



École Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

January 24, 2025

SEMESTER TURN AROUND

Semester 1 / Quarter 2 ends on Friday, January 24th.

Monday, January 27th is Semester Turn Around Day. There are no scheduled classes on this date.

Semester 2 / Quarter 3 Student Schedules will be published to the MyEd Student Portal on Friday, January 24th.

Students should TAKE A PICTURE of their schedule!

The office does not print Student Schedules.



A note about the MyEd Student Portal:

Students must have access to the MyEd Student Portal. All course requests, Student Schedules and Student Written Learning Updates are published to the MyEd Student Portal.

You will find a link to MyEd on KSS Website—[HERE](#).

Student Login ID = "stu23firstname.lastname" & Password

For password reset, please see the office.

Upcoming dates . .

Jan 24	Semester 1 / Quarter 2 ends
Jan 27	Semester Turn Around— NO SCHOOL
Jan 28	Semester 2 / Quarter 3 begins
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 11	KSS PAC Meeting via Zoom 6:30 p.m.
Feb 11	OC 1-on-1 Sessions—Sign up HERE
Feb 12	OC 1-on-1 Sessions—Sign up HERE
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

Needing a course change for semester 2?

Come in to see your counsellor to request a change before Friday, January 31st. Counsellors will be OPEN for course changes on Monday, January 27th (the turn around day). *Get your change request in before courses are full AND before the Friday, January 31st deadline.*



COOL WEATHER

With the cooler weather approaching, space indoors is at a premium. This includes indoor spaces at Okanagan College. While OC welcomes our students to purchase food and pass through, there are constraints with the space available and they need to reserve their space for their students. Many of our classroom doors are open at lunch at KSS for student use. We also have our multipurpose room and library available for KSS students at lunch.

A reminder to everyone to dress warmly when the temperature is cool.

A reminder that the STUDENT PICK-UP and STUDENT DROP-OFF area is in the STUDENT PARKING LOT.

Parents are NOT to park/pick-up/drop-off in the Staff Parking Lots.



Towing is enforced!



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors:

Focus on your actions, not results. Let go of expectations to get perfect results. Create action-oriented goals like "study for one hour after school" instead of "get all A's."

50th Annual Western Canada Basketball Tournament

presented by Restoration By Trades



KSS Gym

Thursday, February 6th - Saturday, February 8th



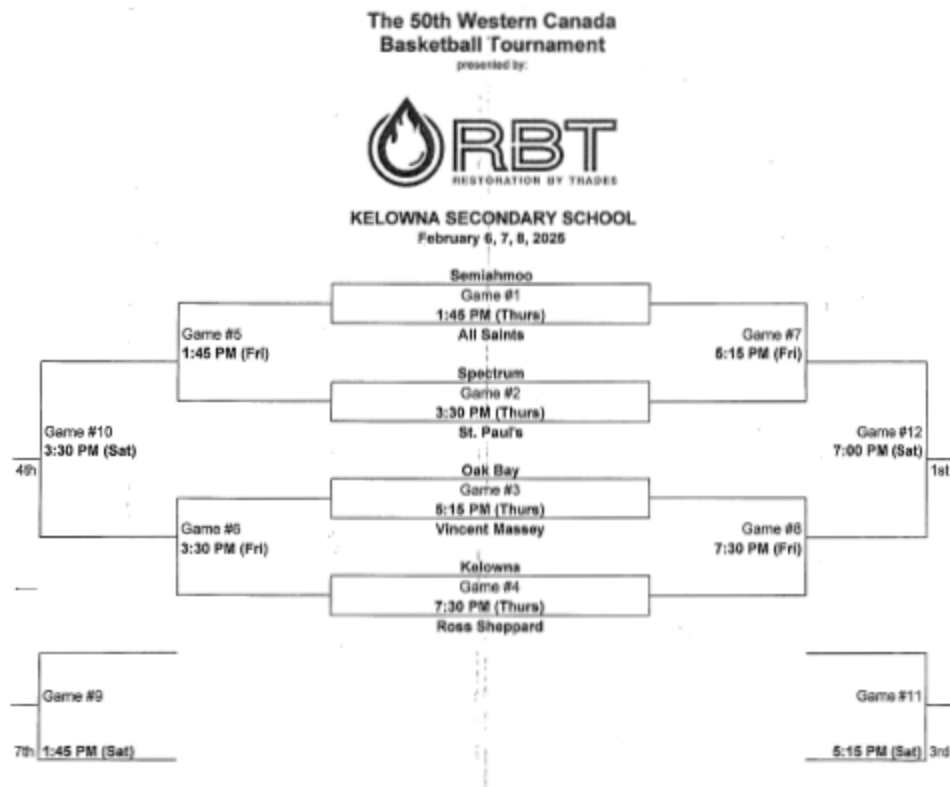
Student Single Pass - \$5

Student Tournament Pass - \$10

Adult Single Pass - \$10

Adult Tournament Pass - \$25

For Updates, please see website [HERE](#).





