



École Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

February 14, 2025



2025 - 2026 COURSE REQUESTS



2025-2026 Course Request Parent/Student Night for incoming Grade 11s (YOG 2027) & incoming Grade 12s (YOG 2026) is on Wednesday, February 26th at 6:00 p.m. in KSS MPR. *You do not need to RSVP.* In-class Course Requests for KSS Students (incoming Grade 11 & Grade 12) will take place the last week of February.

Students must have access to their MyEd Student Portal for Course Requests! See Student MyEd Login instructions [HERE](#). If your account has been disabled, please see the front office.

Course Request Sessions at feeder middle schools are being held February 18-20. KSS Admin and Counsellors will host in-class sessions with students using the MyEd Student Portal to request their next year courses.

If you missed the Course Request Parent/Student Night for incoming Grade 10s (YOG 2028), you will find the "Grad 2028 Course Request Information" slideshow presentation on the KSS Website under "KSS Courses" (see link below).

2025-2026 Course Requests Deadline is Friday, February 28th.

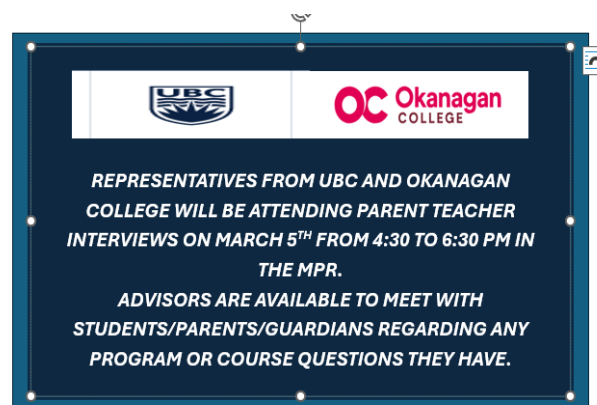
All Course Request Information (Viewbook, Planning Forms, Slideshow Presentations, etc.)

is on the KSS Website, "About", "KSS Courses". [HERE](#) is the link.



Upcoming dates . .

Feb 14	Pro-D Day—NO SCHOOL
Feb 17	Family Day—NO SCHOOL
Feb 19-20	Interim Reports go home
Feb 20	BIPOC hosts "Movie Night" in the MPR 5:30 p.m.
Feb 25	Grad photo retakes (by appointment)
Feb 26	Pink Shirt Day
Feb 26	Course Request Parent Night (see above)
Feb 28	2025-2026 Course Request DEADLINE
Feb 28	Yearbook purchase deadline
Mar 5	Early Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.
Mar 5	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Mar 11	Jazz in the KSS MPR 7:00 p.m.
Mar 13	Multi-Cultural Day in MPR
Mar 13	Locker Clean Out
Mar 15-30	SPRING BREAK



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors:

Confidence isn't about being liked by everyone. It's about not fearing being disliked.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday, March 5

Parent-Teacher Conferences have been scheduled for Wednesday, **March 5th**. Students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. on this day and buses will be running.

Interviews are held between 4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

There are no pre-scheduled appointments.

First come, first serve in KSS Gym.

BLOCK ORDER IS 3/4-1/2

BELL SCHEDULE:

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



The KSS Yearbook DEADLINE to purchase is Friday, FEBRUARY 28

\$35.00 for regular

\$40.00 for personalized

Extra yearbooks are NOT purchased for future sales. Don't delay!

Order & pay online at:

[School Cash Online.](#)

Note that if you don't see this item for purchase in *School Cash Online*, please check your *Item History* to ensure it was not already purchased.

Caregivers EFFT Workshop Emotion Focused Family Therapy

Is your youth struggling with mental health challenges like anxiety, depression, substance use, or eating disorders? 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 March 10 and Tuesday
March 11 9am – 4pm**
2 DAY WORKSHOP

In-person at Foundry Kelowna 100-1815 Kirschner Rd

To register email kendra.arthurs@cmhakelowna.org AND michelle.ouimet@cmhakelowna.org or call 236.420.2803



PLANT FUNDRAISER



KSS "Kracken" Field Hockey Team is fundraising for a trip to Argentina in July.

