ÉCOLE KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL

Whoo's News

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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Important Dates



The KSS Daily Calendar, including daily block schedules and school events, may be viewed via KSS Website: kss.sd23.bc.ca

- **October 26-30: Halloweek** *(see details below)*
- **Oct 28:** UBC Application Workshop in LLC at lunch
- **Oct 29:** Dual Credit Night
- **Nov 2-6:** Ministry Assessments *(see details below)*
- **Nov 2, 4, 9, 12:** Student Sexual Health Education
- **Nov 5-7:** Night Owl Theatre - Night Owl Live
- **Nov 7:** SAT Writing. See Career Centre to register.
- **Nov 10:** Staff/Student Remembrance Day Ceremony
- **Nov 10**: KSS PAC Zoom Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- **Nov 11: No School, Remembrance Day**
- **Nov 13:** Quarter 1 Ends
- **Nov 16:** Quarter 2 Begins
- **Nov 20:** Harmony Day
- **Nov 24:** COBSS Applications open (online) - see COBSS
- **Nov 24-25:** Post Secondary Prep #2 in LLC at lunch
- **Nov 26:** Cultural Performance - Andrew Allen
- **Nov 27:** Student Written Learning Updates are published to MyEd Parent & Student Portals

2026-2027 KSS Yearly Calendar

Principal's Message

Dear Owl Families,

It's hard to believe we are approaching the midpoint of our first semester and the completion of Quarter 1. For students in 10-week courses, this means their courses are wrapping up. It's an important time for students and families to know how learning is going, celebrate progress, and identify where some extra attention or support may be needed.

We encourage students to talk with their teachers and families about what is going well, what feels challenging, and what learning still needs to be demonstrated. If there are questions or concerns, connecting with the classroom teacher early is helpful. These conversations give us time to clarify expectations and work together on next steps. Students don't need to wait until they feel overwhelmed to ask for help.

Halloween excitement is also building! We look forward to the creativity and school spirit students bring to the day. As students plan their costumes, please help us keep our celebrations welcoming and appropriate for school. Costumes should respect the identities and experiences of others. Please review our Halloween expectations with your student.

Thank you for staying connected and supporting your student through this busy stretch of the school year.

With Owl pride,
Nina Ferguson

Halloween at KSS

Halloween is quickly approaching! Next week - **Halloweek** - there will be a number of fun activities for our students, such as: spooky pep rally, haunted house and costume fashion show.



Costumes must be appropriate for the school environment. *Please review the following guidelines:*

- Costumes are expected to be **school** appropriate.
- Costumes with masks are not permitted.
- Costumes are not to have any dangerous accessories (i.e. toy guns, swords, or any other weapons).
- Costumes that are offensive to others' religion, race, culture or belief system are not permitted.

Students must show respect for others by not choosing costumes that are insensitive and/or offensive to the diverse backgrounds represented by others at our school. KSS promotes the values expressed in the **BC Human Rights Code** respecting the rights of all individuals in accordance with the law – prohibiting discrimination based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, physical and mental disability, gender identity and gender expression, sex or sexual orientation – In respect of discriminatory publication and discrimination in accommodation, service, and facility in the school environment. Please make every effort to keep this day fun and safe for all students and staff!



Student Photos & ID Cards

Student photos, including retakes, are now online and ready to purchase! Orders are online only through Artona - please see their website HERE. To view your photos and/or to purchase, choose "View and Order Photos" and then "School Day Photos". Alternatively, scan the QR code that is on the proof sheet students were given or scan the QR Code on the back of the Student ID Card.

All orders will incur a shipping fee and be sent directly home not to the school. To avoid the shipping fee we recommend purchasing the digital download. This is sent by email with no additional fees.

All students that had a photo taken will receive a free Student ID Card. ***Please see the office if you do not have your Student ID Card.***

Questions/concerns may be directed to Artona at 1-800-668-3866.

Verifying Student Information

Parents/Guardians now have the ability to verify their student's demographics through the MyEd Parent Portal. We no longer send home hard copy Student Information Verification Forms.



Parents are asked to verify their student's profile to ensure that the school has the most up-to-date information on file. NOTE: Change of address, custody/legal or medical changes require updated documentation before the office will update this information. These items may be brought to the main office or emailed to: kss@sd23.bc.ca.

