



Ecole Kelowna Secondary School Whoo's News

April 19, 2024

Nominations open for KSS PAC Executive for the 2024-25 school year

A new KSS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) executive will be elected for the 2024-25 school year at the **AGM on May 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the KSS library.**

All parents/guardians of current grade 10 and 11 KSS students, and those with students coming into grade 10 in September 2024, are: automatically members of the KSS PAC; invited to the AGM; and encouraged to consider letting your name stand for a PAC role.

Although some existing PAC executive members are letting their name stand again, there are also vacancies. (See below) *KSS is required to have a PAC executive to continue receiving BC Gaming Grant Funding of over \$30,000 annually. These funds, administered by PAC, help fund KSS extracurriculars – from class field trips to new drums for the band, to new sports uniforms and more.*

Electing the new PAC in May allows transition time before the end of this school year. All positions are one-year terms. More information on the roles is available in the PAC Constitution [HERE](#).

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please email KSSPACPresident@sd23.bc.ca. If we receive more nominations than positions, that would be a great position for this PAC to be in! We are also happy to answer any questions. There can also be nominations from the floor at the AGM.

Even if you can't volunteer for a position, the PAC welcomes your input and attendance at all meetings. It's an easy way to keep up with what is happening at KSS. ***We look forward to seeing you May 14!***

KSS PAC Executive Committee 2024-25 (roles and nomination status):

Chair or Co-chairs – Open (*One of this year's co-chair is letting her name stand, but ONLY if there is another co-chair.*) (This is a position that must be filled.)

Treasurer – Open for nominees. (This is a position that must be filled.)

Secretary – One potential nominee (This is a position that must be filled.)

Academic Chair – (1 nominee)

Athletic Chair – Open for nominees

Fine Arts Chair – (1 nominee)

Indigenous Chair – Open for nominees

Technical Education Chair – (1 nominee)

Student Support Chair – (1 nominee)

COPAC Representative(s) – (1 nominee)

MOVING?

Not returning to KSS in September?

Please contact us and let us know for next school year planning purposes.



**Please call 250-870-5105 or email
kss@sd23.bc.ca**

PROM TICKETS

Prom tickets will be on sale in the MPR during lunch May 1-3.

Grade 12s must not have any outstanding fees in order to purchase Prom tickets!

Fees may be paid via [School Cash Online](#).

*If you do not see the fee in School Cash Online, please **check your History** to see if it has already been paid.*

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact your Alpha VP to discuss.

Upcoming Dates . .

April 22	IHA Drop-in Student Immunization Clinic
May 2	University of Calgary PSI Visit (MPR)
May 2	Student Written Learning Updates published in MyEd Student Portal
May 6-10	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 9	Cultural Performance
May 14	KSS PAC Meeting & AGM in KSS Library
May 16	Moose Hide Campaign
May 17	Grad Walk & Prom
May 20	Victoria Day—NO SCHOOL
May 23	Jazz at The Laurel
May 29	Early Dismissal at 12:30
May 29	Capstone
June 1	St. Michael's Choir Concert

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY 2023/2024

Until May 3, 2024, School District 23 is participating in the 2024 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the province.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers of Grade 4, 7, 10 and 12 Students complete the survey; and all Staff associated with a school complete the survey. Students in grade 10 and 12 will be completing the surveys in block 3-4 class at KSS. *Parents of students at any grade level at KSS are welcome to complete the survey as well.*

Parent Participation Instructions

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys **any time before 11:59 pm on May 3rd, 2024.**

To complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Click [HERE](#).
3. Under the section *Direct Access – no logon number required* select:
 - District: *School District 23*
 - School: *Kelowna Secondary School*
 - Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Prasad (KSS Vice Principal) at jeff.prasad@sd23.bc.ca



*Student Santiago with
Host Parents Sue & Roy Morgan*

"We love being part of the interaction with the students and learning so much about their culture."

Host Families Needed!

International students enrich our schools and our homes.

You could be the best part of their stay in Canada.

Apply today and become a memorable part of an international student experience.

Host family compensation is \$1,100/month.

Email homestay@sd23.bc.ca or call 250-470-3258 to learn more.



