



Whoo's News



To the friends and family in our community,

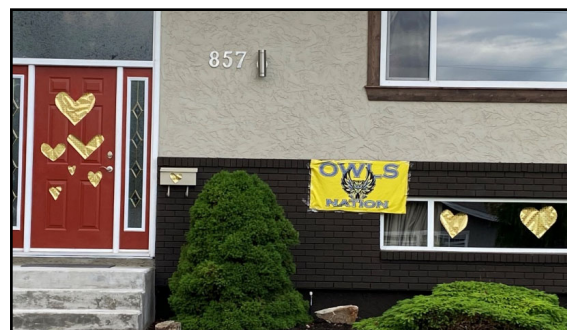
After the tragic events that took place early on Wednesday, May 26th where we lost the lives of three beloved KSS graduates, we were motivated to help our community heal and grieve respectfully and safely. We hope that, to pay respect to the families and loved ones of these students and celebrate the lives of these students, friends and community members all place Kelowna Secondary School paraphernalia and/or black and gold decorations on their doorsteps and windows. With inspiration from the hockey sticks we left outside on our porches commemorating the accident involving the Humboldt Broncos in 2018, instead of sticks we will decorate our porches with KSS Owl merchandise or simply black and gold colours.

Sincerely, Students and staff of Kelowna Secondary School



We received condolences from the Minister of Education, Jennifer Whiteside. Minister Whiteside is thankful for all the efforts of our students, staff, parents and community for coming together and supporting one another at this difficult time. We appreciate that her thoughts are with us.

The KSS Parents Advisory Council is devastated by the tragic loss of three of our grade 12 students this week, and we share our grief with all students, staff, and families who have been affected by this heartbreaking tragedy. Words cannot adequately express our heartfelt condolences to our KSS community, and in particular the graduation class. Our hope is that we will all find strength and comfort in our community. A GoFundMe has been organized for the families <https://ca.gofundme.com/f/kss-supports-3-grad-families-in-their-loss>



Dear Parents and Guardians:

Below is the procedure for attending our Graduation 2021 Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6. We must be very careful to follow all provincial health guidelines and ask that our families support this in full.

Note: We have had to change the 10-minute time slots to 13. These time changes will be reflected on the Signup website after May 21. Thank you very much for your flexibility, as we are moving forward with safety at the forefront.

Note: Cap and gown pick-up times will be announced closer to the date. Please keep an eye out for an email announcement.

Students and guests should arrive 20 minutes prior to their scheduled time and remain in their cars until their time is called; this will be clearly indicated. Once your time is called, line up in family groups at the front of the school in the order on the schedule. Spacing will be clearly indicated and pods must remain physically distanced at all times with masks on. **(Location 1 on the map)**

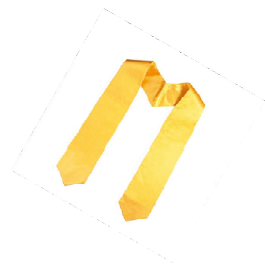
- We will not be able to accommodate families who arrive late or those who wish to go at an earlier time. It is essential to our film crew and announcers that we remain in our scheduled times.
- Volunteers will move you throughout stations set up at the school. We have blocked off specific areas, so please follow the instructions of your volunteer and only proceed when indicated.
- Grads may remove their masks and keep them in their right hand when they cross the stage. The administrators on-stage will have clear face shields. When grads exit the stage, they will be seated in chairs in front of the stage to watch the following grads. When the group of 8 grads is finished, guests and grads will exit the gym together.
- You will be exiting through a designated hallway and must proceed directly to your cars and leave the premises. Unfortunately, we cannot encourage visiting, so grads and guests must vacate the area as quickly as possible, physically distanced, to allow the following groups to enter the school site. **(Location 4 and 5 on the map on page 2)**

Thank you in advance for observing each of these steps; they are in place to protect each of us. We look forward to a wonderful day celebrating your grad!

