



Whoo's News

April 6, 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 non-sanctioned grad events 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 grade 12 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

MOVING?

Not returning to KSS in September 2023?



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

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

CONGRATULATIONS to three KSS Students who competed for Zone 2 (Thompson / Okanagan) in ringette at the B.C. Winter Games which took place in Vernon from March 23-26, 2023 and finished in 2nd with a silver medal! *Congratulations to:*

Emma Machnee - #44

Luke Hopkinson - #32

Elise Wozny - #26



April 7

April 10

April 11

April 21

April 21

May 4

May 22

Good Friday—No School

Easter Monday—No School

KSS PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Term 3 ends

Airband Final Performance 7:00 p.m.

Report Cards release Digitally via MyEd BC

Victoria Day—No School



KSS French Immersion Student Selected for Ottawa Page Program!



KSS French Immersion Graduate, **Blake Roberts** is on his way this fall to pursuing his post-secondary career at the University of Ottawa. He has been one of the few students nationally selected for the House of Commons Page program! We are thrilled to congratulate Blake and celebrate one of our French Immersion Graduates on this significant accomplishment!

The House of Commons Page Program:

"Each year, 40 students are selected from across Canada to participate in the Page Program. Pages are first-year students registered at one of the eligible post-secondary institutions in the national capital region. They work on a part-time basis for one year.

In the chamber and around Parliament Hill, pages support parliamentary democracy by providing a range of services to members of Parliament. This incredible work experience broadens their knowledge of the rich traditions of the Canadian parliamentary system."

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/about/pageprogram/index-e.html>

Some words from Mme Bracken, Blake's French Immersion Teacher:

"I am SO proud of Blake and what he has accomplished. The Page program only takes 40 students across Canada, and the application process is certainly not easy! It involves essays, interviews and more. We have had other students apply over the years, and the last time one was accepted was around 2003. Successful applicants must be bilingual, knowledgeable, calm in stressful situations, personable and responsible. Blake most definitely has all these qualities! This is a huge opportunity for Blake and a well-deserved honour. Next year, Blake will be an active participant in the governmental process. Keep an eye out for him on the parliamentary channel!! Bravo Blake!!"



Congratulations to Ethan Irvine

for committing to the University of Guelph to study and play football! Ethan could not play his senior year due to injury, but his commitment to the classroom and building relationships gave him this opportunity!

We are so proud of you, Ethan! Ethan is T.O.U.G.H.!

GO OWLS!

Ministry Assessments at KSS 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 from the November and January assessments are available to students on their MyEducationBC portal. Results from the January session are also posted in the KSS Multipurpose Room by student identification number.

The upcoming April session (April 24th – 28th) will have students in grade 10 Math classes writing in class. Semester 2 Literacy assessments will be written in Grade 10 and 12 English classes in June. 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 jeff.prasad@sd23.bc.ca for the April session.

NON-GRAD LIST

In order to participate in Grad, students must have returned any overdue library or textbooks, paid any outstanding student fees (including \$75 grad fee) and be in a calculable position to graduate. Students that have not met all of these requirements will be placed on the Non-Grad List.

If students are on the Non-Grad List, they may make arrangements with their alpha VP for an academic plan and/or a fee payment plan.

We will be posting the Non-Grad List in the MPR next week. The list will be sorted by PUPIL NUMBER. Please have your Grad check the list and take care of any outstanding fees.

Prom tickets will go on sale on April 17th in the MPR. The cost has not yet been set. Once the cost has been confirmed, we will share this information with parents/students. **If students are on the Non-Grad List, they will not be able to purchase prom tickets.**

GRAD 2023



For current updates, please ensure that you are reading the Whoo's News, checking the school website, and that your grads are following the grad Instagram @kss2023_, and the Grad 2023 Information Google Classroom.

Link to KSS Grad on KSS website [HERE](#).



Grad Clothing FINAL SALE EXTENSION!

The final order of grad clothing has been **extended to April 16th!**

This will be your last chance to order this year and late orders will not be accepted. ***Don't miss out!*** Please order [HERE](#).

Items will go into production and will take approximately four weeks to arrive at KSS. Announcements will be made once the items arrive and they may be picked up in Room 193.



BOTTLE DRIVE FOR THE GRAD CLASS!!!

Please help us raise funds for the 2023 KSS Prom by bringing your empty bottles to the Return-It Express drop off at the Kent Road Bottle Depot @ 1936 Kent Rd. Simply bring your containers to the depot in sealed, transparent blue or clear bags, and enter the KSS grad class number at the Express kiosk located just inside the building (**250-KSS-GRAD** = 250-577-4723). You will be prompted to select the number of bags you're dropping off, and the kiosk will automatically print stickers for each of your bags with the KSS Grad Express account code. Tag each of your bags with a sticker, and drop the bags off in the designated Express drop-off area (outside the building) to be counted and credited to our account. (Note: a maximum of 12 glass bottles can be included in each bag.)

