

ÉCOLE KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL



Whoo's News

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

Whoo's News October 9, 2026

Important Dates

The KSS Daily Calendar, including daily block schedules and school events, may be viewed via KSS Website: kss.sd23.bc.ca

- **Oct 12:** No School, Thanksgiving Day
- **Oct 13:** KSS PAC Meeting in LLC 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 14:** Photo Retakes (see below)
- **Oct 14-15:** [Post Secondary Prep #1](#) in LLC at lunch
- **Oct 14:** Entrepreneurship popup sale in MPR at lunch
- **Oct 16-17:** Sr Boys & Girls BOTW Volleyball Championship
- **Oct 20:** Gr 12 Parent Information Night and Post Secondary BC Mini-Fair
- **Oct 23:** No School, Pro-Day Day
- **Oct 28:** UBC Application Workshop in LLC at lunch
- **Oct 29:** [Dual Credit Night](#)
- **Nov 5-7:** Night Owl Theatre
- **Nov 10:** Staff/Student Remembrance Day Ceremony
- **Nov 10:** KSS PAC Zoom Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- **Nov 11:** No School, Remembrance Day
- **Nov 13:** Quarter 1 Ends
- **Nov 16:** Quarter 2 Begins
- **Nov 20:** Harmony Day



[2026-2027 KSS Yearly Calendar](#)

Principal's Message

Dear Owl Families,

This past Monday, World Teachers' Day offered an opportunity to recognize the care and dedication our teachers bring to KSS. Their work reaches well beyond individual lessons. It is also reflected in the encouragement, relationships, and everyday moments that help students feel capable and connected.

Today, our staff spent Implementation Day learning together, connecting our district and school priorities with ways to help students think more critically. We shared ideas and explored approaches that encourage curiosity, thoughtful reflection, and openness to different perspectives. These habits support students in every subject and in everyday life.

As we head into Thanksgiving weekend, I am reflecting on how much there is to appreciate in our school community. In a school as busy as KSS, it can be easy to move quickly from one thing to the next. Gratitude invites us to pause and notice the people who make a difference: someone who offers encouragement, makes room for others, lends a hand, or simply takes the time to listen.

Thank you to our students, staff, and families for the many ways you care for one another and contribute to our school. However your family spends this weekend, I hope it brings moments of rest, connection, and appreciation for the people and experiences that matter to you.

With Owl pride,
Nina Ferguson

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Our Remembrance Day Assembly for students will be held on Tuesday, November 10th. For the past few years we have made a slideshow of family members and/or friends of the KSS Community that have served for the KSS Remembrance Day Ceremony.



If you have a digital copy of a photo of a loved one that you would like to be added to the presentation this year, please email it to Mr. Holly (ryan.holly@sd23.bc.ca), along with the name of the person(s), their rank if known, and their relations to KSS (like the photo above).

Thank you.

Photo Retakes and Student ID Cards

Photo retakes will be held in the **morning of October 14th in the MPR**. Students that wish to have a retake must bring their Student Photo ID (from their first photo) with them. IDs were distributed to students at Homeroom on October 6th. **Any IDs not picked up at Homeroom may now be picked up in the office.**

An error during the transfer of information to our external student card provider resulted in incorrect names being printed on some student cards. We apologize for this error and inconvenience. Getting students' names right matters, and we are working to have affected cards corrected and reissued promptly. Those that are affected have two options:

1. Students who would like a replacement card (keeping their first photo) should bring their incorrect card to the school office so we can arrange for it to be corrected and reprinted.
2. Students planning to have a photo retakes should bring their incorrect card with them on retake day. Their name will be corrected as part of that process.

Thank you for your understanding as we get this sorted out.

Grade 12 Information Night

There is a Grade 12 Parent Information Night and Post-Secondary BC Mini-Fair at KSS on Tuesday, October 20th.

All Grade 12 parents and students welcome to attend an information session and then explore BC colleges and universities at the Post Secondary BC Mini Fair. This will take place in KSS Gym and MPR.

The Parent Information Session for Grade 12 parents and students will run from 6:00 - 6:50 p.m. in the KSS Gym.

The Post Secondary Institutions Mini-Fair and Presentations will run from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in areas throughout the school. Each PSI will have a booth set up in the MPR and students may browse and speak with recruiters.

Grade 11 parents and students are welcome to the PSI Mini-Fair as well.

