



WHOO'S NEWS

MAY 22, 2026



CONVOCATION 2026

Convocation is **Saturday, June 20th** in the **KSS gym**. Due to the size of the graduating class, there will be two ceremonies. Ceremony 1 starts at 10:30 a.m. and Ceremony 2 starts at 2:30 p.m.

Students had the opportunity to choose their ceremony on a first come, first served basis on a google form that opened at 7:30 a.m. May 22nd. The morning Convocation Ceremony was full quickly. If you were not able to reserve the morning ceremony, you have been slotted into the afternoon ceremony.

Each graduate will be given 6 tickets for friends/family to attend their Convocation Ceremony. Tickets will be distributed with caps and gowns in the MPR the week of June 1st-5th. Grads must submit the "Convocation Information" google form prior to receiving their tickets, cap and gown.

UPCOMING DATES

May 25-30	3 rd Annual New Works Festival, Night Owl Theatre
May 27	Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.
May 27	Grade 12 Capstone Presentations (p.m.)
June 8-19	Ministry Assessments
June 8-12	KSS Cancer Week
June 8-9	KSS Music Concerts 7:00 p.m.
June 10	IH Student Wellness Clinic (a.m.)
June 11	Indigenous Graduation
June 12	AP Banquet
June 13	Choral Concert at St. Michael's 7:00 p.m.
June 17	Homeroom for Locker Clean-out 9:00 a.m.
June 19	Semester 2 / Quarter 4 Ends
June 20	Convocation (see page 2)
June 22-24	"I" Days
June 25	Last Day of School
June 25	Homeroom for Final Student Written Learning Updates at 9:00 a.m.

CAPSTONE on MAY 27

Grade 12 Capstone will be on May 27, 2026, in the afternoon. The Block Order on this day is 7/8 5/6 (Block Order Schedule is below). Early dismissal will be at 12:30 p.m. Buses will pick up at this time. **STUDENTS: please check your Capstone Google Classroom for your time.** If you have any questions, please see Mr. Sodaro or Mr. Parmar.

EARLY DISMISSAL at 12:30 p.m.	
<i>Capstone Presentations</i>	
<i>(January 14 & May 27, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)</i>	
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

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

The last day of school is **Thursday, June 25th**. Students will go directly to their Homeroom at 9:00 a.m. where they will pick-up their final Student Written Learning Update. Returning students will receive their 2026-2027 Schedule. Buses pick up at 11:00 a.m.



SUMMER HOLIDAYS



YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION

Yearbook distribution will take place on **Wednesday, June 17th** .

The Block Order on June 17th is H/R-1/2-3/4.

yearbook

9:00-9:15 a.m. - **Homeroom** for Locker clean-out

9:15-11:45 a.m. – **Block 1/2** - Yearbook distribution



Only those students that **pre-purchased a Yearbook** will be called to the Theatre. *Students must have **photo ID** or have a teacher vouch for them in order to pick up their yearbook.*

Students on a spare, and dual credit students, may come anytime in the morning of June 17th to the Theater.

If you are unsure if you purchased a Yearbook, please check your “History” in [School Cash Online.](#)

KSS Outdoor Indigenous Learning Circle

From KSS, we would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to Bruno Dubois and the staff at **IHE Heavy Equipment Operator Training** for their donation of operator time and quarry stones, and to Scott Piquard and Khristopher Scott at **James Tirecraft Kelowna** for their community mindedness, connections, and support. Without these outstanding community partners generously working together alongside our staff and students, our Indigenous students’ long-standing dream of having an outdoor Indigenous Learning Circle would not have come to fruition. Thank you to IHE and James Tirecraft, the outstanding staff at each, to SD23’s Operations Department, and to our Indigenous department and students led by Grade 12 student Dilynn Scott for helping foster a legacy of nature-based Indigenous learning, reconciliation, and hope that generations of KSS students will benefit from.





