



École Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

March 7, 2025

Congratulations to Vice-Principal **Christey Hughes** who has been appointed Principal at Dorothea Walker Elementary School, beginning March 31.

A few words from Mme. Hughes:

Dear École Kelowna Secondary School Community,

As I prepare to transition to my new role as Principal at DWE after spring break, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible support and collaboration over the past six years. It has been an honour to serve as one of your vice-principals and to be part of such a dedicated, vibrant, and caring school community.

I join you in welcoming your new vice-principal, Julie Loveridge-Marks, bringing some excellent skills and experience to the KSS administration team. I wish you each all the very best in your future endeavours. Enjoy a restful, fun, and safe Spring Break!

Warm regards,
Christey Hughes

ONCE AN OWL,
ALWAYS AN OWL



Upcoming dates . .

Mar 11	Jazz in the KSS MPR 7:00 p.m.
Mar 13	Multi-Cultural Day in MPR
Mar 13	Locker Clean Out
Mar 15-30	SPRING BREAK
Mar 31	Schools re-open after Spring Break (full day)
Apr 7-11	Ministry Assessment Week
Apr 15 & 16	Post-Secondary Prep in LLC at lunch
Apr 15	Quarter 3 Ends
Apr 16	Quarter 4 Begins
Apr 18	Good Friday—NO SCHOOL
Apr 21	Easter Monday—NO SCHOOL.
May 2	Cultural Performances in the gym
May 2	Student Written Learning Updates are published to MyEd Student Portal at 3:00 p.m.



Please **welcome** incoming Vice-Principal
Julie Loveridge-Marks.



Mrs. Loveridge-Marks will join KSS on March 31st. Mrs. Loveridge-Marks will be Vice-Principal to students with last names beginning with A—G.

With a strong background in French Immersion and supporting English Language Learners and international students, Julie is dedicated to creating a sense of belonging for all. Growing up in a French Métis community and starting her career in Manitoba's French Immersion programs, Julie has a passion for helping students. She is passionate about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and serves on the district's Anti-Racism Training Committee and has worked as an educator in France, Winnipeg School District, Richmond School District, Surrey School District and is coming to us after 7 years at Rutland Senior Secondary School in Kelowna. As the founder of *Proud For Prom*, she leads a community-based organization that has helped over 300 students celebrate their graduation with confidence. She is excited to meet the students, staff, and families that make up the KSS community.

Okanagan College Advisor Sessions

Advisors from OC will be at KSS on April 23-24 to meet with students and answer any questions. Meetings are 15-minute slots and will be held in the KSS Career Centre.

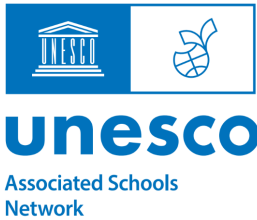
Meetings are by appointment only!

Please sign up [HERE](#).



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors:

Your voice matters. Speak up for yourself and your beliefs.



Currently École Kelowna Secondary School is a candidate school in the **UNESCO Associated School Network (ASPnet)**. We look forward to gaining full membership once we are able to share all of the amazing things that happen at our school.

The UNESCO Associated Schools Network consists of close to 10,000 schools across 181 countries. Within this network there are 100 Canadian UNESCO schools from across 8 provinces and the Yukon Territory. As part of this network we will work with schools from across the country and around the world to promote the ideals of UNESCO valuing rights and dignity, gender equality, social progress, freedom, justice and democracy, respect for diversity, and international solidarity.

At KSS we will communicate and observe multiple UNESCO days, and make classroom and school connections to the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Furthermore, we will focus on the following thematic areas outlined by the Canadian Commission for UNESCO:

- ⇒ Education for all
- ⇒ Global Citizenship Education
- ⇒ Reconciliation
- ⇒ Education for Sustainable Development



The UNESCO Associated Schools Network will provide us an excellent platform to highlight all the great things we do within the school and the broader community. Moreover, it will provide future opportunities for students and staff to collaborate with other schools. We are proud to be a part of this network, and are looking forward to many UNESCO related events to come.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Health Nurse Wellness Clinics in School Settings for Grade 10, 11, 12 Students

To students & their parents, guardians, or representatives:

As part of Interior Health (IH) - Central Okanagan's efforts to provide access to public health nursing (PHN) support and services, IH will be offering in-school PHN Wellness Clinics for grade 10, 11, & 12 students between now and the end of this school year.

