



Whoo's News



February 25, 2022



KSS Sustainable Development Challenge

On Wednesday, February 23rd, five students from KSS participated in the Sustainable Development Challenge. This event invites students from across the Central Okanagan to pitch their ideas for addressing the UNs Sustainable Development Goals. Gracie T, Heather I, Gavin D, Julia S, and Kailyn L presented their idea to a panel of community judges and live audience at the Rotary Centre For the Arts. **Their project, Thrifty Thursdays, was awarded top prize and the team received \$2000 dollars to support the innovative project.** Thrifty Thursdays is a pop-up thrift shop located at KSS that aims to encourage students to be responsible consumers. The hard work of these young changemakers deserves to be celebrated! Congratulations to all teams who participated! Thank you to Ms. Margetts for supporting our students.

Course Selection

UPDATED

The course selection due date has been extended to give students the weekend to complete them. They are now due **on-line in the student portal** by Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022. Please **DO NOT** bring them to the office.

Meeting the deadline for course selection will give your student the best opportunity to get the courses they request.

If you have any questions please feel free to email your counselor or your [alpha Vice-Principal](#)

Please refer to the 2022/23 Course Selection banner on the KSS [Website](#) for the Course Selection Presentations.

Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews

Kelowna Secondary School will be hosting our Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews on **Wednesday, March 2nd** with an early release time at 1:30 p.m. for students. **Bus pickup will occur at this time.**

KSS will once again be hosting these interviews using the telephone, Zoom or other technologies. Our intent is to offer an opportunity for all families who wish to discuss their child's progress for Semester 2 the opportunity to do so. Teachers have sent an email to invite parents/guardians to arrange a 5-7 minute interview if parents/guardians are interested. If more time is needed, please indicate this at that time. Teachers have given progress reports this week to students to help guide your conversation.

If you would like to reach your classroom teacher in advance, please visit our KSS Website at www.kss.sd23.bc.ca and scroll to the bottom and select CONTACT US. All staff e-mails are located under the Staff Directory.

CONTACT US

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Phone: (250) 870-5105

Report Absence (please do not e-mail absences) 250-870-5105

Fax: (250) 870-5005 - Office and Career Centre Hours 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Email: kss@sd23.bc.ca

Office Hours: 8:00 - 4:00 Monday to Friday Main Office and Career Centre



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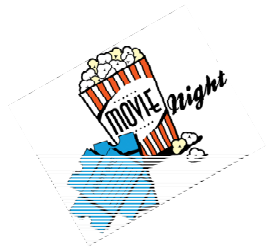
Contact Us

Please select from tabs on the left for additional contact information for Kelowna Secondary School.

Principal - Troy White

Vice Principal - Christey Hughes
Vice Principal - Robbie Franklin
Vice Principal - Michael Kormany

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Student Last Name H-N: Robbie Franklin email robbie.franklin@sd23.bc.ca
Student Last Name O-Z: Michael Kormany email michael.kormany@sd23.bc.ca



*Tickets must be purchased in advance
and will not be available at the door.*

KSS Grad 2022 Movie Night

KSS Grad Council is putting on our very first in-person grad event of the year!

Where: KSS multi-purpose room

When: **Thursday, March 3.** Doors open at 6pm, movie begins at 6:30pm.
Pick up grads at 9pm

What: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl

Bring: lawn chairs, pillows, blankets, personal snacks or food

Wear: Comfortable clothes and masks are to be worn when not eating

Not allowed: Open beverage containers. Beverages will be covered under ticket price

Tickets: On sale Monday, Feb 28 and Tuesday March 1 at lunch in the MPR, and Wednesday, March 2 before school for **\$2!**



Attention 2022 KSS Grads

The KSS Parent Advisory Committee will be awarding two bursaries and two scholarships to KSS grads who will be pursuing post-secondary education in the fall of 2022. Each award will be for \$1000.

The applications can be found using this [link](#) or on the KSS website under "Students - Bursaries and Scholarships".

