding any program or course planning questions they have. Advisors will be available from 9:45am until 11:45 am and drop in's at lunch.

They are here to help you make the most of your time at OC. Whether you plan to take a full credential, or a few transferable courses, your decision to come to school is a life-changing choice. Education Planning Advising is all about working together to create a plan that works for you. We'll go over program requirements, prerequisites, course options, and help you map out your academic path. We're here to guide you through college processes and ensure you have a clear plan for your time at OC. Here are the links to the Booking tool for our visits to KSS: 15-minute time slots available.

Please visit the link below to book your appointment time.

Meetings are by appointment only!

Please sign up [HERE](#).

Upcoming dates . .

Apr 18	Good Friday—NO SCHOOL
Apr 21	Easter Monday—NO SCHOOL.
Apr 22	Health Nurse Wellness Clinics in Career Ctr AM
Apr 23-24	Student Vote
May 2	Cultural Performances in the gym
May 2	Student Written Learning Updates are published to MyEd Parent Portal at 3:00 p.m.
May 13 & 27	Health Nurse Wellness Clinics in Career Ctr AM
May 15	District Award Scholarship Presentations AM
May 16	PROM
May 19	Victoria Day—NO SCHOOL
May 20	KSS PAC AGM 6:30 p.m. in LLC (<i>all parents welcome</i>)
May 21	Diner en Blanc
May 26-30	Night Owl Theatre
May 28	Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m. Capstone Presentations PM

PROM TICKET SALES

In order to purchase Prom Tickets, students **must not have any outstanding fees or books**. Overdue lists are posted in front of the main office in the MPR. Parents may check School Cash Online as well. Items already purchased are listed under "History".

Please pay fees online at [School Cash Online](#).

If you must pay with credit/debit/cash, students may come to the main office during lunchtime.

Prom tickets will be on sale April 28—May 2, before school (8:00-9:00 a.m.), during lunch, or after school (3:15-4:00 p.m.) in **Room 147**.

Each ticket is **\$110 each** and will be sold in person only to Grade 12 students. Students may pay with cash, debit or credit.



If your family is experiencing financial difficulties, please speak with your Alpha VP.

PROM 2025 - CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Calling all KSS Parents/Guardians

HELP MAKE PROM 2025 UNFORGETTABLE!

We are in need of a few 'Night Owls' to chaperone the later shifts on Friday, May 16th at The Delta Grand Hotel. If you could spare an hour or two, it would greatly support Prom 2025.



Please sign up [HERE](#).

Let's come together and make this night truly special!

If you have questions, please email:

ksspromcommittee@gmail.com



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors:

Mindset shift:

Instead of saying "I have to," say "I get to!" Life isn't an obligation, it's an opportunity.

FRANCE EXCHANGE

Val Kolesar and Barb Huva had the grand plaisir to chaperone 27 grade 11 and 12 Core French and French Immersion students from École George Elliot Secondary, École Kelowna Secondary and École Okanagan Mission Secondary over Spring Break. The students lived with their French “twins” and their families and attended Lycée de l’Albanais in Rumilly. The experience included some travel and playing pétanque! France students visited Kelowna and area last October and November. Some lifelong friendships were formed. Quelle bonne expérience!



GRAD CLOTHING SALES



Class of 2025! We are now launching your **last grad clothing store** of the year. *Don't wait, as this is your **last chance to get grad gear**.*

DEADLINE IS April 22nd, 2025



ORDER [HERE](#).



KSS WEBSITE & CALENDARS

<https://kss.sd23.bc.ca/>

Please check the KSS Website for important information such as: Course Viewbook, Student Services, Drama, Library and Tech information, Whoo's News, PAC Meeting Minutes, Grad information, Career-Life Programs and student volunteer opportunities and much more!

KELOWNA OWLS ATHLETICS Page and Gym Calendar is under “Students” tab and “Athletics”. Link [HERE](#)

KSS SCHOOL CALENDAR is on the KSS Website [HERE](#) is a link.





