



WHOO'S NEWS

MARCH 6, 2026



kss.sd23.bc.ca

250-870-5105

[kssowls](https://www.instagram.com/kssowls)

MAR 9

5 / 6 - 7 / 8

MAR 10

1 / 2 - 3 / 4
Jazz Combo in MPR 6:00 p.m.

MAR 11

Homeroom / 5 / 6 - 7 / 8
Homeroom for Locker Clean-out at 9:00 a.m.
IH Student Wellness Clinics
Scholarship Workshop in LLC at lunch

MAR 12

1 / 2 - 3 / 4

MAR 13

5 / 6 - 7 / 8

Happy Spring Break

UPCOMING DATES

Mar 16-27	SPRING BREAK
Mar 30	First day back after Spring Break
Mar 31	Fire Drill
Apr 3	Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
Apr 6	Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL
Apr 8	IH Student Wellness Clinics
Apr 9	Pathways to Independence Fair
Apr 13-14	Windscares Choral Festival at St. Michael's Church
Apr 14	KSS PAC Zoom Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Apr 16	Quarter 3 Ends
Apr 17	Quarter 4 Begins

Cancer Awareness Week at KSS: "Project Ribbon"

March 9 - 13

Students in KSS's UNESCO, Global Awareness, and Interact Club are organizing a week-long fundraiser in support of cancer research at KGH called "Project Ribbon". All funds raised through school events and donations (from students or from the greater community) will support the advancement of cancer care at KGH.

During this week, students can expect a variety of events including bake sales, teacher vs. student dodgeball games, teacher and student head shaving, as well as opportunities to write 'get well' cards to cancer patients at KGH.

If you would like to donate to Project Ribbon, you may do so through [School Cash Online](#). If you do not have an account, you may donate as a guest. Once you are in School Cash Online, simply chose "Make a Donation". It is important to choose "KSS Cancer Fundraiser" in the drop-down menu titled Fund Destination, like below:

I am very proud of the students and staff who are collaborating to make Project Ribbon a success, and we are grateful for any support this fundraiser receives. Young people working together to make a meaningful difference in our local community is a shining example of Kelowna Secondary student agency in action. Together we are building a stronger, more hopeful future for everyone led by the powerful voices of our young people.

Cordially,
Jim Laird
Principal KSS

KSS Student Password Updates

To support cybersecurity across SD23, schools are working with students to update their passwords. Next week at KSS (March 9th - 13th) in Block 7-8, we will work with students to update their password for logging in to KSS devices and Google login.

The new student password requirements will include a minimum length of 8 characters, and the passwords must contain at least three of the following four categories:

- Upper-case letters
- Lower-case letters
- Digits (0 through 9)
- Non-alphanumeric characters (such as #!\$%)

Students having a new password ready for this process would be most helpful with this process. For any questions please contact KSS Vice Principal Jeff Prasad jeff.prasad@sd23.bc.ca



Interior Health Student Wellness Clinics
are held every 2nd and 4th
Wednesday mornings of each month.

These are **FREE** drop-in sessions in the
KSS Career Centre for students.

UPCOMING STUDENT SESSIONS:

March 11

April 8



When: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month 0915-1215
Where: Counselling Department

BC SUMMER GAMES 2026

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AT KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL THIS SUMMER!



The BC Summer Games are coming to Kelowna **July 22 - 26, 2026.**

KSS is an accommodation site for young athletes, and we need reliable volunteers to help us create a memorable experience.

If you are interested in helping out, please [CLICK HERE](#).



UBC MD Undergraduate Info Session March 16 - In Person Or Zoom

The Southern Medical Program is hosting an information session for prospective applicants to the UBC Faculty of Medicine's MD Undergraduate Program. Students and families will learn about the admission requirements, the application pathways, and how the program continues to train the next generation of physicians in our province.

The event will be held on **Monday, March 16, 2026, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. in the Reichwald Health Sciences Centre, lecture theatre 257.** A Zoom link will be available if you are unable to attend in person.

Presenters include Dr. Hannah Carolan, Associate Dean, Admissions, UBC Faculty of Medicine and current Southern Medical Program students.

To register please complete the registration link [here](#) If you are attending via Zoom, the link will be sent to your email address the morning of the event (March 16, 2026).

For more information, please contact Carri Folk, Admissions and Student Affairs Coordinator, Southern Medical Program at carri.folk@ubc.ca

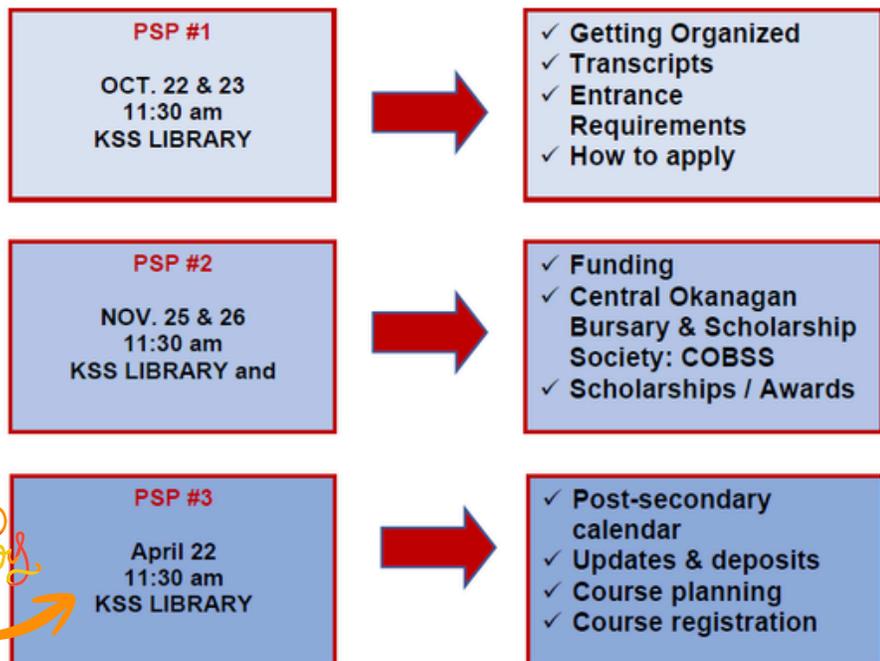
SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