Deadline for applications is April 8th



Grad 2022 Update

As a result of the continuing Covid-19 restrictions, we have decided to move our previously scheduled in-person graduation ceremony from the original date to smaller graduation ceremonies to take place the **weekend of June 4-5, 2022**. Graduates will have the option to sign up with their friends or people with whom they would like to celebrate, and they may bring a limited number of family members and loved ones to attend the ceremony.

Sign-up will occur in April and will be advertised in the Whoo's News, on the KSS website, and on the grad Google Classroom. As we did in 2020 and 2021, we have hired a professional film production company to record the graduates' stage crossings, and the production will be released on YouTube for all extended family members and loved ones to view on Friday, June 24, 2022.

Regarding year-end formal celebrations: we have assembled a small team of parent volunteers who have begun planning a selection of year-end celebrations. More information will be forthcoming, including opportunities for more parents and guardians to participate and volunteer. Please stay tuned for information in upcoming Whoo's News newsletters.

A **Medical Lab Information** spotlight session is being hosted by BCIT (through a partnership with Interior Health). This session will be focusing on Medical Lab Technologists (not Assistants).

Grades: 10-12
Date: March 2nd
Time: 12:00pm -1:00pm



Once registered online (link below), there will be an email that goes out with the link included to view the session.

[Medical Laboratory Science – Information Session \(online\) – BCIT](#)



SITEREADYBC PROGRAM

This is a brand-new introductory construction safety training course created by the BC Construction Safety Alliance (BCCSA). The program will focus on BC safety regulations but is being built so it can be adapted for use across Canada.

This online training program replaces the popular Construction Safety Training System (CSTS-09) we previously offered, which close to 75,000 BC construction workers have completed. For many BC employers, a SiteReadyBC certificate will become mandatory for all new employees upon first entering a construction site.

Successful students will receive certificates to both the SiteReadyBC program and WHMIS-2015.

PART 1 1 Legislation 2 Rights & Responsibilities 3 Hazard Management 4 Workplace Conduct 5 Inspections, Accident Reporting, Investigations	PART 3 11 Manual Lifting 12 Tools, Machinery, Equipment 13 Mobile Equipment 14 Electrical Safety 15 Ladders & Scaffolds
PART 2 6 Emergency Preparedness 7 Workplace General Conditions 8 Personal Protective Equipment 9 Noise 10 WHMIS	PART 4 16 Demolition 17 Working at Heights 18 Excavation & Trenching 19 Cranes, Hoists, Rigging 20 Confined Spaces

Making Safety Simpler
www.bccsa.ca

An exciting virtual program experience that introduces B.C. students in **grades 9-12** to a variety of tech-related careers.

- March 3, 2022
- 9:15 am OR 1:30 pm
- 75 minutes

Plus - Educators receive access to our exclusive tech career video library.

Free of Charge
ENROLL NOW

Visit techworks.jabc.ca
 or contact
Beatriz.Araujo@jabc.org

DISCOVER YOUR PITCH

Pitch your business. Win money.

An exclusive virtual investor pitch competition for B.C. students in **grades 10-12**.

- April 2022 workshops
- May 2022 pitch practices & provincial finals

Prerequisite: *JA Be Entrepreneurial or Company Program*

Free of Charge
ENROLL NOW

Visit jabc.ca/dyp
 or contact
Jesslyn.Smith@jabc.org

DAILY HEALTH CHECK

KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C)	If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms: Stay home. Contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Chills	
Cough	
Difficulty breathing	
Loss of sense of smell or taste	
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
Sore throat	If yes to 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better.
Loss of appetite	
Headache	If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home for 24 hours. If symptoms don't get better or get worse, contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Body aches	
Extreme fatigue or tiredness	
Nausea or vomiting	
Diarrhea	
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:	WHAT TO DO
Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	If yes: Fully vaccinated students, staff and other adults who have travelled outside of Canada may qualify for the fully vaccinated traveller exemption . Students, staff and other adults who are not fully vaccinated and have travelled outside of Canada CANNOT attend school for 14 days after arrival , as part of federal requirements .
CLOSE CONTACT	WHAT TO DO
Have you been notified by public health that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	If yes: Follow the instructions provided by Public Health.

