



CONVOCATION 2024



Grads—it's almost time to cross the stage!

On Saturday, June 8th, KSS will have two separate Graduation Ceremonies in the KSS Gym. The ceremonies are split by alpha last name as follows:

A through L: Ceremony begins at **10:30 a.m.**

M through Z: Ceremony begins at **2:30 p.m.**

Grads - arrive 45 minutes prior to ceremony start !

Convocation Tickets were handed out when grad gowns were picked up. Each graduate received 6 tickets. **Tickets must be shown at the door. Main doors will open 30 minutes prior to each ceremony start.** The majority of seating is on bleachers and is first come-first serve (unless other arrangements were made for accessible seating).

Viewers are expected to remain for the entire ceremony to honour all graduates and minimize disruption.

INDIGENOUS GRADUATION

Indigenous Graduation Ceremony is on *Thursday, June 13th* in the KSS Gym. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and the ceremony will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Grad Updates: students should check their Grad Google Classroom, listen for announcements and check the KSS Grad website [HERE](#).

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in Graduation, Grade 12 students must have:

- ⇒ Filled out the "Convocation Information" Form on the Grad Google Classroom;
- ⇒ Returned any overdue library books or textbooks;
- ⇒ Paid any outstanding student fees (including \$75.00 Grad Commencement (Convocation Fee); and,
- ⇒ Be in a calculable position to graduate.

FEES

All fees may be paid via [School Cash Online](#). *If you do not see a fee in School Cash Online, please check your History to see if it has already been paid.* If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact your Alpha VP to discuss.



Why is Pride Month in June?

Early morning on Saturday, June 28th, 1969, police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York City.

The event brought on a series of riots by LGBTQ2S+ people, constituting it as one of the most important events leading to the gay liberation movement and inspiring the modern fight for LGBTQ2S+ rights in the US and around the world. The month of June was chosen to commemorate the Stonewall Riots.



YEARBOOKS

Pre-purchased yearbooks will be distributed on Friday, June 7 AM in Block 5/6.

If you are unsure if you have purchased one, please check your HISTORY in School Cash Online.

There are no extra copies printed.

Upcoming Dates . .

June 1	St. Michael's Choir Concert
June 2	AP Banquet
June 3&4	KSS Music Year-end Concerts
June 8	Convocation at KSS Gym: <u>10:30 a.m.</u> —Last Name A to L <u>2:30 p.m.</u> —Last Name M to Z
June 10-14	Ministry Assessment Week
June 11	Jazz Combo Night
June 13	Indigenous Graduation at KSS Gym
June 14	KSS Carnival (back fields)
June 19	Homeroom: locker clean-out and Fee / Book Statements
June 21	Semester 2 / Quarter 4 ends ** Last day of classes **
June 24-26	"I" Days
June 27, 9:00 –11:00 a.m. Buses are running	HOMEROOM - Student Written Learning Updates pick-up (Final Report)



NIGHT OWL THEATRE PRESENTS ..



NEW WORK FESTIVAL

This festival showcases student work from Directing and Scriptwriting 11/12, performed and produced by the KSS Night Owl Theatre Company, and mentored by Doryan Elliott, James Long and guest dramaturg extraordinaire, Denise Kenney. The festival runs May 28-June 1 at KSS Night Owl Theatre.

The various shows spotlight the playful, intelligent, and imaginative minds of KSS's young writers!

You can get your tickets [HERE](#).

More information about the shows may be found [HERE](#).

GOBYBIKEWEEK for SCHOOLS

JUNE 3-9, 2024



GoByBikeBC
BIKE IT. YOU'LL LOVE IT.

**Help your school
WIN \$1,000**

1 CHOOSE
Choose to GoByBike or another form of active transportation.

2 LOG
Track and report all your trips June 3-9. Every trip counts!

3 WIN
The more trips you log, the more chances your school has to win \$1000, and the more chances you have to win prizes too!

Two BC schools will **WIN \$1,000** to support active transportation!



RACKS & STORAGE



SAFETY EDUCATION



EQUIPMENT



ENCOURAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

BIKE REELS STUDENT VIDEO CONTEST!



SUBMISSION DEADLINE
JUNE 10 - 2024

PRIZES: \$50 VISA GIFT CARD

Two \$50 Visa Gift Cards for the best video submitted for each level:

- Pre-school
- Kindergarten to Grade 4
- Grade 5 to Grade 8
- Grade 9 to Grade 12

POSSIBLE VIDEO IDEAS

- Why do you like to ride your bike? Where do you ride your bike? How do you stay safe when you ride your bike?
- How is GoingByBike good for the environment? How is bike riding good for you?
- How do you get ready to Bike to School? Why do you like biking to school? How do you plan your bike routes?

We welcome all video submissions that celebrate biking, feel free to get creative!

CONTEST GUIDELINES

- Age: Students must be 18 and under.
- Length: 60-90 seconds.
- Content: Videos should encourage safe cycling.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL INFO@GOBYBIKEBC.CA



Link to submit video:

<https://forms.gle/PBW1C8JonGVWYkr49>

SUBMIT HERE!



