



Whoo's News

September 15, 2023

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WEEK SEPTEMBER 25-29

Kelowna Secondary School's Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee was formed this year. As Truth and Reconciliation is on our minds on a regular basis, we have a student-driven committee that works with the Indigenous Inquiry Team of staff and students enrolled in the Indigenous Academy on two major initiatives in our school:

- The upcoming Truth and Reconciliation Week (September 25-29, 2023)
- The KSS Outdoor Classroom Project supported by the Indigenous Inquiry. The KSS Indigenous Academy celebrated the launch of the fundraiser for the KSS Indigenous Inquiry Project – An Outdoor Learning Space—in February 2023. *See next page.*

Truth and Reconciliation Week

Each year, September 30th marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the children who never returned home and the survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

At KSS, we organized our first Truth and Reconciliation Week two years ago to honour Canada's first National Truth and Reconciliation Day. A number of events took place throughout the week, including discussions about residential schools in classes, gatherings of students, and an emphasis on the Calls to Action. This year, the Indigenous Academy is focusing on a theme for each day:

Monday – Truth

Tuesday – Reflection

Wednesday – Healing

Thursday – Resilience and Reconciliation

Friday – Orange Shirt Day at KSS

Monday, October 2nd— NO SCHOOL, in lieu of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

We will WEAR ORANGE on Friday, September 29th. The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations. Please wear orange on this day to honour the thousands of survivors of residential schools. We will be having a symbolic 215 seconds of silence on Friday, after the morning announcements. Students have prepared some information for teachers to offer to their classes, along with some reflective activities.

Upcoming dates . .

Sept 20	Grade 11 & 12 Parent Night & BC Post Secondary Information Session at KSS 6:15—8:30 p.m.
Sept 25-29	Truth & Reconciliation Week
Sept 27	Rotary Youth Exchange Information Night 5:30-6:30 p.m. in KSS MPR
Sept 29	Orange Shirt Day (at KSS)
Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Sept 30-Oct 1	Jr. Best of the West Volleyball Championships
Oct 2	NO SCHOOL —in lieu of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Oct 6	NO SCHOOL —Implementation Day
Oct 9	NO SCHOOL —Thanksgiving Day
Oct 11	Parent-Teacher Conferences - Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.



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Welcome • Bienvenue

KSS Indigenous Inquiry Project



An outdoor
learning
space



The KSS Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee has created an Outdoor Classroom design that has been proposed for construction on our school field between the school and the basketball courts.

The purpose of the project is to bridge all students with the land, honour local Indigenous teachings, create a welcoming outdoor gathering space, and partner with people interested in being a part of Reconciliation.



This will be a space that emphasizes the use and celebration of Indigenous ways of knowing and being. Students involved have worked on designs to create a space that reflects values of respecting the land, learning outside, storytelling, and many cross-curricular initiatives. The space is also meant to be inclusive, accessible, welcoming, versatile, and safe.

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GRAD 2024



The most up-to-date Grad 2024 information may be found on the KSS Website—under “Students”, “Grad”. Link [HERE](#).

Graduation Requirements

Please see KSS Course information
on the KSS Website— under “About”, “Courses”.
You will find the **Graduation Requirements** here in the
Slideshow titled “Grade 11/12 Course Request Information”
Link is [HERE](#)

You are invited!

Grade 11 and 12 parents/guardians and students are invited to the
Grade 11 and 12 Parent Information Session followed by
BC Post Secondary Institutions (PSI) Visitations on
Wednesday, September 20th from 6:15—8:30 p.m. at KSS

See the following
page for more
information!