You can also check your symptoms with the [K-12 Health Check](#) or the [BC Self-Assessment Tool](#).

Call 8-1-1 with any questions about symptoms of illness. If you have severe symptoms, like difficulty breathing (struggling to breathe or you can only speak single words) or chest pain, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

Visit the [BC Centre for Disease Control website](#) for more information on COVID-19.

'intheknow' Information and Support

For families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with mental health and/or substance use challenges.

EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'. WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.

ADHD – The Real Deal

Join us in watching a video presentation by Dr. Duncan, who will dispel the many myths surrounding ADHD by presenting up to date scientific facts about cause, prevalence, diagnosis and treatment. He will explain how and why the ADHD brain works the way it does.

Come together with other families for a facilitated discussion by Parent Peer Support Workers.

Dates (BC Time):

March 10, 2022 at 6:30pm
March 16, 2022 at 5:00pm
March 24, 2022 at 12:00pm
March 28, 2022 at 6:30pm
March 29, 2022 at 5:00pm

Cost: Free of Charge

Registration Required: www.familysmart.ca/events

familysmart.ca



This Summer Do Something Different

July 2 to August 13, 2022

Join the YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange (SWSE) Program

Will you be 16 or 17 this summer?

Sign up for SWSE and for six weeks you can:

- Travel to Quebec and get a chance to expand and practice your French skills
- Meet youth on exchange and make friends
- Get paid work experience during your exchange
- Stay with a local host
- Enjoy fun group activities exploring your surroundings
- Build on your skills for the future!

Your family must also receive a youth participant at home while you are away. If this is a challenge, please get in touch.



Qualified staff will support you through the entire experience. The program will cover the cost of travel between provinces and program activities. There is a modest fee to participate.



Become a host family. When you share your home with a youth participant, you are providing a cross-cultural experience, making a meaningful contribution in participants' lives and helping to forge new connections.

Any adult can apply to host a youth on exchange from another part of the country for six weeks.

Your support will include:

- Meals and a comfortable place to stay
- Inclusion in family structure and activities
- Guidance to the youth in new surroundings

Youth will work full-time and attend group activities during weekends, so they'll be busy! Program coordinators will be there to support you. If you need financial assistance to qualify as a host or have any other questions please contact us.

Employ a youth participant. As a non-profit organization, you can provide employment for a youth this summer at minimal cost to you.

The SWSE program will subsidize your new employee's salary at the minimum wage in your province, up to 35 hours/week.

You will provide:

- Six weeks of professional exposure
- Opportunities for skill development
- Supportive supervision

You can play an invaluable role in young people's career growth! Apply online to get started.



Apply Now!



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Career Exploration Conversations

A CAREER DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO SUPPORT YOUTH

Wondering how to start a career conversation with a young person in your family?

Looking for tools to help your youth discover the career of their dreams?

WorkBC.ca can help!



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
VIRTUAL WEBINAR THROUGH ZOOM
7 to 8 p.m.**

February 8, 2022 March 1, 2022
February 17, 2022 March 10, 2022

Please select the one event date that works best for you.

JOIN US ON ZOOM!

Click on hyperlink to register.

This event is free. | For questions, contact the [WorkBC team](mailto:WorkBC.team)



WorkBC.ca is facilitating one-hour interactive webinars to help parents and guardians support youth as they explore career options. The virtual events are designed for parents of grade 9-12 students to support career conversations with their youth.

Co-hosted by CES Career Education Society



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ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT

2022 - 2023 School Year (for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K - 12)

Online applications begin on Monday, January 31, 2022 at 7:00 am,

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide telephone support to parents that require assistance.

Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 18, 2022

HOW TO APPLY

In your web browser type: <https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca>

No internet access? Please contact your school and they will assist you with the online application.

PLEASE NOTE: The application process is online only, no paper enrollment is available. You are required to have a valid email account.

Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school by email by **Friday, March 18, 2022**.

1. Student's **Birth Certificate** or other government issued proof of age and citizenship.
2. **Proof of Parent/Guardian B.C. Residency**
 - a. Combination BC Driver's License and Services Card (copy of both sides); or,
 - b. BC Services Card (copy of both sides) and one item from the list of supporting documentation that follows; or,
 - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of supporting documentation that follows.
3. **Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address/Supporting Documentation**
 - Ownership of a dwelling or long-term lease or rental of a dwelling;
 - Documentation indicating British Columbia residence (i.e. utility bill);
 - British Columbia registration of an automobile;
 - British Columbia Driver's License (copy of both sides); or,
 - A current income tax return filed as a British Columbia resident.

AFTER Thursday, September 1, 2022

New in-catchment area enrollments: Parents will be notified by a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

New out-of-catchment area enrollments: Parents may not be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

Qualifying age: The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2022 to qualify for school enrollment in September 2022. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website www.sd23.bc.ca or call (250) 860-8888.

NEXT STEPS FOR UVIC APPLICANTS

FROM HIGH SCHOOLS IN CANADA 2022

Thanks for applying to Canada's top comprehensive university—the University of Victoria! This is your chance to study at a globally recognized research university, get hands-on experience, and live and learn in our extraordinary environment. Use this checklist to keep track of the next steps to becoming part of the UVic community. If you have any questions, email us at recruitment@uvic.ca. We hope to see you in September!

Create a Netlink ID

Once you've applied, create your Netlink ID at uvic.ca/netlink. This will become your @uvic.ca email address while you're a student. You'll also use your Netlink ID to access the UVic student portal where you'll self-report your grades, apply for scholarships and register for your courses.

Submit supplemental information

Prepare your supplemental information (if required) and submit it by your program's supplemental application deadline. This is usually January 31 or earlier. You can find these requirements and deadline on your program's page at uvic.ca/programs.

Submit proof of English language proficiency

If your first language isn't English, submit proof of English language proficiency by February 28 or the deadline indicated in your application checklist. uvic.ca/enpr

Self-report your grades between February 15 and March 15

Self-report your interim grades or predicted IB scores via the link in the checklist in the UVic application portal. uvic.ca/application
By self-reporting your grades, you will be automatically considered for entrance scholarships based solely on your calculated admission average. You must self-report your grades to be considered for admission or scholarships at UVic.

Apply for on-campus housing between February 7 and May 1

Hoping to live on campus? Apply between February 7 and May 1 at uvic.ca/residence.

Apply for specific-criteria application awards

You can apply for specific-criteria application awards (based on grades and merit) as of February 15. You can apply before you've received an admission offer, but make sure to submit your application before the deadline of April 30. uvic.ca/entrancescholarships

Accept your offer!

We'll send your offer of admission by email. Be sure to read all information carefully and pay the acceptance deposit by the deadline specified in your offer. Doing so will reserve your seat at UVic and enable you to register for classes. uvic.ca/admitted

Apply for a study permit, if required

If you're not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, apply for your study permit as early as possible to allow for processing time. You can apply for your permit at canada.ca/immigration. You must pay your acceptance deposit before you can receive a study permit letter from UVic. uvic.ca/admitted

Register for courses

Watch your email between late May and early June for registration information including when to log in to find out your registration date and time.

