



École Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

September 13, 2024

Parking & Student Drop-off / Pick-up

Please refer to the parking lot map below.

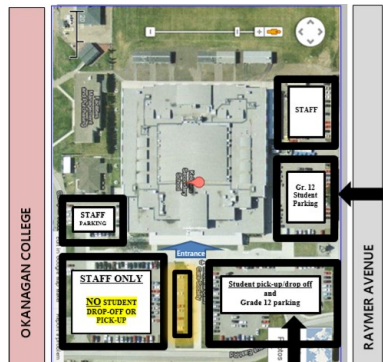
Grade 12 students must only park in the indicated Grade 12 student parking areas. A parking pass must be displayed. Grade 12 parking passes are still available.

The Visitor Parking is in the Student Parking Lot. Please remember to pick up a visitor parking pass from the office.

Parents dropping off or picking up are to use the Visitor / Student Parking lot to ensure the safety of our staff and students.

Parents ARE NOT TO USE the Staff Parking lot for student drop off or pick up at ANY time for ANY reason.

Parking is enforced and you will be towed !!



Upcoming dates . .

Sept 18	Grade 11 & 12 Parent Night & PSI visits (see attached)
Sept 23-27	Truth and Reconciliation Week
Sept 27	University of Alberta visit in MPR during lunch
Sept 30	NO SCHOOL —National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
Oct 1-2	Interim Reports go home
Oct 5	World Teacher's Day
Oct 8	Photo Retakes
Oct 8	KSS PAC Meeting via Zoom
Oct 9	Parent-Teacher Conferences in the gym 4:30-6:30 Early Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.
Oct 11	NO SCHOOL —Implementation Day
Oct 14	NO SCHOOL —Thanksgiving Day
Oct 25	NO SCHOOL —Pro-D Day



Togetherness



The theme this year for School District #23, including École Kelowna Secondary School, is **"Togetherness"**. It comes from the truth in how we collaborate to accelerate learner success. It derives from our powerful vision, "Together We Learn". Our results are the proof that **together** we are stronger, more effective and can turn the challenges we may encounter into opportunities. **Together**, we have much to be proud of and yet we still have more to do, collectively, until each child can meet their potential and thrive holistically in an ever more complex world.

Be kind and model **togetherness**!



The Central Okanagan School District's Sanctuary Schools Policy

Board Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools upholds the Board's commitment to providing educational opportunities for all students who are ordinarily residents in the Central Okanagan, including those with precarious immigration status or no immigration status. Student registrations that pertain to Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools will be processed through the Welcome Centre.



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors:

Never forget that it is a wonderful thing to have just two or three friends. Two quarters is worth more than ten pennies.

GRADE 12 INFORMATION SESSION followed by BC POST SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS (PSI) VISITATIONS FOR GRADES 11 AND 12

Wednesday, September 18 – 6:15 to 8:30 pm

6:15 – 7:00: KSS graduation information session for Grade 12s in the gym

Representatives from the BC PSIs listed below will be at KSS to meet with Grade 11 and 12 students and parents, share information about their schools and answer any questions regarding their PSI.

7:00 – 8:30: Mini fair booths in MPR for Grade 11s and 12s with the following schools:

- BC Institute of Technology
- Camosun College
- Canadian Armed Forces / Royal Military College
- Capilano University
- Douglas College
- Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
- Selkirk College
- Simon Fraser University
- Thompson Rivers University
- Trinity Western University
- University of Northern BC
- Vancouver Island University

7:00 – 7:30: Presentations with the following schools:

- Okanagan College (room 193)
- UBC Okanagan and Vancouver (Gym)
- University of Victoria (room 181)

7:35 – 8:05: Repeat presentations:

- Okanagan College (room 193)
- UBC Okanagan and Vancouver (Gym)
- University of Victoria (room 181)

Grad 2025 Info

Grad Google Classroom: 2hyd22x

Grad Photos

When: November 25 - January 14th

Where: At the school (trailer near portables)

Additional Info: Students are asked to use the QR code that will be on the google classroom and posted around the school to book a sitting for their grad photo portrait session. These will be the photos used in the yearbook, and so we ask all grads to book a session whether they are interested in purchasing photos or not.

January bookings will open once December time slots are filled.

Winter Formal

When: Wednesday December 11th, 2024

Where: At the school

Additional Info: Semi-formal event. Tickets will be \$20 and sold to grade 12 KSS students only. Ticket sales will take place late November at the school and include entry to the dance as well as light refreshments.

There will be an email go out requesting parent volunteers for this event.

Prom

To connect with the planning committee follow [@kssprom2025](#) on instagram, or email ksspromcommittee@gmail.com

When: Friday May 16th, 2025

Where: Waterfront Park (promenade) and Delta Grand Hotel (dinner and dance)

- Ticket prices will be determined based on fundraising efforts throughout the year.
- Tickets sold to KSS grade 12 students only. Students must be up to date on fees and have no overdue library books in order to purchase tickets.
- Ticket sales will take place the week of April 28th before school (8:00-9:00), at lunch (11:45-12:20) and after school (3:15-4:00) out of room 147. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER MAY 2ND.
- The promenade will begin promptly at 5:30pm from Rhapsody Plaza with grads asked to arrive no later than 5:00pm.
- The promenade will conclude at the Delta Grand Hotel with dinner and dance to follow.
- KSS code of conduct in effect for the evening

Convocation

When: Saturday June 7th, 2025

Where: KSS Gymnasium

- Students will be split into two ceremonies based on last name. A-L starting at 10:30am and M-Z at 2:30pm. Students are asked to arrive 45 minutes prior to their start time.
- Each student will be allotted 6 tickets for guests to come watch. The ceremony will be live streamed.
- Grad gowns are ordered on behalf of all grade 12 students. Information about students height will be collected on google classroom.
- Grad gowns will be distributed on dates TBD at the school.
- Please forward accessible seating requests to natalie.spencer@sd23.bc.ca

BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDERS

STUDENT MEDICAL

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform the school of their child's medical condition. If your child has a life-threatening medical condition, there are medical forms that must be filled out. Epi-Pens and medication may be kept in the school Medical Room IF the appropriate documentation is completed. **Forms MUST BE COMPLETED EVERY YEAR.** Please come to the main office or email kss@sd23.bc.ca to request medical forms.