Cap and Gown care suggestions:

- Iron the gold stoles beforehand
- Secure the caps prior to walking the stage: Wrap the cord around the button once, twist, and then wrap again.
- Some gowns will have a lot of static cling depending on the fabric your student is wearing underneath the gown. You may want to spray the gown with Static Guard or rub it with a dryer cloth beforehand. The cap, gown, tassel, and stole are all keepsakes! **Please see page 3 for the map for further details**

The schedule will be posted on the grads' Google Classroom, and parents can have their students confirm there. It is too late for changes, but there are a few spots left at the end of Sunday, e-mail dayna.culham@sd23.bc.ca.



KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL FIRST (GROUND) FLOOR



P1 SW
Galis

P2 SW
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Strachan

P3 SW
Semeniuk

P4 SW
Jusamovic

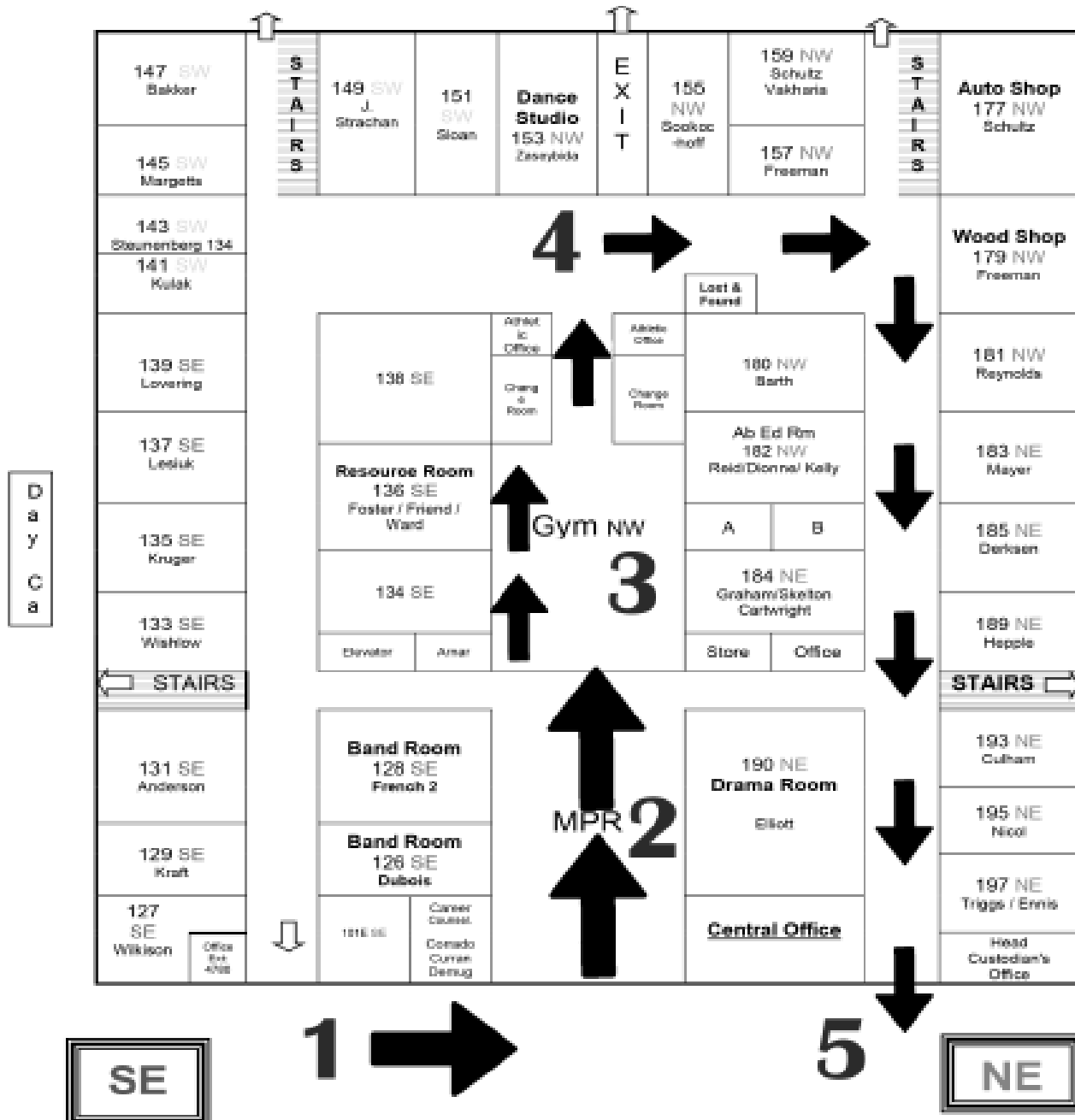
P5 NW
Brosch

Weight Room

P6 NW
Marlett

P7 NW
Ostebach

P8 NW
Bennett



Please Mark Your Calendar:

May 31 / June 1	Grad Cap and Gown Pickup continues Monday 10:30—12:30 / Tuesday 9:00—12:30
June 2	Early Dismissal 12:15 p.m.
June 2	Grade 12 Capstone
June 5 / 6	KSS Commencement Ceremony (stage crossing)



It is with mixed feelings that we will be saying goodbye to Kelowna Secondary School Vice-Principal, Mr. Ryan Mansley. As of July 1, 2021, Mr. Mansley will be moving to Mount Boucherie Secondary School as Vice-Principal. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Mr. Mansley.

