



Whoo's News



February 18, 2022

Course Selection

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Course selections are due on-line in the student portal by Friday, Feb. 25, 2022. Please **DO NOT** bring them to the office.

Meeting the deadline for course selection will give your student the best opportunity to get the courses they request.

If you have any questions please feel free to email your counselor or your alpha Vice-Principal

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Please refer to the 2022/23 Course Selection banner on the KSS [Website](#) for the Course Selection Presentations.

KSS Ultimate Frisbee OPEN TRYOUTS

Put your game face on. Get the chance to be one of us!
WHO? YOU! Tryouts are open to all genders in
Grade 10-12



3:45PM-5PM
MARCH 1, 3, 8, 10, 15
AT THE RUTLAND BUBBLE

For more info, join our Google
Classroom **ult3xgr**

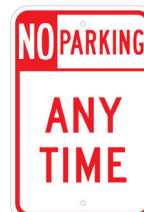
Thank
You



Parking at KSS

As you may already know, student parking at KSS is in limited supply. There are only 159 student parking spots at KSS. Student parking passes are allocated only to Grade 12 students. We are recently dealing with students parking in undesignated parking areas at KSS. This parking behavior is blocking fire lanes and causing safety concerns in our parking lot. Please be aware, that if students are parking in these areas, they may be towed at the owner expense. Please have a conversation with your child to ensure our parking lots are safe. **Students are also not to be parking in the visitor parking area.** Please see the

[Student Parking Contract](#)



 Dual Credit Programs SD23 http://www.dualcredit23.com 					
Construction Trades Sampler 775 Graham Road Campus	Feb (general intake) Sept (girls only) M-F 20 weeks	20 Credits	Contact: Bob Boback	\$200	School District #23 and Okanagan College are partnering together to deliver a trades exploration program to assist students in their career exploration while learning trades and technology skills. Students will have the opportunity to sample various trade programs (Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, and Steel Metal) that are currently in demand in BC through hands-on learning opportunities. In addition, students will also complete the outcomes for their math 10 or 11 (ADM Math) and their Career 10 or 11 graduation requirement. Note: This is not a dual credit program as students do not receive credit from Okanagan College for participating. Only Ministry of Education credit towards high school graduation are earned.
Power-Motive Trades Sampler OC 1000 KLD Road Campus	Feb M-F min. 2 - max. 8 weeks @ Practicum Placement	12 Credits	Contact: Bob Boback	\$200	School District #23 and Okanagan College are partnering together to deliver a trades exploration program to assist students in their career exploration while learning trades and technology skills. Students will have the opportunity to sample Aircraft Maintenance, Heavy Mechanical trades, and Collision Repair and Painting that are currently in demand in BC through hands-on learning opportunities. After 10 weeks at OC, students will have the option to participate in a work experience program with a local employer. Note: This is not a dual credit program as students do not receive credit from Okanagan College for participating. Only Ministry of Education credit towards high school graduation are earned.
 Mount Boucherie Secondary 2751 Cameron Road, West Kelowna, BC, V1Z 2T6 Phone: (250) 870-5101 					
Hairstylist	Sept-June Every Day 40 weeks	32 Credits +8 Credits WEX	Contact: Ashley Bedwell/John McParland Instructor: Mandy Speirs	\$850 - subject to change for 2022-23 school year	The program is composed of four theory and five applied skills training courses which make up 160 training hours in school. Students will also gain an additional 160 practical training hours in a salon or by volunteering. Students will accumulate the 320 hours of practical experience from the time they start their placement until they complete their work placement hours. Students will complete a portfolio which will include pieces of their work and a "how to" video. Students must attend MBS for their Grade 12 year. Students have the option of completing English 12 while enrolled in the program. Upon completion of the program students can be entered into an apprenticeship with a salon as a hairstylist to complete their apprenticeship and assessment for a final final certification. • Required courses for entrance: core graduation subjects • Recommended courses for entrance: none
 Rutland Senior 705 Rutland Rd N, Kelowna, BC V1X 3B6 Phone: (250) 870-5110 					
Forestry (Utility Arborist)	Feb-Jan Every Day 40 weeks	40 Credits	Contact: Holly Walter Instructor: Marshall Corbett	\$750	A comprehensive forestry based program that allows students to gain hands on field work and theoretical skills in the Forestry industry. Students will also receive training that enables them to qualify for their Level One - "Utility Arborist" Certificate. This is a Certified Apprenticeship Program that will allow students to directly enter the Utility Arborist employment field. A Utility Arborist prunes or clears vegetation in proximity to energized electrical equipment, structures and conductor lines in the course of utility line clearing operations, prunes, falls, or removes trees which could come into contact with energized power lines. Student must attend RS for grade 11, semester 2 and grade 12 semester 1. • Required courses for entrance: core graduation subjects • Recommended courses for entrance: none
Emergency Medical Responder	Sept & Feb Every other day 20 weeks	8 Credits	Contact & Instructor: Aaron Volk	\$225	Any students who are interested in a career in emergency medicine such as a nurse, paramedic, firefighter, respiratory therapist or doctor would benefit from this EMR course. Specifically, the EMR course is the pre-requisite to continue on into the Primary Care Paramedic program. Topics covered: EMR equipment and safety, legal and ethical issues, patient assessment and vital signs, adult/child/infant CPR with differential, treatments and protocols for common medical traumatic emergencies, childbirth and pediatric, pharmacology, intravenous maintenance, special rescue, hazardous materials awareness. Scheduled into student timetable at RS as core class. (Joint Institute of BC Program) • Required courses for entrance: core graduation subjects • Recommended courses for entrance: Biology 12
 BCIT @ Rutland Senior 705 Rutland Rd N, Kelowna, BC V1X 3B6 Phone: (250) 870-5110 					
Electrical & Industrial Electronics	Feb-Jan M-F 40 weeks	32 Credits	Contact: Holly Walter Instructor: Dennis Nymark	\$1050	This program provides graduates with the theory and practical skills necessary to enter the electrical trade. The electrical worker plans, assembles, installs, tests, repairs and maintains electrical equipment and systems in commercial, industrial and marine facilities. Job opportunities exist in the construction, mining, forestry, food production, manufacturing, grain handling, transportation, utility and service industries. • Required courses for entrance: core graduation subjects • Recommended courses for entrance: Physics 11, Drafting 11/12
Computer Information Systems Admin.	Semester 2 Every other day 20 weeks	16 Credits	Contact: Holly Walter Instructor: Rafie Relova	\$250	Through a series of experiments and projects students will learn: CCSC CCNA Level 1 & 2 Discovery, PC Hardware & Certification, Linux operating systems, and a BCIT Bridge course for students that are continuing to BCIT in the CS Program. Applicants must also have basic keyboarding and computer skills. Students attend class every other day. • Required courses for entrance: core graduation subjects • Recommended courses for entrance: any senior level computer courses Advanced placement to BCIT CS program and a pathway to OCN ICT (Infrastructure and Computing Technology) program. *Currently in the process of development.



