



Whoo's News



January 13, 2023

KSS Course Selection for 2023-24 will be taking place in the coming months. Please take some time to review course offerings at KSS in the [viewbook](#).

Students should make sure that they have access to their MyED Portal. Instructions are available [here](#) on the KSS website.

Grad Clothing Sale #2

The second grad clothing sale is open now until February 15. Once the sale ends on February 15, the items will go into production and will take approximately four weeks to arrive at KSS. Click here to shop: <https://kssgrad23jan.itemorder.com/>



GRADS! Don't forget to sign up for grad photos—see page 4

Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP) Opportunity for Students Gr. 9-12 – March 27-31, 2023

This HIP opportunity would be of interest to student leaders who wish to participate in national dialogue aimed at peacebuilding and creating sustainable environmental change. Students (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) are invited to submit their [completed applications](#) to paul_mulvihill@telus.net, the Y2Y Rep for the British Columbia Zone 5060. Paul Mulvihill will submit the applications to HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples) where 2 successful applicants will be selected from Zone 5060.

This opportunity takes place March 27-31, 2023 in Winnipeg, MB. **Deadline for submission: Jan. 15, 2023**

Parking at KSS

With the accumulation of snow that has fallen over the past week, some of our parking spots have been taken up by snow.

Parking spots will be at a premium in the student and staff parking lot.

Please plan accordingly.



Upcoming dates . .

January 18	Early Dismissal 12:30 p.m.—Grade 12 Capstone
January 24—26	Numeracy and Literacy Assessment writing
January 27	Semester turnaround day - No classes in session
January 30	Semester 2 begins
February 1 - 4	Western Canada Basketball Tournament



Central Okanagan
Public Schools
Together We Learn

Indigenous-Focused Course Graduation Requirement

Essential Information



In effect
for 2024
graduates.

COMMON QUESTIONS



Q: Are these courses recognized at post-secondary institutions?

A: Yes, the English and Social Studies options satisfy the BC Dogwood Diploma, and are recognized across Canada.



Q: Who will teach these courses?

A: Teachers who are trained to teach in the related content area, as exists in the K-12 system currently.



Q: Why is this being put in place now?

A: In October 2021, Government directed the Ministry of Education and Childcare as part of the commitments in the BC Tripartite Education Agreement.

The introduction of this graduation requirement is an important next step towards Truth & Reconciliation & supports the commitment to develop the "Educated Citizen."

WHAT IS REQUIRED?



Students graduating with a BC Dogwood Diploma will need to complete 4 credits of an Indigenous-focused course.

WHY IS THIS IN PLACE?



Develops understandings of cultures, histories, contexts and perspectives of Indigenous peoples of BC.



Part of the Framework for Reconciliation Action Plan in BC includes a commitment to implementing a course related to First Peoples as part of BC's graduation requirements.



Good to Know:

There is no increase to the number of graduation credits, which remain at 80.

Double Duty:



English First Peoples, Contemporary Indigenous Studies & BC First Peoples also satisfy **EITHER** the English Language Arts 12 **OR** Social Studies 12 requirement respectively (2 grad requirements at once).

Current Course Options:

- English First Peoples 10-12
- BC First Peoples 12
- Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12

Possible Future Courses:

Currently, there are locally developed courses being put forward for approval to fulfil this requirement. More info to come.

Contact your secondary school for more information, such as which courses are available at their location.



[FAQ Guide](#)



[Calls to Action](#)

NATIONAL CALL FOR YOUTH LEADERS



MARCH
27 – 31, 2023

MAKE REAL CHANGE HAPPEN

HIP is in search of 50 youth ages 15 to 18 from across Canada to participate in this innovative program & National dialogue aimed at peacebuilding & creating sustainable environmental change.



LEARN MORE

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Heritage

Patrimoine
canadien



Rotary

District 5350 Manitoba,
Saskatchewan,
Northern Ontario

 CANADIAN MUSEUM FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS

Grad portraits

ATTENTION GRADUATES!