Yearbook

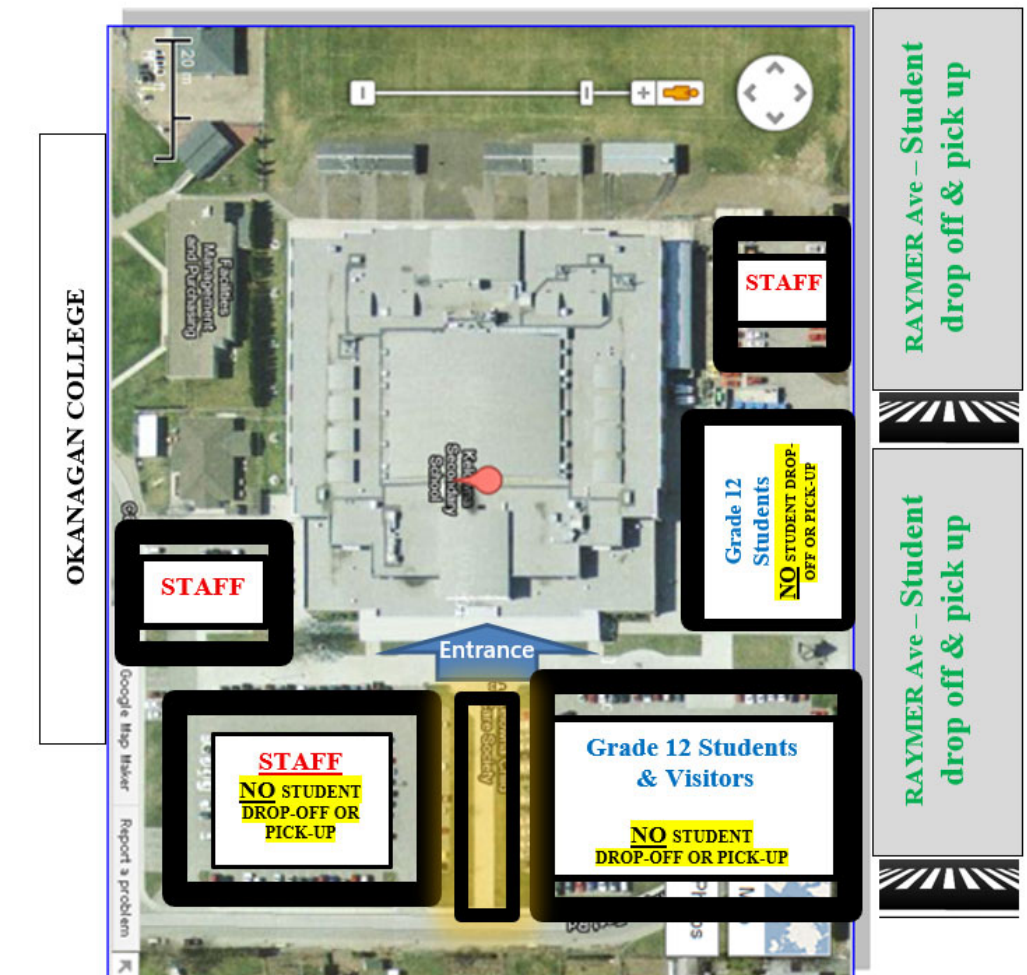
2026-2027 KSS Yearbook Fee has been added to all students as an optional fee in School Cash Online. If you chose to purchase a yearbook, please purchase online if possible. Cash/debit payments may be taken in the office by the Accounts Clerk. We do not publish extra copies - don't wait! Early Bird pricing of \$40.00 ends December 1st! Order [HERE](#).

No Student Food Delivery Services at KSS

Food Delivery Services – To support student safety and minimize disruptions to learning, food delivery services such as DoorDash, Skip and Uber Eats are **not permitted at KSS during the school day**. Having unfamiliar delivery drivers arriving on campus interrupts learning and creates safety concerns. Thank you for helping us keep KSS safe and focused on learning.



KSS Parking Map





Helpful Links

SCHOOL MESSENGER LINK - ENTER ABENCES/LATES/EARLY DEPARTURES HERE

KSS Clubs

Bell Schedules

KSS Administration & Support

School Cash Online - Pay Student Fees Here

Graduation News: Class of 2027

Grade 12 Post-Secondary Preparation

[PSP Grad 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: **k6qd3ks**



Prom Information: Class of 2027

KSS Parents and Community Members,

Planning and preparations are already underway for this year's prom. As you are aware, it is a substantial undertaking that involves the hard work and time commitment of many individuals.

Once again, Domino's is willing to partner with us in order to raise some funds, and the first night is next week. Please see the advertisement, and feel free to share this with your friends and family members.

We are also accepting general donations that can be made specifically towards prom. Information about how to donate can be found in the attached letter.

If you would like to get involved and be a part of the Parent Prom Committee, you can sign up through the QR code on the information sheet below. We will also need some current grade 11 parents to help us out on the night of prom.

Thank you all so much for helping us create a memorable night for all members of the Class of 2027



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SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!



