



Whoo's News



SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

Another busy week!

School photos were taken on September 13! Re-takes are scheduled for October 12.



ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is critical to a student's success. Our automated call home system has been activated to contact parents in the event of an unexcused absence. Our system has been fully operational this week.

If your child is going to be away, or needs to be excused early, please call 250.870.5105 , Press "1" and follow the prompts. The Attendance Line is open 24/7.

If you do receive a call from our Attendance Line, you can call in (same phone #) to excuse the absence. If you believe your child has been marked absent from a class in error, please contact the teacher directly. **Please do not call the office.**

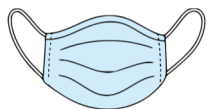
COURSE CHANGES and GROUP ASSIGNMENTS are now complete!

Counsellors and Administrators have been extremely busy with course change requests and we have now completed changes for Semester 1.

The \$75.00 **Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony Fee** has been added to Grade 12 students and expires April 1st.

Grad Council/Grad President

Grad council selection begins this week. Applications can be found on the bulletin board outside room 193, and can also be downloaded from the KSS website here: <http://kssgrad.weebly.com/grad-council.html>



*Don't forget
your mask!*



Welcome KSS
Parents



KSS Grade 10-12 Parent Information Meeting

Did you miss the meeting??

No worries Check out the powerpoint [HERE](#)



2021 Tryout Information

www.kssowlsathletics.com

(Please see page 4 of of this newsletter for safety protocol in sports at KSS)



Field Hockey Tryouts

Tuesday September 7th 4 - 6 pm Mission Turf
Wednesday September 8th 4 - 6 pm Mission Turf
Thursday September 9th 4 - 6 pm Mission Turf
See Mr. Bernhardsson for more Info!!

OWLS FOOTBALL

Practices started the week of
August 23rd for both JV and
Varsity teams

Monday to Thursday 5 - 7 pm
KSS Fields



BOYS SOCCER

Wednesday September 8th 330 - 5 pm KSS fields
Thursday September 9th 330 - 5 pm KSS Fields
Tuesday September 14th 330 - 5 pm KSS Fields
Wednesday September 15th 330 - 5 pm KSS Fields
For more information contact Mr. Ragobar

OWLS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL JR (Gr.10) GIRLS

Tuesday September 7th 330 - 5 pm
Wednesday September 8th 330 - 5pm
Thursday September 9th 330- 5 pm
For more information see Ms. Friend

SR (Gr. 11 + 12) BOYS Volleyball

Tuesday September 7th 7pm - 9 pm
Wednesday September 8th 7pm - 9 pm
Thursday September 9th 7pm - 9 pm
For more information see Mr. Sodaro



SR (Gr. 11 + 12) Girls Volleyball

Tuesday September 7th 5 - 7pm
Wednesday September 8th 5pm - 7pm
Thursday September 9th 5 - 7pm
For more information see Mr. Hettinga

OWLS BOYS VOLLEYBALL JR (Gr. 10) BOYS

Tuesday September 7th 330 - 5 pm
Wednesday September 8th 330 - 5pm
Thursday September 9th 330- 5 pm

For more information see Mr. Trigg



Cross Country Team: All ability levels, from walkers through speed demons and everyone in between are welcome. Please drop by rm 291 and see Mr. Carlson for details, or simply show up at our first practice.

Practices will be at Mission Creek Park on Mondays and Thursdays (first practice Monday Sept 13) at 4:00, with races on Wednesdays.

**COME OUT & SING Be Part of the
AWARD WINNING KSS MUSIC PROGRAM😊**

**Auditions 4
Vocal Jazz
&
Chamber Choir**

Where: Music Room (128) (across from the washrooms by the Fountain/Gym)

When: Before School/Lunches & after School – signup sheet is on the inside door-this year you must sign-up for a slot to audition

**Dates: Thurs/Fri ~ Sept. 9 & 10
&
Mon-Fri ~ Sept. 13 ~ 17**

Come and sing a song of your choice (anything)!
Everyone is Welcome! Auditions are PRIVATE!!!

All grades! All Students!
Vocalists & Vocal Percussionists!



I look forward to hearing & seeing you!



The Visitor Parking is now in the Student Parking Lot. Please remember to pick up a visitor parking pass from the office.

This is also the area designated for student drop off and pick up to ensure the safety of our staff and students.

Parents ARE NOT TO USE the staff parking lot for student drop off or pick up.

Thank you for making our parking lot a much safer space for staff, students and parents!!

Thank You



A HUGE **Thank you** to all our students and families for bringing masks to school!!!



An optional \$10.00 **Parking Pass Fee** will be added to all **Grade 12 students**, and is only for those who wish to purchase a parking pass. Applications for a Parking Pass are available on-line or in front of the office in the MPR. COMPLETED Parking Pass Application and proof of



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. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which 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 Family Accident Reimbursement Plan or to find out more, visit <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>.

APPEALS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP PROCESSES

Context

School-based Principals/Vice-Principals are required to provide notice of the Central Okanagan Public Schools' Appeals Process (Board Policy 460) and of the position that students will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship (Board Policy Regulation 425R). The purpose of this Administrative Procedure is to provide direction regarding these notifications.