Mountain West Studios is pleased to offer
GRAD PORTRAIT SESSIONS



WHEN:
January 9th to January 20th 2023

LOCATION:
Multipurpose Room

SIGN UP ONLINE AT :
mountainwest.ca



- * We provide cap, gown, school colors, diplomas and a variety of backgrounds.
- * Please bring just one favorite selection of clothes for your casual photos.
- * Feel free to bring along props for your casual photos. (Sports items, musical instruments, etc.)
- * Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your appointment time. (Late arrivals may have to reschedule to another date.)

ANY QUESTIONS, CALL US: 604.433.0551 EXT. 126

Mountain West Studios
6869 Merritt Avenue
Burnaby BC V5J 4R5

Phone: 604.433.0551 x126
Toll Free 1.888.644.4494 x 126
grads@mountainwest.ca
mountainwest.ca



Buddy photos

Mountain West Studios is pleased to offer this ever-popular group program

EXCLUSIVELY FOR GRADS!



DATE:
January 6th 2023

LOCATION:
Multipurpose Room

**SITTINGS FILL UP QUICKLY,
SO BOOK NOW AT:**
mountainwest.ca

- * Sit fee is \$10 per participant, per group.
- * Our professional team of photographers will set up on-location at your school for an unforgettable portrait event.
- * Small or large groups may include: friends, family members, couples, or special clubs and teams. Personalize this photo by bringing props, pets, sporting gear...create your own theme!
- * Simple and efficient online sign-up, ordering and delivery direct-to-home.

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How To Prepare For Photo Day

Please arrive at your appointment 15 minutes early. You want to be relaxed and ready for your photo session. Ensure that you allow enough time to prepare and to discuss your poses and backgrounds with the photographer.



Clothing

Traditional - Formal - Casual

During your Graduation portrait sitting, we will take 'traditional' photos, with the grad robe and sash in your school's colours; others may be 'contemporary' poses in formal (or casual) attire.



Make Up

Natural is best

Thick and heavy foundation or cosmetics is not recommended. Natural is best for great photos. Use a bit of loose powder to remove shine and a bit of concealer to lighten up dark spots and cover blemishes.



Hair

Avoid a bad hair day.

Different or new hairstyles are not the best for photo day. If you want to get a haircut, we recommend a trim so that you feel comfortable. Hair cuts should be booked one week before photo day. No hats please.

How do you do, fellow kids?
Looking for something to do
this winter?



The RCA has some cool youth programming.
No cap. **CHECK IT OUT!**

**WINTER CAN BE A DRAG SOMETIMES,
BUT NOT WITH THESE PROGRAMS!**



YOUTH GUITAR LESSONS

Tuesdays, Jan 17 –Feb. 28
Ages 9-14



HORROR WRITING WORKSHOP

Tuesday, Jan 24
Ages 13-18



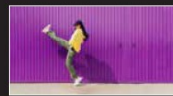
STREET DANCE WORKSHOP

Thursday, Jan. 26
Ages 12-18



AFTER SCHOOL ANIME

Thursdays, Jan. 26 –Mar. 2
Ages 12+



INTRO TO STREET DANCE

Tuesdays, Feb. 21 –Mar. 14
Ages 15+

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We are inviting 20 lucky students to get away to the U of A!

Attendees will join us in Edmonton, Alberta's capital city - Canada's largest, northernmost metropolis - where they will discover our breathtaking North Campus, nestled atop the lush North Saskatchewan river valley and just steps away from the iconic Whyte Avenue district.

Their adventure will include transportation reimbursement*, accommodations, meals and a jam-packed schedule of events. They will stay in residence, explore state-of-the-art facilities, uncover hidden gems on campus and experience U of A student life first-hand.

Who: 20 Grade 11 Students From Across Canada

When: May 26 - 28, 2023

Where: University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

Students can learn more and apply at uab.ca/getaway.
The application deadline is January 31, 2023

CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES EVENT



Connect with university reps from across Canada &
learn more about your post-secondary options!

50+ INSTITUTIONS | JAN 19th, 6:00-8:00 PM

Register online at <https://cuebc.org/>

Save The DATE



cuebc_org



@cuebcevents

Enjoy summer in  Montreal and experience 

Double click on this ad for more details!





2023 HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE AWARDS

**Planning to attend Okanagan College next fall?
You may be eligible for an entrance award.**

Students graduating from a secondary school within the Okanagan College region (Revelstoke to Princeton) entering Okanagan College in September 2023 may be eligible for the following awards.