GRAD 2025



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in Graduation, Grade 12 students must have:

- ◇ Filled out the "Convocation Information" Form on the Grad Google Classroom
- ◇ Returned any overdue library books or textbooks;
- ◇ Paid any outstanding student fees (*including \$75.00 Grad Commencement Fee*); and,
- ◇ Be in a calculable position to graduate.

PROMENADE & BANQUET

Promenade (Grad Walk), followed by Grad Banquet and Dance, is on **Friday, May 16, 2025.**

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Promenade will begin at 5:30 p.m. sharp. **Grads must arrive** at The Dolphins downtown **by 5:00 p.m. to line up!** The walk will begin at The Dolphins and conclude at the pool entrance of The Delta Grand Hotel where the banquet and dance will take place.



Prom banquet and dance is for Grade 12 students only. **Grads must show photo ID to enter The Grand.** More information is to come regarding table/seat selection.

The KSS Code of Conduct will be in place for the entire evening.

CONVOCATION

Convocation (Commencement Ceremony) is the cap and gown ceremony where students will receive their graduation diploma.

Convocation is on **Saturday, June 7, 2025** in the KSS Gym. There are two ceremonies:

- 1: Last Names beginning with **A — L** at **10:30 a.m.**
- 2: Last Names beginning with **M — Z** at **2:30 p.m.**



Each student may receive **up to SIX tickets**. There is no waitlist for extra tickets. Student will pick up their convocation tickets when they pick up their grad cap, gown and stole at the end of May. Convocation will be livestreamed via link on the KSS Web-site (Grad tab) for those that are unable to attend. The Graduation Commencement Fee of \$75.00 was due on April 1st. Payment may still be made in School Cash Online.

OUTSTANDING FEES

The "**Outstanding Fees & Textbooks List**" will be posted in the MPR and is sorted by PUPIL NUMBER. Please have your grade 12 student check this list and take care of any outstanding fees. Students will find their Pupil Number in their MyEd Student Portal.

Fees are paid via [School Cash Online](#).

If you do not see a fee in School Cash Online, please check your History to see if it has already been paid.



Kelowna Secondary School École Secondaire Kelowna

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On behalf of the graduating class of 2025 and this year's grad council at Kelowna Secondary School, we would like to request donations to help fund and execute this year's upcoming graduation/prom. With such a large graduating class, the PAC, grad council, as well as staff at KSS have taken on the large task of planning this event. Any donations would be put towards helping lower the cost of each student's admission into the event but could also be used towards the expenses of the event itself. Some of the expenses include food, entertainment (music and photography), decorations, and the venue rental.

Donations can be made to cover or lower the cost of specific items or can be given for general use. All funds donated will go entirely towards putting together an unforgettable event for our grad class. Tax receipts can be provided if your donation is made through the Central Okanagan School District's website **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**. You can register/log into this site and select the button **Make A Donation**, select an amount for your donation, choose **KELOWNA SECONDARY** as the Fund Destination, and add **KSS PROM** to the Message to School Board to ensure your donation is added to our event. If you do not require a tax receipt, a cheque can be made to **KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL** attention **KSS PROM**.

<https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/56/15/false/true>

Any help would be greatly appreciated, as it would help ensure that every student has the opportunity to attend the event at a minimal cost to all and make it a memorable night for our grads.

Sincerely, KSS Grad Class of 2025

UBC School of Engineering SEED Summer Program



Stewards in Engineering Education (SEED)

The SEED program is designed to promote a strong interest in research. If selected following the application process, students will participate in state-of-the-art research laboratories with world-class researchers and graduate students at UBC's Okanagan campus for a one-week period in the summer from July 21-25, 2025. This is open to Grade 9-12 students.

The deadline to apply is May 30, 2025. Selected candidates will be notified by June 13, 2025.

APPLY BY MAY 30

Apply online at tinyurl.com/SEEDSummer2025 or using the QR code:



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

engineering.ok.ubc.ca/programs-admissions/outreach-programs

CONTACT US

engineering.okanagan@ubc.ca



Caregivers EFFT Workshop Emotion Focused Family Therapy



Is your youth struggling with mental health challenges like anxiety, depression, substance use, or disordered eating? Do you need support navigating their behaviour, setting limits, or responding to their emotions?