Procedures

1. The Principal or Vice-Principal will inform students, parents, and guardians of the existence and availability of Policy 460 - Appeals at least annually. The wording to be used for these notifications is as follows:

The Central Okanagan Public Schools' Appeal Process

Policy 460 – 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 460 – Appeals that can be accessed from the Policies link under the Board of Education heading on the Central Okanagan Public Schools homepage at www.sd23.bc.ca.

2. School-based Principals/Vice-Principals will also notify students, parents, and guardians of the Central Okanagan Public Schools' Financial Hardship Clause. This notification must be provided at time of registration and on an annual basis through newsletters and notices using the following wording:

The Central Okanagan Public Schools' Financial Hardship Clause

Within Board Policy Regulation 425R – Student Fees (www.sd23.bc.ca), the Board of Education has indicated “that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship”. This clause in the Regulations provides for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families, while preserving the dignity of families which 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.

PARENTING YOUR ANXIOUS YOUTH



MEET FOR 1.5 HOURS WEEKLY WITH PARENTS/CAREGIVERS WHO ARE ON THE SAME JOURNEY

Who:
Parents/Caregivers of youth aged 12-16

5 Group Sessions:
Thursdays 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
October 7 – November 4

Where:
The Bridge Youth & Family Services
Online via Zoom

Admission:
No Cost

To register email jen.teigen@thebridgeservices.ca
or call 250-718-1412

We will talk about:

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

THE BRIDGE
Youth & Family Services
We transform lives and build community

8-2604 Enterprise Way | Kelowna, BC | V1X 7Y5
250-763-0456

Check out the [KSS Website](http://www.kss.bc.ca) for all the latest information, including Athletics, Grad, Clubs, important timely information, the Whoo's News and special events!



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Arts Discovery

K-6 SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS 2021-2022

REGISTER TODAY!

for The Rotary Centre for the Arts popular Arts Discovery Field Trips for the 2021-2022 school year. Kindergarten to Grade 6 students can experience one or more Performing Art forms in one venue with professional staff. The RCA has space, the passion, and the instructors!

To register, visit:
rotarycentreforthearts.com



DRAMA & STORYTELLING

Find your Inner WILD and explore the reaches of how stories can be created and shared, through movement, improv, and collaboration.



WORLD MUSIC AND DRUMMING

Travel the world through music! Learn basic hand drumming techniques and rhythms on multiple percussion instruments, including the djembe, shaker, claves, and more! Sing songs in several languages.



MARTIAL ARTS KUNG FU

A "no contact" performance art consisting of open hand and body movement forms that teach the students a sequence of moves – an applied ancient art form. **Youth gain new self-confidence, self-control, and respect.**



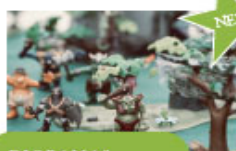
THEATRE ARTS

New Vintage Theatre actors will reveal the exciting tips, tricks, and techniques of creating characters, weaving layered stories, and improvising in this fun, high-energy workshop.



CONTEMPORARY MUSICAL THEATRE

Integrate music and sound into one or several co-created short plays. Plays are based on original stories that students create together or on classical fairy and folk tales.



DIORAMAS

Students recreate the landscapes of local or imagined spaces by using the time-tested techniques of diorama creation.



EXTREME PUPPET CREATION

Create and maneuver huge puppets together as a group. The completed puppets will stand tall, with one student moving the mouth and head, one for each arm and one for each leg.

STUDY ABROAD

The Youth Exchange Scholarship provided by your local Rotary Club



Valued at over \$24,000: Room, board, tuition, and monthly stipend for a high school year abroad.

HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED OF...

- ▶ TRAVELING THE WORLD?
- ▶ LIVING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY?
- ▶ BEING FLUENT IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

The Youth Exchange Scholarship for one academic year covers room, board, tuition, and a monthly stipend. The student/family pays for airfare, medical insurance, personal and optional expenses.

THE YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE GENEROSITY OF OUR ROTARY PARTNERS OVERSEAS AND LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS. QUALIFIED APPLICANTS MUST BE AGES 15-18 1/2 AT THE TIME OF DEPARTURE.



Contact: Colleen McEwan
m4onthemove@gmail.com
(250) 808-0504

Student Information Meetings:

Kelowna Secondary School - MPR
5:30 - 6:30
Wednesday Sept 15, 2021

GATEWAY TO TECH

Increase your technology skills and explore potential career opportunities in technology and coding. Sign up now for free training offered by Central Okanagan Public Schools & Okanagan College.

OKANAGAN COLLEGE – KELOWNA CAMPUS

Tuesday & Thursday from 5:00-8:30 pm
October 14th, 2021 – March 3rd, 2022

(This year, the program will be a blend of in-person at OC and online.)

FREE for grade 10-12 student interested in technology and coding. Student will receive four credits for a grade 12 elective course.

Limited space available.

Contact your School Career Centre for an application. Applications are due to your Career Centre by **September 22, 2021**.