Please see Instructions below.
VERIFY INSTRUCTIONS
PARENT PORTAL INSTRUCTIONS

For password resets, please call the office at 250-870-5105, extension 0.

Ministry Assessments

Students graduating with a Dogwood Diploma in B.C. are required to complete Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 and Literacy 12 assessments. These are available to be written in Math 10, English 10 and English 12 classes in November, January, April, and June of each year. **Numeracy 10 assessments will be written in class November 2-5.**

For students who have missed previous assessments, make up sessions for Literacy 10 and Numeracy 10 Assessments are also available from November 2-5. Students who are missing assessments will be contacted by email to notify them of their upcoming make-up assessment.

Students who are enrolled in online math 10, English 10 or English 12 courses should contact KSS Vice Principal Mike Kormany to be added to the make-up sessions: michael.kormany@sd23.bc.ca.

Remembrance Day Ceremony



Our Remembrance Day Assembly for students will be held on Tuesday, November 10th. For the past few years we have made a slideshow of family members and/or friends of the KSS Community that have served for the KSS Remembrance Day Ceremony.

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 (ryan.holly@sd23.bc.ca), along with the name of the person(s), their rank if known, and their relations to KSS (like the photo above).

Helpful Links

SCHOOL MESSENGER LINK - ENTER ABENCES/LATES/EARLY DEPARTURES HERE

KSS Clubs

Bell Schedules

KSS Administration & Support

School Cash Online - Pay Student Fees Here

KSS Code of Conduct

Graduation News: Class of 2027

GRAD 2027 CLOTHING!

Your first drop of grad clothing is live! Please your orders before November 8th.
Order HERE.

Please ensure that your child joins the Grad 2027 Information Google Classroom. This is where all important news for grade 12s can be found. Code: **k6qd3ks**



Prom Information: Class of 2027

KSS Parents and Community Members,

Planning and preparations are already underway for this year's prom. As you are aware, it is a substantial undertaking that involves the hard work and time commitment of many individuals.

Our next fundraiser is with **M&M Food Market** this weekend **- Oct 23-25!** Use account number 250-KSS-PROM at checkout. Thank you for your support!

We are accepting general donations that can be made specifically towards prom. KSS PAC will not ask you to volunteer BUT we still need your help! Please consider making a donation through our **ONE-AND-DONE** Fundraiser. Information about how to donate can be found in the attached letter.

If you would like to get involved and be a part of the Parent Prom Committee, you can sign up through the QR code on the information sheet below. We will also need some current grade 11 parents to help us out on the night of prom.

Thank you all so much for helping us create a memorable night for all members of the Class of 2027!

M&M FOOD MARKET

PROUDLY SERVING CANADIANS SINCE 1980

From everyday meals to special occasions, our high-quality, affordable, flash-frozen products fit every freezer and every household. With certified gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan options, there's something for everyone.

M&M FOOD MARKET HAS YOUR FAMILY COVERED!

2026 KSS GRAD PROM FUNDRAISER

WEEKEND FUNDRAISER at M&M Food Market

Friday, October 23rd – Sunday, October 25th

during store hours

M&M Food Market – *Mission Park Shopping Centre*
3155 Lakeshore Drive

10% of your in-store purchase will be donated to:
Kelowna Secondary School – Prom 2027

How to participate:
Simply use the account number **250-KSS-PROM** at checkout.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE 2027 GRADUATING CLASS!

kspromcommittee@gmail.com

KELOWNA OWLS PROM 2027

PDF **Donation letter.pdf** Download 86.0 KB



Career and Counselling Centre News

UBC Application Workshop

Please join us for an application workshop presented by UBC on Wednesday, October 28th from 12:00 to 12:45 pm in the KSS Library. *students only

SAT Writing

Students may have the opportunity to write an SAT exam at KSS. Please see the Career Centre for more details and to register.

Okanagan College Advisory Sessions

Please join Okanagan College Advisors in the KSS Multi-purpose Room on November 5th or November 13th. Booking links available soon.

Application Day

Youth Education Support Program through the YMCA is available on November 4th to help students pay for their application fees. Please join us in the MPR with your application for post-secondary prepared and they will pay your application fee!

PDF **Application Day Poster Nov 4th.pdf** Download 572.4 KB

Okanagan College Free Application Night

Don't miss it! Free Application Night on October 27th at 5-6:30 pm in the Centre for Learning Atrium located at Okanagan College- 1000 KLO Road.

