



Ecole Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

September 6, 2024



Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year!

ADMINISTRATION

Principal:	Scott Parker
Vice-Principals:	
Students with last names: A - G	Christey Hughes
Students with last names: H - N	Jeff Prasad
Students with last names: O - Z	Mike Kormany

CLERICAL

Candace Picklyk	Head Secretary / Administrative Assistant
	Accounts Clerk
Trinity Tompkins	Reception
Jasmine Montgomery	Student Registrations & Withdrawals
Sandra Swart	Report Cards & Transcripts
Annette White	Book Room / Office Clerk
Debra West	Career Centre
Suzie Laratta	Career Centre
Anne Bene	Library Assistant

COUNSELLORS

Jennifer Mackereth	A - G
Sandra Curran	H - N
Solenn Dishaw	O - Z

SUPPORT

ELL Teachers	Christina Drescher Nicki Graham Gabe Mu Lana Skelton
Indigenous Teacher	Heather Reid
Indigenous Advocates	Dawn Dionne Steve Kelly Esmae Rothfusz
LAT— Learning Assistance Teachers	Fiona Irvine A - G Mohyna Ragoonaden H - N Sean Davis O - Z
Resource Teachers	Cheryl Foster Dan Forbes Suzie Grace Lisa Robinson

Upcoming dates . .



- September 10 **School Photo Day (AM)**
- September 10 KSS PAC Meeting in KSS Library 6:30 p.m. All parents are welcome!
- September 11 Grade Assemblies (during class hours)
- September 11 Grade 10 Parent Night - 6:00—7:00 p.m.
- September 18 Grade 11 & 12 Parent Night & BC Post Secondary
Information Session 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in KSS MPR
- September 30 **NO SCHOOL**—National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

MUSIC TRIP TO NEW YORK

There will be a New York Trip Meeting for those interested in travelling this spring.

The meeting is on Monday, Sept. 9, 7:00 PM, Room 128.

PLEASE ATTEND IF PLANNING ON HAVING YOUR STUDENT TRAVEL.



GRADE 12 PARKING PASS

An optional \$10.00 Parking Pass Fee has been added to all **Grade 12 students**, and is only for those who wish to purchase a parking pass. Parking passes are available to Grade 12 students only and do not guarantee a parking spot, only the permission to park if a spot is available.

Listen for announcements next week for details! To receive a Parking Pass you must have:

- ⇒ Paid the \$10.00 fee on School Cash Online and have your receipt with you.
- ⇒ Have the "Student Parking Policy Contract" that is signed by a parent/guardian with you (copies are in the MPR in front of the office).
- ⇒ Completed the Parking Registration Google Form [HERE](#)

Parking is enforced and vehicles will be towed if it does not have a parking pass displayed !

SCHOOL CALENDAR & WEBSITE

Please check the KSS Website for important information and upcoming events.

The School Calendar may be found on the KSS Website on the main page. Link to Website: [KSS WEBSITE](#).

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

Student Verification Forms were published to Students' MyEd Portal on August 20th. We thank parents for reviewing this information to ensure the school has the most up-to-date information for your child(ren). *If there are any changes*, please edit the document, sign at the bottom and have your child(ren) return to the main office. *Note that legal documentation is required in order for office staff to make changes to custody or for other legal matters.* It is not necessary to return this form if there are no changes.

MEDICAL ALERTS

If your child has a life threatening Medical Alert please contact the school office for the appropriate forms. Epi-Pens and medication may be kept in the school Medical Room with appropriate documentation.

SCHOOL FEES

The Cultural/Activity Student Fee for 2024-2025 is \$30.00 per student. **All school fees (cultural/activity, field studies, yearbook, etc.) are paid online via SchoolCash Online—link is [HERE](#).**

Central Okanagan School District's Financial Hardship Clause—Within Board Regulation 425R – Student Fees (see www.sd23.bc.ca), the Board of Education has indicated "that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship". Clause 8.5 in the Regulations states "Principals are directed to establish a procedure in each school which will allow for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families. Such procedures will preserve the dignity of families who may be unable to pay". Please contact your Alpha VP if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

YEARBOOK

An optional Yearbook fee has also been added to student School Cash Online accounts. We suggest taking advantage of the early bird pricing! **The Deadline to purchase a yearbook is February 28th.**

Extra yearbooks will not be ordered so if you would like to purchase one please do so online.

