

École Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

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2025 - 2026 COURSE REQUESTS

Please take note of the following important dates regarding next year course planning:

- ⇒ "Welcome to KSS" Assemblies at feeder middle schools for incoming Grade 10s (YOG 2028) -Mon., February 10th.
- ⇒ 2025-2026 Course Request Parent/Student Night for incoming Grade 10s (YOG 2028) on Mon., February 10th at 6:00 p.m. in KSS MPR. You do not need to RSVP.
- ⇒ 2025-2026 AP Math10 Parent/Student Session for incoming Grade 10s (YOG 2028) on Mon., February 10th at 7:00 p.m. in KSS MPR. You do not need to RSVP.
- ⇒ Course Request Sessions at feeder middle schools are being held February 18-20th. KSS Admin and Counsellors will host in-class sessions with students using the MyEd Student Portal to request their next year courses.
- ⇒ Course Requests for current KSS Grade 10 (YOG 2027) and Grade11 (YOG 2026) students will take place in-class the last week of February.
- ⇒ KSS Course <u>Viewbook</u> and Course Request Planning Sheets are on the KSS Website, "About Us", "KSS Courses".

 <u>HERE</u> is the link.

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- ⇒ Course Requests are online only via MyEd Student Portal.

2025-2026 Course Requests Deadline is Friday, February 28th.

Upcoming dates . .

Mar 15-30

Feb 6-8	Western Canada Basketball Tournament
Feb 7	Student Written Learning Updates are published
	to Student MyEd Portal at 3:00 p.m.
Feb 10	2025-2026 Course Request Parent/Student Session for incoming Grade 10s (YOG 2028)
Feb 10	2025-2026 Pre-AP Math Parent/Student Session for incoming Grade 10s (YOG 2028)
Feb 11	KSS PAC Meeting via Zoom 6:30 p.m.
Feb 11-12	OC 1-on-1 Sessions , See
Feb 13	Movie Night in MPR, hosted by BIPOC , 5:30 p.m.
Feb 14	Pro-D Day—NO SCHOOL
Feb 17	Family Day—NO SCHOOL
Feb 19-20	Interim Reports go home
Feb 19	Jazz in the KSS MPR at 7:00 p.m.
Feb 25	Grad photo retakes
Feb 28	2025-2026 Course Request DEADLINE
Mar 5	Early Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.
Mar 5	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30-6:30 p.m.

SPRING BREAK

Okanagan College Advisors are coming on Feb. 11th and 12th to KSS MPR to meet with students regarding any program or course questions they have. Advisors will be available from 9:00am until 12:30pm

They are here to help you make the most of your time at OC. Whether you plan to take a full credential, or a few transferable courses, your decision to come to school is a life-changing choice. Education Planning Advising is all about working together to create a plan that works for you. We'll go over program requirements, prerequisites, course options, and help you map out your academic path. We're here to guide you through college processes and ensure you have a clear plan for your time at OC.

Here are the links to the Booking tool for visits to KSS: 15minute time slots available. Please click link below to book your appointment time.

Feb 11—Sign up HERE

Feb 12—Sign up HERE



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors:

Be mindful of your dopamine. School is almost impossible to enjoy when we don't sleep, we escape into our screens and we don't eat properly. Walk, sleep, read, get outside.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

At KSS, in-class attendance is expected. Notes are not accepted to excuse absences or to sign out.

Parents/Guardians are required to report absences, lates and early departures 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).



- (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.

LATE?

Students that are more than 30 minutes late for class must check in at the office. The office will timestamp the student's arrival. Once the student makes their way to their classroom, their teacher will change the Absence to a Late. If this is an excused late, parents may report this in Safe Arrival.

KSS PARKING PROCEDURES

As more and more students are driving and utilizing the Student Parking Lots, we'd like to remind you of KSS parking and student pick-up/drop-off procedures. *Please refer to the parking map*.



The arrows indicate the **Student Parking Lots.**Student parking is first come, first serve and all vehicles must be registered and have a parking pass displayed.

The arrows also represent the <u>Visitor (Parent) Parking</u> area, which is located in the <u>Student Parking Lot</u>. 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.



Towing is enforced at KSS.

<u>Parents ARE NOT TO USE the Staff Parking lots</u> (X) for student drop off or pick up at ANY time for ANY reason.

