



Whoo's News

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!



ADMINISTRATION	
Principal:	
Scott Parker	
Vice-Principals:	
Christey Hughes	A – G
Jeff Prasad	H – N
Mike Kormany	O – Z

SUPPORT	
Learning Assistance	Fiona Irvine A - G Mohyna Ragoonaden H -N Sean Davis O - Z
ELL Teachers	Nicki Graham Lana Skelton
Indigenous Advocates	Esmee Rothfusz Steve Kelly
Indigenous Teacher	Heather Reid

COUNSELLORS	
Diane Demug	A - G
Sandra Curran	H - N
Sandy Corrado	O - Z

CLERICAL	
Candace Picklyk	Head Secretary / Administrative Assistant
Ginger Johnson	Accounts Clerk
Trinity Tompkins	Reception
Jasmine Montgomery	Registrations / Withdrawals
Paula deViveiros	Report Cards / Transcripts
Annette White	Book Room / Clerk
Debra West	Career Centre Mgr
Suzie Laratta	Career Centre Mgr
Anne Bene	Library Assistant

WE MADE IT through the first week of school! It has been very busy with just under 1,900 students navigating their way to new classrooms, finding their homerooms, becoming familiar with new routines and generally settling in. Courses change requests are now closed.

Upcoming dates . .

September 12	School Photos. Please see HERE to order (after pictures have been taken)
September 12	KSS PAC Meeting in KSS Library 6:30 p.m. (all parents welcome!)
September 13	Grade Assemblies in school gym (during class hours)
September 14	Grade 10 Parent Night - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
September 20	Grade 11 & 12 Parent Night 6:15 p.m. in KSS Gym & BC Post Secondary Information Session 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in KSS MPR
September 23-30	Truth & Reconciliation Week
September 27	Rotary Youth Exchange Information Night 5:30-6:30 p.m. in KSS MPR
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 2	NO SCHOOL —in lieu of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



ATTENDANCE

Parents/Guardians are required to report absences using the **School Messenger** - Safe Arrival Absence Reporting system.

Please do not call the main office.

The System can be accessed three ways:

(1) Enter an Absence Using the **School Messenger App** (*most user-friendly process*)



(2) Enter an Absence Using the **Online Parent Portal** - go.schoolmessenger.ca

(3) Enter an Absence by **Calling the School** 250-870-5105, press "1" and follow the prompts

IMPORTANT:

- Notes are not accepted at the office to either excuse absences or to sign students out.
- Students will not be released from school unless permission has been granted via the above process by a parent/guardian.
- Please refer to our detailed Attendance Policy on the KSS website under "About Us".

CODE OF CONDUCT

The KSS **Code of Conduct** was reviewed with students during their Homeroom this week. Please use the link to review the Code of Conduct on the website. [Code of Conduct](#)

KSS SCHOOL CALENDAR & WEBSITE

Please check the KSS Website for important information and upcoming events. The School Calendar may be found on the KSS Website as well - [HERE](#) is a link.

MEDICAL ALERTS

If your child has a life threatening Medical Alert please contact the school office for the appropriate forms. Epi-Pens and medication may be kept in the school Medical Room if we have these forms on file.

SCHOOL FEES

The Cultural/Activity Student Fee for 2023-2024 is **\$30.00** per student. All school fees (cultural/activity, field studies, year-book, etc.) are paid online via SchoolCash Online—link is [HERE](#).

CULTURAL PERFORMANCES SURVEY

SD23 is seeking feedback from parents and students regarding the Cultural Performance 23 Policy. We would appreciate any feedback you can provide. SD23 is collecting responses up to September 18th. Link [HERE](#).

YEARBOOK

An optional Yearbook fee has also been added to student School Cash Online accounts. We suggest taking advantage of the early bird pricing! Extra yearbooks will not be ordered so if you would like to purchase one please do so online.