Send final grades to UVic

Send your final official grades plus any other requested documents by the deadline listed in the UVic application portal. uvic.ca/final-grades



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- ✓ resume and cover letter
- ✓ job search and interview skills
- ✓ confidence
- ✓ paid while you learn

Start Date February 28

Virtual Information Sessions
Tuesdays 10:30am

Text or call
250-258-0514

Email
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SCAN ME



A parent's/guardian's guide to the cancellation of the French Immersion 12 Assessment for the 2021/22 School year (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12))

Background and what occurred

British Columbia's French Immersion programme allows students to earn dual diplomas, receiving both a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique. In order to graduate with both diplomas (often referred to as Dual Dogwoods), French Immersion students must meet specific course requirements, and also write provincial assessments in Literacy 10 and 12 (English), Numeracy 10 (English or French), and l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12). The LTF12 assessment has two distinct components: an oral component and a written component. The oral and written components are administered at different times. The French Immersion Literacy 12 assessment (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue seconde – immersion) was scheduled for first administration in January 2022.

Over the past few months, grade 10 and 12 provincial assessments have been impacted significantly by work force capacity issues and the ability to address technical issues within the electronic assessment system. The capacity issues for the Ministry and e-assessment service provider teams have been exacerbated as of late by COVID-19 Omicron variant. Due to these ongoing impacts, the Ministry made the difficult decision to cancel the January administration of all grade 10 and 12 provincial graduation assessments. Approximately 1000 French Immersion students took the oral component of LTF12 in the four days before the January session was cancelled. No students have taken the written component, which was canceled along with all other assessments.

A decision was subsequently made to maintain the April 2022 and June 2022 sessions for all graduation assessments except for l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12).

Why is the LTF12 Assessment cancelled for 2021/22?

The decision of when to provide courses taught in French for French Immersion students is scheduled at the school level, and in many cases all courses in French are completed in the first semester of the grade 12 year, or occasionally even in grade 11. As many French Immersion students do not have the opportunity to use French beyond their courses, it is of most benefit to students that they take the LTF12 assessment as soon after completing all their French courses as possible. In addition, if students are not currently taking any courses in French, they do not have access to teacher support in preparing for the LTF12 assessment.

Due to the language loss concern for those who have completed all their French language courses by January (which is approximately 59% of all French Immersion students), the Ministry of Education does not expect this group to write LTF12 in any further sessions offered in the 2021/22 school year. Requiring some students to write the assessments and not others based on when courses are offered would create inequity and therefore, in fairness to all students, the decision has been made to cancel LTF12 for this school year and to provide all Grade 12 French Immersion students in 2021/22 with an exemption for this assessment.

The Ministry recognizes the hard work French Immersion students put into their course of study and that the cancellation of the LTF12 assessment for this school year is not ideal. As well, those students who completed the oral component prior to the January cancellation may feel that their efforts are not valued. However, after discussion with various groups, including Principals and Vice Principals and French Immersion teachers, it was

decided that providing an exemption for all students was the best solution, providing the greatest fairness to students.

All students who successfully complete their graduation requirements (other than LTF12) will receive Dual Dogwoods.

With the decision to cancel l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12) for the 2021/22 school year, all students who successfully complete their graduation requirements (both course work and graduation assessments other than LTF12) this school year will be granted the Dual Dogwoods.

What Assessments do French Immersion Students require in 2021/22?

Along with their course requirements, French Immersion students must complete the following graduation assessments:

- Literacy 10 (English)
- Numeracy 10 (English) or l'Évaluation de numératie de la 10^e année (French)
- Literacy 12 (English)

It is important to note that the cancellation of the LTF12 assessment (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue seconde – immersion) is for the 2021/22 school year ONLY and that this assessment will be a requirement for Dual Dogwoods for the 2022/23 school year and subsequent school years.

What about Post-Secondary Institutions?

Consultation and discussions with post-secondary institutions confirm that admissions will not be impacted by the cancellation of the LTF12 assessment (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue seconde – immersion) and the exemption provided to graduating French Immersion students for this assessment.



View the link to an updated Dual Credit Programs slide deck to check out for course selection information.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/150Gff2dMI4QSVKb6rjzdcHrvaKzJAHGP7ve5R4MKY/edit?usp=sharing>