CLASS OF 2025 GRAD CLOTHING

Class of 2025! Our second grad clothing store is now open. Orders are being accepted **until February 2nd, 2025**. Get your orders in!

[ORDER HERE](#)



GRAD PHOTO RETAKES

Grad Photo Retakes are scheduled for **Tuesday, February 25th in the MPR.**

Retakes are for any Grade 12 students that missed their Grad Photo sitting or need a retake.

Students must sign up! Link is [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 volunteers for this event.

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 KSS grade 12 students only. 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



KSS PAC



The Parent Advisory Council plays an important role in the school. While there is a PAC executive, every parent/guardian with a child at KSS is automatically a PAC member and is encouraged and welcome to attend and give input/ask questions at any or all PAC meetings. It's a great way to stay connected to school happenings. PAC Meetings are also an opportunity to bring questions or concerns to administration or to PAC attention.

THE NEXT KSS PAC MEETING IS
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

PAC Zoom meeting links are emailed to our parent community closer to the meeting date.

COPAC General Meeting and SD23 Public Budget Presentation, February 3, 2025
registration required. See link [HERE](#) to register.

Kids, Smartphones and Social Media: The Risks and The Solutions. See link [HERE](#).

Parents for Inclusive Education (PIE) Meeting January 21
Meeting link is [HERE](#).

Topic: The Family Support Institute of BC: Navigating through Neurodiversity all ages - presented by Tyra Skibington. This is an introduction to the many resources (all free!) that have been created by families and professionals who have already navigated the support journey with their neurodiverse family members.

For more information on KSS PAC, including all meeting dates,
minutes of meetings and PAC Executive,
please see KSS Website, Parents, PAC.

Link is [HERE](#).

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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We Don't Want You to Sell Anything!

But we still need your help

Dear Parents/guardians,

Each year the KSS PAC provides 2 bursaries and 2 scholarships of \$1000 each to KSS graduates who will be attending post-secondary education in the Fall of their graduating year. The bursaries/scholarships are awarded to students based on financial need, academic achievement, and a desire to pursue post-secondary education in Canada.

Previously, these were funded through KSS's annual provincial community gaming grant, however, gaming funds are no longer allowed to be used for bursaries and scholarships. Hence, the PAC must fundraise in order to continue to provide these funds to support KSS students in their future education.

This is where YOU come in!

Please consider donating! Any amount, no matter how large or small, makes a difference!

Our fundraising goal is \$4,000 to cover the awards for 2025 graduates. Any funds beyond our goal will be held in a PAC scholarship account for future years!

How to donate

We have decided to use the school district donation option this year for our scholarship/bursary fund. It allows us to keep all of the money that you donate, rather than having to pay platform fees, and gives you a tax receipt. **WIN-WIN!**

Steps:

1. Go to www.schoolcashonline.com and sign in using your credentials that you pay your school fees with
2. Click *Make a Donation* to open the donation form
3. Choose *Kelowna Secondary*
4. In the message box write *PAC Scholarship Fund*
5. *Add to Cart* to go to the payment page

With your support, we can empower the next generation
of leaders, thinkers, and changemakers.



Partners for inclusive Education (PIE) is a welcoming online space committed to supporting parents/guardians to learn more about the how students with neurodiversity, disability, support needs and/or diverse abilities are supported in their neighborhood school.

PIE is a space where parents/guardians, staff and community come together as partners to champion inclusive education by learning and supporting each other as we navigate the school years together. We connect virtually offering workshops, speakers, and opportunities to connect with other parents/guardians.

The purpose of Partners for Inclusive Education can be found on the School District website under Parent Resources

Next Event Date:

The next Partners for Inclusive Education meeting is scheduled for:

Date: January 21, 2025

Topic: "My Booklet BC" Toolkit. A helpful tool to support families to support transition to adulthood, planning for their child. Presented by the Family Support Institute.

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Zoom: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8569391842>

BIPOC CONNECTIONS GROUP

FOR STUDENTS OF COLOUR TO CELEBRATE, CONNECT, AND GIVE SPACE TO BE THEMSELVES

FIRST MEETING
SEPT 11TH

LUNCH
ROOM 147
WEDNESDAYS

BLACK INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF COLOUR

TEACHER SPONSORS
MRS. RAGOONADEN
MR. RAGOBAR
MS. DRESCHER

Bottle Drive

KSS Prom 2025

Collection Date:
2024-2025

Drop-off Locations:
Local Return-It Express Stations

- 680 Dease Road
- 1936 Kent Road
- 1314 St. Paul Street

USE CODE: 250-KSS-GRAD
(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.)

Questions?
Please email the Prom Committee:
ksspromcommittee@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting us with your donations!