2023 Post Secondary Institution Representative Visits to KSS

Date	PSI Name	Time	Location
Sept. 20 th	Grade 11 & 12 student and parent information session in gym	6:15 pm	Gym
	BC Liaison Evening with 16 BC post-secondary school reps in attendance Parent info session in gym at 6 pm	7 pm-8:30 pm	MPR
Sept. 27 th	University of Alberta rep	11:30-12:30	MPR
Oct. 19 th	University of Calgary rep	11:30-12:30	MPR
Oct. 25 th	University of Victoria Business Faculty presentation	11:30-12:30	101E
Nov. 21	University of Saskatchewan	11:30-12:30	MPR

GR. 11 & 12 INFORMATION SESSION followed by BC POST SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS (PSI's) VISITATIONS

Wednesday, September 20 – 6:15 to 8:30 pm

6:15 – 7:00: KSS graduation information session in the gym

***Representatives from the BC PSI's listed below will be at KSS to meet with students and parents, share information about their schools and answer any questions regarding their PSI.*

7:00 – 8:30: Mini fair booths in MPR with the following schools:

- BC Institute of Technology
- Canadian Armed Forces / Royal Roads University
- Capilano University
- Douglas College
- Kwantlen Polytechnic University
- Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
- Selkirk College
- Simon Fraser University
- Thompson Rivers University
- Trinity Western University
- University of Northern BC
- Vancouver Island University

7:00 – 7:30: Presentations with the following schools:

- Okanagan College (room 193)
- UBC Okanagan and Vancouver (gym)
- University of Victoria (drama room)

7:35 – 8:05: Repeat presentations:

- Okanagan College (room 193)
- UBC Okanagan and Vancouver (gym)
- University of Victoria (drama room)

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Last year for the KSS Remembrance Day Ceremony we made a slideshow of family members and / or friends of the KSS Community that have served.

If you have a digital copy of a photo of a loved one that you would like to be added to the presentation this year please email it to Mr. Holly at ryan.holly@sd23.bc.ca, along with the name of the person(s), their rank if known, and their relations to KSS.

For example:



If you provided a photo last year it will be included in this year's presentation (i.e., you do not need to send it again). Please email Mr. Holly if you have any questions.



PARKING

Grade 12 parking passes are still being handed out. 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.

Remember—If you have a parking pass—it does not **guarantee a parking spot, only the permission to park if a spot is available.**

The staff parking lot is for **STAFF ONLY!** Any visitors in the building must display a Visitor's Parking Pass.

Parking is enforced at KSS and vehicles will be towed!





KSS ATHLETICS



Most of our Fall teams are set by now. [Good luck to all of our athletes!](#)

For updates, and Athletic calendar, see KSS Athletics on the KSS Website under “Students” top tab. [HERE](#) is a link.



KSS 3A Girls Field Hockey Team

Nicola Atwell, Isabella Bigattini, Alex Boessenkool, Jenna Crockett, Karina Haggerty, Layna Haggerty, Abby Heindl, Mackenzie Henderson, Anna Kohut, Pooja Lal, Jocelynn Landry, Kate MacPherson, Jocelyn Morris, Emma Pinkerton, Micah-Ann Ramsay, Sienna Schepp, Zara Schultz



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OPEN HOUSE

Sunday
October 15
Noon - 3:30

Parkinson Activity Centre
1700 Parkinson Way

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 **FALL
ULTIMATE**

SEPT. 6 - OCT. 11
4:00PM PARKINSON
AGES 14-18

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SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER AT H2O

TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER AT THE FAMILY YMCA

WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER AT PARKINSON REC

THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER AT PARKINSON REC

FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER AT H2O

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Partners for Inclusive Education

Partners for Inclusive Education is a safe place where families, staff and community partners can connect and improve support for learners with diversabilities.

Partners for Inclusive Education strives for open communication about inclusive education. This effort requires education, teamwork, and empathy to maximize "wrap around support" and celebrate the differences that make our children individuals.

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

Event Date

The next Partners for Inclusive Education meeting is scheduled for:

Date: September 25, 2023

Time: 6:00 pm

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

STUDY ABROAD

The Youth Exchange Scholarship
provided by your local Rotary Club



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and monthly stipend for a high school year abroad.

