



# Whoo's News



**SEPTEMBER 18, 2020**

**Another busy week!**

**School photos** will be taken on September 21, 22 and 23 (no re-takes this year). All students will need a photo for the Yearbook and to get their ID card. On the reverse of the ID Cards you will find the website address and your individual ID number to order photos, which will be delivered directly to your home!

## **ATTENDANCE**

Regular attendance is critical to a student's success. Our automated call home system has been activated to contact parents in the event of an unexcused absence. Please note that due to technical difficulties, it has not been operational this week. If your child is going to be away, or needs to be excused early, please call 250.870.5105, Press "1" and follow the prompts. The Attendance Line is open 24/7.

If you do receive a call from our Attendance Line, you can call in (same phone #) to excuse the absence. If you believe your child has been marked absent from a class in error, please contact the teacher directly. **Please do not call the office.**

**COURSE CHANGES and GROUP ASSIGNMENTS are now complete!**

Counsellors and Administrators have been extremely busy with course change requests. Afternoon groupings have been determined by bussing, alpha by last name and finally classroom dynamics as per the physical distancing guidelines. If you must switch days, please speak with your block 3 teacher. Please be aware that this request may not be possible.



## **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

**September 21, 22 and 23**

**9:00 - 11:30 a.m. only**

**(No re-takes this year)**

**Grade 12 on Monday Sept. 21**

**Grade 11 on Tuesday, Sept. 22**

**Grade 10 on Wednesday, Sept. 23**

**Important Pick up date/times for KSS Student and Grad 2020 keepsakes!!**



**September 22, 23 and 24**  
In front of the main entrance

Students and 2020 Grads can pick up Yearbooks,  
Diplomas, Grad Composites and the Grad  
Keepsake Diploma



The \$75.00 **Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony Fee** has been added to Grade 12 students and expires April 1<sup>st</sup>.



## KSS GRAD

There will be an information **ZOOM** meeting for all grads interested in running for president or applying for grad council on **Thursday, September 17 @ 7:00 p.m.** The zoom link will be posted on the Grad 2021 Google Classroom.



## Sports at Kelowna Secondary Fall 2020

[www.kssowlsathletics.com](http://www.kssowlsathletics.com)

*(Please see page 4 of of this newsletter for safety protocol in sports at KSS)*



### X-Country Running

Monday / Thursday Mission Creek Park 4:00 pm

Starting Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>, please see Mr. Carlson in Room 291 during the day for more information. Please contact Mr. Carlson at [thomas.carlson@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:thomas.carlson@sd23.bc.ca) for more info.

### Field Hockey

Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday

Mission Turf (M15) 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Starting Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup>, please contact [arnar.bernhardsson@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:arnar.bernhardsson@sd23.bc.ca) for more info.

### Football

Tuesday / Thursday KSS Fields 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Starting Tuesday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, please contact [chris.cartwright@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:chris.cartwright@sd23.bc.ca) for more info.

### Volleyball

#### **Jr Girls Volleyball (Gr. 10)**

Information Meeting Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm in the Gym

Try-outs Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 8:30 am KSS Gym

Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 8:30 am KSS Gym

Please contact [jill.friend@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:jill.friend@sd23.bc.ca) for more info.



#### **Jr Boys Volleyball (Gr.10)**

Information Meeting Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 am in the Gym (**Group A**)

Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 am in the Gym (**Gym B**)

Try-outs: Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 5:00 pm in the gym

Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> 3:30 – 5:00 pm in the gym.

Please contact [jadon.vakharia@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:jadon.vakharia@sd23.bc.ca) for more info.

#### **Sr. Girls (Gr. 11/12)**

Information Meeting Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the Gym

Tryouts: Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the gym

Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 5:30 pm in the gym

Please contact [kelly.hettinga@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:kelly.hettinga@sd23.bc.ca) for more info.

#### **Sr. Boys (Gr. 11/12)**

Information Meeting Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm in the Gym

Tryouts: Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the gym

Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the gym

Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the gym

Please contact [michael.sodaro@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:michael.sodaro@sd23.bc.ca) for more info.



*Please see page 5 of this Newsletter for Sport protocol*

**Hello KSS parents and guardians,**

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!

By virtue of being a KSS parent or guardian, you are a member of the KSS Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The purpose of the KSS PAC is to promote and improve the quality of education and the well being of students at Kelowna Secondary School.



The PAC will be holding its first meeting of the school year on Tuesday, September 22, at 6:30pm, via Zoom. The agenda will include a Principal's report and elections for the executive committee.

If you would like to attend the Zoom meeting, please email us by Friday, September 18th, at [Kss.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:Kss.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca) with your name, name and grade of your student(s), and your email address, so we can send you an invitation to the Zoom call.