Mr Mansley arrived at KSS in September 2006, as a young energetic social studies teacher. He taught at KSS as a social studies teacher for 10 years. In 2016, Mr. Mansley moved into Administration at KSS as a new Vice-Principal and has been a strong and dedicated school leader for the past 5 years. Mr. Mansley's hard work and thorough attention to detail, along with his warm, caring ways have been appreciated by the students, staff, and parents. We will miss Mr. Mansley's presence in the halls and his tremendous support for the Owl Community.

Mr. Mansley is looking forward to the new challenges and learning opportunities. We wish him all the best and are excited for his new adventure as Vice-Principal at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

At this time, we would like to welcome Mr. Mike Kormany to Kelowna Secondary School. Mr. Kormany has started within School District #23 in 1999 as a Science/Math teacher. In 2007, Mr. Kormany spent 10 years as Vice-Principal at OKM. His most recent assignment has been Vice-Principal at Watson Road Elementary School. Throughout his career, he has focused on guiding students to achieve personal, social and academic success through compassion and understanding. Mr. Kormany's strength is the relationships that he builds with students, staff and parents. Mr. Kormany has indicated that he is looking forward to a new challenge and is excited to be part of the OWL COMMUNITY.



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 Fun Night, 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. The activities are organized and arranged by graduates themselves that include "grad kidnappings" and subsequent "bush parties" that take place in our community.

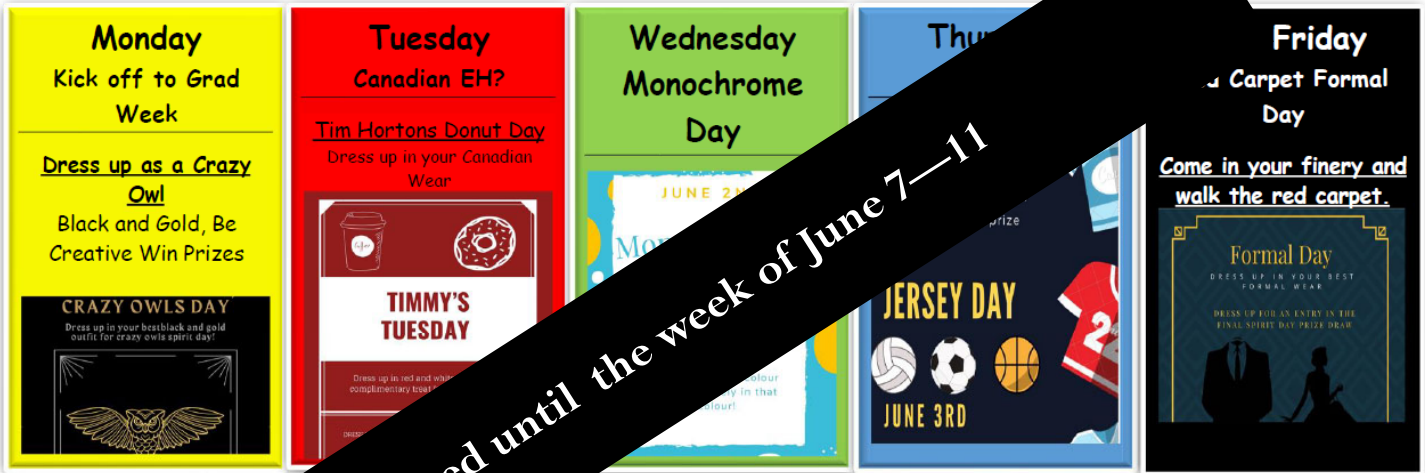
We want to be clear that we have serious concerns regarding student behavior and safety at all of the above-mentioned non sanctioned events. There has been incidents of serious injury to students and we strongly caution and counsel parents to investigate these non-sanctioned activities carefully.