NIGHT OWL THEATRE PRESENTS THE THIRD ANNUAL

NEW FESTIVAL WORKS



MAY 25TH TO MAY 30TH 2026



FOR TICKETS



12 PLAYS WRITTEN, DIRECTED, AND PERFORMED BY THE NIGHT OWL THEATRE COMPANY

**\$5 FOR STUDENTS, \$10 FOR ADULTS
DOORS AT 6:30PM, SHOW AT 7PM**

1079 RAYMER AVE, KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL

HOMESTAY OPPORTUNITY

School District #23 is looking for families to host international high school students from around the world. The next round of placements begins September 2026.

Homestay compensation will be \$1200/month/student starting in 2026-2027.

Apply now to join our team as a host family for international students experiencing Canada!

See link [HERE](#).



PAYTON & DILLON

BUDD MEMORIAL RIDE + WALK

JUNE 7, 2026 | SUTHERLAND BAYPARK

RIDE OR WALK

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EARN CAREER EXPLORATION HOURS!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Student Accommodations Hosts will run a Help Desk for student athletes and coaches at the BC Summer Games.

Volunteer Shifts

- Wednesday, July 22 - Sunday, July 26
- Locations - Kelowna, Mission and Rutland
- Various shifts available



Visit your Career Center to pick up an application today!

Apply by Friday, June 12th



ÉCOLE KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL 2026-2027 CALENDAR



Days in session	189 (3 summer Pro Days August)
Number of days of instruction	182
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 8
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Wednesday, September 30
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 9
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 12
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 23
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Wednesday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, December 21 – Friday, January 1
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Friday, January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 4
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 12
Family Day	Monday, February 15
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, March 15 – Thursday, March 25
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Tuesday, March 30
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, March 26
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, March 29
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 24
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Wednesday, June 30

Early Dismissal Days	
September 8, 2026—12:15 p.m. dismissal	First Day of School
October 7, 2026 — 1:30 p.m. dismissal	Parent-Teacher Conferences
January 13, 2027 — 12:30 p.m. dismissal	Capstone Presentations
March 3, 2027 — 1:30 p.m. dismissal	Parent-Teacher Conferences
May 26, 2027 — 12:30 p.m. dismissal	Capstone Presentations
June 29, 2027 — 11:00 a.m. dismissal	Last Day of School

Terms		
Name	Start Date	End Date
Quarter 1	September 8, 2026	November 13, 2026
Quarter 2	November 16, 2026	January 28, 2027
Quarter 3	February 1, 2027	April 20, 2027
Quarter 4	April 21, 2027	June 23, 2027
Semester 1	September 8, 2026	January 28, 2027
Semester 2	February 1, 2027	June 23, 2027

Regular Bell Schedule	
8:55 a.m.	Warning Bell
9:00 a.m. - 10:19 a.m.	Period 1
10:19 a.m. - 10:27 a.m.	Break
10:27 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. - 1:57 p.m.	Break
1:57 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Period 4



VOLUNTEER AT THE IG WEALTH MANAGEMENT WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

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 alzbc.org/EventVol



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!

Celebrate World Environment Day 2026!

A CLIMATE ACTION PROJECT

PLANT & PLAY

FREE EVENT

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS! ALL AGES WELCOME!

***FREE PIZZA!**

***PAINT-A-POT STATION**

LEARN ABOUT CLIMATE RESILIENCE

10am - 12pm

06 JUNE 2026

Matera Glen Park

***FREE PLANT GIVEAWAY**

PRIZE DRAW

* Free plants, pots, and pizza while supplies last.
 *Matera Glen Park: 250 Glen Park Drive, Kelowna, BC V1V2W3

Visit the project site to learn more!

City of Kelowna

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SPRING GOBYBIKEWEEK for SCHOOLS

MAY 30 - JUNE 5

BIKE, SCOOT, OR ROLL YOUR WAY TO SCHOOL!

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