We look forward to seeing you then!



### **The Central Okanagan School District's Appeals Process**

Policy 460 – Appeals states that, "A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in the Central Okanagan Public Schools may appeal a decision of an employee of the Board of Education which significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student". For a complete description of the Appeals Policy along with the recommended steps to follow in attempting to solve a problem, please refer to Policy 460 – Appeals, that can be accessed from the 'Policies' link under the Board of Education heading on the School District homepage ([www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca)).

### **The Central Okanagan School District's Financial Hardship Clause**

Within School District Regulations 425R – Student Fees (see [www.sd23.bc.ca](http://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 provides "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 the school Principal if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

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**Welcome Jazz Band 10 students and Parents! to KSS! ☺**

**Mrs. French is having 2 lunch meetings to give you information about the Music program.**

**Students PLEASE attend on the day you stay for your PM class and bring your lunch.**

**After the meeting you will go to your PM classroom.**

**Meetings are Monday, Sept. 21 (Group B) and Tuesday, Sept. 22 (Group A)**





Please note our new parking lot configuration

The Visitor Parking is now 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 to ensure the safety of our staff and students.

**Parents ARE NOT TO USE the staff parking lot for student drop off or pick up.**

### **Accident Insurance**

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for **student injuries** that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage

*Did you miss  
your choir  
audition  
opportunity??*



*It's not too late!*

*Please come and  
see Mrs. French  
in the Music  
Room (128) if  
would still like to  
sing in a choir  
this year.*



**COME OUT & SING Be Part of the  
AWARD WINNING KSS MUSIC PROGRAM ☺**

## **Auditions 4 Vocal Jazz & Chamber Choir**

**Where: Music Room (128)** (across from the washrooms by the Fountain/Gym)

**When: Before School/Lunches & after School – signup sheet /  
is on the inside door-this year you must signup for a slot to  
audition**

**Dates: Thurs/Fri ~ Sept. 10 & 11**

**&**

**Mon-Fri ~ Sept. 14 ~ 18**

**Come and sing a song of your choice (anything)!**  
**Everyone is Welcome! Auditions are PRIVATE!!!**

**All grades! All Students!**  
**Vocalists & Vocal Percussionists!**



**I look forward to hearing & seeing you!**





**Social Distancing:** Social distancing and reduced contact are encouraged wherever possible. Between students of different educational cohorts, it is mandatory. Coaches should be staying socially distant from athletes if they are involved in coaching multiple cohorts.

**Equipment:** Schools should attempt to reduce shared equipment where possible. Equipment sharing is permitted between students in the same educational cohort. Students in different educational cohorts are not permitted to share equipment unless it has been appropriately sanitized.

**Minimizing Contact:** While students in the same cohort can participate in a sport naturally without having to maintain strict social distancing, the ministry has stated that school sport must still maintain reduced contact. This means that in sports where there continuous or sustained close contact (as defined in the glossary) are required to adapt sessions to reduce the sustained contact.

**Group Size in Stage 2:** A maximum of 50 participants in any one training area. Approved coaches and staff are permitted in the training zone, but unless they are a teacher in the same educational cohort, are required to maintain a 2m distance. More than 1 cohort may practice on the same training area as long as the total number of participants does not exceed 50, there is no sharing of equipment (without cleaning) between the educational cohorts, and social distancing is maintained between students in different cohorts. We recommend that if a school is going to use one field of play for multiple cohorts, that a "buffer zone" of at least 2m (6ft) be set up that is clearly marked by cones or dividers so that it is easily distinguishable and that students and equipment cannot pass through this area.

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# Information and Support

For families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with mental health challenges.

IN THE KNOW PROVIDES EXPERT SPEAKERS ON TOPICS IMPORTANT TO FAMILIES. CONNECT AND LEARN WITH OTHER FAMILIES FOR AN ONLINE DISCUSSION - JOIN BY COMPUTER OR PHONE.

**Parenting when Anxiety Shows Up as Anger**

Join us as we answer questions families have asked about the relationship between anger and anxiety. We'll share experiences and strategies that can help in hard moments and focus on strengthening our relationship with our children and youth when those have passed.

Registration Required:  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6853319057342496781>

Communities: Kelowna, Penticton and Vernon

Cost: Free of Charge

Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Time: 7pm - 8:30pm

Connect and learn with other families for this online discussion. We will watch the video and talk about it together. Discussion facilitated by FamilySmart Parent in Residence

[familysmart.ca](http://familysmart.ca)



*Thank you for observing our new parking lot configuration!*

*The parking lot has been a much safer space for staff, students and parents!!*

*Thank You*