GRADE 12 PARKING PASS

An optional \$10.00 Parking Pass Fee has been added to all **Grade 12 students**, and is only for those who wish to purchase a parking pass. Parking passes are available to Grade 12 students only **and do not guarantee a parking spot, only the permission to park if a spot is available.**

Listen for announcements next week for details! To receive a Parking Pass you must have:

- ⇒ Paid the \$10.00 fee on School Cash Online and have your receipt with you
- ⇒ Grade 12 Student Parking Policy Contract signed by a parent/guardian with you
- ⇒ Completed the Parking Registration Google Form [HERE](#)

2023/2024

Kelowna Secondary School - Student Parking Policy Contract

NOTE: Each year there are over **600** Grade 12's and only **159** student parking spots.

This Parking Permit gives students the permission to park in the Kelowna Secondary School **student** parking lots only, **but it does not guarantee a parking spot**. Student parking allocations are done on a daily '**first come, first served**' basis, and if there are no parking spots available then students will have to park somewhere other than at KSS at their own risk. The \$10 fee simply covers the cost of the pass.

By initialling below the student agrees that they will not park in the **Staff Parking Lot, the Visitor Parking Area, in a Fire Lane** or other traffic corridors. Students recognize if they park improperly, parking discipline procedures will be enforced.

* I acknowledge my understanding of the above by placing my initials here:

Student Initials _____

Guardian Initials _____

I, the undersigned, do agree that by signing this Parking Policy Contract I understand:

- That all outstanding student / school fees must be paid prior to obtaining a parking pass.
- That I will face progressive parking enforcement, should I violate any aspect of this Parking Policy Contract. (please see next page for progression of parking enforcement)
- That Parking Permits are for Grade 12 students only and may not be given or sold to any other person. Doing so will result in my parking permit being revoked for the year.
- That each Parking Permit costs \$10.00, and if I lose my pass there will be a replacement cost.
- That School District #23 and Kelowna Secondary School are not responsible for damage done to vehicles in the school parking lots. I park at my own risk.
- That I must display my Parking Permit on my rear-view mirror at all times when parked in the Student Parking Lot in order to make it visible from outside the vehicle.
- That while in my vehicle on school grounds, I will abide by the KSS Code of Conduct.
- That I will not "hang out" or loiter in my car while it is parked at KSS.
- That my Parking Permit may be revoked without refund if: a) I do not follow safe driving practices at all times, b) I consume alcohol or smoke in my vehicle while on school grounds, c) I make the parking lot a mess – litter, etc. d) violate any other terms of this contract.
- That I must update the office, should the details of my vehicle change (add a new car, change a license plate number, etc.