During the Wellness Clinics in the school, Public Health Nurses will be available to talk with students and answer any questions about public health nursing services, such as health and wellness promotion/disease prevention information, and resources. This is also a great opportunity for senior high school students to meet with a public health nurse to assess their immunization history and ensure they have all the necessary vaccinations before they graduate. Some post-secondary schools/training programs require immunization history prior to starting the program. Additionally, based on information gleaned from the recent 2023 McCreary Adolescent Survey indicating a growing concern from students regarding a variety of health-related topics, these in-school clinics will offer improved access for students to reach out to a health professional. COVID-19 or Influenza vaccines will not be offered or provided at these Wellness Clinics.

Kelowna Secondary School administration and their public health nurse have identified the following days and times for PHN Wellness Clinics at KSS:

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.:

February 25

March 11

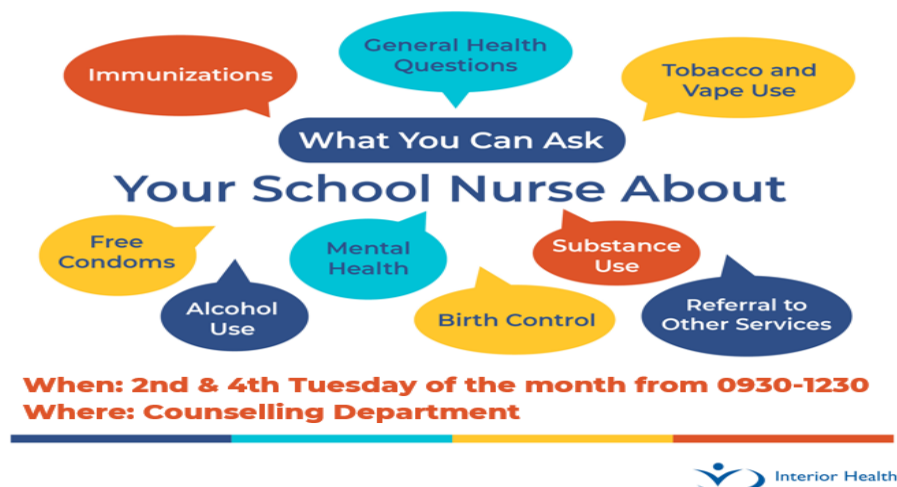
April 8 and 22

May 13 and 27

June 10

Location: Counselling Center Offices, Career Centre

If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Rollinson, R.N., via email at: stacey.rollinson@interiorhealth.ca or by phone 250-469-7070 ext 13305



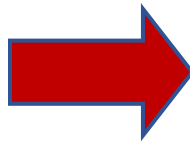
Grade 12: Class of 2025

POST-SECONDARY PREPARATION

**KSS will be offering grade 12 students
3 optional POST SECONDARY PREPARATION SESSIONS (PSP)
to help prepare for education after high school!**

PSP #1

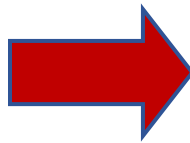
Wed & Thur October 16 & 17
@ 11:30 am
KSS LIBRARY
and
Thur October 17 @ 3:30 pm
KSS LIBRARY



- ✓ Getting Organized
- ✓ Transcripts
- ✓ Entrance Requirements
- ✓ How to apply

PSP #2

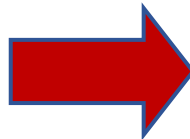
Tues & Wed November 26 & 27
@ 11:30 am
KSS LIBRARY
and
Thur November 27 @ 3:30 pm
KSS LIBRARY



- ✓ Funding
- ✓ Central Okanagan Bursary
& Scholarship Society:
COBSS
- ✓ Scholarships / Awards

PSP #3

Tue & Wed April 15 & 16
@ 11:30 am
KSS LIBRARY



- ✓ Post-secondary calendar
- ✓ Updates & deposits
- ✓ Course planning
- ✓ Course registration

**The sessions are identical. Please plan to attend during your spare to avoid missing class time.*

If you must miss class time, plan ahead with your teacher - early class dismissal required.

Presentations will be posted on the KSS website for further information.



We Don't Want You to Sell Anything!

But we still need your help

Dear Parents/guardians.

Each year the KSS PAC provides 2 bursaries and 2 scholarships of \$1000 each to KSS graduates who will be attending post-secondary education in the Fall of their graduating year. The bursaries/scholarships are awarded to students based on financial need, academic achievement, and a desire to pursue post-secondary education in Canada.

