



École Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

November 29, 2024

Harmony Day at KSS

Harmony Day was on November 22nd. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity and a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Canada and the Okanagan home.

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For Harmony Day, the KSS BIPOC teacher sponsors, Daniel Ragobar, Mohyna Ragoonaden and Christina Drescher, are asking staff and students to place a pin on a world map to pin their cultural heritage.

Upcoming dates . .

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| Dec 2 | Choral Concert at St. Michael's Cathedral 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec 9 | Mrs. Dubois Music Concert in gym 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec 10 | Mrs. French Music Concert in gym 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec 11 | Grade 12 Grad Winter Formal |
| Dec 17 | Winter mini-market in MPR at lunch |
| Dec 18 | Locker Clean Out 12:35 p.m. |
| Dec 18 | Jazz in the MPR 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec 20 | Last day before Winter Break |
| Dec 21-Jan 5 | Winter Vacation |
| Jan 6 | School reopens after Winter Vacation |
| Jan 14 | KSS PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m. |
| Jan 15 | Capstone |
| Jan 15 | Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m. |



KSS YEARBOOK

**Early Bird pricing ends
on Saturday !**

Buy yours now for **\$30.00**

(\$35 personalized)

Purchase online [HERE](#).



Extra copies are not printed. Order now to ensure you have a copy !

GRAD PHOTOS

Graduation Photo appointments will be held between November 25 - December 22, 2024 and between January 6-14, 2025.

Students may make their appointment via QR code:



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors:

**Who you are is more important than
what you achieve.**

KSS ATHLETICS

KSS Sr. Girls T2 Volleyball Team brings home the **GOLD** at the Tier 2 Provincial Championships!

Named to the All-Star Team were Charlotte Sterner & Alyssa Cochrane.

MVP for the tournament was Cameron McAndie.



For all KSS Team updates, try-out information and **KSS Gym Schedule**, see KSS Athletics on the KSS Website under "Students" top tab. [HERE](#) is a link.



JAZZ AT THE LAUREL

Featured Guest
John Lee

Wednesday, Dec. 4th

7:00 pm

Doors open at 6:30pm

The Laurel Packinghouse

1304 Ellis St. Kelowna

\$20 General Admission \$10 For Students



**KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL
CHORAL PROGRAM WITH DIRECTOR
SHEILA FRENCH PRESENTS**



Voices

**AT ST. MICHAEL'S
CATHEDRAL**

**WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
DR KNOX CHOIR WITH
DIRECTOR ERIKA SINHUBER**

**DECEMBER 2, 2024 7:00PM
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM**

ADMISSION BY DONATION

KSS GRAD 2025

DON'T MISS IT!

WINTER Formal

SAVE THE DATE

11 | 6:30

December

Doors Open

@KSS IN MPR

THEME: OLD HOLLYWOOD

\$15

*PHOTO ID REQUIRED
*GRADE 12'S ONLY
*SCHOOL CODE OF
CONDUCT IN EFFECT
*DOORS CLOSE @8 NO
RE-ENTRY

December 4, 2024

PROM 2025 FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Kelowna Senior Secondary

Order one of the specials outlined below on December 4, 2024
and \$10.00 from each order will go to the 2025 KSS Prom

OPTION A \$21.99

1 Large 3 topping Pizza
& Cheesy Bread

Order Code KSS1

OR

OPTION B \$26.99

2 Medium 3 topping Pizzas
& Cheesy Bread

Order Code KSS2



KELOWNA

(250) 861 5561
135 RUTLAND RD N

(250) 861 5551
1455 HARVEY AVE

(250) 861 5731
437 GLENMORE RD

(250) 860 7878
3818 GORDON DR

(778) 484 8330
5008 SOUTHRIDGE DR

ORDER ONLINE

DOMINOS.CA

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



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.



INFORMATION SESSION

RV Technician Program

Come learn more about the RV Technician program including admission requirements, the program day to day and career paths!

Wednesday, Dec. 4

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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

REGISTER FOR THE
VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION: >

eventbrite.ca/e/rv-technician-info-session-tickets-1075047097809



OC Okanagan
COLLEGE

TEST DRIVE COLLEGE PROGRAMS



DIGITAL BOOTCAMP

CENTRE OF ARTS & TECHNOLOGY



MORE INFO!

MARCH 24-27

CHOOSE YOUR MISSION

ACTING | ANIMATION

AUDIO ENGINEERING | FILMMAKING

GRAPHIC & WEB DESIGN | INTERIOR DESIGN

REGISTER NOW AT

digitalartschool.com/bootcamp

Earlybird rate of \$225 (reg \$250) for applications
received on or before **December 31st**.



INTERESTED IN
**POLICING
CAREERS?**



PARTICIPATE IN THE JEAN MINGUY MEMORIAL RCMP YOUTH Academy

MAY 25TH-30TH

Applications are **DUE January 31st**
for this week long intensive experience.

Applications are now available
from your Career Coordinator, your
school's office, or from our website.



AGES 16-18
Are invited to apply

Cost is
\$350

includes all food, lodging
and supplies for the week.



Dual Credit Health Care Programs for 2024 -2025

Students in Grade 12

Students will have the opportunity to start
their education in the Health Care Field

- PNUR 113 (Practical Nursing pre-requisite for diploma program)
- Nursing Unit Assistant
- Dental Office Administrative Assistant
- Medical Office Assistant
- Medical Device Reprocessing Tech
- Health Care Assistant

Program delivery differs for each program. Visit our website for more details, www.dualcredit23.com.
Be better prepared to transition to a Post Secondary Health Care Program or a Career in the Health
Care Industry.
Earn graduation credits and have your tuition paid for.

Visit your Career
Center today

Website
www.dualcredit23.com

OC Okanagan
COLLEGE



**Volunteers needed
for the annual
Christmas Kettles
Campaign!**



**November 12th -
to December 24th**

**various times and
locations throughout
Kelowna &
West Kelowna**

Grades 10 - 12

*(students under 16 must
be accompanied by an adult)*

See your Career Centre for more info!

DECEMBER 6, 2024 | 9AM-2PM

KF Aerospace - Centre for Excellence

ECF Education & Career Fairs

Watch it

INDUSTRY EXPERTS

Canadian Armed
Forces, Lifesaving
Society, Art
Colleges, Auto
Careers, WorkBC,
and much more!

**Learn
it**

LEARNING LOUNGE

Exciting seminar topics: Be
Fearlessly Creative, Find
your Path, Study Abroad
Prepare to enter the
Workforce and more!

Try it

INTERACTION

Hands-on
activities, Try It
Yourself &
Interactive
Games

**Question
it**

**DIVERSE
EXHIBITORS**

Universities, Colleges,
Employers, Industry
Associations & Non
Profits

sign up at the KSS Career Centre!

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 SPONSOR
MRS. RAGOONADE
MR. RAGOBA
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!