

ÉCOLE KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL



Whoo's News

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

Whoo's News September 25, 2026

Important Dates

The KSS Daily Calendar, including daily block schedules and school events, may be viewed via KSS Website: kss.sd23.bc.ca

Welcome Back Week Spirit Days: Sept 28 - Oct 2

- **Sept 28:** Blackout Day (wear all black), movies in the MPR at lunch.
- **Sept 28:** 1:45 p.m. **FIRE DRILL** (Block 5)
- **Sept 29:** Orange Shirt Day. Wear orange in support of Truth & Reconciliation Day. Bannock sales & movies in MPR, boys' soccer game at lunch.
- **Sept 30:** No School, National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
- **Oct 1:** Jersey Day. Bake sale & movies in MPR at lunch.
- **Oct 1:** 10:15 p.m. **FIRE DRILL** (Block 8)
- **Oct 2:** Black and gold day. Wear your wildest Owl gear to support the KSS Jr Volleyball players at the Jr Best of the West Volleyball Tournament. Aloha Okanagan food truck.
- **Oct 2:** Custodian Appreciation Day
- **Oct 2:** NAIT rep in MPR at lunch
- **Oct 2-3:** Jr Boys & Girls BOTW Volleyball Championship
- **Oct 5:** World Teacher Day
- **Oct 6:** **9:15 Homeroom** for Student ID Cards & Overdue Fee Statements
- **Oct 7:** Early Dismissal at 1:30 (Buses are running)
- **Oct 7:** Scholarship Workshop in LLC 1:30 p.m.
- **Oct 7:** Parent-Teacher Conferences in the Gym
- **Oct 9:** No School, Implementation Day
- **Oct 12:** No School, Thanksgiving Day
- **Oct 13:** KSS PAC Meeting in LLC 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 14:** Photo Retakes

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- **Oct 14-15:** Gr 12 Students Post-Secondary Prep #1 at lunch in LLC
- **Oct 16-17:** Sr Boys & Girls BOTW Volleyball Championship
- **Oct 20:** Gr 12 Parent Information Night and Post Secondary BC Mini-Fair
- **Oct 23:** No School, Pro-Day Day

[2026-2027 KSS Yearly Calendar](#)

Principal's Message

Dear Owl Families,

We are in full swing at KSS! Classrooms, teams, clubs, and school activities are bringing our community to life.

This past Wednesday's Clubs Day gave students a chance to see a wide variety of clubs available and now with Welcome Back Week Spirit Days starting next week, it is a good time to remember that participation helps make a big school feel like your school. Show up, meet someone new, and try something that catches your interest, even if you have never done it before.

We often say, "You get out what you put in." At KSS, that might mean joining a club, cheering on a team, taking part in a Spirit Day, or simply saying yes to an invitation. Each small step can lead to new connections and a stronger sense of belonging.

I encourage every Owl to find one way to participate this fall. You may discover something you love.

With Owl pride,
Nina Ferguson

New KSS Parking Procedures

Parking at KSS is limited, and all parking lots are monitored throughout the day. Following the parking procedures outlined below will ensure that your vehicle does not receive a violation notice or risk being towed.

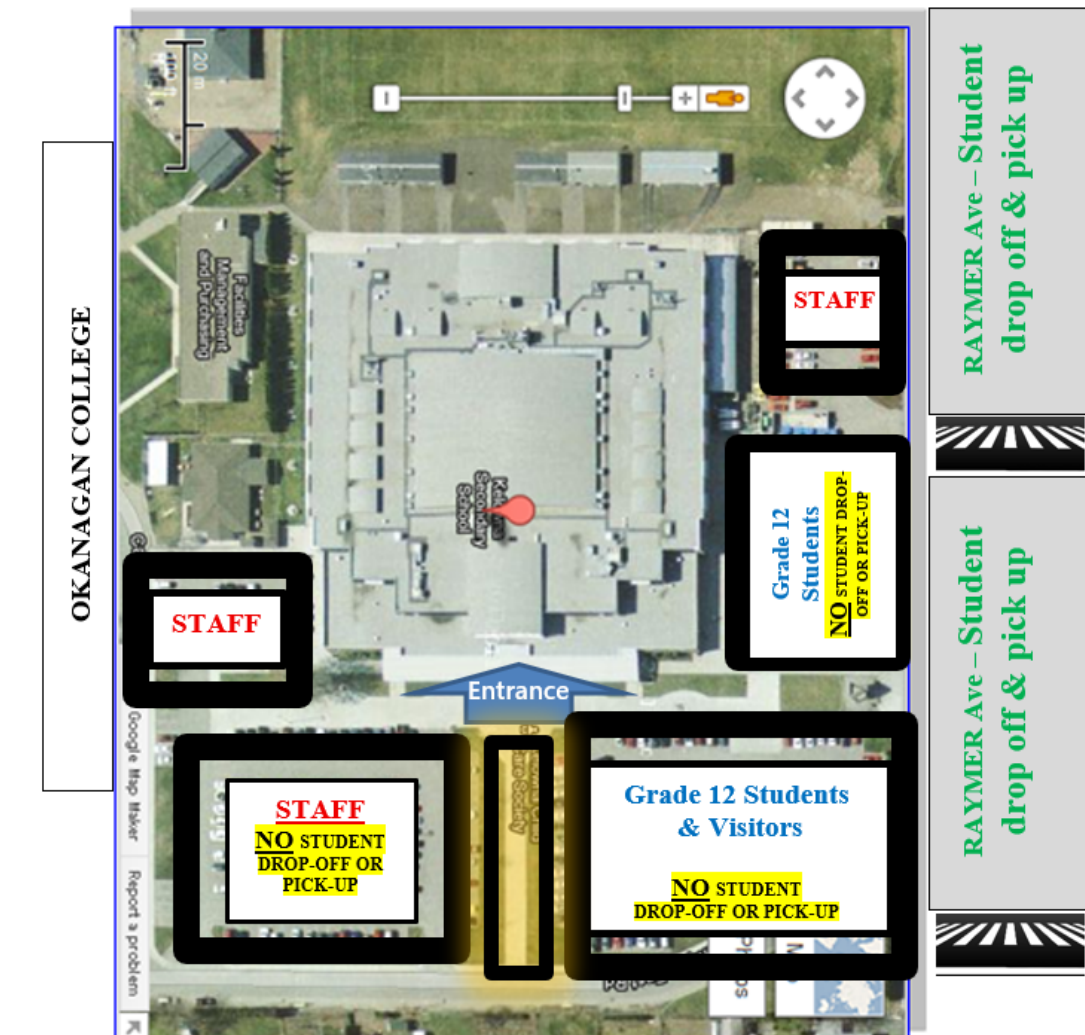
Parents – To help keep our parking lots safe and manageable, parents picking up or dropping off students are asked **not to enter the Student or Staff Parking lots**. With the number of vehicles at arrival and dismissal, the added traffic creates significant congestion and can make it difficult for our student drivers to navigate safely. **Please arrange a meeting spot along Raymer Avenue or one of the nearby side streets for pick-up and drop-off.** (Our signage will be updated soon to help make these expectations clearer.)

