

# Whoo's News



June 16, 2023

#### 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 <u>non-sanctioned grad events</u> 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 school year to be positive, memorable and safe, and we strongly caution and counsel parents to investigate these non-sanctioned activities carefully.

#### **Scott Parker**

#### **Principal**

**Kelowna Secondary School** 



To The **Bean Scene** and **Chai Baba** for your continuing support of the KSS Friday Coffee Cart program!



#### **LOCKER CLEAN OUT!**

With the school year ending, locker clean out is here. Students are asked to have their lockers cleaned out **before Monday**, **June 19**, **2023**.

Students will turn in their locks (and support lock removal) in an upcoming homeroom on Monday, June 19, 2023 (9:00 – 9:30) with their homeroom teachers. Items not removed will be collected and available for pick up at KSS main office before July 1, 2023.



#### June 19 LOCKER CLEAN OUT

June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 23 Semester 2 / Term 4 Ends

June 23 2023-2024 Timetables published in MyEd Portal

June 26-28 "I" Days

June 29 Last Day of School / Final Report Cards



## Ministry Assessments at KSS – June Updates

As you know, to graduate in B.C. with a Dogwood Graduation Certificate, students need to complete 3 Ministry Assessments:

- Literacy 10
- Numeracy 10

Literacy 12

Students are scheduled to write these in grade 10 English and Math classes as well as English 12 classes. Opportunities to write in are scheduled in November, January, April, and June each year.

Results are available to students on their MyEducationBC portal. Results from the April session are also posted in the KSS Multipurpose Room by Student Identification Number.

The upcoming June session (June 19– June 23) will have students in grade 10 and 12 writing in Semester 2 English classes. Make - up assessments for students who missed previous assessments or want to take one of the assessments are also able to sign-up with KSS Vice Principal Jeff Prasad at the office, or by email <a href="mailto:jeff.prasad@sd23.bc.ca">jeff.prasad@sd23.bc.ca</a> for the June session.

#### STEM CAREERS FOR WOMEN

SCWIST (Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology) envisions an environment where girls and women in Canada pursue their interest, education and careers in science, technology, engineering and math, without barriers

This event will feature **women professionals** working in diverse STEM careers. Participants will learn about their various careers including **spatial epidemiology**, **software engineering and the video games industry**.

Participating high school girls will also get the opportunity to chat with our women professionals and ask questions about their careers.

They can register FOR FREE—<u>HERE.</u>

## TRACK & FIELD PROVINCIALS

Congratulations to the following athletes that received medals in their categories:



Cathlene Van Zyl Shot Put Gold Discus Gold

Elise Drake Hammer Gold

Brianna Breau Javelin Silver

Lynden Infanti Long Jump Bronze

Tyson Carr 400m Hurdles Gold

Tyson Carr 4x400m Relay Gold

Isaac Gokiert

Santino Corbo

Max Gainey



Tyson, Isaac, Santino & Max

# **Team Results**

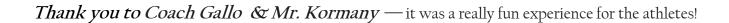
5 Golds

1 Silver

1 Bronze

KSS, as a Team, missed 1st place by 8 points!
Amazing effort by all!





## **KSS COACHING OPPORTUNITIES**

Kelowna Secondary Athletic Department is looking for Coaches for the following teams for the Fall:

- 1. Cross Country
- 2. Jr Girls Volleyball B team
- 3. Jr Girls Volleyball A team
- 4. Sr. Girls Volleyball A team

If you are interested, please email Arnar.Bernhardsson@sd23.bc.ca

# **2023 KSS Football Registration**

KSS Football registration has begun for the 2023 season! We welcome Grade 10s and 11s to sign up to be part of a championship program! No experience necessary! If you want to be part of something special and are committed to being T.O.U.G.H., this is the place for you!

#### Important Dates:

Spring Camp: Monday, June 5th, 2023 - Friday, June 16th, 2023

Spring Scrimmages: JV - Monday, June 19th, 2023 Varsity - Tuesday June 20th, 2023 @ KSS -

Time TBD

Training Camp: Monday, August 21st, 2023 - Friday, September 1st, 2023

All practice times are from 5PM - 7PM on the KSS Fields.

The registration package must be completed and handed in before participating.

Please contact Chris Cartwright for any other questions—<a href="mailto:cartwright@sd23.bc.ca">chris.cartwright@sd23.bc.ca</a>.

T.O.U.G.H. PEOPLE WIN!

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

GO OWLS!





June 1, 2023

#### RE: 2024-2025 School Calendar

(The 2023-2024 School Calendar is established and available to view at www.sd23.bc.ca.)

Dear Parents/Guardians and School Community:

The Ministry of Education passed Bill 36, the School Amendment Act, which eliminated the Standard School Calendar. As a result, school districts are now required to establish their own school calendars. The Calendar Committee is comprised of representatives of the partner groups in the Central Okanagan Public Schools, including the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (C.O.T.A.), Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3523 (C.U.P.E.), Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice Principals' Association (COPVPA), and the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC). This committee has met to draft a proposed 2024/2025 school calendar (attached), which meets the requirements of Bill 36.

Section 87.01 (7) of the School Act requires consultation on school calendars. A board must make public a proposed school calendar one month before submitting it to the Ministry. We are inviting the community to review the proposed calendar for the 2024/2025 school year and to provide input to the proposal before it is discussed by our Board of Education at a public meeting.

I invite you to provide your input about this proposal by Friday, June 30, 2023, by completing a very brief survey at the link below:

# https://ca.research.net/r/2024-2025SchoolCalendarSurvey

We anticipate that the finalized 2024/2025 school calendar (once approved by the Board of Education) will be provided to parents early this fall. Copies will be provided directly to you through your child's school.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this proposal.

Yours truly,

Bob McEwen

Executive Director of Human Resource



# CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2024-2025 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 Local Calendar 2024/2025
Days in session	190
	(3 Summer Pro Days August 26, 27, 28)
Number of days of instruction	183
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 3
National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	Monday, September 30
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 11
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 25
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	December 23 – January 3
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Wednesday, January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 6
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 14
Family Day	Monday, February 17
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	March 17 – March 28
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, March 31
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 18
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 21
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 19
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 27

The Calendar for 2024-2025 complies with Bill 36 - School Amendment Act (School Calendar Regulation).

The minimum hours of instruction are:

•	Kindergarten	853 hours	(based on 288 minutes X 183)
•	Grade 1-6	878 hours	(based on 288 minutes X 183)
•	Grades 7-12	952 hours	(based on 313 minutes X 183)

#### Provides the:

- Number and dates of the days in session
- The number and dates of each day of instruction
- Vacation Periods and the Statutory Holidays
- The dates of each Non-Instructional Day
- The number of hours of instruction offered students in each grade group

# **SCHOOL CALENDAR FORM - GENERAL**

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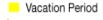
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Non-Instructional







Teaching the Czech language, geography and history, craft, entertainment, sports, the forest and the beach. All presented by the writer, comic book artist, illustrator Petr Kopl and the theater artist, inspector of the Shakespeare Festival Jan Andel. Among other things, Petr Kopl is also a long-time cartoonist for "Čtyřlístek (Morgavsa & Morgana, Cesta kolem světa)."



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