



WHOO'S NEWS

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250-870-5105



**Welcome to KSS
2025-2026 School Year!**



The first day
back to school is
Tuesday, **September 2nd**.

Sept 2 Mini-Rotation Schedule	
9:00 - 9:30	HOMEROOM
9:30 - 9:45	BLOCK 1
9:50 - 10:05	BLOCK 2
10:10 - 10:25	BLOCK 3
10:30 - 10:45	BLOCK 4
10:50 - 11:05	BLOCK 5
11:10 - 11:25	BLOCK 6
11:25 - 11:40	BREAK
11:40 - 11:55	BLOCK 7
12:00 - 12:15	BLOCK 8

How do I find my Homeroom?

- Students will find their Homeroom on their Student Schedule. Schedules will be published to the MyEd Parent Portal next week. Homerooms may also be found in the MyEd Parent Portal, "Family" top tab, "Demographics".
- Your Homeroom Number is the Classroom Number. Example: Homeroom 179 is Classroom # 179.
- If you do not have a homeroom, please come to the main office.
- Each morning of the first week (Sept 2-5) will begin with a Homeroom at 9:00 a.m. Attendance is taken and important information will be distributed.
STUDENTS MUST KNOW THEIR HOMEROOM!

**Bus Pick-up at
12:25 p.m.
on Sept 2**



KSS CALENDAR

Please check the KSS Website for important information and upcoming events. You will also find the KSS Calendar on the KSS Website main page. Link is [HERE](#)

September 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Sept 1 Monday Labour Day	2 Sept 2 Tuesday Back to School	3 Sept 3 Wednesday Back to School	4 Sept 4 Thursday Back to School	5 Sept 5 Friday Back to School
6 Sept 6 Saturday Back to School	7 Sept 7 Sunday Back to School	8 Sept 8 Monday Back to School	9 Sept 9 Tuesday Back to School	10 Sept 10 Wednesday Back to School	11 Sept 11 Thursday Back to School	12 Sept 12 Friday Back to School
13 Sept 13 Saturday Back to School	14 Sept 14 Sunday Back to School	15 Sept 15 Monday Back to School	16 Sept 16 Tuesday Back to School	17 Sept 17 Wednesday Back to School	18 Sept 18 Thursday Back to School	19 Sept 19 Friday Back to School
20 Sept 20 Saturday Back to School	21 Sept 21 Sunday Back to School	22 Sept 22 Monday Back to School	23 Sept 23 Tuesday Back to School	24 Sept 24 Wednesday Back to School	25 Sept 25 Thursday Back to School	26 Sept 26 Friday Back to School
27 Sept 27 Saturday Back to School	28 Sept 28 Sunday Back to School	29 Sept 29 Monday Back to School	30 Sept 30 Tuesday Back to School	31 Sept 31 Wednesday Back to School		

COURSE CHANGE REQUESTS

Students must attend their scheduled classes listed on their timetable the first week of school, even if they have a request for course change *submitted*. Requests for course changes may possibly be granted (if space allows) for the following reasons: missing course, missing Indigenous course, missing grad requirement, courses are not in correct sequence, semesters are not balanced.

New students that have an accepted registration may come to the KSS Career Centre on **August 25 or August 27 between 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**, for course selection. For students that completed an Enrolment Application or are waitlisted, **IF** your application is accepted, you will be contacted for your course selection at that time.

Returning students, and incoming Grade 10s from catchment middle schools, that did **NOT** fill out the **Course Change Request online form**, may request a course change in person at the KSS Career Centre the week of **August 25-29** during the hours listed below (with the exception of Aug 25 & 27 a.m.).

KSS Career Centre hours August 25-29 are: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Course requests will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis and only for the reasons listed above.

The main office opens on Monday, August 25, with regular hours 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MEDICAL ALERTS

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform the school of a Student's Medical Alert. Please come to the office to complete the appropriate Medical Forms. Epi-Pens and medication may be kept in the school Medical Room if appropriate documentation is on file. **These documents must be submitted/reviewed and signed yearly.**

STUDENT FEES

ACTIVITY FEE

The required Cultural/Activity Student Fee for 2025-2026 is \$30.00 per student. **All school fees (cultural/activity, field studies, courses, yearbook, etc.) are paid online via SchoolCash Online—link is HERE.**

Central Okanagan School District's Financial Hardship Clause—Within Board Regulation 425R – Student Fees (see www.sd23.bc.ca), the Board of Education has indicated "that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship". Clause 8.5 in the Regulations states "Principals are directed to establish a procedure in each school which will allow for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families. Such procedures will preserve the dignity of families who may be unable to pay". Please contact your Alpha VP if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

YEARBOOK

An *optional* Yearbook fee has been added to student School Cash Online student accounts. The deadline for early bird pricing is December 1st. The final deadline to purchase a yearbook is February 28th. Extra copies are not printed.