Please help us spread the word, & THANK YOU for your support!!

KSS 2023 Prom Fundraising and Sponsorship

The 2023 Prom Committee is raising funds and seeking sponsorship in order to make the 2023 prom on May 19 affordable and accessible to all grads. Please see "Prom Sponsorship Letter" (next page) to support these fundraising efforts and to help make this a great year for your grads!



Kelowna Secondary School
École Secondaire Kelowna

1079 Raymer Avenue, Kelowna, BC V1Y 4Z7
Ph: (250) 870-5105 Fax: (250) 870-5005

Dear Parents and/or Business Owners,

It has been a strange time to be in high school over the past few years, and the parent Prom Committee for the 2023 Kelowna Secondary School graduating class is working hard to organize an event that will provide over 500 grads with positive memories that will last a lifetime. As such, we are raising funds to help subsidize the cost of the Prom and ensure that everyone in the Grade 12 class can afford the ticket price to attend and be a part of such a special night.

As with everything these days, costs have increased significantly to put together an event like this. Therefore, we are reaching out to parents and the community to ask for your assistance with our venue, food, and entertainment costs. This would help tremendously in lowering ticket prices. These graduates have looked forward to this day for years and are our future in Kelowna. We wish to show them an example of what is possible when everyone comes together to achieve a common goal. Your generosity and contributions will be widely acknowledged and advertised throughout the evening of their Prom.

Alongside our fundraising efforts we are hoping to have some "door prizes" to give out that evening and are looking for community support for these as well. If you have a donation of a product or service from your business, a gift card to your business, or know a company, friend or family member who might be willing to donate a prize, this support would be greatly appreciated. Attached is our contact information and a sheet detailing our levels of donations and/or sponsorships. We thank you in advance for considering our request to assist the 2023 graduating class of Kelowna Senior Secondary School. Through your generosity, their Prom is sure to be a huge success.

Sincerely,

KSS Parent Prom Committee
Email: kssprom2023@gmail.com



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PROJECT KSS PROM MEMORIES FOR ALL

Door Prize Donation _____

The Graduation Cap _____ (Sponsor a Grad by purchasing a Prom ticket(s), price to be determined. Please reach out to kssprom2023@gmail.com for questions on the possible dollar amount of this.)

All levels of financial sponsorship from here forward will receive acknowledgement and advertising at the Prom (unless you wish to remain anonymous).

The Diploma _____ \$100 donation

The Words of Wisdom _____ \$250 donation

The Honor Roll _____ \$500 donation

The Scholarship _____ \$750 donation

The Valedictorian _____ \$\$\$ **

(Sponsor the cost of one of our entertainers, activities (ie photo booths), or rental expenses. Please inquire about the many options available and their associated costs. Tax receipts likely available for this level only depending on vendor.)

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Website URL: _____

Please email us at kssprom2023@gmail.com with your area of interest. Cheques can be made payable to KSS/Kelowna Secondary School, Attn: Grad Coordinator/PROM.



GRAD FUNDRAISER

Celebrate your GRAD!

GRAD KEEPER SIGNS 2023



**\$5 FROM EVERY
SIGN GOES TO
SUPPORT THE
GRADS!**

- These signs are 18" high x 15.5" wide, and are for you to keep, they will look like the picture above.
- All signs need to be ordered by April 23rd, 2023.
- Signs will be delivered to the school by May 15th, 2023, for pickup
- Signs come with a yard stake for \$25 + tax, and a portion will go to the grad committee.
- Personalize them for \$10 more.
- Link to book is here: <https://form.jotform.com/211265528801250>
- For more information regarding our full size sign rentals, please go to www.wowtheyard.com



For more info, visit
www.wowtheyard.com
or contact Rosanne at
wowtheyardkelowna@gmail.com
or 250-864-3480

Attention French Immersion Grads! Diner en Blanc is for you!

**Célébrons ensemble
DÎNER EN BLANC**

**FÊTONS
VOTRE RÉUSSITE
DU PROGRAMME
D'IMMERSION FRANÇAISE
\$25 / PERSONNE**

*Achetez
votre billet*

*Lieu Secret - habillez-vous en
blanc!*

LUNDI, LE 29 MAI, 2023

KSS PAC

The purpose of the KSS PAC is to promote and improve the quality of education and the well-being of students at Kelowna Secondary School.