Central Okanagan Public Schools

Updated Restrictions for Cell Phones and Personal Digital Devices

In accordance with the new [requirements from the Ministry of Education and Child Care](#), schools across our district have updated their Student Code of Conduct to include the restricted use of cell phones and personal digital devices during school hours effective July 1, 2024.

Our School Code of Conduct has been revised to reflect the new requirements regarding cell phone use in schools accordingly.

SECONDARY SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT SECTION

Responsible Student Use of Personal Digital Devices, School Technology, and District Network Services

Student use of personal digital devices (any device used to communicate and/or access the internet), school technology, and district networks at school is for educational purposes.

Students must abide by the school's Code of Conduct and procedures, as well as Central Okanagan Public Schools Policy 486: Student Use of Network Services and Digital Technologies.

Students will:

- Secure, power off and store personal digital devices during instructional (i.e. class time) at Secondary Schools unless instructed by the Principal or school staff;
- Use personal digital devices during instructional time for instructional purposes and digital literacy skills as instructed by the Principal or school staff;
- Ensure personal digital devices are not used in areas where privacy is expected, such as restrooms and change rooms;
- Be permitted to use personal digital devices to support accessibility, accommodations, medical and health needs;
- Always take precautions to ensure online safety, privacy, and security;
- Treat others with respect and kindness when using digital devices and district network services;

Always use digital devices and district network services responsibly and with academic integrity.

Schools will ensure that all students have equitable and developmentally appropriate access to technology to meet curricular requirements. Students are not required to have their own personal digital device or cellphone at school.

The use of personal digital devices, school technology, and district networks is a privilege. Staff may revoke a student's access to devices because of inappropriate student conduct.

Violations of the school code of conduct could result in appropriate restorative processes or disciplinary actions including suspension and police intervention.

As part of our commitment to help our students develop digital citizenship, our educators will continue teaching our students how to use their personal digital devices and technology in a responsible and respectful way.

We ask that you support our staff and discuss these new restrictions with your child before the upcoming school year. If parents/caregivers need to contact their child during instructional time, they should call the school office.

On a related note, the school is not responsible for lost, missing, or damaged personal digital devices that students choose to bring to school.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your school's administration.

The KSS Code of Conduct is posted on KSS Website, "About Us" side-tab and "Code of Conduct". Link is [HERE](#).

New Members Needed to Join...



DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL



*Meet New People, Promote Student Voice,
Make an Impact*

**In need of ONE Grade 10 and
ONE Grade 12 student from KSS**

Accepting applications until Sept 24th

EMAIL ANY QUESTIONS TO DSC@SD23.BC.CA

**FILL OUT THIS
GOOGLE FORM
TO APPLY!**



BIPOC CONNECTIONS GROUP

FOR STUDENTS OF COLOUR TO CELEBRATE,
CONNECT, AND GIVE SPACE TO BE THEMSELVES

FIRST MEETING
SEPT 11TH

LUNCH
ROOM 147
WEDNESDAYS

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BLACK
INDIGENOUS
PEOPLE
OF
COLOUR



TEACHER SPONSORS
MRS. RAGOONADEN
MR. RAGOBAR
MS. DRESCHER



KSS ATHLETICS



Activities at Kelowna Secondary get underway very quickly! Please check the KSS Athletics page often for try-out times. You will find KSS Athletics on the KSS Website under "Students" top tab. [HERE](#) is a link.

Students are encouraged to listen for the daily announcements made over the PA system and to also check the message boards around the school.

NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS ??

Students looking for volunteer hours! The football program are looking for students to help as team managers! This is a great opportunity to be a part of the school and program!

Contact Mr. Cartwright if interested: chris.cartwright@sd23.bc.ca



Partners for inclusive Education (PIE) is a welcoming online space committed to supporting parents/guardians to learn more about the how students with neurodiversity, disability, support needs and/or diverse abilities are supported in their neighborhood school.