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](#).

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.

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.**

To receive a Parking Pass please come to the main office. 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 !

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.



Early Bird pricing ends Dec. 1!

Buy yours ASAP for **\$30.00**

(\$35 personalized)

Purchase online at
School Cash Online:

[Purchase NOW](#)

How do I get my 30 hours for Graduation?

Career Exploration and Career Volunteer hours help you gain the 30 hours you need for graduation. You can accumulate these hours in Grades 10 - 12. There are lots of possibilities - see below for some examples!

Explore

- Job Shadows
- Career Fairs
- Job Fairs
- Experience OC
- Experience UBC-O
- CAT Student for a day
- OC Student for a day
- Program Shadows
- GO ENG Girl
- Fire Boot Camp
- KGH Health Care Conference
- Spotlight Classroom Presentations
- Class Field Studies

Volunteer

- Summer and Spring Break Camps
- Monster Bash
- Scarecrow Festival
- Christmas Light Up
- Downtown Christmas Market
- Kettlebells & Popples
- Food Drives
- YLV Ambassador
- KGH/Interior Health
- YMCA
- SPCA
- Foodbank
- Art Gallery
- Church
- Sports

It's easier than you think!

Visit your Career Centre for more information!

www.careerlifeprograms.com

Central Okanagan Public Schools
Together We Learn

KSS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

KCR COMMUNITY RESOURCES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

Volunteers are needed! |

See the KSS Career Centre for more information.

Deadline to apply is Tuesday, September 17



Start Your Volunteer Journey Here!

You are invited to the 26th Annual Okanagan Volunteer Fair! Learn about local non profit organizations and the wide variety of volunteer opportunities available throughout the Central Okanagan.



Register now!

Date: September 21st, 2024

Time: 10am - 2pm

Where: Parkinson Recreation Centre

Cost: FREE!

KCR Community Resources proudly celebrates 40 years of service. Let us help you learn about how you can Get Involved.



DesignXcel

LEARN INTERIOR DESIGN AND EARN DUAL CREDITS

PRESENTED BY CENTRE FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

Are you interested in discovering skills and careers in the interior design industry while earning dual credits?

Join the DesignXcel program to

- ✓ Learn interior design skills in a hands-on environment
- ✓ Understand historical and current design trends
- ✓ Explore careers in the interior design industry
- ✓ Connect with Okanagan interior design professionals

Program Details

- FREE Tuition
- Open to all grade 11 & 12 students in 2024/25
- Program runs during the February to June semester of 2025
- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
- Earn four high school credits and six credits toward a diploma in Interior Design at Centre for Arts and Technology
- Taught by professional Interior Designers
- Easily apply through your schools Career Centre

SKILLS HIGHLIGHTS

- Principles and Elements of Interior Design
- Design theory, terminology, and presentation skills
- Historical design trends and their impact

SPACE IS LIMITED!

Are you ready for your DesignXcel?

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MAY 15TH TO THE CAREER CENTRE



SoundStart

LEARN AUDIO ENGINEERING AND EARN DUAL CREDITS

PRESENTED BY CENTRE FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

Are you interested in discovering skills and careers in the audio and music industry while earning dual credits?

Join the SoundStart program to

- ✓ Learn hands on skills in a recording studio
- ✓ Explore careers in the music and audio industry
- ✓ Learn audio software including Pro Tools and Ableton Live
- ✓ Connect with Okanagan audio professionals

Program Details

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- Program runs during the February to June semester of 2025
- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
- Earn four high school credits and six credits toward a diploma in Audio Engineering & Production at Centre for Arts and Technology
- Taught by professional Audio Engineers
- Easily apply through your schools Career Centre

SKILLS HIGHLIGHTS

- Microphones varieties and recording techniques
- Filters and audio FX
- Pro Tools and Ableton Live
- Signal flow and routing

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Are you ready for your SoundStart?

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MAY 15TH TO THE CAREER CENTRE



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!**



F.A.C.T.

LOCATION:
MARTIN AVE BGC CLUB
1434 GRAHAM ST,
KELOWNA

FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER

DATES & TIMES

THURSDAYS, 5:30-7:30 PM

OCT. 3

OCT. 10

OCT. 17

OCT. 24

OCT. 31

NOV. 7

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....**



**LIVE
MUSIC**

**SCARECROW
BUILDING**

**LOCAL
MARKET**

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED!



KELOWNA SCARECROW FESTIVAL

**SUN
SEPT
21ST**

**RUTLAND LIONS PARK
174 GRAY ROAD**

11 AM - 3 PM

FREE ADMISSION

**SEE THE KSS CAREER
CENTRE FOR AN
APPLICATION FORM**



Partners for Inclusive Education

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>