This workshop aims to equip caregivers with practical skills and tools to better support their loved ones facing mental health and wellness challenges.



Monday May 26 and
Tuesday May 27, 9am - 4pm
2 DAY WORKSHOP

In-person at Foundry Kelowna 100-1815 Kirschner Rd

To register email kendra.arthurs@cmhskelowna.org AND michelle.couimet@cmhskelowna.org or call 236.420.2803



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WOMEN in STEM (Grades 9-12)



An evening workshop of hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math based activities, experiential learning, and mentorship.

Designed for young women in grades 9-12 to connect, experience, and build networks that will support their STEM journey.

May 12th
4 pm - 7 pm
ARTS Building UBCO



Confirmed Mentors Representing Careers in:

Chemistry • Ecology • Engineering •
Biochemistry • Neuroscience • Physiotherapy •
UBCO STEM Students • Computer Science •
Dentistry • with more to come!



Register before April 31 at: <https://www.active.com/kelowna-bc/technology/camp/women-in-stem-grades-9-12-2025>



Chairs for Women in Science and Engineering /
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Chaires pour l'inclusion en sciences et en génie



VOLUNTEER AT THE IG WEALTH MANAGEMENT WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025 Kelowna City Park

We are recruiting day-of-event volunteers to help us set up, clean up, register participants, provide general support and more.

To sign up, visit your
Career Centre!
Deadline to apply is May 1st



[alzbc.org/
EventVol](https://alzbc.org/EventVol)



High School 6-Week Track & Field Program!

Get ready for the 2025 High School Championships with OAC!

Who: Grades 8-12 Students

What: 6 weeks of track and field training

When: Starts April

Why: Train with expert coaches, improve your skills, and compete at your best!

Visit: www.okac.ca to Sign up @okanaganathletics

Questions? Email Karen: manager@okac.ca | 250-862-6039



Thursday

May 22, 2025

8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Okanagan College
Kelowna Campus
1000 KLO Rd.
Kelowna BC V1Y 4X8

Registration/Continental
Breakfast

8:30 am to 9:00 a.m.

This amazing event will include an array of hands-on workshops led by female mentors designed to help young women develop a better understanding of the potential of skilled trades careers.

Additional highlights will include an incredible lunch, information booths, facility tours, guest speakers and mentorship.

We hope you can join us.

**For more information and an
application form, see
your Career Centre
DEADLINE TO REGISTER
IS TUESDAY, APRIL 22nd**

We have an inclusive view of the word "female" and we welcome trans, genderqueer, and non-binary participants.



PAC UPDATE

Community Matters

You are a Part of the PAC

If you are a parent or guardian with a student returning or starting at KSS this fall, you are automatically part of the PAC for the 2025-26 school year! As a member you are invited to the upcoming AGM; and are encouraged to consider getting more involved and letting your name stand for a PAC executive role.

The PAC Executive

For those new to the school, the PAC at KSS isn't about fund raising so don't let that thought scare you. The major role is allocating the approximately \$30,000 of BC Gaming Funds to help fund extracurricular activities such as; class field trips, musical instruments, sports uniforms, dance instruction, robotics, and more.

KSS is required to have a PAC executive to continue receiving BC Gaming Grant Funding. We will be voting in the 2025-26 PAC executive at the AGM. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please email KSS.PACPresident@sd23.bc.ca. There can also be nominations from the floor at the AGM.

KSS PAC Executive Committee 2025-26 (roles and nomination status):

- Chair or Co-chair §
- Vice or Co-chair - **Open for nominees**
- Treasurer (1 nominee)
- Secretary §
- Academic Chair §
- Athletic Chair §
- Fine Arts Chair §
- Indigenous Chair §
- Technical Education Chair §
- Student Support Chair §
- Clubs Chair §
- COPAC Rep - **Open for nominees**

§ denotes that the current person in the role is willing to stay in the role for next year

Even if you can't volunteer for a position, the PAC welcomes your input and attendance at all meetings. It's an easy way to keep up with what is happening at KSS. We look forward to seeing you!

AGM : **May 20th @ 6:30pm**
: **in the school library**



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 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.