Student Printed Name

Student Signature

Date

Guardian Printed Name

Guardian Signature

Date

Progressive Parking Enforcement

1st Violation: verbal warning

2nd Violation: violation sticker

3rd Violation: Email to parents

4th Violation: Forfeit pass

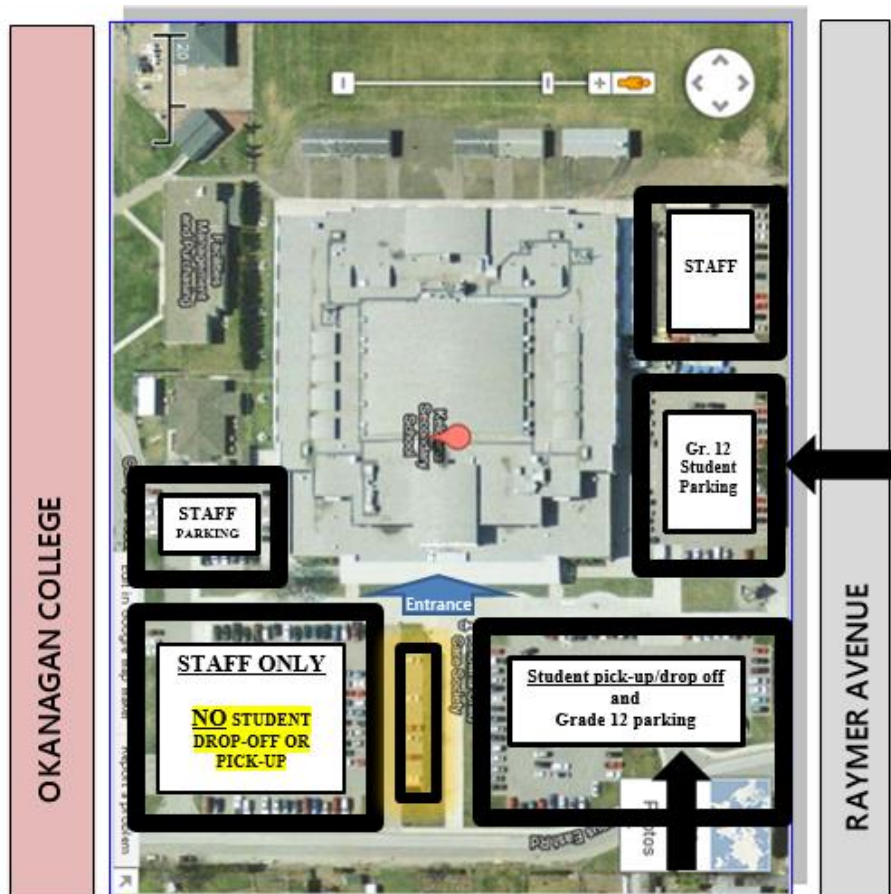
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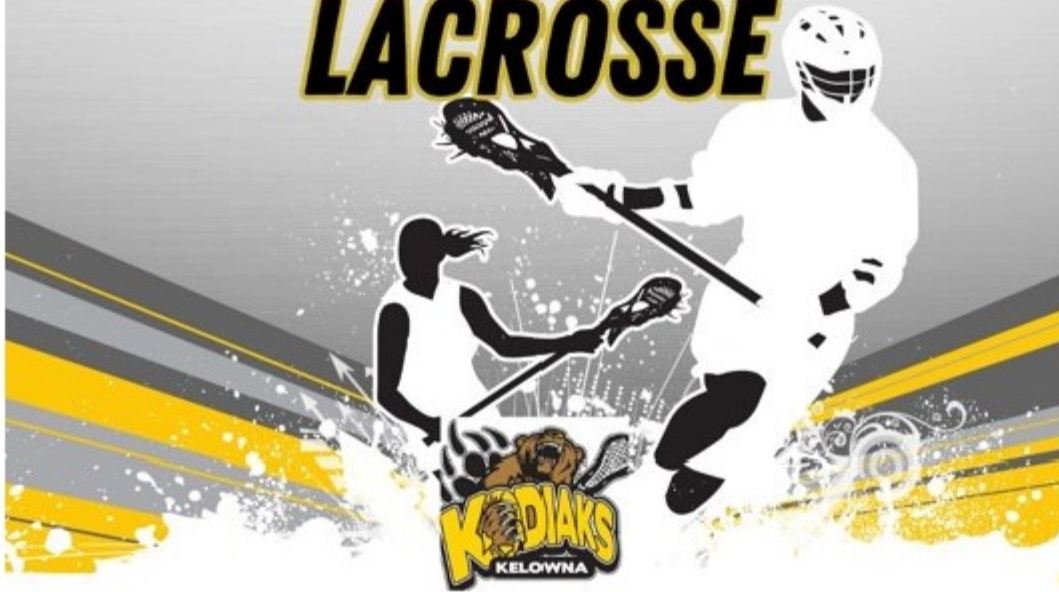
Submit Vehicle Information

- 1) Pay for parking pass and any outstanding fees on School Cash Online
- 2) Enter vehicle information Online - [Submit Vehicle Information](#)
- 3) Bring this completed form and proof of payment to the office to obtain parking pass.



Kelowna Minor Lacrosse & Kelowna Kinsmen present

LEARN TO PLAY FIELD LACROSSE



When: Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 6:15PM – 7:15PM

Where: Mission Field M15 (Artificial)

Open to any boys and girls born 2018-2007.

Bring a helmet with a cage, gloves, and a lacrosse stick if you have one. We will have a limited number of sticks available on a first come, first serve basis.

Free Admission Thanks to the Kelowna Kinsmen!

