



École Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

April 11, 2025

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 Movie Night, Grad Spaghetti Dinner, 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. These activities are often organized and arranged by the graduates themselves and include "grad kidnappings" and subsequent "bush parties" that take place in our community.

We need to emphasize our serious concerns regarding student behavior and safety at all of the above-mentioned non-sanctioned events, as there have been incidents of serious injury in past years.

The staff at KSS want your child's grade 12 year to be positive, memorable and safe, and we strongly caution and counsel parents to investigate these non-sanctioned activities carefully.

Upcoming dates . .

Apr 14-17	Air Band at lunch
Apr 17	Air Band Finals 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Apr 15 & 16	Post-Secondary Prep in LLC at lunch
Apr 15	Quarter 3 Ends
Apr 16	Quarter 4 Begins
Apr 18	Good Friday—NO SCHOOL
Apr 21	Easter Monday—NO SCHOOL.
Apr 22	Health Nurse Wellness Clinics in Career Ctr AM
May 2	Cultural Performances in the gym
May 2	Student Written Learning Updates are published to <u>MyEd Parent Portal</u> at 3:00 p.m.
May 13 & 27	Health Nurse Wellness Clinics in Career Ctr AM
May 15	District Award Scholarship Presentations AM
May 16	PROM
May 19	Victoria Day—NO SCHOOL
May 20	KSS PAC AGM 6:30 p.m. in LLC
May 21	Diner en Blanc

MYED PARENT PORTAL

Parents / Guardians of KSS Students will receive information very soon on how to access the MyEd Parent Portal. **Please watch for an email.** This email will contain your temporary login as well as instructions on how to utilize the parent portal.



We expect to have the MyEd Parent Portal operating for the next Student Written Learning Update release on May 2nd.

Okanagan College Advisor Sessions

Okanagan College Advisors are returning to KSS on **April 23rd and 24th** to KSS MPR to meet with students regarding any program or course planning questions they have. Advisors will be available from 9:45am until 11:45 am and drop in's at lunch.

They are here to help you make the most of your time at OC. Whether you plan to take a full credential, or a few transferable courses, your decision to come to school is a life-changing choice. Education Planning Advising is all about working together to create a plan that works for you. We'll go over program requirements, prerequisites, course options, and help you map out your academic path. We're here to guide you through college processes and ensure you have a clear plan for your time at OC.

Here are the links to the Booking tool for our visits to KSS: 15-minute time slots available.

Please visit the link below to book your appointment time.

Meetings are by appointment only!

Please sign up [HERE](#).



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors:

Mindset shift:

Gratitude turns what you have and where you are into enough.

WINDSCAPES CHORAL FESTIVAL



The Windscares Choir Festival was held at St. Michael's Cathedral in Kelowna this week.

Congratulations to our KSS Chamber Choir students for your outstanding results at the Windscares Choral festival!

The Choir received superior comments in every category and a **GOLD** award.

Way to Go !!



2025-2026 MUSIC TRIP

There is an important Music Parent Meeting for next year's music trip. The meeting is **Tuesday, April 15 @ 7:00 PM** in music room 128. We hope to see you there!

GRAD CLOTHING SALES



Class of 2025! We are now launching your **last grad clothing store** of the year. *Don't wait, as this is your **last chance to get grad gear.***

DEADLINE IS April 22nd, 2025



ORDER [HERE.](#)



KSS WEBSITE & CALENDARS

<https://kss.sd23.bc.ca/>

Please check the KSS Website for important information such as: Course Viewbook, Student Services, Drama, Library and Tech information, Whoo's News, PAC Meeting Minutes, Grad information, Career-Life Programs and student volunteer opportunities and much more!

KELOWNA OWLS ATHLETICS Page and Gym Calendar is under "Students" tab and "Athletics". Link [HERE](#)

KSS SCHOOL CALENDAR is on the KSS Website [HERE](#) is a link.





GRAD 2025



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in Graduation, Grade 12 students must have:

- ◇ Filled out the "Convocation Information" Form on the Grad Google Classroom
(this will be posted the week of April 7th)
- ◇ Returned any overdue library books or textbooks;
- ◇ Paid any outstanding student fees (including \$75.00 Grad Commencement Fee); and,
- ◇ Be in a calculable position to graduate.