PARKING PASS - Grade 12 only

An *optional* \$15.00 Grade 12 Parking Pass Fee has been added to all Grade 12 students. This is optional and only for those who wish to purchase a parking pass. Parking passes are available to Grade 12 students only and do not guarantee a parking spot, only the permission to park if a spot is available. To receive the parking permit, students must bring a receipt for the \$15.00 fee to the office along with the "2025-2026 Student Parking Policy Contract" (signed by a parent) and fill out the "Parking Registration" google form. All forms may be found on KSS Website, under "Students". Link is HERE.

STUDENT PHOTOS

Student Photo Day is scheduled for Friday, September 12. Re-takes are scheduled for Monday, October 6. All students will receive a complimentary ID card and photos will be in the KSS Yearbook. Photos may be purchased online through Artona.



GRAD PHOTOS

Grad 2026 Photo Appointments may be reserved now! Photos are taken at KSS in Artona Mobile Studio. Appointments may be reserved between November 26 - January 18.

HERE is the link to register.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

At KSS, in-class attendance is expected. Notes are not accepted to excuse absences, sign out or leave early. **Parents/Guardians are encouraged to report absences, lates and early departures using [School Messenger - Safe Arrival Absence Reporting system](#).**

REPORTING

School Messenger - Safe Arrival may be accessed three ways:

- (1) **School Messenger App** (most user friendly).
- (2) Online Parent Portal: go.schoolmessenger.ca.
- (3) Call the School at 250-870-5105 and press "1".



LATES

Students that are more than 30 minutes late for class must check in at the office. The office will timestamp the student's arrival. Once the student makes their way to their classroom, their teacher will change the Absence to a Late. If this is an excused late, parents may report this in Safe Arrival. Parents may contact the classroom teacher for attendance inquiries.

EARLY DEPARTURES

Parents may report early departures in Safe Arrival. Once reported, the teacher will see this in MyEd and release the student at the reported dismissal time. If there is no excused absence in MyEd, students will be sent to the office for follow-up. This may delay student dismissal as the office obtains parental approval. If no parental approval is obtained, the student will be sent back to class.

MYED PARENT PORTAL

KSS utilizes the MyEd Parent Portal. Student Schedules, Student Verification Reports, Student Written Learning Updates, etc. are published to the MyEd Parent Portal.

New parents/guardians will receive an email with a temporary Login ID and password. You will need both to login to MyEd the first time.

New families: please review KSS MyEd Parent Portal Instructions on the KSS Website, "Parents", "MyEd Parent Portal". Link is [HERE](#).

TEXTBOOKS

Certain classes may utilize Textbooks. In this case, textbooks will be signed out to each individual student. Students are responsible for the textbook that has been signed out to them and must return it, in good condition, at the end of the course. Students will be charged for a replacement cost if the textbook signed out to them is not returned.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The KSS Code of Conduct will be reviewed with students during their Homeroom next week. The Code of Conduct was updated in 2024 to include the restricted use of cell phones and personal digital devices during school hours. The Code of Conduct may be reviewed on KSS Website, "About Us". **Link is [HERE](#).** Hard copies are available in the office.

SD#23 TRANSPORTATION

School bus transportation is available to students if they are eligible and at a cost. Students must be registered in order to ride. To check eligibility and to apply for bussing, please see School District #23 Transportation Services. **Link is [HERE](#).** The school does not manage transportation applications, payments or Student Bus Passes.

To Contact Transportation:

Phone: 250-870-5151

email: transportation@sd23.bc.ca

2025-2026 KSS ADMINISTRATION

Principal: Scott Parker
Vice-Principal (last names A-G): Julie Loveridge-Marks
Vice-Principal (last names H-N): Jeff Prasad
Vice-Principal (last names O-Z): Michael Kormany

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

COUNSELLORS

Counsellor (last names A-G): Jennifer Mackereth
Counsellor (last names H-N): Sandra Curran
Counsellor (last names O-Z): Solenn Dishaw

LEARNING ASSISTANCE

L.A. Teacher (last names A-G): Fiona Irvine
L.A. Teacher (last names H-N): Mohyna Ragoonaden
L.A. Teacher (last names O-Z): Sean Davis
L.A. Teacher: Christina Drescher

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Teacher: Heather Reid
Advocate: Steve Kelly

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Teacher: Lana Skelton

EARLY LANGUAGE LEARNING

Teachers: Nicki Graham, Vincent Timmermans

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Resource Teachers: Cheryl Foster, Dan Forbes, Marta Michalowska, Lisa Robinson, Ashley Sparks.

ATHLETICS

All athletic information is found on the website: KSS website, “Students”, “Athletics”. The Athletic Calendar, Gym Schedule, Livestreams and all athletic information is found here. [HERE](#) is a link.
Fall sports will be up and running right away so don’t miss out! Check the website for upcoming Fall Sports try-out times for Field Hockey, Football, Volleyball and Soccer.

