



May 28, 2021

Whoo's News



Dear Parent and Guardians of our Graduating Class of 2021

This weekend is our Graduation 2021 Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6.

Here are a few links for important information that you may wish to review.

[Commencement Procedures](#)

[Grad Map](#)

[COVID Safety Plan](#)



Please see the KSS Grad Weebly for all the current information and any updates.

[Grad 2021](#)



The schedule is posted on the grads' Google Classroom, and parents can have their students confirm there. It is too late for changes or additions.

Please Mark Your Calendar:

June 5 / 6	KSS Commencement Ceremony (stage crossing) Congratulations KSS Grads!
June 7—11	Dry Grad Week at KSS (See page 4 of this Newsletter)
June 23	Indigenous Grad
June 24	Last day of regular classes



It is with mixed feelings that we will be saying goodbye to Kelowna Secondary School Vice-Principal, Mr. Ryan Mansley. As of July 1, 2021, Mr. Mansley will be moving to Mount Boucherie Secondary School as Vice-Principal. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Mr. Mansley.

Mr Mansley arrived at KSS in September 2006, as a young energetic social studies teacher. He taught at KSS as a social studies teacher for 10 years. In 2016, Mr. Mansley moved into Administration at KSS as a new Vice-Principal and has been a strong and dedicated school leader for the past 5 years. Mr. Mansley's hard work and thorough attention to detail, along with his warm, caring ways have been appreciated by the students, staff, and parents. We will miss Mr. Mansley's presence in the halls and his tremendous support for the Owl Community.

Mr. Mansley is looking forward to the new challenges and learning opportunities. We wish him all the best and are excited for his new adventure as Vice-Principal at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

At this time, we would like to welcome Mr. Mike Kormany to Kelowna Secondary School. Mr. Kormany has started within School District #23 in 1999 as a Science/Math teacher. In 2007, Mr. Kormany spent 10 years as Vice-Principal at OKM. His most recent assignment has been Vice-Principal at Watson Road Elementary School. Throughout his career, he has focused on guiding students to achieve personal, social and academic success through compassion and understanding. Mr. Kormany's strength is the relationships that he builds with students, staff and parents. Mr. Kormany has indicated that he is looking forward to a new challenge and is excited to be part of the OWL COMMUNITY.



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 Fun Night, 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. The activities are organized and arranged by graduates themselves that include "grad kidnappings" and subsequent "bush parties" that take place in our community.

We want to be clear that we have serious concerns regarding student behavior and safety at all of the above-mentioned non sanctioned events. There has been incidents of serious injury to students and we strongly caution and counsel parents to investigate these non-sanctioned activities carefully.

The staff at KSS want your child's grade 12 year to be positive, memorable and safe.

The KSS Parents Advisory Council is devastated by the tragic loss of three of our grade 12 students this week, and we share our grief with all students, staff, and families who have been affected by this heartbreaking tragedy. Words cannot adequately express our heartfelt condolences to our KSS community, and in particular the graduation class. Our hope is that we will all find strength and comfort in our community. A GoFundMe has been organized for the families <https://ca.gofundme.com/f/kss-supports-3-grad-families-in-their-loss>



KSS Football 4-Day Spring Camp

We are excited to invite Grade 10s and 11s to the KSS Football adapted 4-Day spring camp from **Monday, June 14th, 2021 - Thursday, June 17th, 2021** from **5PM - 6:15PM** at the **KSS Fields**.

This camp does not require experience in football! This camp will focus on skills and development.

For students to participate, they must fill out the 2021 KSS Football Registration Package that is included in this message. Completed registration packages can be scanned and emailed to Chris Cartwright (chris.cartwright@sd23.bc.ca) or can be handed in at the KSS main office. We are not collecting fees at this moment.

We supply the football equipment. All that participants need are cleats. Equipment sign out will be next week. Dates TBD. We will need a security deposit cheque for signing out gear of \$200 made out to KSS and it must be post-dated for November 6th, 2021.

For any questions you can connect with Chris Cartwright (chris.cartwright@sd23.bc.ca).

Be T.O.U.G.H.!

GO OWLS!