- OKANAGAN COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS
- OKANAGAN COLLEGE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARDS
- OKANAGAN COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ENTRANCE AWARDS
- RICK AND YASMIN THORPE & FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIPS
- MCGILLIVRAY ENTRANCE AWARD FOR BUSINESS
- TONY SELLAR LEADERSHIP ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP
- JOHNSTONE MEMORIAL AWARDS
- OC PENTICTON CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

**APPLICATIONS OPEN
DECEMBER 1, 2022**

HOW TO APPLY:
Eligibility criteria and details about how to apply online are available by visiting okanagan.bc.ca/awards
APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Online Applications will be accepted until March 10, 2023. Students and school staff will have until March 17, 2023 to provide required documentation.
Questions? Contact awards@okanagan.bc.ca or Toll Free in BC: 1-800-767-5492



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FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @okanagancollege

okanagan.bc.ca


Proud for Prom

Proud for Prom is a local volunteer organization that helps students access formal wear if cost is an issue. They are holding a massive event for students across the Okanagan on Saturday, February 25 for grade 12 students. Students may sign up here: <https://forms.gle/oFJjnLRusLCTuE6f6>



For more information about Proud for Prom, please see their Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Pre-Employment Success Story!

Another one of our Pre-Employment students that has been successful in their placements is Aidan Frink. Aidan first worked for Avalon Event Rentals, and they provided him with a lot of experience setting up and taking down for various events. Avalon also hired Aidan from a volunteer position to a full-time employee over the summer of 2022.

Aidan is currently working for Laing Roofing Ltd and has a great attitude and willingness to learn. He is working as a full-time, paid employee for 5 weeks in their factory fabrication site, and then he will spend 5 weeks on the job site. This current position required him to be WHMIS certified as well as a lot of on the job safety and training. All these experiences have allowed him to grow as an individual and learn both at school and work. Congratulations, Aidan.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT #22

JEAN MINGUY MEMORIAL RCMP YOUTH ACADEMY

JOIN US

MAY 7-13

Are you interested in
Policing Careers?

AGES 16-18

Students Are invited to apply

Applications DUE Jan 31st

APPLICATIONS
AVAILABLE IN THE KSS
CAREERS OFFICE

COST IS **\$350**

INCLUDES ALL FOOD, LODGING AND SUPPLIES
FOR THE WEEK



MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE:

SD22.BC.CA/PROGRAMS-SERVICES/CAREERS/
DMEYER@SD22.BC.CA



'intheknow' Connect and Learn

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.

Self Harm: There is Always Help,
There is Always Hope

Cost: Free of Charge

Date(s):
Monday January 9, 2023 12-130pm (PST)
Thursday January 12, 2023 5-630pm (PST)
Tuesday January 17, 2023 630-8pm (PST)
Monday January 23, 2023 630-8pm (PST)
Wednesday January 25, 2023 930-11am (PST)

Learn with us! Hear Kim Leifso a clinical counsellor and Clara,
a young person with lived experience; talk about what they
know and have experienced with self-harm.

Come together with other families to watch this 30 minute
video presentation followed by a facilitated discussion by a
FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker.

Registration required:
www.familysmart.ca/events



**Partners for
Inclusive Education**

Partners for Inclusive Education is a safe place
where families, staff and community partners
can connect and improve support for learners
with diversabilities.

Partners for Inclusive Education strives for open
communication about inclusive education. This effort requires
education, teamwork, and empathy to maximize "wrap around
support" and celebrate the differences that make our children
individuals.

The purpose of Partners for Inclusive Education can be found
on the School District website under Parent Resources:
(http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Publications/PIE_info.pdf).

Event Date

The next Partners for Inclusive Education meeting is scheduled for:

Date: January 16, 2023

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Zoom: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8569391842>



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KELOWNA CIVIC & COMMUNITY AWARDS

The City of Kelowna wants to recognize outstanding young people in the community with their awards for

- Young Citizen of the Year
- Teen Honor in the Arts and
- Young Male/Female Athlete of the Year

Have you contributed greatly to the community of Kelowna through volunteer work, arts or athletics? If this is you, find a community member who can speak to your contributions and is willing to nominate you. You cannot nominate yourself for these awards.