**KSS PROM 2027
PARENT COMMITTEE**



SUPPORT THE KSS GRADE 12 PROM BANQUET & DANCE
WE NEED YOU! Our goal is to raise \$30,000 by the end of April so we can help bring the prom ticket price down to \$100 per student. That's where YOU come in! 🙌

WE'RE LOOKING FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO LEAD:

- 📧 Gmail + Google Drive
- 📱 Social Media — Facebook + Instagram
- 🗑️ Bottle Recycling Account
- 🎨 Poster & Design
- 💡 Fundraising Ideas & Events
- 📺 Silent Auction + Prize Donations

Help us spread the word, promote events and keep everyone in the loop.

Help turn empties into prom dollars!

Help collect amazing items, experiences and prizes.

🎉 Prom Night Volunteer: Chaperones, game supervisors and extra hands to help make the night run smoothly.

THE BEST PART? Most volunteer work happens BEHIND THE SCENES!
 You don't need to commit to every meeting or event. Whether you can help once in a while, take on a specific task, or become a committee lead, every helping hand makes a difference. ❤️

LET'S GIVE OUR GRADS A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!
 \$30,000 → \$100 tickets → ONE UNFORGETTABLE PROM!
 No cape required. 🦸 Just a little time, a good idea, or a willingness to help

Email: ksspromcommittee@gmail.com

Career and Counselling Centre News

UBC Application Workshop

Please join us for an application workshop presented by UBC on Wednesday, October 28th from 12:00 to 12:45 pm in the KSS Library. *students only

Upcoming PSI Visit

October 22, 2026- please join us in the KSS MPR at lunch to meet with a representative from the University of Calgary.

Post-Secondary Institutions-BC and Gr. 12 Parent Night

Please join us on October 20th at 6pm in the KSS Gym for Grade 12 parent need and for the PSI-BC Mini-Fair. Please click the link below to view the visiting institutions.



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Career Opportunities



How to get 30 hrs POSTER.pdf

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UBCO Engineering Open House- October 24, 2026

UBCO Engineering is hosting an Open House of Saturday, October 24th. Please expand the picture to access the QR code to register.

ENGINEERING ALERT!
UBC Okanagan Engineering Open House
Saturday October 24!

Explore all UBC Engineering has to offer at our Okanagan Campus in Kelowna and discover what your future could look like at one of the top engineering programs in Canada.
This event is free and open to all.

- **Date:** Saturday, October 24, 2026
- **Time:** 10am – 2pm
- **Location:** UBC Okanagan Campus

PRE-REGISTER:





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KSS Athletics

Owls Football

Come out and support the KSS Football Team at their upcoming games. Bring the black and gold! GOOOOOOOO OWWWWWLS!

- **Junior Varsity Football Game:** KSS vs Rutland - **Thurs, Oct 15 @7pm** at Rosewood Sports Field (Mar Jok)
- **Senior Varsity Football Game:** KSS vs Rutland - **Fri, Oct 16 @ 7:30pm** at Mission Recreation Park (field M15)

KSS Wrestling Team

There will be a wrestling meeting in room 153 at 12:10 on Thursday October 29 for any student interested in representing KSS in the sport of wrestling. Wrestling has weight classes so size does not matter and is a great sport for the smaller students. Wrestling is also a great of off-season sport for rugby and football players. For more information, see COWA website - [HERE](#).

Best of the West Link

KSS OWLS Athletics Webpage

KSS PAC

ONE-AND-DONE

KSS PAC will not ask you to volunteer BUT we still need your help! Please consider making a donation through our ONE-AND-DONE Fundraiser. Please see link below for more information and details:

[ONE-AND-DONE](#)



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Community News



YOU'RE INVITED TO A
Parent Information Night
Online and In-Person
Child Safety

DATE
November 4, 2026

TIME
Doors open: 5:30pm
Presentation:
6:00-7:00pm
Question period to
follow

LOCATION
School Board Office
(1040 Hollywood Rd. 5)
LC Meeting Room 355

SCAN OR CLICK TO SIGN UP

<https://tinyurl.com/sd23parentnight>

TOPICS COVERED

-  Why talking about bodies and personal safety matters
-  Prevention of online exploitation
-  Child abuse prevention strategies
-  How to talk to your child about their body and personal safety
-  Strategies and tools for parents and caregivers

PRESENTERS

-  **Cpl. Renee Brand**
Kelowna RCMP's Child Abuse Unit
-  **Sgt. Celina Gammie**
Kelowna RCMP's Vulnerable Persons Unit
-  **Natalie Howe, RN**
Interior Health Population Health Program Specialist

 Central Okanagan Public Schools
Together We Learn

 Interior Health



 **LIGHT SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS**
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