Attention all grade 11 and 12 students looking for scholarship and bursary information and help! The YMCA is putting on a scholarship workshop on **Wednesday, March 11th** during the lunch hour in the library. Come by to learn about where to find scholarships that are right for you, tips on how to stand out on applications, etc.

Grade 12: Class of 2026

POST-SECONDARY PREPARATION

KSS will be offering grade 12 students **3 optional POST SECONDARY PREPARATION SESSIONS (PSP)** to help prepare for education after high school!



The sessions are identical. Please plan to attend during your spare to avoid missing class time

If you must miss class time, plan ahead with your teacher, early class dismissal required.

[Presentations will be posted on the KSS website for further information.](#)

Mark your calendar!

Take the Plunge

Come Join our Supportive Diving Community & Learn from one of our Incredible Coaches!

1 meter & 3 meter springboard diving lessons for:

- Beginners
- Competitive Athletes
- Adults



- Programs for everyone ages 5 and Up
- Lessons held at the H2O Adventure + Fitness Centre & Rutland Family YMCA

Email ksdc.general@gmail.com with any questions



Studio 100, Rotary Centre
www.newvintage.ca



Last Class Performances
- Pro Instructors

SPRING ACTING CLASSES
STARTING THIS APRIL

YOUTH-PLAYS
MONDAYS-DESPICABLE ME-4:15-5:30PM
SATURDAYS-DESPICABLE ME-10-11AM

YOUTH-MUSICAL THEATRE
SATURDAYS-A 1980'S SNOW WHITE-1-2PM

TEENS
Mystery Saturdays-The Watcher-11-12:30pm

ADULTS
Mondays-Improv Games Night-5:30-7pm



NEED HELP WITH **MATH & SCIENCE?**
COME TO **ROOM 284**
TUESDAY MORNINGS 8-9AM
MS. DRESCHER CAN HELP!

SCIENCE MATH

JUST DROP IN!

KSS Prom Fundraiser

Bottle Drive

Help raise money to offset the price of prom tickets for our 2026 grads!

Ongoing Collection

Drop-off Location:
Any Columbia Bottle Depot.

Use the following number when you drop your bags off!
250 826 9523

email any questions to natalie.spencer@sd23.bc.ca

Thank you for supporting us with your donation!

KSS PROM COMMITTEE - FOLLOW US!

For updates, announcements, and important reminders, please follow us on social media:

Facebook

Instagram



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Dear community member,

On behalf of the graduating class of 2026 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. Alternatively, you can choose to cover the cost of a prom ticket for a student who might not be able to afford it otherwise. Ticket costs are anticipated to be \$100 per student. 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.schoolcashionline.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.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Daniel Ragobar (Graduation Co-Coordinator) at Daniel.Ragobar@sd23.bc.ca

Sincerely,

KSS Grad Class of 2026

Do you *CARE* about kids and climate?

Become a Mentor!

Support local middle + high school students designing real climate solutions in our community.

“Mentoring a grade 11 student as part of the CARE program was one of the most rewarding things I’ve done. I watched him bring his idea to life while building skills in planning, collaboration, and community outreach. It’s inspiring to see young people leading climate action – and to know I played a small part.”

Jude Brunt

Community Engagement, Purppl
Board Director, Habitat for Humanity

- 10-30 hours over 3 months (Feb–May)
- Support youth with your diverse experience + passion – from carpentry to caregiving to tech to entrepreneurship to art and beyond
- No teaching experience needed
- Help turn climate anxiety into climate action

CARE is a practical, hands-on student and community education and engagement program delivered in Vernon and Central Okanagan school districts. Students explore and create real-world climate solutions that support local and global climate goals.

To support their learning, CARE matches each student team with a community mentor. **THAT’S WHERE YOU COME IN!**

83% of CARE Mentors felt more positive about our future after volunteering with young people!

CONTACT FOR MORE INFO:

kasey@freshoutlookfoundation.org

climateactionrippleeffect.org

**SIGN UP TO
VOLUNTEER**

https://bit.ly/CARE_Community 





We Don't Want You to Sell Anything!

But we still need your help

Dear Parents/guardians.

Each year the KSS PAC provides bursaries and scholarships 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 2026 & 2027 graduates as well as for teacher appreciation, and on-going PAC operating expenses.

How to donate

We have decided to use the school district donation option this year for our fundraiser. 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 *KSS PAC Fund*
5. *Add to Cart* to go to the payment page

A screenshot of a web form titled "Give To Central Okanagan School District". The form is divided into several sections: "Gift Information" with a dropdown for "Fund Destination" set to "Kelowna Secondary"; "Taxable Information" with a dropdown for "Type of gift" set to "Non-educational gift" and a field for "Name of Recipient"; "Message to School Board" with a text area containing "KSS PAC Fund"; and "Tax Receipt" with a note: "A donation receipt will be emailed to you upon completion of your cart checkout." At the bottom, there are "Back" and "Add To Cart" buttons.

With your support, we can empower the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and changemakers.