The staff at KSS want your child's grade 12 year to be positive, memorable and safe.

Dry Grad Parents Celebrate

The Graduates of 2021 ~~May 31st to June 4th~~

Grade 12's - Participate for your chance to win GREAT Prizes




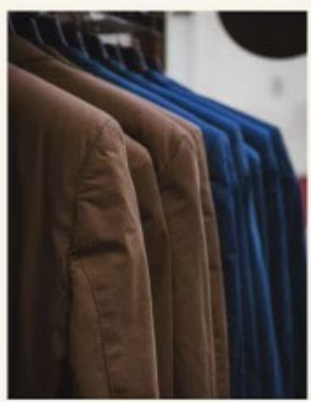

Activities include-Kahoot's, Candy Guess, Contests- Win BIG

KSS Dry Grad Parents have been working hard to create a memorable week for our Grads
We have planned a different activity for every day to celebrate both our KSS spirit and the 2021 Graduating Class of KSS.

Mark Your Calendars May 31st to June 4th

Follow us on Instagram@ kssowls2021 or on Facebook @KSS GRAD 2021

Stay tuned for more information to come!!!!



KSS GRADS

DONT FORGET!!!
Submit Your Photos
MAKE SURE TO STAY SIX
FEET APART FROM FRIENDS

Submit your pictures to
the assignment in Grad
Google classroom by
May 30th
You may also send them
to Payton Irvine via
Instagram (payton_a_irv)

- GRAD COUNCIL IS COLLECTING PHOTOS OF PEOPLE IN FORMAL PROM OUTFITS AS WELL AS BABY PHOTOS.
- FEATURED IN THE ENTRANCE WAY TO THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES.

Reporting Absences with SchoolMessenger

***Note - you can enter absences in SchoolMessenger in 3 ways:**

(1) Enter an Absence Using the Smartphone App



(2) Enter an Absence Using the Online Parent Portal

• [visit go.schoolmessenger.ca](https://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

(3) Enter an Absence by Calling the School

• **call the school, press "1" and follow the prompts**



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Undergraduate Programs and Admissions

UBC UPDATES:

May is an exciting time for your students as many of them will be making their final university decisions for the fall. Here are some important resources to help you navigate the home stretch.

Deadline to accept offers of admission

Students can find the date by which to accept their offer in the [Student Service Centre](#). Generally the deadline to accept an offer of admission from UBC Okanagan is **June 1**, and some students admitted to the Vancouver campus have been given extensions to the May 1 deadline. Students can accept their offer and pay their acceptance deposit in the Student Service Centre.

Next steps for admitted students

Students who have received an offer of admission from UBC might be wondering what's next. Our [after you've been admitted](#) page offers a step-by-step guide and video to help admitted students plan their finances, secure housing, figure out course planning, and complete other crucial tasks between now and September.

Orientation options for new students

Once your students have accepted their offer to UBC, they're ready to start thinking about the [orientation options](#) available to them this summer. Together, these orientations are designed to help them meet their first friends, get familiar with their new campus, and feel confident in their academic readiness so they have more time to focus on what matters in September.