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

"What we love most about having an international student in our home is being part of a student experiencing Canada for the first time."



*Student Gabriel with
Host Parents Linda & Travis Matt*

Exploring Ancient Empires at Spring Break

Sixty KSS students travelled to Italy and Greece over Spring Break. Here's some of the highlights from one of the travelers:

Traveling to Greece and Italy was not only the highlight of this school year but also some of the best memories of our lives. During our time in Italia, we had mouth-watering pizza and immersed ourselves in history. We explored Florence's cobblestoned streets including the Piazza della Signoria, the Ponte Vecchio, and David of Michelangelo.

Our time in Rome was packed with historical art and monuments: we climbed the Spanish Steps, threw coins in the Trevi Fountain, marveled at The Vatican's beauty, witnessed historical time capsules in churches and cathedrals, and experienced the sheer greatness of the Colosseum.

Moving on to Greece, we can almost all agree that our night in Delphi was the peak of our trip. We had a breathtaking sunset overlooking mountains and beaches and danced the night away at the Greek club (watching Mr. Rago-bar and Mr. Vos bust some moves was priceless!).

The last days we spent in Athens, where we visited the Olympic Stadium, shopped our hearts out in the Plaka District, and walked the ancient footsteps from 2500 years ago of the Acropolis and the Parthenon, Greece's oldest monuments.



We are forever grateful for our tour guides who gave us the trip of a lifetime. From watching the sunrise in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea to taste-testing cappuccinos and gelatos, our experiences in Greece and Italy were sensational, particularly because we got to experience it all with our friends.



Congratulations!



**Congratulations to Rocco Williams
for committing to University of Alberta
to continue his education and to play football!**



experience **OC**
KELOWNA, Thursday, May 2, 2024

**Choose from two different sessions
to explore for the day.**
Connect with professors, meet students, tour the campus and discover life at OC.

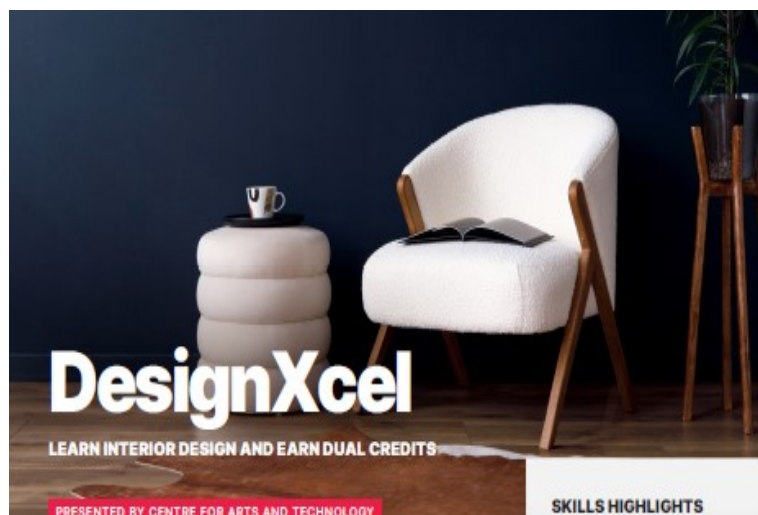
Example sessions may include:
• Arts • Health • Technologies
• Business • Science • Trades
• Engineering • Social Development • and many more.

Apr. 22 | Registration opens
Apr. 25 | Registration closes
**May 2 | Experience OC Sessions including a
post Experience OC Send-Off, a taste of
College Life, Food and Fun!**

To register, visit the KSS Career Centre
Questions? ncasano@okanagan.bc.ca



Eventbrite



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 8:30 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 school's 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**



Water Engineering Technology (WET) Academic Dual Credit – new program!

Career-Life Programs is proud to announce that Okanagan College and SD23 are partnering to offer a FREE Academic Dual Credit course for Grade 11 & 12 students. Students who are interested in environmental science, skilled trades and a professional career where they can make a difference in your community should apply.

Students will receive four high school credits toward their high school diploma and three Okanagan College credits towards their OC Water Engineering Technology diploma.