More Info: kmla.recruitment@gmail.com



KSS ATHLETICS



Activities at Kelowna Secondary get underway very quickly! Please check the KSS Athletics page often for try-out times. You will find KSS Athletics on the KSS Website under “Students” top tab. [HERE](#) is a link.

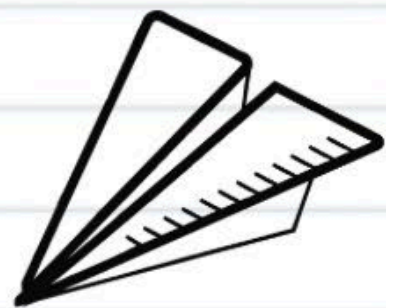
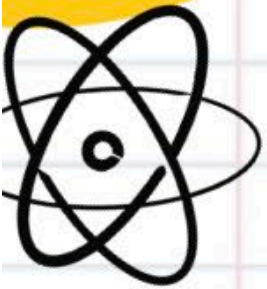
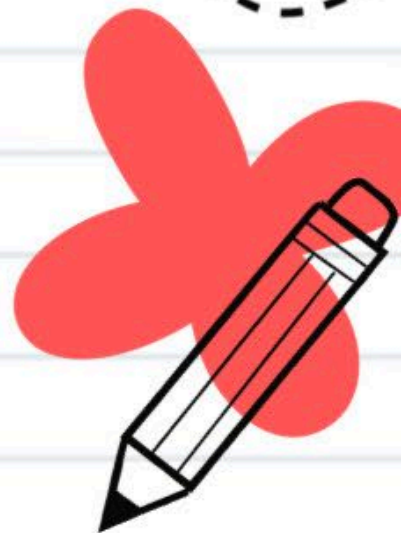
Students are encouraged to listen for the daily announcements made over the PA system and to also check the message boards around the school.

Apply by September 27th

EMAIL US WITH ANY QUESTIONS:
dsc@sd23.bc.ca

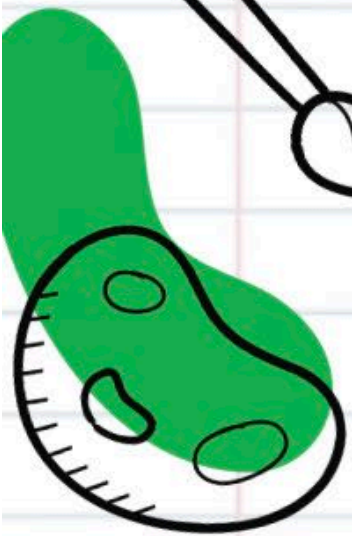


DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL



**HELP BUILD A BETTER
STUDENT LIFE!**

**THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO
MEET NEW PEOPLE AND MAKE
AN IMPACT BEYOND YOUR
SCHOOL.**



**TO APPLY FILL OUT
THE GOOGLE FORM**



**We are in need of 1 Grade 10 Rep
from KSS**

STUDY ABROAD

The Youth Exchange Scholarship
provided by your local Rotary Club



Valued at over \$24,000: Room, board, tuition, and monthly stipend for a high school year abroad.

HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED OF...

- ▶ TRAVELING THE WORLD?
- ▶ LIVING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY?
- ▶ BEING FLUENT IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

The Youth Exchange Scholarship for one academic year covers room, board, tuition, and a monthly stipend. The student/family pays for airfare, medical insurance, personal and optional expenses.

The Youth Exchange Scholarships are made possible by the generosity of our Rotary partners overseas and local Rotary clubs. Students must be in grade 9, 10 or 11 to apply.



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FUN FALL SPORTS -DAMENTALS

BY GENESIS ATHLETICS

For those who are new to sports, want to improve their skills, or don't have a team to play on! **Featuring a mix of gameplay, skill development, and a whole lot of fun**, these sessions run weekly throughout the fall! Volleyball & Roundnet, **for Boys & Girls Grades 4-8!**




NEXT GEN
TRAINING

PLAY ELITE

PREMIER TRAINING

PRE-SEASON TRAINING

focuses on **skill-development** through weekly sessions in preparation for **club tryouts**.

BOYS & GIRLS, GRADES 8-12