[KSS Football Registration Package](#)



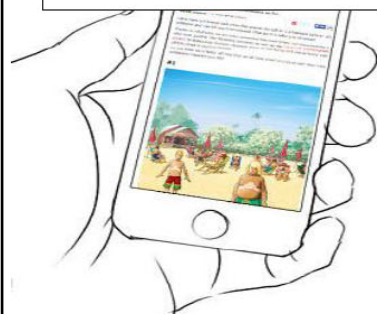
Dry Grad Parents Celebrate

The Graduates of 2021 June 7th to June 11th

Grade 12's - Participate for your chance to win GREAT Prizes

Monday Kick off to Grad Week Dress up as a Crazy Owl Black and Gold, Be Creative Win Prizes CRAZY OWLS DAY Dress up in your best black and gold outfit for crazy owl spirit day! 	Tuesday Canadian EH? Tim Hortons Donut Day Dress up in your Canadian Wear  TIMMIES TUESDAY Dress up in red and white and enjoy a complimentary treat from Tim Hortons!	Wednesday Monochrome Day JUNE 2ND Monochrome day DRESS IN YOUR FAVOURITE MONOCHROME OUTFIT TO BE ENTERED IN A PRIZE DRAW Pick your favourite colour and dress entirely in that one colour!	Thursday Jersey Day  Wear a Jersey to get an entry in another prize draw! JERSEY DAY  JUNE 3RD	It's Friday Red Carpet Formal Day Come in your finery and walk the red carpet. Formal Day DRESS UP IN YOUR BEST FORMAL WEAR DRESS UP FOR AN ENTRY IN THE FORMAL SPORTS DAY PRIZE DRAW 
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Activities all week Include-Kahoots, Candy Guess, Contests- Win BIG



KSS Dry Grad Parents have been working hard to create a memorable week for our Grads

We have planned a different activity for every day to celebrate both our KSS spirit and the 2021 Graduating Class of KSS.

Mark Your Calendars June 7th to June 11th

Follow us on Instagram@ kssowls2021 or on Facebook @KSS GRAD 2021

Stay tuned for more information to come!!!!

HELP SHAPE YOUTH PRESENCE IN THE KELOWNA ARTS SCENE

#RCAYOUTH COUNCIL

NEW! RCA YOUTH COUNCIL

Designed for youth 13 - 18 years old looking for both a creative outlet and an opportunity to contribute to the Kelowna art scene.

**JOIN RCA YOUTH COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 2021 - JUNE 2022
OR
GET INVOLVED - VOLUNTEER**

Deadline for applications

Wednesday, June 30th, 2021

Apply at: rotarycentreforthearts.com/get-involved/youth-council/

The RCA Youth Council is youth-led, which means you decide what projects you create!

- Organize art-related events, programs, and projects.
- Learn from leaders and mentors at the RCA and from the arts community.
- Have your voice heard!
- Share your ideas for art class offerings, performances, and youth events
- Develop leadership and shape your future community.
- Gain volunteer hours and experiences you can add to your resume.

Rotary Centre for the Arts

421 Cawston Ave Kelowna BC V1Y6Z1

rotarycentreforthearts.com | Box Office: 250-717-5304

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I'm done school... Now what?

Finished your studies and not sure where to go from here? Apply your current degree to a career.

- ☑ explore your options
- ☑ network with industry leaders
- ☑ rediscover yourself through psychometric assessments

I'm ready for a challenge!

Stuck in an entry level position or just ready to try something new? Your job could use an upgrade.

- ☑ get support with job shifting or your next promotion
- ☑ discover educational possibilities
- ☑ make professional connections

No one's responding to my applications!

Ready to work but struggling to get hired? Learn to land an interview.

- ☑ build a killer resume and compelling cover letter
- ☑ practice interview skills
- ☑ earn certificates and get hands-on work experience

Career Development Services

Online services now available!

AGES 16-30

Our **FREE SERVICES** are currently being offered for social distancing by

PHONE, EMAIL AND ZOOM!

Paid programs, including Jumpstart will continue to be delivered virtually. For more information, visit www.ymcaokanagan.ca/careerservices

Our next JUMPSTART SESSION

Is July 19thth - August 27th

Call or email to attend our next info-session!

Here's a few ways you can get in touch with us about our services offered:

- **Call for detailed information.** Our staff will be happy to tell you more about our great programs. Reach us at **250-861-5627**.
- **Email us your questions.** Book a meeting and get registered for services through connect@ymcaokanagan.ca

Q&A Interview with Cassidy McEown from HISTORY's Rust Valley Restorers



Join us in a conversation with Cassidy McEown, from HISTORY's Rust Valley Restorers, about her Collision Repair training experience at Okanagan College and her apprenticeship journey. Rust Valley Restorers follows Cassidy, who works alongside car fanatic Mike Hall and the crew, as they restore dilapidated classic cars and oddball vehicles of all kinds. Learn about how Cassidy got started in the trade, her experience working in the Collision Repair industry from a female perspective and her future career plans.