Nominations for the 48th annual Civic & Community Awards are open now until February 10, 2023.

See link below for the nomination package that will need to be completed and submitted by a nominator -

<https://www.kelowna.ca/%3Cfront%3E/civic-community-awards-online-nomination-form>

Please note: For Young Athlete of the Year, individuals must see Mr. Bernhardsson at KSS regarding the nomination process.

Selections are solely based on the nomination package highlighting the nominee's achievements/contributions to the community for last year - 2022.

Nominees must not have personally benefited from their volunteer activities, nor should the contributions be considered part of their normal school, employment or job responsibilities.

Past information can be included, but the nomination package should primarily regard contributions in 2022.

January 9, 2023



It is with great pleasure that we are contacting all of the schools in the Kelowna area, to announce the nomination period for the 48th Annual Civic and Community awards.

Each year we hold a gala awards event to celebrate the contributions and achievements of individuals and students, who have had a positive impact on the city of Kelowna.

There are so many deserving people and youth in our community and we urge you to think about those who may qualify from your school.

*Each high school should be able to identify at least one male student and one female student who exemplify volunteerism and leadership in their school. As well as a student that has demonstrated excellence in the Arts.

Youth Award Categories include:

Young Citizen of the Year

Awarded to a young person in recognition of their overall outstanding voluntary contributions to the city of Kelowna. Contributions could include volunteer work for their school, sports teams and/or local organizations.

Teen Honour in the Arts

Awarded to a youth who has made outstanding contributions to their school and Kelowna, through cultural and/or artistic efforts.

Other Award Categories for Consideration:

Athletic Team of the Year & Male and Female Athlete of the Year

For complete details regarding all award categories and accessing nomination forms, please go to [Civic & Community Awards | City of Kelowna](#)

Deadline for Nominations - Friday February 10, 2022

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process or the event please contact Craig Campbell at 778-738-3441, or email ccampbell@kelowna.ca

Thank you for taking the time to recognize someone special in our community!



StudentTranscripts Service Information For Students

StudentTranscripts Service (STS) is an online application for students to view their school marks, transcripts, scholarships and send transcripts electronically to post secondary institutions and employers.



Get Started

To register for STS students will need:

- Personal Education Number (PEN)
- Full legal name
- Date of birth
- Email address

Step 1 Go to the Ministry of Education's **Transcripts and Certificate website** at <http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca>.

Step 2 You **must sign up** for a BCeID before you can use the StudentTranscripts Service. For BCeID sign up, you need to:

- Complete the fields to register for a basic BCeID
- Select your password reset questions and answers (remember these as you will need them if you forget your password)
- Follow the system prompts and sign up for StudentTranscripts Service.

[Sign Up for a BCeID](#)

Step 3 Log-in to StudentTranscripts Service using your BCeID.

When registering for the Student Transcript Service using your BCeID, you will be prompted to:

- Enter your student information used by your school (see **Get Started** information above)
- Read the personal data collection info and complete the process by clicking "submit"
- An email will be sent to the email address provided and must be activated within 24 hours of receipt or you will need to complete the registration process again
- Once activated, you will be able to log onto STS using your BCeID and password.

[Log In with BCeID](#)

Step 4 From your STS Dashboard, you can choose your post-secondary institutions (PSIs) selections, preview, send and order transcripts, view exam and assessment results and view scholarship information. Please note that all transcripts previewed in the STS are considered unofficial, but official transcripts will be sent out when ordered.

You will need to consent to the STS privacy notice which enables the ministry to send your transcripts to your selected PSIs by paper or electronically depending on how the PSI is able to receive transcripts. Printed copies of transcripts may take up to 3 weeks for processing and delivery to your selected PSIs.

Troubleshooting:

For BCeID questions: <https://www.bceid.ca>

For StudentTranscripts questions: servicebc@gov.bc.ca.

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

Where:
The Bridge Youth & Family Services
#8-2604 Enterprise Way

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.
January 19-
February 16, 2023

No cost to attend.

Register by emailing info@thebridgeservices.ca or call 250-763-0456

