

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

- **Sept 15:** Student Grade Assemblies
- **Sept 16:** Photo Day
- **Sept 30:** No School, National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
- **Oct 7:** Scholarship Workshop in LLC 11:30-12:30
- **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,
What a great first week at KSS!

There is an energy in this building that is hard to describe when nearly 2,000 students come through the doors and a new school year gets underway. The hallways are full, classrooms are

buzzing, teams are getting started, students are reconnecting, new friendships are forming, and everywhere you turn, something is happening. It has been so much fun to be part of it.

For me, one of the highlights has simply been getting into the school and meeting our Owls. I have loved the quick hallway conversations, the hellos, the laughter, the reunions, and getting my first real glimpse of what makes KSS such a special place.

I also want to send a huge thank you to our staff for the tremendous amount of work, flexibility, and care that goes into launching a school year well. There are so many moving pieces at startup, and our staff have worked incredibly hard to support students and get us off to a great start.

One quick safety and traffic note as we settle into our routines. Moving forward, we are asking families not to use the student parking lot for pickup at the end of the day, just as our staff parking lot has always been staff only. With nearly 2,000 students leaving at once, even a small number of additional vehicles entering the student lot can quickly create gridlock and safety concerns. Please arrange a pickup spot along Raymer Avenue or another nearby location. We promise, you will likely get away much more quickly too!

We are off and running, and I cannot wait to see where this year takes us. We hope the return to school and routines has been a positive one for your family and that your Owl is settling in well.

With Owl pride,
Nina Ferguson

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Student Accident Insurance

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. Student Accident Insurance by StudyInsured is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. To apply for the Plan or to find out more, click [here](#)

Student Medical Alerts

It the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform the school of a student's medial 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. Alternatively, you may email kss@sd23.bc.ca to request the required documents. If you send an email, please indicate your child's full name and what the medical alert is for.

Student Attendance

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



Photo Day Is Coming Soon!

Photo Date:

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Absentee / Retake Date:

Wednesday, October 14, 2026



Your School Photo today
becomes a family treasure tomorrow



Order online at www.artona.com/orders

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Helpful Links

[Bell Schedules](#)

[KSS Administration & Support](#)

[School Cash Online - Pay Student Fees Here](#)

[KSS Code of Conduct](#)

Graduation News: Class of 2027

Please ensure that your child joins the Grad 2027 Information Google Classroom. This is where all important news for grade 12s can be found. Code: **k6qd3ks7**

Are you interested in helping make prom an incredible experience for the Class of 2027? We are hosting a meeting on Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, at 6:30pm, right after Parent-Teacher conferences. We would love for you to come out, learn more, and sign up to be part of the Parent Prom Committee.



Career Centre News

Upcoming PSI visits:

September 23- Any students interested in learning more about the **University of Alberta**, please visit a recruiter in the KSS MPR at lunch hour.

September 25- Any students interested in learning more about the **University of Victoria's Peter Gustavsson School of Business**, please visit a recruiter in the KSS MPR at lunch hour.

October 2- Any students interested in learning more about the **Northern Alberta Institute of Technology**, please visit a recruiter in the KSS MPR at lunch.

Volunteer at Kelowna General Hospital With KGH Foundations

Volunteers work in the Perking Lot (coffee shop), the Royal Bistro, or the gift shop.

A commitment of 150 hours is required.

You must be at least 16 years old.



Apply online using this QR code and then come see the Career and Counselling Office at KSS to complete your application.

TRY-A-TRADE

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Explore hands-on
skilled trades workshops
and career pathways



Thursday,
October 22, 2026



3:30 PM to 7:00 PM



Okanagan College
1000 KLO Road, Kelowna, BC



Registration opens
September 15th

Registration is required to attend.



For Students

- \$10 ticket
- Choose up to 3 hands-on workshops
- 13 different trades to explore
- Light dinner included
- Workshop spaces are limited and first come, first served



For Parents

- Free admission
- Parent panel presentations
- Learn about careers, training pathways, and dual credit opportunities
- Light dinner included



Industry Tradeshow

Meet local professionals
and learn about careers
in the trades.



Click here to
register

[members.chbaco.com/events/Details/
try-a-trade-presented-by-bc-hydro-
kelowna-campus-1843284?sourceType=Hub](https://members.chbaco.com/events/Details/try-a-trade-presented-by-bc-hydro-kelowna-campus-1843284?sourceType=Hub)



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Music Department

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KSS

Proud KSS Owl!



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CHOIR
Senior SATB
Treble
Tenor/Bass
Chamber Choir



VOCAL JAZZ
Vocal Jazz 1 & 2



JAZZ BANDS
Grades 10, 11, 12



CONCERT BANDS
Grades 10, 11, 12



AP THEORY & JAZZ STUDIES



ALL THINGS MUSIC



BUILDING CONFIDENT MUSICIANS



CREATING A PLACE WHERE EVERY STUDENT BELONGS



PURSUE MUSICAL EXCELLENCE TOGETHER



INSPIRING CURIOSITY, CREATIVITY & A LOVE OF MUSIC



MENTOR.
MUSIC EDUCATOR.
COMMUNITY BUILDER.
FOREVER A LEARNER.

Every day is a chance to make music matter.

MAKING MUSIC. BUILDING COMMUNITY. INSPIRING HEARTS.





Come and find out about **Choir** from Mrs. French in room 126 or 128! We will have open access next week **during lunch** as well to learn what it's all about in 126. For those already signed up for Choir our first class is Wednesday, **September 16** at 7:30 AM in room 126.

Chamber Choir starts Wednesday, **September 16**, Room 126 at 7:30 AM. Everyone is welcome!

JAZZ STUDIES STARTS WITH A MEETING THIS FRIDAY, September 11, at LUNCH in MUSIC ROOM 128!! 🎧🎸🎹🎷🥁🎛️ Come and find out what this is all about!

KSS Athletics

Exciting fall seasons are underway for our KSS Owls! Field Hockey, Cross Country, Football, Boys Soccer, and Volleyball are all getting started. We are excited to see our student-athletes competing, representing KSS, and having some fun along the way. A huge thank you to the coaches, staff, volunteers, and families who give their time to make these opportunities possible. Go Owls!

Please refer to the KSS Athletics page for (link below):

- Gym Schedule
- Tryout Information
- Sport Season Information

- Owls Live Stream
- And more!

KSS OWLS Athletics Webpage

School District Information

The Central Okanagan School District's Appeals Process

Board Policy 3090 – Appeals states that, "A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in the Central Okanagan Public Schools may appeal a decision of an employee of the Board of Education which significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student". For a complete description of the Appeals Policy, along with the recommended steps to follow in attempting to solve a problem, please refer to Policy 3090 – Appeals, that can be accessed from the 'Board Policies' link under the Board of Education heading on the School District homepage (www.sd23.bc.ca).

The Central Okanagan School District's Financial Hardship Clause

Within Administrative Procedure – Student Fees (Regulations), 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 Administrative Procedure 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 the school Principal if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

The Central Okanagan School District's Sanctuary Schools Policy

Board Policy 4030 – Sanctuary Schools (see www.sd23.bc.ca) upholds the Board's commitment to providing educational opportunities for all students who are ordinarily resident in the Central Okanagan, including those with precarious immigration status or no immigration status. Student registrations that pertain to Policy 4030 – Sanctuary Schools will be processed through the Welcome Centre.

Policy 4030 - Sanctuary Schools

Welcome Centre

Community News



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• COMPETITIVE
ATHLETES
• ADULTS



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& RUTLAND FAMILY
YMCA



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WITH ANY QUESTIONS



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