Grad 2022 Update

As a result of the continuing Covid-19 restrictions, we have decided to move our previously scheduled in-person graduation ceremony from the original date to smaller graduation ceremonies to take place the **weekend of June 4-5, 2022**. Graduates will have the option to sign up with their friends or people with whom they would like to celebrate, and they may bring a limited number of family members and loved ones to attend the ceremony.

Sign-up will occur in April and will be advertised in the Whoo's News, on the KSS website, and on the grad Google Classroom. As we did in 2020 and 2021, we have hired a professional film production company to record the graduates' stage crossings, and the production will be released on YouTube for all extended family members and loved ones to view on Friday, June 24, 2022.

Regarding year-end formal celebrations: we have assembled a small team of parent volunteers who have begun planning a selection of year-end celebrations. More information will be forthcoming, including opportunities for more parents and guardians to participate and volunteer. Please stay tuned for information in upcoming Whoo's News newsletters.

Dual Credit Information Session

Thursday, February 17th

12:45 p.m.

In Room 101E

Come and learn about all the District Dual Credit Programs and ask questions regarding entry!



Bullying Awareness (Pink Shirt) Day

**February 23, 2022
In Central Okanagan Public Schools**



The following are the results from the **Athletics Wrestling Championships** that were held at Valleyview Secondary School on Saturday February 12, 2022.

Congratulations goes out to:

57kg **Bryson Burgess** - Kelowna Secondary School - Gold

78kg **John Shaw** - Kelowna Secondary School – Gold



Basketball OVSA Championships

Jr Boys @ Kamloops Feb 18-19, 2022

Jr Girls @ OKM Feb 18-19, 2022

4A Girls @ KSS Thursday Feb 17th and Saturday Feb. 19th 1:00 p.m. and 2:45 p.m.