International study permits

International students attending high school in Canada (who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada) should obtain a post-secondary study permit to study at UBC. That will involve [changing the conditions on their current permit](#). If your students will be arriving to UBC from a different country, more guidance can be found on the [coming from abroad](#) page.

UBC's national mailout goes digital

In keeping with UBC's sustainability goals we are pivoting our print publications into a digital format. Instead of shipping out packages to all the school across the country we will be sharing our recruiter contact sheet, Prospective Undergraduate Guide and other information about programs and awards in a digital format. This new, centralized delivery will make it easier to share information with colleagues and students.

Virtual fall presentations

While we would have liked to connect in person this fall, to ensure everyone's safety we will be hosting our school presentations and counsellor events online again this year. We'll reach out to you in a few weeks to start scheduling school visits. In the meantime, if you have any questions, concerns or would like to confirm a booking, send us an email at recruitment.ok@ubc.ca or indigenous.recruitment@ubc.ca.

UBC Future Global Leaders

The UBC Future Global Leaders pre-university program offers high school students ages 15-18 an educational, social, and cultural experience from a first-rate Canadian university. Students take first-year-level online academic courses taught by top UBC professors, explore their interests, and gain a head start on achieving their university goals. [Summer registration is now open.](#)

Program spotlight: Manufacturing Engineering

If your students enjoy solving problems and designing new things, they should take a look at [Manufacturing Engineering](#). Manufacturing engineers are tasked with turning materials into new products in the most effective, efficient, and economical way they can. At UBC, your students will get the chance to study the entire manufacturing process, from designing concepts and building mechanical parts through to product delivery. Studying on UBC's [Okanagan](#) or [Vancouver](#) campus – or both – they'll gain the technical skills that set them up for a broad range of jobs in the industry.

That's all for now! As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you or your students have any questions.

Sincerely, **UBC's Recruitment team** - The University of British Columbia

I'm done school... Now what?

Finished your studies and not sure where to go from here?
Apply your current degree to a career.

- explore your options
- network with industry leaders
- rediscover yourself through psychometric assessments

I'm ready for a challenge.

Stuck in an entry-level position or just ready to try something new?
Your job could use an upgrade.

- get support with job shifting or your next promotion
- discover educational possibilities
- make professional connections

No one's responding to my applications!

Ready to work but struggling to get hired?
Learn to land and ace an interview.

- build a killer resume and compelling cover letter
- practice interview skills
- earn certificates and get hands-on work experience

Career Development Services

Online services now available!

AGES 16-30

Our **FREE SERVICES** are currently being offered for social distancing by **PHONE, EMAIL AND ZOOM!**

Paid programs, including Jumpstart will continue to be delivered virtually. For more information, visit www.ymcaokanagan.ca/careerservices

Our next JUMPSTART SESSION

Is July 19thth - August 27th

Call or email to attend our next info-session!

Here's a few ways you can get in touch with us about our services offered:

- Call for detailed information. Our staff will be happy to tell you more about our great programs. Reach us at **250-861-5627**.
- Email us your questions. Book a meeting and get registered for services through connect@ymcaokanagan.ca

HELP SHAPE YOUTH PRESENCE IN THE KELOWNA ARTS SCENE

#RCAYOUTH COUNCIL

NEW!

RCA YOUTH COUNCIL

Designed for youth 13 - 18 years old looking for both a creative outlet and an opportunity to contribute to the Kelowna art scene.

JOIN RCA YOUTH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2021 - JUNE 2022 OR GET INVOLVED - VOLUNTEER

Deadline for applications
Wednesday, June 30th, 2021

Apply at: rotarycentreforthearts.com/get-involved/youth-council/

The RCA Youth Council is youth-led, which means you decide what projects you create!

- Organize art-related events, programs, and projects.
- Learn from leaders and mentors at the RCA and from the arts community.
- Have your voice heard!
- Share your ideas for art class offerings, performances, and youth events
- Develop leadership and shape your future community.
- Gain volunteer hours and experiences you can add to your resume.

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