



École Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

May 23, 2025

GRAD GOWNS ARE HERE!

Graduates may pick up their Grad Gowns, and their 6 Convocation Tickets, next week. Due to limited seating, there are no extra tickets.



Students may see Mr. Ragobar or Ms. Spencer at **lunch in the MPR May 26–28 (Mon-Wed)** to pick up their grad gown and tickets.

Students must have filled out the "Convocation Information" Form on the Grad Google Classroom prior to picking up their grad gown and tickets.

The Grad Commencement Fee of \$75 may be paid online at School Cash Online or when picking up your gown.

Gowns and tickets will NOT be handed out at the office.

Upcoming dates . .

May 26-30	Night Owl Theatre - New Works Festival
May 27	Health Nurse Wellness Clinics in Career Ctr
May 27	Global Awareness Market in MPR
May 28	Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m. Capstone Presentations in the afternoon.
May 30	Jazz at St. Michael's
May 31	Transportation deadline for 2025-2026
May 31-Jun 6	Go By Bike Week
Jun 2	Music Concert—Klassen, 6:00 p.m. in MPR
Jun 3	Music Concert—French, 6:00 p.m. in Gym
Jun 7	Convocation Ceremonies in Gym: 10:30 a.m. —last names beginning with A—L 2:30 p.m. —last names beginning with M—Z
Jun 9-13	Core Competencies
Jun 10	Health Nurse Wellness Clinics in Career Ctr
Jun 11	KSS Carnival
Jun 11	AP Banquet (tickets are pre-sold)
Jun 12	Indigenous Graduation 4:45 p.m.—9:30 p.m. in Gym
Jun 12	Jazz at the Laurel
Jun 14	Choral Concert at St. Michael's Cathedral
Jun 18	Locker Clean Out



NIGHT OWL THEATRE

The 2nd Annual New Works Festival is taking place May 26-31 at KSS Night Owl Theatre. Please see attached flyer for more information and for payment options.

All information on KSS Night Owl Theatre Company may be found on their website (KSS Website, Departments & Programs, Drama) - link [HERE](#).

Stay Tuned ! Auditions for Night Owl Acting Company 2025/26 will be held from June 2-6 after school. There will be a sign-up outside the Theatre Doors (room 190). There will also be a lunch Q&A about auditions on Thursday, May 29th.

We hope to see you at the New Works Festival!

Safety of your Child at Non-Sanctioned

Graduation Events

For each of our grade 12 students, the graduation year is one of the most special and celebrated milestones to date. We have several events that we organize and support at KSS for your Grade 12 student. Administrators, teachers, parents and students work very hard to organize these events and ensure all safety concerns are addressed. Grad Winter Formal, Grad Movie Night, Grad Spaghetti Dinner, Prom and the Convocation Ceremony are just a few activities that we plan and prepare for your child's enjoyment.

Unfortunately, there are other non-sanctioned grad events that we do not supervise nor support. These activities are often organized and arranged by the graduates themselves and include "grad kidnappings" and subsequent "bush parties" that take place in our community.

We need to emphasize our serious concerns regarding student behavior and safety at all of the above-mentioned non-sanctioned events, as there have been incidents of serious injury in past years.

The staff at KSS want your child's grade 12 year to be positive, memorable and safe, and we strongly caution and counsel parents to investigate these non-sanctioned activities carefully.



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors

You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.

NEW WORKS FESTIVAL 2025

TICKET
OWL



Proudly Presents

May 26th
to May 31st

Doors at 6:30pm

Shows at 7:00pm

2nd Annual New Works Festival

15 Plays Written, Directed, and
Performed by the KSS Night Owl
Theatre Company

For Festival



Students: \$10 for one night
\$25 for a festival pass

Adults: \$15 for one night
\$40 for a festival pass

For Tickets





GRAD 2025



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

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

*** If your family is experiencing financial difficulties, please speak with your Alpha VP. ***



CONVOCATION

Convocation (Commencement Ceremony) is the cap and gown ceremony where students will receive their graduation diploma.

Convocation is on **Saturday, June 7, 2025** in the KSS Gym. There are two ceremonies:

- 1: Last Names beginning with **A — L** at **10:30 a.m.**
- 2: Last Names beginning with **M — Z** at **2:30 p.m.**

Convocation will be livestreamed via link on the KSS Website (Grad tab) for those that are unable to attend.

[HERE](#) is the link to the page for the Convocation Livestream.

Each student may receive **up to SIX tickets** for their ceremony. There is no waitlist for extra tickets. Student will pick up their convocation tickets when they pick up their grad cap, gown and stole at the **end of May**.

The Graduation Commencement Fee of \$75.00 was due on April 1st. Payment may still be made in School Cash Online.

Students should check Grad Google Classroom for all Grad updates.

OUTSTANDING FEES

Parents may check School Cash Online for overdue fees. **Fees are 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.

Once again, students/families that are experiencing financial difficulties are urged to come and speak with their Alpha VP.



*Thank
You*



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The Rockets
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Truly Skin Care
Teal Lotus Massage Therapy
Tore Jacobsen—Macdonald Realty

Skuka
Kelowna Pet Resort
Ok Orthodontics
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Emil Andersen
Team Simpson
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Arlo's Honey Farm
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Browns Socialhouse
Cherry Hill Coffee
Sonic Wash
Solar Center Store



Grow your family this fall!

Join the growing community of Central Okanagan families hosting international students!

- Full-year or single semester
- Students arrive Sept. 2025
- Secondary students only
- \$1,100/month per student

Apply today!



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MONTHLY INFORMATION SESSION

School of Business

Join the Business Faculty and Future Student Advisors every third Thursday of the month from 12 - 1 p.m.

Discover our programs, specializations, travel opportunities, admission requirements, student clubs, tuition, financial aid, and more!

**Every 3rd Thursday of the month,
12 - 1 p.m.**

May 15 - Nov. 20

For more information,
Contact: AskOC@okanagan.bc.ca
250-862-5656

RSVP Here: ▶

[OCBusinessInfoSession.eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca/OCBusinessInfoSession)



**OC Okanagan
COLLEGE**



**KSS MUSIC PRESENTS
JOHN LEE**



JAZZ AT ST. MICHAEL'S

FEATURING THE JOHN LEE TRIO

FRIDAY, MAY 30TH
7:00PM Doors open at 6:30

ST. MICHAEL'S AND ALL
ANGELS CATHEDRAL

ARTISTS

John Lee - Guitar
Kosma Busheikin - Bass
Graham Villette - Drums



**ADULTS: \$20
STUDENTS: \$10**

Tickets available for purchase at the door, through KSS Music students or @sheila.french@sd23.bc.ca



KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL

**MUSIC DIRECTOR SHEILA FRENCH
PRESENTS**



SING OUT KELOWNA

CELEBRATING YOUTH &
MUSIC EDUCATION

**JUNE 20, 2025
12:30 PM & 7 PM**

KELOWNA COMMUNITY THEATRE

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR 7PM SHOW ONLY, THROUGH
PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS OR AT THE DOOR