4A Boys @ MBSS Feb 24-25 Times TBA



Rugby

3A Boys Tryout #2 Tuesday 7:00 a.m. @ KSS Gym

Jr Boys Friday Feb 25th 7:00 a.m. @ KSS Gym



Soccer

3A Girls Soccer—Tryout have been completed and team training has started.

Badminton

Team training is each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the KSS Gym



Tuesday evening, the Ministry of Education shared the Deputy Minister's Bulletin that provided the latest updates for districts and schools in BC. The bulletin states that effective this Saturday, February 19th that:

- *For school extracurricular and social gatherings and events that bring together members of the school community beyond staff, students, and necessary volunteers (e.g., an arts club performance, community fair), or that occur between schools (e.g., a music festival, a sports game or tournament), indoor capacity should not exceed 50 people or 50% of operating capacity (whichever is greater).*
- *Indoor spaces without a defined operating capacity, schools should determine a capacity limit that is at most half the number of individuals that would be within the space for that activity or event if prevention measures weren't in place.*
- *Spectators (e.g., parents, caregivers, peers), may be present for gatherings and events (e.g., attend performance club theatre productions, inter-school sports games and tournaments, etc.) within capacity limits.*
- *Schools should not implement proof of vaccination requirements for school-led gatherings and events.*

DAILY HEALTH CHECK

KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C)	If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms: Stay home. Contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Chills	
Cough	
Difficulty breathing	
Loss of sense of smell or taste	
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
Sore throat	If yes to 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better.
Loss of appetite	
Headache	If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home for 24 hours. If symptoms don't get better or get worse, contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Body aches	
Extreme fatigue or tiredness	
Nausea or vomiting	
Diarrhea	
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:	WHAT TO DO
Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	If yes: Fully vaccinated students, staff and other adults who have travelled outside of Canada may qualify for the fully vaccinated traveller exemption . Students, staff and other adults who are not fully vaccinated and have travelled outside of Canada CANNOT attend school for 14 days after arrival , as part of federal requirements .
CLOSE CONTACT	WHAT TO DO
Have you been notified by public health that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	If yes: Follow the instructions provided by Public Health.

You can also check your symptoms with the [K-12 Health Check](#) or the [BC Self-Assessment Tool](#).

Call 8-1-1 with any questions about symptoms of illness. If you have severe symptoms, like difficulty breathing (struggling to breathe or you can only speak single words) or chest pain, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

Visit the [BC Centre for Disease Control website](#) for more information on COVID-19.



City of
Kelowna

Family Day Weekend Free Skating

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18TH
Capital News Centre
6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20TH
Rutland Arena
1:00 - 3:15 p.m.

Participants ages 12+ must show proof of vaccination under Provincial Health Orders.

Thank you to the Province of British Columbia for their support of our free, community Family Day activities.






This Summer Do Something Different

July 2 to August 13, 2022

Join the YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange (SWSE) Program

Will you be 16 or 17 this summer?

Sign up for SWSE and for six weeks you can:

- Travel to Québec and get a chance to expand and practice your French skills
- Meet youth on exchange and make friends
- Get paid work experience during your exchange
- Stay with a local host
- Enjoy fun group activities exploring your surroundings
- Build on your skills for the future!

Your family must also receive a youth participant at home while you are away. If this is a challenge, please get in touch.



Qualified staff will support you through the entire experience. The program will cover the cost of travel between provinces and program activities. There is a modest fee to participate.

Become a host family. When you share your home with a youth participant, you are providing a cross-cultural experience, making a meaningful contribution in participants' lives and helping to forge new connections.

Any adult can apply to host a youth on exchange from another part of the country for six weeks.

Your support will include:

- Meals and a comfortable place to stay
- Inclusion in family structure and activities
- Guidance to the youth in new surroundings

Youth will work full-time and attend group activities during weekends, so they'll be busy! Program coordinators will be there to support you. If you need financial assistance to qualify as a host or have any other questions please contact us.

Employ a youth participant. As a non-profit organization, you can provide employment for a youth this summer at minimal cost to you.

The SWSE program will subsidize your new employee's salary at the minimum wage in your province, up to 35 hours/week.

You will provide:

- Six weeks of professional exposure
- Opportunities for skill development
- Supportive supervision

You can play an invaluable role in young people's career growth! Apply online to get started.

Apply Now!



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Career Exploration Conversations

A CAREER DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO SUPPORT YOUTH

Wondering how to start a career conversation with a young person in your family?
Looking for tools to help your youth discover the career of their dreams?
WorkBC.ca can help!



