

ÉCOLE KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL



Whoo's News

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

Important Dates

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



- **Aug 31-Sept 4:** Course Change Requests
- **Sept 3:** International Student Orientation (school buses are not running)
- **Sept 3:** LINK Orientation for incoming Grade 10s (school buses are not running)
- **Sept 8:** First day back for students!
- **Sept 8:** Early Dismissal at 12:30 (buses are running)
- **Sept 15:** Student Grade Assemblies
- **Sept 16:** Photo Day
- **Sept 30:** No School, National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
- **Oct 7:** Early Dismissal at 1:30 (Buses are running)
- **Oct 7:** Parent-Teacher Conferences in the Gym (*information to come*)
- **Oct 9:** No School, Implementation Day
- **Oct 12:** No School, Thanksgiving Day
- **Oct 14-15:** Gr 12 Students Post-Secondary Prep #1 at lunch in LLC (*information to come*)
- **Oct 14:** Photo Retakes
- **Oct 20:** Gr 12 Parent Information Night and Post Secondary BC Mini-Fair
- **Oct 23:** No School, Pro-Day Day

[2026-2027 KSS Yearly Calendar](#)

Principal's Message

Dear Owl Families,

There is something pretty special about the start of a new school year, and I could not be more excited to begin this one at KSS.

Throughout the summer, so many people have been working behind the scenes to make sure our students arrive to a school that is ready for them. I am incredibly grateful to our clerical, custodial and facilities teams, teachers, support staff, coaches and others who have already invested significant time and care into a strong start to the year.

As we welcome our students back, we are especially excited for our Grade 10s as they begin something entirely new and find their place at KSS. Our Grade 11s return with a year of high school behind them, ready to build on their experiences, deepen their learning and take on new opportunities. For our Grade 12s, there is something particularly significant about beginning their final year of public education, a year filled with lasts, milestones, decisions about what comes next and, we hope, a whole lot of fun along the way.

In June, I shared how excited I was to join a school with such a strong legacy and to get to know the people, traditions and stories that make KSS what it is. After a summer of preparing alongside this team, that excitement has only grown.

We are ready. We are excited. And most importantly, we cannot wait to have our students back in the building. Here's to a great year ahead!

With Owl pride,
Nina Ferguson

Attendance & Late Reporting at KSS

At KSS, in-class attendance is expected. Notes are not accepted to excuse absences, sign out or leave early. Parents/Guardians report absences, lates and early departures using **School Messenger - Safe Arrival Absence Reporting system**.

Lates: Students that are **more than 30 minutes** late for class must check in at the **office**. Parents may excuse late arrivals in Safe Arrival.

Early Departures: Parents may report early departures into Safe Arrival. If there is no excused absence reported, students will be sent to the office to obtain parental approval. This may delay the student's departure time.

If a parent has an enquiry regarding an absence, late arrival, or early departure, they are to contact the classroom teacher.

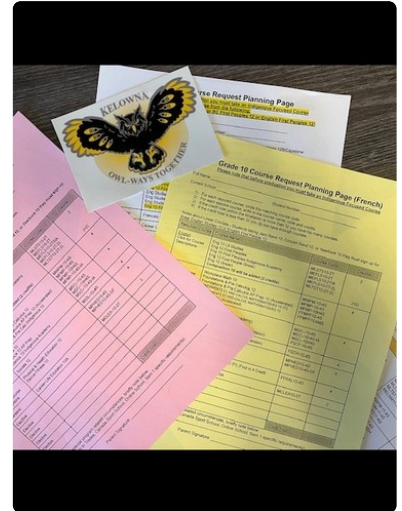
SCHOOL MESSENGER LINK

Course Change Requests

Requests for course changes will be **in-person only** on a first-come, first-served basis during the week of August 31-September 4 at the KSS Career Centre. The Career Centre will be open between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. during this week.

August 31: New Students to KSS. This includes incoming Grade 10 students from feeder schools or new students that have an **accepted** enrolment application.

September 1-4: Returning Students.



*Priority for course change requests will be for those students **missing graduation requirements**.* Unfortunately, due to classes that are already at maximum capacity, changing electives will be challenging.

Helpful Links

KSS Administration & Support

Bell Schedules for September 8-11

School Cash Online - Pay Student Fees Here

Parking at KSS

KSS Code of Conduct

Student Medical Alerts

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform the school of a student's medical alert. In the case of a life-threatening medical alert, or if medications are to be kept in school, there are medical forms that are required. Please contact the main office at 250-870-5105 if your child has a medical alert.

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KSS Athletics

Please refer to the KSS Athletics page for:

- Gym Schedule
- Tryout Information
- Sport Season Information
- Owls Live Stream
- And more!

KSS OWLS Athletics Webpage

Fall Team Try-outs Schedule Click Here



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