PIE is a space where parents/guardians, staff and community come together as partners to champion inclusive education by learning and supporting each other as we navigate the school years together. We connect virtually five times a year offering workshops, speakers, and opportunities to connect with other parents/guardians.

The purpose of Partners for Inclusive Education can be found on the School District website under Parent Resources

Next Event Date:

The next Partners for Inclusive Education meeting is scheduled for:

Date: September 17, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

Topic: "Your Child's Team...Who is Who?" "The first few weeks of school." "How to Prepare for your Child's IEP."

Location: Zoom: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8569391842>



F.A.C.T.

FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER

DATES & TIMES

THURSDAYS, 5:30-7:30 PM

SEPT. 5

SEPT. 12

SEPT. 19

SEPT. 26

ABLE TO SERVE 80 PEOPLE

DESCRIPTION

COME FOR A BALANCED MEAL, COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS, AND SOME ACTIVITIES IN THE GYM!

SIGN UP - SCAN QR CODE OR SIGN UP AT THE RUTLAND CLUB!



FACT GIVES FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER THROUGH SHARING A MEAL TOGETHER AND ESTABLISHING RELATIONSHIPS....



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!



PAC UPDATE

Community Matters

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 those new to the school, PAC at KSS isn't about fund raising so don't let that thought scare you. A major role is allocating approximately \$30,000 of BC Gaming Funds shared with KSS to help fund extracurricular activities.

The PAC welcomes your input/attendance at meetings. It's an easy way to keep up with what is happening at KSS.

Please email kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca if you have questions or comments.

JOIN US for the first monthly PAC meeting
September 10 at 6:30 in the KSS library



WELCOME TO THE ÉCOLE KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Greetings parents and guardians

As we settle into another school year, the first KSS PAC meeting of the 2024 academic year will be in person, Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30pm., at the KSS library.

We've decided on in person, for a few meetings, to enable the executive and interested parents/guardians to attend. This worked very well last year. You are very much welcome and encouraged to join this or any monthly PAC meeting. Having a student attending KSS automatically makes you a PAC member, no matter how much or how little you care to be involved. As your incoming executive, we'd sure like to see more parents at meetings. It's a great chance to hear directly from the principal about things going on at the school or to bring questions or concerns to administration or PAC's attention.

NOTE: There are no fundraising obligations for the KSS PAC.

The agenda is attached plus the minutes of the May 2024 meeting.

All meetings are advertised in Whoo's News, the KSS electronic weekly newsletter. However, if you want to ensure you are on the PAC parent emailing list to receive zoom links, please email kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca, along with the name of your student and grade saying you wish to be added. You can also use that email address if you have other comments/questions or want to know more about your PAC.

In the event you wish to mark your calendar, here are the PAC meeting times for the rest of the year, typically the second Tuesday of the month.

2024-25 MEETING DATES: (AS PROPOSED)

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| • September 10 (Tuesday) – In person at KSS | • March – no meeting |
| • October 8 (Tuesday) – zoom | • April 8 – (Tuesday) zoom |
| • November 12 (Tuesday) – In person at KSS | • May 20 (AGM and election of 2024-25 PAC) – (Tuesday) – In person at KSS |
| • December – no meeting | • June – no meeting, unless the 2025-26 PAC would like to meet |
| • January 14 (Tuesday) – zoom | |
| • February 11 -(Tuesday) – zoom | |

Looking so forward to kicking off the new school year with you...



WELCOME TO THE ÉCOLE KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

YOUR KSS PAC EXECUTIVE TEAM

Position	Name
Co-chairs	Sarah Bendall Karen Hatch
Treasurer	Cheryl Gawley
Secretary	Camila Biffard
Academic Chair	Cassandra Scheibe
Athletic Chair	Glenn Kissman (Nominated – to be elected at September meeting)
Fine Arts Chair	Abbey Westbury
Indigenous Chair	VACANT
Student Support Chair	Jayne Bush
Technical Education Chair	Matthew Kresina
COPAC Rep(s)	Cadre Simpson