Previously, these were funded through KSS's annual provincial community gaming grant, however, gaming funds are no longer allowed to be used for bursaries and scholarships. Hence, the PAC must fundraise in order to continue to provide these funds to support KSS students in their future education.

This is where YOU come in!

Please consider donating! Any amount, no matter how large or small, makes a difference!

Our fundraising goal is \$4,000 to cover the awards for 2025 graduates. Any funds beyond our goal will be held in a PAC scholarship account for future years!

How to donate

We have decided to use the school district donation option this year for our scholarship/bursary fund. It allows us to keep all of the money that you donate, rather than having to pay platform fees, and gives you a tax receipt. **WIN-WIN!**

Steps:

1. Go to www.schoolcashionline.com and sign in using your credentials that you pay your school fees with
2. Click *Make a Donation* to open the donation form
3. Choose *Kelowna Secondary*
4. In the message box write *PAC Scholarship Fund*
5. *Add to Cart* to go to the payment page

With your support, we can empower the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and changemakers.



RV CAREER SPOTLIGHT

- Explore Opportunities in RV Trades & Repair

Sign up at the Career Centre

Monday, March 12, 2025
9 - 11:30 a.m.

LAW CAREER SPOTLIGHT

With Joe Gordon



- Sign up at the Career and Counselling Centre. Space is limited!

Monday, March 31st, 2025

KSS WEBSITE & CALENDARS

<https://kss.sd23.bc.ca/>

Please check the KSS Website for important information such as: Course Viewbook, Student Services, Drama, Library and Tech information, Whoo's News, PAC Meeting Minutes, Grad information, Career-Life Programs and student volunteer opportunities and much more!

KELOWNA OWLS ATHLETICS Page and Gym Calendar is under "Students" tab and "Athletics". [HERE](#) is a link.

KSS SCHOOL CALENDAR is on the KSS Website [HERE](#) is a link.



BIPOC CONNECTIONS GROUP

FOR STUDENTS OF COLOUR TO CELEBRATE, CONNECT, AND GIVE SPACE TO BE THEMSELVES

LUNCH
ROOM 243
WEDNESDAYS

BLACK INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF COLOUR

TEACHER SPONSORS
RAGOONADEN
RAGOBAR
DRESCHER

Career-Life Programs

Careers in Health Care Conference at Kelowna General Hospital

Tuesday, March 4th

Just over 100 Grade 11 and 12 students from SD23, including 20 KSS Students, had the opportunity to participate in the "Careers in Health Care Conference" organized by Interior Health at the Kelowna General Hospital this past Tuesday. Students listened to presentations given by a diverse group of 12 professionals such as a physician, physiotherapist, health care assistant, midwife, respiratory, occupational and recreational therapists, and medical imaging and bio medical technicians. The experience provided students with not only practical information about working in a number of different settings such as in the hospital, community clinics and in private health care services, they also heard about real-world experiences and how working in health care, both with patients and in other areas, means making a difference in people's lives. Students also learned about ways that they can volunteer at KGH. With health care opportunities rapidly growing, the goal of the conference was to inspire high school students to consider careers in the continually changing health sector and how the range of skills and experiences can lead in many different directions, which is why health care is a unique and rewarding career.

Career-Life Programs would like to thank Interior Health and Kelowna General Hospital for hosting this educational and valuable opportunity and the KGH Foundation for generously providing the students with a pizza lunch!

For information on upcoming career exploration opportunities such as this one, and many others, (volunteering, career spotlights, etc.) please visit the KSS Career Centre.





**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

The School Bus Transportation Application for September 2025 (2025-2026 year) is now open!

IMPORTANT

Although school bus transportation applications are accepted throughout the school year, priority seating for the 2025–2026 school year is given to those applicants who have applied before end of day on **May 31, 2025**

Use the link below to submit a school bus transportation application for the 2025-2026 school year.

<https://busconnect.sd23.bc.ca>

Students must be registered to ride on the school bus, for detailed information regarding student eligibility for transportation please visit our website:

<https://www.sd23.bc.ca/transportation-services-programsservices>

470R – Transportation Services Management – Guiding Principles for Transportation
in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

<https://www.sd23.bc.ca/documents/24bb4ba9-1cff-53b9-b0a4-a7dcde0e2c1b>

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**For RED FLASHING LIGHTS
IT'S THE LAW**



Safety is everyone's responsibility