KSS PAC

The KSS Parent Advisory Council plays a critical role in BC Gaming Grant Funding. The PAC determines how funds are distributed at the school. At KSS, these funds are significant, ranging in the neighbourhood of \$35,000. Unlike elementary/ middle school PACs, where there can be a large emphasis on PAC fundraising, the KSS PAC only fundraises should it choose to. All parents are automatically members of the KSS PAC and are welcome at all PAC Meetings.
The first **KSS PAC Meeting** for 2025-2026 school year is on **September 9, 6:30 p.m., at KSS LLC** (Library Learning Commons). We hope to see you there!
For more information on the KSS PAC, please see KSS Website, “Parents”, “Parent Advisory Council”. **Link is [HERE](#).**

SANCTUARY SCHOOLS POLICY

The Central Okanagan School District’s Sanctuary Schools Policy
Board Policy 421 - Sanctuary Schools (see www.sd23.bc.ca) upholds the Board’s commitment to providing educational opportunities for all students who are ordinarily resident in the Central Okanagan, including those with precarious immigration status or no immigration status.
Student registrations that pertain to Policy 421 - Sanctuary Schools will be processed through the Welcome Centre.



ÉCOLE KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL 2025-2026 CALENDAR



Days in session	190 (3 summer Pro Days August 25, 26, 27)
Number of days of instruction	183
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 2
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Tuesday, September 30
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 10
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 13
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 24
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Tuesday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, December 22 – Friday, January 2
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Thursday, January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 5
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 13
Family Day	Monday, February 16
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, March 30
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 3
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 6
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 18
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 26

Terms		
Name	Start Date	End Date
Quarter 1	September 2, 2025	November 7, 2025
Quarter 2	November 10, 2025	January 23, 2026
Quarter 3	January 27, 2026	April 16, 2026
Quarter 4	April 17, 2026	June 19, 2026
Semester 1	September 2, 2025	January 23, 2026
Semester 2	January 27, 2026	June 19, 2026

Early Dismissal Days
Wed., October 8, 2025 — 1:30 p.m. dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Wed., March 4, 2026 — 1:30 p.m. dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Wed., January 14, 2026 — 12:30 p.m. dismissal Capstone Presentations 1:00-3:30 p.m.
Wed., May 27, 2026 — 12:30 p.m. dismissal Capstone Presentations 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Student Written Learning Updates (Report Cards)	
November 21, 2025 (Q1) <i>Published to MyEd Parent Portal</i>	February 6, 2026 (Sem1/Q2) <i>Published to MyEd Parent Portal</i>
May 1, 2026 (Q3) <i>Published to MyEd Parent Portal</i>	June 25, 2026 (Sem2/Q4) <i>9:00 a.m. Homeroom</i>

2025-2026 KSS BELL SCHEDULES



Regular Bell Schedule

8:55 a.m.	Warning Bell
9:00 a.m. - 10:19 a.m.	Period 1
10:19 a.m. - 10:28 a.m.	Break
10:28 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. - 1:58 p.m.	Break
1:58 p.m. - 3:16 p.m.	Period 4

Regular Bell Schedule with Homeroom

8:55 a.m.	Warning Bell
9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Homeroom
9:15 a.m. - 10:19 a.m.	Period 1
10:19 a.m. - 10:28 a.m.	Break
10:28 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. - 1:58 p.m.	Break
1:58 p.m. - 3:16 p.m.	Period 4

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

EARLY DISMISSAL at 1:30 p.m.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

(October 8 & March 4, 4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.)

8:55 a.m.	Warning Bell
9:00 a.m. - 10:05 a.m.	Period 1
10:10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Period 2
11:15 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.	Break
11:25 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.	Period 3
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Period 4

For safety and efficiency reasons, School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) would like to reduce the amount of Cash & Checks coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Step 1: Register

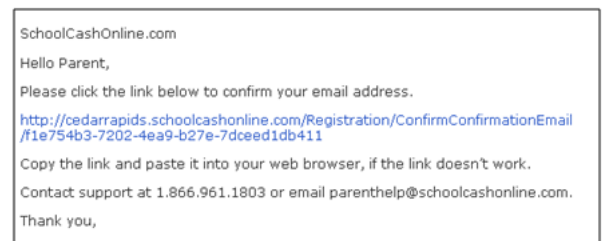
- If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/> and select the *"Get Started Today"* option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires *8 characters*, one *uppercase* letter, one *lowercase* letter and a *number*.



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account.

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

Note: Student Number is Not Required

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Name & Birth Date
- Select *Continue*
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select *Continue*
- Your child has been added to your account

Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575

Looking for a student in a different school board? ☐

School Name:

Student Information

Do you have the student number? ☐

Student Number

First Name: *

Last Name: *

Birth Date: *

Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

[Continue](#)

(No students? [Click here](#))

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select *"Add Another Student"* option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select *"View Items for Students"* option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.