Course runs January 2025 to April 2025

Tuesday and Thursdays on campus from 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Contact your high school Career Centre for more details.

Applications due May 15th by 3:00pm to Career-Life.Programs@sd23.bc.ca



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

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- 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

CENTRE FOR ARTS & TECHNOLOGY
digitalartschool.com

TRY A TRADE

APRIL 25th
5-8pm

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

Carpentry Electrical Sheet Metal Refrigeration Plumbing

Learn about career paths, job opportunities, and wage expectations in residential construction

REGISTER FOR FREE!



OC Okanagan College
CANADIAN HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION CENTRAL OKANAGAN

UBC Geering Up Kelowna, Okanagan

INVITING GRADE 9-10 GIRLS*



ALL-GIRLS* EVENTS

Calling Grade 9-10 Girls* Get ready to blast off with Geering Up into the unknown and discover the science and engineering behind some of the most innovative technology in space.

Join us for a captivating and exciting day at UBCO that is all about engineering. In this free event you will meet current UBCO faculty and students as you are led through fun hands-on activities including design challenges. Connect with other like-minded students and talk to undergraduate mentors who will share their stories and experiences.



Want to register or learn more?
Visit bit.ly/GUKelowna, email us at kelowna.geeringup@ubc.ca, or scan this QR code

SESSIONS

Engineering Into the Universe: Exploring Aerospace Engineering

- Grade 9/10
- May 4, 2024 | 9:30am - 2:30pm

*We use the words "girls" and "women" inclusively. All trans, genderqueer, and non-binary folks belong at and are welcome to attend our events.



KSS PROM 2024

BURGER AND BEER FUNDRAISER

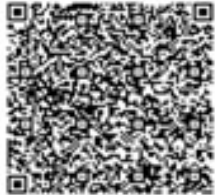
MID-TOWN

STATION

KITCHEN + DRINK

APRIL 19, 2024

6 - 10 PM



TICKETS: \$35 + processing fee

Bring a friend or a few and enjoy a delicious burger and a beer while visiting and shopping the SILENT AUCTION!

Mid-Town Station Address:
#200 — 1615 Dickson Ave

APRIL 15-24 2024

PRESENTED BY GLOBAL AWARENESS &
SUSTAINABILITY CLUB

Download the
MoveSpring App to
track your activity and
earn RUTF (Ready-to-
Use Therapeutic Food)
packets for children in
need.

MOVE 4 MANA

WHY JOIN US?

Help those in need

Participate in daily activities
and win prizes

Participate in fun events

Get Active!

DOWNLOAD THE APP



KSS MUSIC PRESENTS FROM NEW YORK...

Benny Benack III

THURSDAY,

MAY 2ND, 7:00 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL
608 SUTHERLAND AVE.

With...

CORY WEEDS - SAXOPHONE

JOHN LEE - BASS

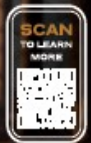
JESSE CAHILL - DRUMS

TICKETS AVAILABLE
AT THE DOOR
OR THROUGH
KSS STUDENTS

ADMISSION: \$25



AN OFFICIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WILDFIRE RESPONDERS



SATURDAY, APRIL 27

MEMORIAL PARK | WEST KELOWNA

10AM-4:30PM

Gratitude Ceremony | Free Entertainment | Family BBQ
Kids' Activities | Booths | & more

Thank you to our supporters!

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ÉCOLE KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL

2024-2025 CALENDAR

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 (schools closed)	Monday, October 14
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 25
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Monday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, December 23 – Friday, January 3
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Wednesday, January 1 (amended)
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)	Monday, March 17 – Friday, 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

Regular Bell Schedule

8:55 a.m.	Warning Bell
9:00—10:19	Period 1
10:19 – 10:28	Break
10:28—11:45	Period 2
11:45—12:30	Lunch
12:30—1:49	Period 3
1:49 – 1:58	Break
1:58—3:16	Period 4

Early Dismissal Days

October 9, 2024— <i>1:30 dismissal</i> Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30—6:30 p.m.
March 5, 2025— <i>1:30 dismissal</i> Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30—6:30 p.m.
January 15, 2025— <i>12:30 dismissal</i> Capstone
May 28, 2025— <i>12:30 dismissal</i> Capstone