An Apprenticeship Advisor from the Industry Training Authority (ITA) will also share insight into apprenticeships in B.C.

There will be an opportunity for you to ask Cassidy questions and speak with her Collision Repair & Refinishing Instructor, Danny Marques, about training.

Wednesday, June 16
6 p.m. - 7 p.m. (PST)

Virtual Q&A Interview

[Click here to register](#)



'intheknow' Information and Support

For families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with mental health challenges.

IN THE KNOW PROVIDES EXPERT SPEAKERS ON TOPICS IMPORTANT TO FAMILIES. CONNECT AND LEARN WITH OTHER FAMILIES FOR AN ONLINE DISCUSSION, JOIN BY ZOOM.

Summer Strategies - Helping Things Go Better

Things can look different for families like ours, and summer activities are no exception. When mental health is in the picture, sometimes our energy can fluctuate, and it can be the same for our kids. Whether you are struggling a little bit or a lot, there may be something in this conversation that could help things go better this summer.

Communities: Kelowna/Penticton/Vernon
Cost: Free of Charge
Date: June 22, 2021 at 6:30pm

Registration Required: www.familysmart.ca/tk

Let's talk together about ways we can adjust activities to match our family's capacity at the moment. And we'll have a summer bingo card, just for fun!

familysmart.ca





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Undergraduate Programs and Admissions

UBC UPDATES:

May is an exciting time for your students as many of them will be making their final university decisions for the fall. Here are some important resources to help you navigate the home stretch.

Deadline to accept offers of admission

Students can find the date by which to accept their offer in the [Student Service Centre](#). Generally the deadline to accept an offer of admission from UBC Okanagan is **June 1**, and some students admitted to the Vancouver campus have been given extensions to the May 1 deadline. Students can accept their offer and pay their acceptance deposit in the Student Service Centre.

Next steps for admitted students

Students who have received an offer of admission from UBC might be wondering what's next. Our [after you've been admitted](#) page offers a step-by-step guide and video to help admitted students plan their finances, secure housing, figure out course planning, and complete other crucial tasks between now and September.

Orientation options for new students

Once your students have accepted their offer to UBC, they're ready to start thinking about the [orientation options](#) available to them this summer. Together, these orientations are designed to help them meet their first friends, get familiar with their new campus, and feel confident in their academic readiness so they have more time to focus on what matters in September.

International study permits

International students attending high school in Canada (who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada) should obtain a post-secondary study permit to study at UBC. That will involve [changing the conditions on their current permit](#). If your students will be arriving to UBC from a different country, more guidance can be found on the [coming from abroad](#) page.

UBC's national mailout goes digital

In keeping with UBC's sustainability goals we are pivoting our print publications into a digital format. Instead of shipping out packages to all the school across the country we will be sharing our recruiter contact sheet, Prospective Undergraduate Guide and other information about programs and awards in a digital format. This new, centralized delivery will make it easier to share information with colleagues and students.



Congratulations!

**KSS Grads
of
2021**

We are proud of you!!



Virtual fall presentations

While we would have liked to connect in person this fall, to ensure everyone's safety we will be hosting our school presentations and counsellor events online again this year. We'll reach out to you in a few weeks to start scheduling school visits. In the meantime, if you have any questions, concerns or would like to confirm a booking, send us an email at recruitment.ok@ubc.ca or indigenous.recruitment@ubc.ca.

UBC Future Global Leaders

The UBC Future Global Leaders pre-university program offers high school students ages 15-18 an educational, social, and cultural experience from a first-rate Canadian university. Students take first-year-level online academic courses taught by top UBC professors, explore their interests, and gain a head start on achieving their university goals. [Summer registration is now open](#).

Program spotlight: Manufacturing Engineering

If your students enjoy solving problems and designing new things, they should take a look at [Manufacturing Engineering](#). Manufacturing engineers are tasked with turning materials into new products in the most effective, efficient, and economical way they can. At UBC, your students will get the chance to study the entire manufacturing process, from designing concepts and building mechanical parts through to product delivery. Studying on UBC's [Okanagan](#) or [Vancouver](#) campus – or both – they'll gain the technical skills that set them up for a broad range of jobs in the industry.

That's all for now! As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you or your students have any questions.

Sincerely, **UBC's Recruitment team** - The University of British Columbia



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