50th Annual Western Canada Basketball Tournament presented by Restoration By Trades





KSS Gym

Thursday, February 6th - Saturday, February 8th



Student Single Pass - \$5

Student Tournament Pass - \$10

Adult Single Pass - \$10

Adult Tournament Pass - \$25

For Tournament Schedule and Updates, please see website **HERE**.









Grad 2025 Info Grad Google Classroom: 2hyd22x

Grad Photos

When: November 25 - January 14th

Where: At the school (trailer near portables)

Additional Info: Students are asked to use the QR code that will be on the google classroom and posted around the school to book a sitting for their grad photo portrait session. These will be the photos used in the yearbook, and so we ask all grads to book a session whether they are interested in purchasing photos or not.

January bookings will open once December time slots are filled.

Winter Formal

When: Wednesday December 11th, 2024

Where: At the school

Additional Info: Semi-formal event. Tickets will be \$20 and sold to grade 12 KSS students only. Ticket sales will take place late November at the school and include entry to the dance as well as light refreshments.

There will be an email go out requesting parent

BYLAW UPDATE NOTICE

The PAC would like to update the current bylaws to add a Clubs Chair position to the PAC Executive.

PAC UPDATE

Community Matters

We currently do not have anyone to liaison with all of the clubs at KSS in order to give the PAC updates about this important part of our school community. Adding this position will allow parents to hear about all of the clubs and what they are up to on a regular basis at our PAC meetings.

The PAC welcomes your input/attendance at meetings. Please join us for our next meeting on Feb 11.

Please email kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca if you have questions or comments.

JOIN US for the next meeting on February 11th by Zoom (link to come out closer to the date)

Prom

To connect with the planning committee follow @kssprom2025 on instagram, or email ksspromcommittee@gmail.com

When: Friday May 16th, 2025

Where: Waterfront Park (promenade) and Delta Grand Hotel (dinner and dance)

- Ticket prices will be determined based on fundraising efforts throughout the year.
- Tickets sold to <u>KSS grade 12 students only</u>. Students must be up to date on fees and have no overdue library books in order to purchase tickets.
- Ticket sales will take place the week of April 28th before school (8:00-9:00), at lunch (11:45-12:20) and after school (3:15-4:00) out of room 147. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER MAY 2ND.
- The promenade will begin promptly at 5:30pm from Rhapsody Plaza with grads asked to arrive no later than 5:00pm
- The promenade will conclude at the Delta Grand Hotel with dinner and dance to follow
- . KSS code of conduct in effect for the evening

Convocation

When: Saturday June 7th, 2025

Where: KSS Gymnasium

- Students will be split into two ceremonies based on last name. A-L starting at 10:30am and M-Z at 2:30pm.
 Students are asked to arrive 45 minutes prior to their start time.
- Each student will be allotted 6 tickets for guests to come watch. The ceremony will be live streamed.
- Grad gowns are ordered on behalf of all grade 12 students. Information about students height will be collected on google classroom.
- Grad gowns will be distributed on dates TBD at the school.
- Please forward accessible seating requests to natalie.spencer@sd23.bc.ca





(250-577-4723)

Simply bring your containers to the depot in sealed, TRANSPARENT BLUE or CLEAR BAGS, and enter the KSS grad class number at the Express kiosk. You will be prompted to select the number of bags you're dropping off, and the kiosk will automatically print stickers for each of your bags with the KSS Grad Express account code. Tag each of your bags with a sticker, and drop the bags off in the designated Express drop-off area to be counted and credited to our account. (Note: a maximum of 12 glass bottles can be included in each bag.)



Grade 10s and 11s: If you're interested in learning more about this exciting travel opportunity, scan the QR code. Monthly payment plans are available! Don't delay - only 18 spots available.





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Questions? Contact us at AskOC@okanagan.bc.ca

Volunteers are needed for Family Day Fun!

Monday, February 17th, 2025, 1 - 4 p.m. MNP Place, 4105 Gordon Drive

Featuring fun and games for the whole family including a Park & Play bouncy castle, zorb soccer, active games, try-it sports scavenger hunt, and free ice skating!

For more information and an application form, please drop by your Career Centre!

Deadline to apply is February 10th, 2025

Tumpstart



kelowna.ca/calendar









- Registration Deadline is March 20, 2025

For more information or to register please visit: kelownaballhockey.com