Attention 2023 KSS Grads:

The KSS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will be awarding **two bursaries and two scholarships** to KSS grads who will be pursuing post-secondary education in the fall of 2023. Each award will be for \$1,000. Please visit the KSS PAC section of the KSS Website [HERE](#) for these applications. The applications are also available to pick up in the KSS Counselling Centre. Applications are due back to the KSS Counselling Centre **by April 12, 2023.**

The next PAC Meeting is on April 11th at 6:30 p.m. We will be meeting in-person only, no Zoom. Please note that, sadly, the current Executive Board will all be leaving KSS, as our kids are graduating, and the PAC is in urgent need of new volunteers for the 2023-24 school year. In order to maintain our school's BC Gaming Grant Funding of over \$30,000 annually to support our students and their extracurricular activities, KSS needs to have an active PAC. **Please join us** to see how you can help make this happen. The new executive will be chosen at the AGM in May. If you have any questions, please email us at kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca We hope to see you on Tuesday!

Centre for Arts & Technology Scholarships

The future of creative careers is ever-evolving, and we want YOU to be a part of it. Centre for Arts and Technology will award scholarships to passionate Canadian high school students in grade 12 who are able to demonstrate their dedication to this growing creative landscape.

Grade 12 students with a flair for creativity are invited to apply. Think you've got what it takes? See their website [HERE](#) for more information and to apply!

Applications are open until June 28th.



Get Paid to Learn & Grow

FREE!

Join JUMPSTART to connect
with others and get:

-  **free certifications ~ First Aid
Food Safe ~ WHMIS ~ SuperHost**
-  **job placement opportunity**
-  **life skills & job readiness training**
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Start date May 1

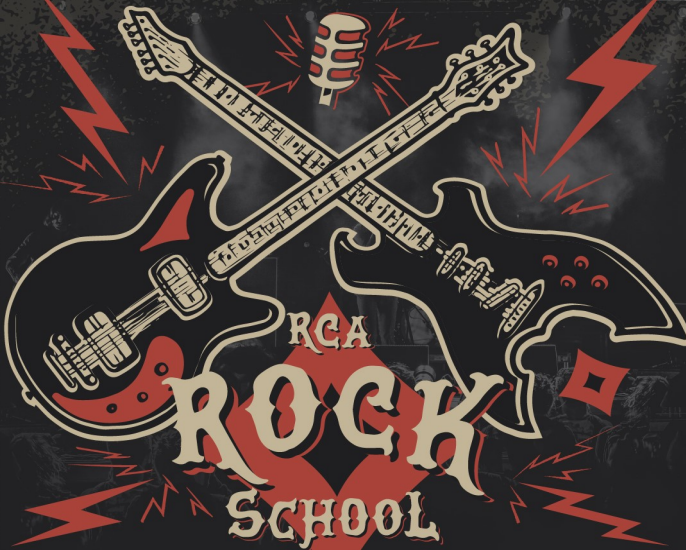
Recruiting Now

limited seats available
ages 16-30

TEXT/CALL
250-718-6179

EMAIL
mariana.souza@ymcasibc.ca

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The RCA Rock School is a music education program designed to introduce youth to rock music through beginner music lessons, rock history, and the do's and don't's of running a band. Led by local musicians Laura Lee Schultz, Andrew Stauffer and Ezra Cipes, the sessions will take place at the RCA in the Mary Irwin Theatre and other studio spaces, and the series will end with a performance by the registrants at the Mary Irwin Theatre.

SPRING
Tuesdays, Apr. 4 – May 9
4:00pm – 6:30pm | Ages 11-14

SUMMER
Mon, Aug. 21 – Fri, Aug. 26
9:00am – 4:00pm | Ages 13-17

Pre-register today



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The RCA Jazz Camp is your chance to jam with the greats!
Led by Craig Thomson, Nick Dyson, and Joe Auty, students will learn how to develop their musical creativity by improvising over several styles of music including the blues, R&B/soul/funk, and popular jazz "standards". They will also be coached on refining their technique within instrument-specific classes. In addition, students will be able to enjoy their instructors performing with other local professionals regularly and perform their own concert in the Mary Irwin Theatre.

Pre-register today

Monday, August 14 – Friday, August 18
9:00am – 4:00pm
Ages 12+



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Register at:
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kidz4safety@gmail.com
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call/text 250-317-2868



**Parenting Your Anxious Youth
Ages 12-17**



We will talk about:

- What anxiety is and how it works.
- How to better understand your youth's experience.
- Skills to help you and your youth cope.
- Skills to communicate with your anxious youth.
- Skills to manage situations in which your youth's anxiety impacts daily life.

Five Group Sessions
Thursdays 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
April 13 - May 18, 2023

No cost to attend.
Register by emailing
info@thebridgeservices.ca or call
250-763-0456

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAMILY SUNDAYS AT THE KELOWNA ART GALLERY

Students will work under the supervision of the staff at the Kelowna Art Gallery for the Family Sundays Art Program. The student volunteers will assist with the activities provided each Sunday to children and families. Students should be interested in art and working with children and families. The timing will be from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm each Sunday.

Kelowna Art Gallery
1315 Water Street



PLACEMENTS WILL BE ONGOING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION PACKAGE,
PLEASE COME TO THE KSS CAREER CENTRE