Student Written Learning Updates Published to MyEd Student Portal

November 22, 2024— <i>Quarter 1</i>	February 7, 2025— <i>Semester 1 / Quarter 2</i>
May 2, 2025— <i>Quarter 3</i>	June 26, 2025— <i>Semester 2 / Quarter 4</i>

Behaviour Services Caregiver Workshops



**Family
Connection
Centre**

Saturdays 10:00 - 12:00
at the Family Connection Centre

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/kelowna-fcc-behaviour-services-71800901523>

**April
20**

Using Visual Supports to Improve Learning and Daily Routines

For caregivers of children and youth who may not be able to express themselves effectively and need additional support with communication and following and understanding routines.

**April
27**

Learning about Executive Functioning

For caregivers of children and youth age 2-19 with all levels of support needs.

**May
II**

Understanding the “Why” Behind Concerning Behaviours

For caregivers of children and youth age 2-19 with all levels of support needs.

**May
25**

Using Positive Replacement Behaviours to Decrease Concerning Behaviours

For caregivers of children and youth age 2-19 with all levels of support needs.

**June
I,8,I5**

Understanding and Responding to Concerning Behaviours from a Stress Response Perspective

For caregivers of school-aged children and youth ages 6 and over.

**June
22**

Promoting Early Social Communication Behaviour

For caregivers of children with social communication development needs (Autism Spectrum Disorder or signs of Autism) ages 2-8.

Register on Eventbrite

Concurrent Child
Programming Available

Caregiver Workshops

Presented by Behaviour Consultation
& Intervention Services



**Family
Connection
Centre**

Behaviour Consultation and Intervention Services presents the following Fall Caregiver Empowerment Workshops. Attend a session to learn about a variety of topics to support your child or youth's behaviour and learning. Workshops will include presentation of information, small group discussion and problem solving, as well as a chance to connect with other caregivers. These events are designed for adult caregivers only. Concurrent childcare programming available.

Using Visual Supports to Improve Learning and Daily Routines

What are visual supports and when and why should we use them?

This workshop will review different methods and examples of visual supports such as visual schedules, first/then, choice boards, picture exchange, and social learning stories. We'll discuss how to use visual supports to help individuals communicate better, increase independence and support understanding.



Learning about Executive Functioning

What is Executive Functioning, and how does it affect our daily living? Executive Functioning is a set of mental skills that help you plan and get things done every day. These skills are controlled by the frontal lobe of the brain. The Executive Functions that we will explore will include Self-Control, Self-Monitoring, Emotional Control, Thought Flexibility, Task Initiation, Organization, Working Memory, Planning and Time Management. We will explore the benefits of having strong Executive Functioning skills and the challenges associated with Executive Functioning deficits, while focusing on ways to build learning into daily living.



Understanding the “Why” Behind Concerning Behaviours

This workshop is for caregivers who are looking to increase their understanding of effective ways to decrease concerning behaviours and improve positive behaviours at home and in the community. You will learn about why behaviours occur, reinforcement and proactive supports.



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Centre**

Using Positive Replacement Behaviours to Decrease Concerning Behaviours

Children often engage in concerning behaviours because they don't know how to communicate their wants or have the skill to select a behaviour that appropriately meets their needs. Replacement behaviours address concerning behaviours by teaching positive and useful alternative choices. Help your child to build a toolbox of strategies to effectively communicate and address their own wants and needs with safe, non-disruptive and functional skills.



Understanding and Responding to Concerning Behaviors from a Stress Response Perspective

This 3-part workshop will help caregivers understand their child's concerning behaviors from a stress response perspective. Caregivers will learn about why children lose control of their emotions as well as how to respond and support their child with healthy coping strategies.



Promoting Early Social Communication Behaviour

This workshop is for caregivers who are looking to increase interaction and social communication skills with their child. You will learn about the four domains of foundational development of early social communication skills, including joint attention and engagement, gesture use, imitation, and symbolic play. This workshop introduces and follows the key principals from the Project ImPACT curriculum - a goal-focused group offered at the Family Connection Centre.