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- ▶ LIVING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY?
- ▶ BEING FLUENT IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

The Youth Exchange Scholarship for one academic year covers room, board, tuition, and a monthly stipend. The student/family pays for airfare, medical insurance, personal and optional expenses.

The Youth Exchange Scholarships are made possible by the generosity of our Rotary partners overseas and local Rotary clubs. Students must be in grade 9, 10 or 11 to apply.

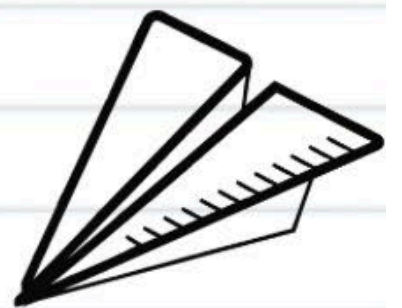
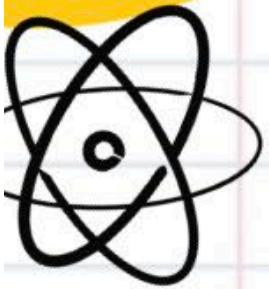


Apply by September 27th

EMAIL US WITH ANY QUESTIONS:
dsc@sd23.bc.ca

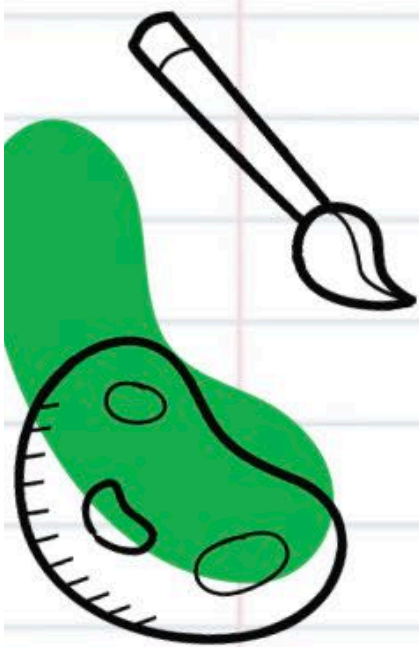


DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL



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**THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO
MEET NEW PEOPLE AND MAKE
AN IMPACT BEYOND YOUR
SCHOOL.**



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THE GOOGLE FORM**



**We are in need of 1 Grade 10 Rep
from KSS**

GATEWAY TO TECH

PRESENTED BY SCOTIABANK

Are you interested in increasing your technology skills?
Do you want to know more about career opportunities in technology and coding? This program will provide you with skills and knowledge related to the growing technology sector.

- Free training offered by Okanagan College and SD23.
- Attend classes two evenings per week at Okanagan College
- Learn skills related to a variety of careers in the Information Technology Sector
- Taught by industry professionals
- Gain hands-on skills directly related to IT Essentials and Mobile Coding

PROGRAM DETAILS

Tuesday and Thursday
5:00pm – 8:30pm

Course runs February 2024 to June 2024

FREE for grade 9 – 12 students interested in technology and coding.

Students will receive a four credit Grade 12 IT course.



CONTINUING STUDIES

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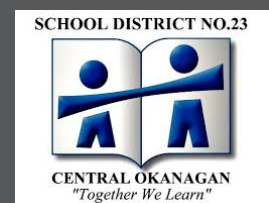
Completed applications are due to:

careerlife.programs@sd23.bc.ca by 3:00pm on Friday, Sept 22 2023.

Space is limited!

Contact your High school Career Center for an application.

Grade 9 students at Knox (see Mr. Aitken) and Grade 9 students at KLO (see Ms. Miller).



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KELOWNA COMMUNITY THEATRE
Friday October 20 | 7:30 pm

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CLELAND THEATRE, PENTICTON
Saturday October 21 | 7:00 pm

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VERNON PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
Sunday October 22 | 7:00 pm