Upcoming Post-Secondary Institution Visits

November 12- Dalhousie University in the MPR
November 19- Strengthening Connections Indigenous Recruitment Tour location TBA
November 24- UBC Recruiter in the KSS Library

Career Centre Opportunities

PDF **How to get 30 hrs POSTER.pdf** Download 110.1 KB

UBCO Engineering Open House- October 24, 2026

UBCO Engineering is hosting an Open House of Saturday, October 24th. Please expand the picture to access the QR code to register.



GO Eng Girl: Environmental Engineering

Join other girls at GO Eng on Nov. 24th for a day to explore the environmental footprint of music festivals and take on a design challenge to create a more sustainable festival. If you are interested, please sign up in the Career Centre by Nov. 17th.



KSS Athletics

Owls Football

Come out and support the KSS Football Team at their upcoming games. Bring the black and gold! GOOOOOOO OWWWWWLS!

Senior Varsity Football Games:
Fri, Oct 23 @ 5pm KSS vs Mt Boucherie - at Mission Recreation Park (field M15) ** TONIGHT **
Fri, Oct 30 @ 7:30pm KSS vs OKM - at Rosewood Sports Field (Mar Jok)
Fri, Nov 6 @ 7:30pm KSS vs Rutland - at Rosewood Sports Field (Mar Jok)
Junior Varsity Football Games:
Thurs, Oct 29 @7pm KSS vs OKM - at Rosewood Sports Field (Mar Jok)
Thurs, Nov 5 @5pm KSS vs Rutland - at Rosewood Sports Field (Mar Jok)

KSS Wrestling Team

There will be a wrestling meeting in **Room 281** at 12:10 on Thursday October 29 for any student interested in representing KSS in the sport of wrestling. Wrestling has weight classes so size does not matter and is a great sport for the smaller students. Wrestling is also a great of off-season sport for rugby and football players. For more information, see COWA website - HERE.

Cross Country



This past weekend, the BC Athletics Cross Country Running Championships took place in Nanoose Bay on Vancouver Island. KSS students Coen Kissmann placed 2nd completing the 6 km course in a time of 17:52 and Coulter Sieban placed 16th with a time of 19:02.

KSS OWLS Athletics Webpage

Best of the West Link

GOLD ALL AROUND FOR KSS OWLS VOLLEYBALL!

Congratulations to our KSS teams that took GOLD in the Sr. Best of The West Volleyball Championship this past weekend!





KSS PAC

ONE-AND-DONE

KSS PAC will not ask you to volunteer BUT we still need your help! Please consider making a donation through our ONE-AND-DONE Fundraiser. Please see link below for more information and details:
ONE-AND-DONE

PDF **One and Done Donation Request_2026.pdf** Download 248.1 KB



Community News

Civic Awards

Young Citizen of the Year!

Do you know a young person who has made a real difference in your school or community in 2026?

The Youth Citizen of the Year Award recognizes outstanding youth who are creating positive change through volunteerism, community leadership, or a commitment to tackling important social issues.

Whether they're organizing initiatives, supporting local causes, advocating for others, or inspiring their peers to get involved, these young leaders are helping build a stronger, more connected Kelowna.

Nominations are now open for the City of Kelowna's 52nd Annual Civic & Community Awards. As part of this award, 2 finalists will receive a $1,000 and the recipient will receive a $2,000 to support their education, a community project, or an entrepreneurial pursuit.

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN! and they close January 25th.

More information and nomination forms are found here: **Civic & Community Awards | City of Kelowna**

TEEN HONOR IN THE ARTS!

Do you know a talented young artist who has set the stage in 2026, through their creativity, performance, and artistic excellence?

The Teen Honor in the Arts Award celebrates youth who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the visual, literary, performing, or media arts. From musicians, actors, dancers, and filmmakers to writers, painters, behind the scenes artists, and emerging creatives, this award recognizes young people who enrich our community through their artistic talents.

Nominations are now open for the City of Kelowna's 52nd Annual Civic & Community Awards. Everything from performing on stage, exhibiting their work, contributing to cultural programs, or inspiring others through the arts, these exceptional youth deserve to be recognized for their contributions to Kelowna's vibrant arts community.

As part of this award, the winner of this award will receive a $500 scholarship to UBC-O's Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies.

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