Please consider purchasing plants from this site to support the team. Delivery will be to KSS parking lot on May 6, 2025—*right in time for Mother's Day!*

Orders are due by April 21st.

Order [HERE.](#)

Thank you for your support!





KSS WEBSITE & CALENDARS

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

Please check the KSS Website for important information such as: Course Viewbook and Course Requests, 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". [HERE](#) is a link.

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



BIPOC CONNECTIONS GROUP

FOR STUDENTS OF COLOUR TO CELEBRATE, CONNECT, AND GIVE SPACE TO BE THEMSELVES

FIRST MEETING SEPT 11TH

LUNCH ROOM 147 WEDNESDAYS

BLACK INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF COLOUR

TEACHER SPONSORS
MRS. RAGOONADEN
MR. RAGOBAR
MS. DRESCHER

KSS PARKING PROCEDURES

As more and more students are driving and utilizing the Student Parking Lots, we'd like to remind you of KSS parking and student pick-up/drop-off procedures.

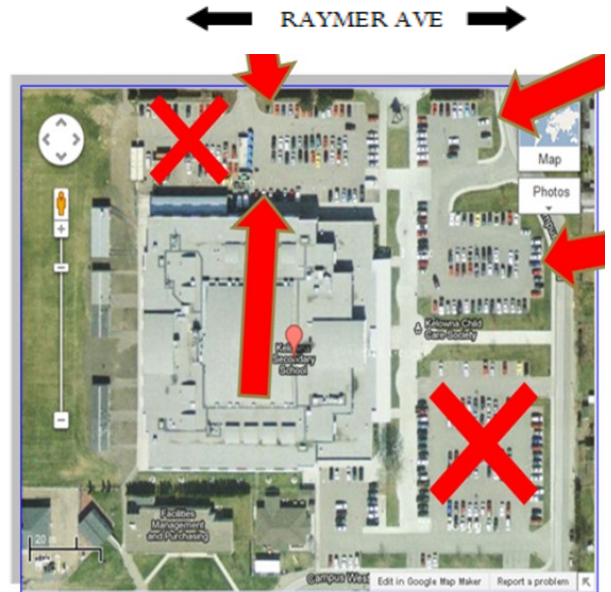
Please refer to the parking map.



The arrows indicate the **Student Parking Lots**. Student parking is first come, first serve and all vehicles must have registered and have a parking pass displayed.

The arrows also represent the **Visitor (Parent) Parking area**, which is located in the **Student Parking Lot**. Please remember to pick up a visitor parking pass from the office.

This is also the area designated for **student drop off and pick up**.



Towing is enforced at KSS.

Parents ARE NOT TO USE the Staff Parking lots (X)
for student drop off or pick up at ANY time for ANY reason.



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADE 11 STUDENTS



*Transform adversity
into opportunity
and pursue your
dreams through
post-secondary
education!*

**150+ SCHOLARSHIPS
UP TO \$25,000 EACH***

+ personalized financial aid counselling,
university selection advising, and
other support services

**APPLY
NOW**



APPLY NOW: horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships
DEADLINE: March 31

*** Requirements:**

- Canadian citizenship
- Household income under \$65,000

Volunteer For Relay!



Scan Me!

Interested in volunteering for our event taking place on March 29th, between 8am-8pm?

In addition to volunteering you can receive a reference letter from our co-presidents!

KSS MUSIC
& DIRECTOR SHEILA FRENCH PRESENT
SHOWCASE 2025
WITH SPECIAL GUEST CASORSO ELEMENTARY
& DIRECTOR LAURA MIREAU

MONDAY, MARCH 3RD 7:00PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM
THE SANCTUARY LUTHERAN
4091 LAKESHORE RD
WITH MC RYAN DONN

PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT THE KSS MUSIC DEPARTMENT

COME SUPPORT STUDENTS AS THEY SHOWCASE THEIR MUSICAL TALENT!
ENJOY A SNACK OR A BEVERAGE AT THE CONCESSION STAND
OR PURCHASE AN ITEM AT OUR SILENT AUCTION.

GENERAL: \$20 STUDENTS: \$10
TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGH
KSS MUSIC STUDENTS OR AT THE DOOR



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.