FREE REGISTRATION
GOBYBIKEBC.CA

Register, log, and enter to win here ▶

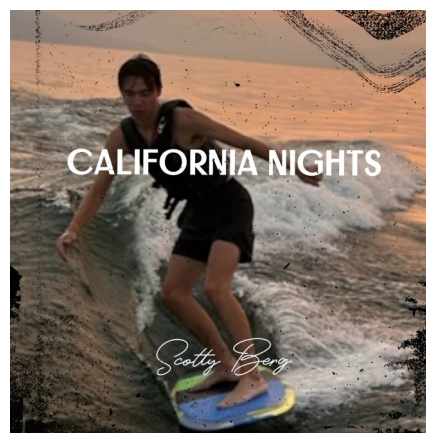


Thrifty Students Give Back

Student leaders at École Kelowna Secondary School (KSS) donated \$1000 to the Central Okanagan Food Bank after selling clothing at a pop-up lunch time thrift store. Thrifty Thursday is a regular event at KSS, and students are all for reducing waste while raising money for good causes. *"Thrifty Thursday prevents textile waste, raises money for great Canadian charities, and offers students a sustainable and convenient way to get clothes,"* said Julia Soleski, Grade 12. *"We can make a tangible difference because each piece of clothing a student brings home was diverted from needlessly filling a landfill or waterway."* For the first major donation from Thrifty Thursday, the students chose the Central Okanagan Food Bank. The Food Bank will be able to turn the \$1000 donation into \$3000 worth of food. *"We are deeply inspired by the KSS students' remarkable achievements with their Thrifty Thursday initiative,"* said RayAnn Gruza, Communications Coordinator at the Central Okanagan Food Bank. *"Their generous donation to our organization is a true testament to their community spirit, and we are honored to be chosen as the recipient."*

Organizing the weekly pop-up gives students a rewarding opportunity for volunteer experience, and they hope to inspire their classmates to keep it going. The senior leaders recently hosted students from École KLO Middle to share the idea with other schools.

"I have always been really interested in sustainability and clothes, so I really felt that Thrifty Thursdays was a great way to get involved with both," said Olivia Lewis, Grade 10. *"I really hope that Thrifty Thursdays can grow into a more prevalent weekly event at KSS with more enthusiastic volunteers."*



KSS Student **Scotty Berg** has been involved in creating a new song - **"California Nights"**.

This single was released across all music platforms on Friday, May 24, 2024!

Congratulations, Scotty!



Jr Boys Rugby were victorious in a hard-fought game vs. Yale on Wednesday.

They return to Abbotsford today to take on St. Mike's.

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL
KSS TEAMS THAT ARE
COMPETING IN
PROVINCIALS!**

GO OWLS!

2024 FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

FOOTBALL REGISTRATION HAS STARTED! KSS students who are currently in Grade 10 and Grade 11 and are interested in playing football for the 2024 season and participating in our spring camp in June 2024, please review and fill out the 2024 KSS Football Registration Form. Important dates are included in the registration package.

Please see the "Football" section of KSS Website for the registration package. Link [HERE](#).

Questions may be directed to:

Mr. C. Cartwright (Teacher Sponsor) - chris.cartwright@sd23.bc.ca.

GO OWLS!



Photo Credit: April Anderson/A-Game Photography

KSS PAC Executive for the 2024-25 school year – One open position

The majority of a new KSS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) executive was elected for the 2024-25 school year at the AGM on May 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the KSS library. However, the Indigenous Chair is still open. This role wasn't filled this year, so the PAC would really welcome someone to step forward.

All parents/guardians of current grade 10 and 11 KSS students, and those with students coming into grade 10 in September 2024, are: automatically members of the KSS PAC; invited to the AGM; and encouraged to consider letting your name stand. **All positions are one-year terms.** If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please email KSSPACPresident@sd23.bc.ca.

Even if you can't volunteer, PAC welcomes your input and attendance at all meetings. It's an easy way to keep up with what is happening at KSS.

KSS PAC Executive Committee 2024-25:

Chair or Co-chairs – Karen Hatch and Sarah Bendall

Treasurer – Cheryl Gawley (but she will want to train someone new for next year)

Secretary – Camila Biffard

Academic Chair – Cassandra Scheibe

Athletic Chair – Glenn Kissman (nominated, to be elected in Sept 2024)

Fine Arts Chair – Abbey Westbury

Indigenous Chair – Open for nominees

Technical Education Chair – Matthew Krisina

Student Support Chair – Jayme Bush

COPAC Representative(s) – Cadre Simpson

The PAC plays determines how BC Gaming Grant Funding – about \$35,000 annually is spent. KSS PAC meetings will be scheduled in the fall. There are typically seven meetings, one every month except Dec., March and June.

KSS PAC can be contacted at kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca. Please reach out if you have comment/questions or just want to know more about PAC.

Impact Events

VOLUNTEER HOURS!

Kelowna Car & Bike Show - May 26

Kelowna Wine Country Run - June 15

CSN Father's Day Car Show - June 16

Kelowna Ribfest - July 5 to 7

**VISIT YOUR
KSS CAREER CENTRE
FOR DETAILS and
APPLICATION FORMS**

Volunteers Needed!

JDRF - Walk to Cure Diabetes

**Sunday, June 23rd
Mission Creek**



**Visit your Career Centre
for more info...**

CAMP OC Volunteers Needed!

Summer camps in July & August

- ✓ Gain hours towards your 30-hr. Grad requirement
- ✓ Have fun while developing leadership skills
- ✓ Choose the week(s) you are available

**Contact
your Career
Center for
more info**