



Ecole Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

School Opening 2024-2025



Welcome back!

The first day back to school is Tuesday, September 3rd. Buses will be running with pick-up at 12:25 p.m. on this day. LINK leaders will be available in the MPR to assist students that need help on the first day.

SEPT. 3 BLOCK ORDER

MINI ROTATION

9:00 - 9:30	Homeroom
9:30 - 9:45	Block 1
9:50 - 10:05	Block 2
10:10 - 10:25	Block 3
10:30 - 10:45	Block 4
10:50 - 11:05	Block 5
11:10 - 11:25	Block 6
11:25 - 11:40	BREAK
11:40 - 11:55	Block 7
12:00 - 12:15	Block 8

Student Schedules

Student Schedules have been published to the **MyEd Student Portal** (we do not utilize a parent portal at KSS). You will find a link to MyEd on the KSS Website main page.—[HERE](#).

Sign into the MyEd Student Portal to see your schedule prior to the first day! **Take a picture of it for reference.**



Students must have access to their MyEd Student Portal.

Course selections, schedules and Student Written Learning Updates are released to the MyEd Student Portal.

Where is my Homeroom?

You will find your Homeroom number on your Student Schedule. Your Homeroom Number is the classroom you go to! Example: Homeroom 179 is in Room 179.

THE FIRST WEEK

We will have a Homeroom at 9:00 a.m. each morning September 3-6. Teachers will support student locker assignment and distribute information to take home. Starting September 9th, students will report to their scheduled classes on their Student Schedule. Please watch for any forms coming home in this first week.

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:

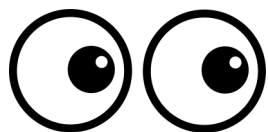
- (1) Enter an Absence Using the **School Messenger App** (most user-friendly process)
- (2) Enter an Absence Using the **Online Parent Portal** - go.schoolmessenger.ca
- (3) Enter an Absence by **Calling the School** 250-870-5105, press "1" and follow the prompts



*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.*

COURSE CHANGE REQUESTS

You may make a request for course change if any of the following applies:



- ⇒ I am missing a course
- ⇒ I am missing an Indigenous content course
- ⇒ I am missing a grad requirement
- ⇒ My courses are not in the correct sequence
- ⇒ My semesters are not balance

Note that elective changes will not be granted at this time

New ACCEPTED students may come to the KSS Career Centre on Monday, **August 26** for Course Change Requests. For students that completed an Enrolment Application or are waitlisted, **IF** your application is accepted, you will be contacted for your course selection at that time.

Retuning students: The Course Change Request Google Form has been closed. Further course change requests will be **IN PERSON** at the KSS Career Centre between **August 27-30**.

Career Centre hours for the week of August 26-30 are: 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00 daily.

As counsellors will be meeting students in person, they will not be able to respond to email requests during this time.

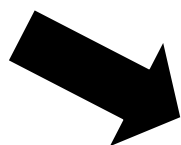


September 6 is the last day for course changes.

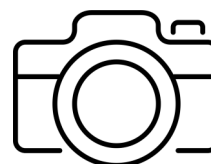
STUDENTS MUST ATTEND THEIR SCHEDULED CLASSES THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL!

Please see "KSS Courses" page under "About Us" for more information on courses.

The Course Request Planning Forms detail grad requirements.



SCHOOL PHOTOS
September 10th !



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.

Central Okanagan Public Schools

Updated Restrictions for Cell Phones and Personal Digital Devices

In accordance with the new [requirements from the Ministry of Education and Child Care](#), schools across our district have updated their Student Code of Conduct to include the restricted use of cell phones and personal digital devices during school hours effective July 1, 2024.

Our School Code of Conduct has been revised to reflect the new requirements regarding cell phone use in schools accordingly.

SECONDARY SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT SECTION

Responsible Student Use of Personal Digital Devices, School Technology, and District Network Services

Student use of personal digital devices (any device used to communicate and/or access the internet), school technology, and district networks at school is for educational purposes.

Students must abide by the school's Code of Conduct and procedures, as well as Central Okanagan Public Schools Policy 486: Student Use of Network Services and Digital Technologies.

Students will:

- Secure, power off and store personal digital devices during instructional (i.e. class time) at Secondary Schools unless instructed by the Principal or school staff;
- Use personal digital devices during instructional time for instructional purposes and digital literacy skills as instructed by the Principal or school staff;
- Ensure personal digital devices are not used in areas where privacy is expected, such as restrooms and change rooms;
- Be permitted to use personal digital devices to support accessibility, accommodations, medical and health needs;
- Always take precautions to ensure online safety, privacy, and security;
- Treat others with respect and kindness when using digital devices and district network services;

Always use digital devices and district network services responsibly and with academic integrity.

Schools will ensure that all students have equitable and developmentally appropriate access to technology to meet curricular requirements. Students are not required to have their own personal digital device or cellphone at school.

The use of personal digital devices, school technology, and district networks is a privilege. Staff may revoke a student's access to devices because of inappropriate student conduct.

Violations of the school code of conduct could result in appropriate restorative processes or disciplinary actions including suspension and police intervention.

As part of our commitment to help our students develop digital citizenship, our educators will continue teaching our students how to use their personal digital devices and technology in a responsible and respectful way.

We ask that you support our staff and discuss these new restrictions with your child before the upcoming school year. If parents/caregivers need to contact their child during instructional time, they should call the school office.

On a related note, the school is not responsible for lost, missing, or damaged personal digital devices that students choose to bring to school.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your school's administration.

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.

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

Student Verification Forms were published to Students' MyEd Portal on August 20th. We thank parents for reviewing this information to ensure the school has the most up-to-date information for your child(ren). *If there are any changes*, please edit the document, sign at the bottom and have your child(ren) return to their homeroom teacher the first week back to school. *Note that legal documentation is required in order for office staff to make changes to custody or for other legal matters.* It is not necessary to return this form if there are no changes.

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 with appropriate documentation.

SCHOOL FEES

The Cultural/Activity Student Fee for 2024-2025 is \$30.00 per student. **All school fees (cultural/activity, field studies, yearbook, etc.) are paid online via SchoolCash Online—link is [HERE](#).**

Central Okanagan School District's Financial Hardship Clause—Within Board Regulation 425R – Student Fees (see 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 states "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 your Alpha VP if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

YEARBOOK

An optional Yearbook fee has also been added to student School Cash Online accounts. We suggest taking advantage of the early bird pricing! **The Deadline to purchase a yearbook is February 28th.** Extra yearbooks will not be ordered so if you would like to purchase one please do so online.

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.** **Further details will be available the second week of school.**

Parking is enforced and vehicles will be towed if it does not have a parking pass displayed !

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 for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. To apply for the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan or to find out more, click [HERE](#).