PROMENADE & BANQUET

Promenade (Grad Walk), followed by Grad Banquet and Dance, is on **Friday, May 16, 2025.**

Prom tickets will be on sale April 28—May 2, before school (8:00-9:00 a.m.), during lunch, or after school (3:15-4:00 p.m.) in Room 147. Each ticket is **\$110 each** and will be sold in person only to Grade 12 students.

**** Students must not have any outstanding fees or books in order to purchase Prom tickets. ****

If your family is experiencing financial difficulties, please speak with your Alpha VP.

Promenade will begin at 5:30 p.m. sharp. **Grads must arrive** at The Dolphins downtown **by 5:00 p.m. to line up!** The walk will begin at The Dolphins and conclude at the pool entrance of The Delta Grand Hotel where the banquet and dance will take place.



Prom banquet and dance is for Grade 12 students only. **Grads must show photo ID to enter The Grand.** More information is to come regarding table/seat selection.

The KSS Code of Conduct will be in place for the entire evening.

CONVOCATION

Convocation (Commencement Ceremony) is the cap and gown ceremony where students will receive their graduation diploma.

Convocation is on **Saturday, June 7, 2025** in the KSS Gym. There are two ceremonies:

- 1: Last Names beginning with **A — L** at **10:30 a.m.**
- 2: Last Names beginning with **M — Z** at **2:30 p.m.**



Each student may receive **up to SIX tickets**. There is no waitlist for extra tickets. Student will pick up their convocation tickets when they pick up their grad cap, gown and stole at the end of May. Convocation will be livestreamed via link on the KSS Web-site (Grad tab) for those that are unable to attend. The Graduation Commencement Fee of \$75.00 was due on April 1st. Payment may still be made in School Cash Online.

OUTSTANDING FEES

The "**Outstanding Fees & Textbooks List**" will be posted in the MPR and is sorted by PUPIL NUMBER. Please have your grade 12 student check this list and take care of any outstanding fees. Students will find their Pupil Number in their MyEd Student Portal.

Fees are paid via [School Cash Online](#).

If you do not see a fee in School Cash Online, please check your History to see if it has already been paid.



Kelowna Secondary School

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On behalf of the graduating class of 2025 and this year's grad council at Kelowna Secondary School, we would like to request donations to help fund and execute this year's upcoming graduation/prom. With such a large graduating class, the PAC, grad council, as well as staff at KSS have taken on the large task of planning this event. Any donations would be put towards helping lower the cost of each student's admission into the event but could also be used towards the expenses of the event itself. Some of the expenses include food, entertainment (music and photography), decorations, and the venue rental.

Donations can be made to cover or lower the cost of specific items or can be given for general use. All funds donated will go entirely towards putting together an unforgettable event for our grad class. Tax receipts can be provided if your donation is made through the Central Okanagan School District's website **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**. You can register/log into this site and select the button **Make A Donation**, select an amount for your donation, choose **KELOWNA SECONDARY** as the Fund Destination, and add **KSS PROM** to the Message to School Board to ensure your donation is added to our event. If you do not require a tax receipt, a cheque can be made to **KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL** attention **KSS PROM**.

<https://centralokanagan.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/56/15/false/true>

Any help would be greatly appreciated, as it would help ensure that every student has the opportunity to attend the event at a minimal cost to all and make it a memorable night for our grads.

Sincerely, KSS Grad Class of 2025

PROM 2025 - CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Calling all KSS Parents/Guardians
HELP MAKE PROM 2025 UNFORGETTABLE!



We are in need of a few 'Night Owls' to chaperone the later shifts on Friday, May 16th at The Delta Grand Hotel. If you could spare an hour or two, it would greatly support Prom 2025.



Please sign up [HERE](#).

Let's come together and make this night truly special!

If you have questions, please email: ksspromcommittee@gmail.com

Montana's BBQ & Bar

Fundraiser!

Grad 2025 Event



2 Dates!

April 15th
April 22nd

5pm till close

Montana's
400-1500 Banks Rd, Kelowna

Prom gets 15% of sales!

Grade 12: Class of 2025

POST-SECONDARY PREPARATION

PSP #3

April 15&16th
11:30 am
KSS LIBRARY



- ✓ Post-secondary calendar
- ✓ Updates & deposits
- ✓ Course planning
- ✓ Course registration



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UBC School of Engineering SEED Summer Program



Stewards in Engineering Education (SEED)

The SEED program is designed to promote a strong interest in research. If selected following the application process, students will participate in state-of-the-art research laboratories with world-class researchers and graduate students at UBC's Okanagan campus for a one-week period in the summer from July 21-25, 2025. This is open to Grade 9-12 students.