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
VIRTUAL WEBINAR THROUGH ZOOM
7 to 8 p.m.**

February 8, 2022 March 1, 2022
February 17, 2022 March 10, 2022

Please select the one event date that works best for you.

JOIN US ON ZOOM!
Click on hyperlink to register.
This event is free. | For questions, contact the [WorkBC team](#)



WorkBC.ca is facilitating one-hour interactive webinars to help parents and guardians support youth as they explore career options. The virtual events are designed for parents of grade 9-12 students to support career conversations with their youth.

Co-hosted by CES Career Education Society



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT

2022 - 2023 School Year (for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K - 12)
Online applications begin on **Monday, January 31, 2022 at 7:00 am**,
Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide telephone support to parents that require assistance.
Documentation Submission Deadline: **Friday, March 18, 2022**

HOW TO APPLY

In your web browser type: <https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca>

No internet access? Please contact your school and they will assist you with the online application.

PLEASE NOTE: The application process is online only, no paper enrollment is available. You are required to have a valid email account.

Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below **directly to the school** by email by **Friday, March 18, 2022**.

- Student's **Birth Certificate** or other government issued proof of age and citizenship.
- Proof of Parent/Guardian B.C. Residency**
 - Combination BC Driver's License and Services Card (copy of both sides); or,
 - BC Services Card (copy of both sides) and one item from the list of supporting documentation that follows; or,
 - Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of supporting documentation that follows.
- Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address/Supporting Documentation**
 - Ownership of a dwelling or long-term lease or rental of a dwelling;
 - Documentation indicating British Columbia residence (i.e. utility bill);
 - British Columbia registration of an automobile;
 - British Columbia Driver's License (copy of both sides); or,
 - A current income tax return filed as a British Columbia resident.

AFTER Thursday, September 1, 2022

New in-catchment area enrollments: Parents will be notified by a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

New out-of-catchment area enrollments: Parents may not be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

Qualifying age: The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2022 to qualify for school enrollment in September 2022. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website www.sd23.bc.ca or call (250) 860-8888.

NEXT STEPS FOR UVIC APPLICANTS

FROM HIGH SCHOOLS IN CANADA 2022

Thanks for applying to Canada's top comprehensive university—the University of Victoria! This is your chance to study at a globally recognized research university, get hands-on experience, and live and learn in our extraordinary environment. Use this checklist to keep track of the next steps to becoming part of the UVic community. If you have any questions, email us at recruitment@uvic.ca. We hope to see you in September!

Create a Netlink ID

Once you've applied, create your Netlink ID at uvic.ca/netlink. This will become your @uvic.ca email address while you're a student. You'll also use your Netlink ID to access the UVic student portal where you'll self-report your grades, apply for scholarships and register for your courses.

Submit supplemental information

Prepare your supplemental information (if required) and submit it by your program's supplemental application deadline. This is usually January 31 or earlier. You can find these requirements and deadline on your program's page at uvic.ca/programs.

Submit proof of English language proficiency

If your first language isn't English, submit proof of English language proficiency by February 28 or the deadline indicated in your application checklist. uvic.ca/enpr

Self-report your grades between February 15 and March 15

Self-report your interim grades or predicted IB scores via the link in the checklist in the UVic application portal. uvic.ca/application
By self-reporting your grades, you will be automatically considered for entrance scholarships based solely on your calculated admission average. You must self-report your grades to be considered for admission or scholarships at UVic.

Apply for on-campus housing between February 7 and May 1

Hoping to live on campus? Apply between February 7 and May 1 at uvic.ca/residence.

Apply for specific-criteria application awards

You can apply for specific-criteria application awards (based on grades and merit) as of February 15. You can apply before you've received an admission offer, but make sure to submit your application before the deadline of April 30. uvic.ca/entrancescholarships

Accept your offer!

We'll send your offer of admission by email. Be sure to read all information carefully and pay the acceptance deposit by the deadline specified in your offer. Doing so will reserve your seat at UVic and enable you to register for classes. uvic.ca/admitted

Apply for a study permit, if required

If you're not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, apply for your study permit as early as possible to allow for processing time. You can apply for your permit at canada.ca/immigration. You must pay your acceptance deposit before you can receive a study permit letter from UVic. uvic.ca/admitted

Register for courses

Watch your email between late May and early June for registration information including when to log in to find out your registration date and time.