The deadline to apply is May 30, 2025. Selected candidates will be notified by June 13, 2025.

APPLY BY MAY 30

Apply online at tinyurl.com/SEEDSummer2025
or using the QR code:



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[engineering.ok.ubc.ca/programs-admissions/
outreach-programs](https://engineering.ok.ubc.ca/programs-admissions/outreach-programs)

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KELOWNA, May 1, 2025



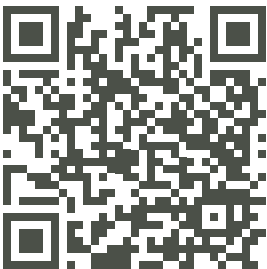
**Choose from two different sessions
to explore for the day.**

Connect with professors, meet students, tour the campus and discover life at OC.

Example sessions may include:

- Arts
- Business
- Engineering
- Health
- Science
- Social Development
- Technologies
- Trades
- and many more.

Apr. 1 | Registration opens
Apr. 17 | Registration closes
May 1 | Experience OC



To register, visit your counsellor or career centre.
Questions? ocreclruiting@okanagan.bc.ca

Eventbrite



PAC UPDATE

Community Matters

You are a Part of the PAC

If you are a parent or guardian with a student returning or starting at KSS this fall, you are automatically part of the PAC for the 2025-26 school year! As a member you are invited to the upcoming AGM; and are encouraged to consider getting more involved and letting your name stand for a PAC executive role.

The PAC Executive

For those new to the school, the PAC at KSS isn't about fund raising so don't let that thought scare you. The major role is allocating the approximately \$30,000 of BC Gaming Funds to help fund extracurricular activities such as; class field trips, musical instruments, sports uniforms, dance instruction, robotics, and more.

KSS is required to have a PAC executive to continue receiving BC Gaming Grant Funding. We will be voting in the 2025-26 PAC executive at the AGM. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please email KSS.PACPresident@sd23.bc.ca. There can also be nominations from the floor at the AGM.

KSS PAC Executive Committee 2025-26 (roles and nomination status):

- Chair or Co-chair §
- Vice or Co-chair - **Open for nominees**
- Treasurer (1 nominee)
- Secretary §
- Academic Chair §
- Athletic Chair §
- Fine Arts Chair §
- Indigenous Chair §
- Technical Education Chair §
- Student Support Chair §
- Clubs Chair §
- COPAC Rep - **Open for nominees**

§ denotes that the current person in the role is willing to stay in the role for next year

Even if you can't volunteer for a position, the PAC welcomes your input and attendance at all meetings. It's an easy way to keep up with what is happening at KSS. We look forward to seeing you!

AGM

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**May 20th @ 6:30pm
in the school library**



UBCO Heat Sport Camps

Get in the game this summer with UBCO Heat Sport Camps

Led by nationally recognized coaches and student athletes, UBCO's Heat Sport Camps offer a fun-filled week of skill development for kids aged 6 to 18. These camps are a great way to introduce youth to a sport or help them improve their techniques. Camp offerings include basketball, volleyball and our newest full-day camp, STEM-letics, which combines the excitement of athletics with the curiosity of science, technology, engineering, and math.

Camps are set to run in July and August, and registration is now open. Click [here](#) to learn more.



High School 6-Week Track & Field Program!

Get ready for the 2025 High School Championships with OAC!

Who: Grades 8-12 Students

What: 6 weeks of track and field training

When: Starts April

Why: Train with expert coaches, improve your skills, and compete at your best!

Visit: www.okac.ca to Sign up @okanaganathletics

Questions? Email Karen: manager@okac.ca | 250-862-6039



Thursday

May 22, 2025

8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Okanagan College
Kelowna Campus
1000 KLO Rd.
Kelowna BC V1Y 4X8

Registration/Continental
Breakfast

8:30 am to 9:00 a.m.

This amazing event will include an array of hands-on workshops led by female mentors designed to help young women develop a better understanding of the potential of skilled trades careers.

Additional highlights will include an incredible lunch, information booths, facility tours, guest speakers and mentorship.

We hope you can join us.

For more information and an application form, see your Career Centre
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS TUESDAY, APRIL 22nd

We have an inclusive view of the word "female" and we welcome trans, genderqueer, and non-binary participants.