Send final grades to UVic

Send your final official grades plus any other requested documents by the deadline listed in the UVic application portal. uvic.ca/final-grades



Building healthy communities

FREE PROGRAM

JUMPSTART

Employment Program ages 16-30

You get

- ✓ 1st Aid, Foodsafe, Superhost, WHMIS
- ✓ resume and cover letter
- ✓ job search and interview skills
- ✓ confidence
- ✓ paid while you learn

Start Date February 28

Virtual Information Sessions
Tuesdays 10:30am

Text or call
250-258-0514

Email
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SCAN ME



A parent's/guardian's guide to the cancellation of the French Immersion 12 Assessment for the 2021/22 School year (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12))

Background and what occurred

British Columbia's French Immersion programme allows students to earn dual diplomas, receiving both a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique. In order to graduate with both diplomas (often referred to as Dual Dogwoods), French Immersion students must meet specific course requirements, and also write provincial assessments in Literacy 10 and 12 (English), Numeracy 10 (English or French), and l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12). The LTF12 assessment has two distinct components: an oral component and a written component. The oral and written components are administered at different times. The French Immersion Literacy 12 assessment (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue seconde – immersion) was scheduled for first administration in January 2022.

Over the past few months, grade 10 and 12 provincial assessments have been impacted significantly by work force capacity issues and the ability to address technical issues within the electronic assessment system. The capacity issues for the Ministry and e-assessment service provider teams have been exacerbated as of late by COVID-19 Omicron variant. Due to these ongoing impacts, the Ministry made the difficult decision to cancel the January administration of all grade 10 and 12 provincial graduation assessments. Approximately 1000 French Immersion students took the oral component of LTF12 in the four days before the January session was cancelled. No students have taken the written component, which was canceled along with all other assessments.

A decision was subsequently made to maintain the April 2022 and June 2022 sessions for all graduation assessments except for l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12).

Why is the LTF12 Assessment cancelled for 2021/22?

The decision of when to provide courses taught in French for French Immersion students is scheduled at the school level, and in many cases all courses in French are completed in the first semester of the grade 12 year, or occasionally even in grade 11. As many French Immersion students do not have the opportunity to use French beyond their courses, it is of most benefit to students that they take the LTF12 assessment as soon after completing all their French courses as possible. In addition, if students are not currently taking any courses in French, they do not have access to teacher support in preparing for the LTF12 assessment.

Due to the language loss concern for those who have completed all their French language courses by January (which is approximately 59% of all French Immersion students), the Ministry of Education does not expect this group to write LTF12 in any further sessions offered in the 2021/22 school year. Requiring some students to write the assessments and not others based on when courses are offered would create inequity and therefore, in fairness to all students, the decision has been made to cancel LTF12 for this school year and to provide all Grade 12 French Immersion students in 2021/22 with an exemption for this assessment.

The Ministry recognizes the hard work French Immersion students put into their course of study and that the cancellation of the LTF12 assessment for this school year is not ideal. As well, those students who completed the oral component prior to the January cancellation may feel that their efforts are not valued. However, after discussion with various groups, including Principals and Vice Principals and French Immersion teachers, it was

decided that providing an exemption for all students was the best solution, providing the greatest fairness to students.

All students who successfully complete their graduation requirements (other than LTF12) will receive Dual Dogwoods.

With the decision to cancel l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12) for the 2021/22 school year, all students who successfully complete their graduation requirements (both course work and graduation assessments other than LTF12) this school year will be granted the Dual Dogwoods.

What Assessments do French Immersion Students require in 2021/22?

Along with their course requirements, French Immersion students must complete the following graduation assessments:

- Literacy 10 (English)
- Numeracy 10 (English) or l'Évaluation de numératie de la 10^e année (French)
- Literacy 12 (English)

It is important to note that the cancellation of the LTF12 assessment (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue seconde – immersion) is for the 2021/22 school year ONLY and that this assessment will be a requirement for Dual Dogwoods for the 2022/23 school year and subsequent school years.

What about Post-Secondary Institutions?

Consultation and discussions with post-secondary institutions confirm that admissions will not be impacted by the cancellation of the LTF12 assessment (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue seconde – immersion) and the exemption provided to graduating French Immersion students for this assessment.



View the link to an updated Dual Credit Programs slide deck to check out for course selection information.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/150Gff2dMI4QSVKb6rjzdcHrvaKzJAHGP7ve5R4MKY/edit?usp=sharing>