Visitors – If you are coming into KSS for a meeting or appointment, please use **Visitor Parking** and stop by the main office to obtain a Parking Pass to display on your dashboard. Our parking is very limited, with spaces needed each day for KSS staff as well as itinerant and school district staff

who work at or visit the school. When Visitor Parking is full, we kindly ask visitors to park along Raymer Avenue or on a nearby side street.

Grade 12 Students – Parking passes are available to Grade 12 students only and ***do not guarantee a parking spot***, only the permission to park in Student Parking if a spot is available. See the KSS Website, Student site, for more information. Link is [HERE](#).

Staff - Staff (and TTOCs) must park in a Staff Lot and have their parking pass displayed.



Okanagan College Letter to Families

Please see linked letter below from our neighbors.



2026-09 - KSS letter on OC Campus.pdf

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Parent-Teacher Conferences

KSS Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 7th in the KSS Gym. Sessions begin at 4:30 p.m. and it is on a first-come, first-served basis. There are no appointments.

There is **EARLY DISMISSAL AT 1:30 p.m.** on October 7th and school buses will pick up at that time.

No Student Food Delivery Services at KSS

Food Delivery Services – To support student safety and minimize disruptions to learning, food delivery services such as DoorDash, Skip and Uber Eats are **not permitted at KSS during the school day**. Having unfamiliar delivery drivers arriving on campus interrupts learning and creates safety concerns. Thank you for helping us keep KSS safe and focused on learning.



Rotary Youth Exchange – Opportunity for 3 Students from SD23

Every year Rotary Clubs throughout the world sponsor over 6,000 students to go on a 10 month exchange where they will learn a new language, a new culture and represent their country and Rotary.

Rotary Clubs in Kelowna and West Kelowna will be selecting 3 students to go on exchange from September 2027 to June 2028. Rotary provides a \$24,000 scholarship for each student selected to go. Families of selected students will need to pay approximately \$8000, which pays for the plane ticket, visa, and medical insurance. Orientation weekends in Canada and in the country the student will be going to as well as all school fees, room and board are paid for by Rotary. Exchanges are available to 23 different countries - France, Belgium, Austria, Denmark, Netherlands, Sweden, Italy, Taiwan, Thailand, Japan, India, Chile, Argentina, Brazil and more.

Students need to be in grade 9, 10 or 11 in September 2026 to be eligible to apply. The selection process is an online application and two interviews. Selection will be completed by January 2027. If you are interested in learning more about this amazing opportunity attend the **Information Session for Students and Parents at OKM - Library, Wednesday October 14th 5:30 to 6:30 pm.** Or contact Colleen McEwan - Kelowna Sunrise Rotary Club colleen.ranta.mcewan@gmail.com or [236-457-7271](tel:236-457-7271)

DELF

The DELF exam (Diplôme d'Étude en Langue Française) for grade 12 French Immersion and Grade 12 Core French, is taking place in November and then again in April.

This is not a mandatory exam but is highly recommended as an international recognition of the students' proficiency level in French.

Those students in Mme Bracken's and Mme Hazel's classes will sign up through classroom.

Students taking Fra12 online and who wish to do the DELF exam, need to email Mme Kolesar to set up a meeting. Val.kolesar@sd23.bc.ca.

The deadline to sign up is **September 28th at 11:59 pm**.

The exams take place on November 16th-25th.

The cost of the exam is \$150.



Helpful Links

SCHOOL MESSENGER LINK - ENTER ABENCES/LATES/EARLY DEPARTURES HERE

KSS Clubs

Bell Schedules

KSS Administration & Support

School Cash Online - Pay Student Fees Here

KSS Code of Conduct

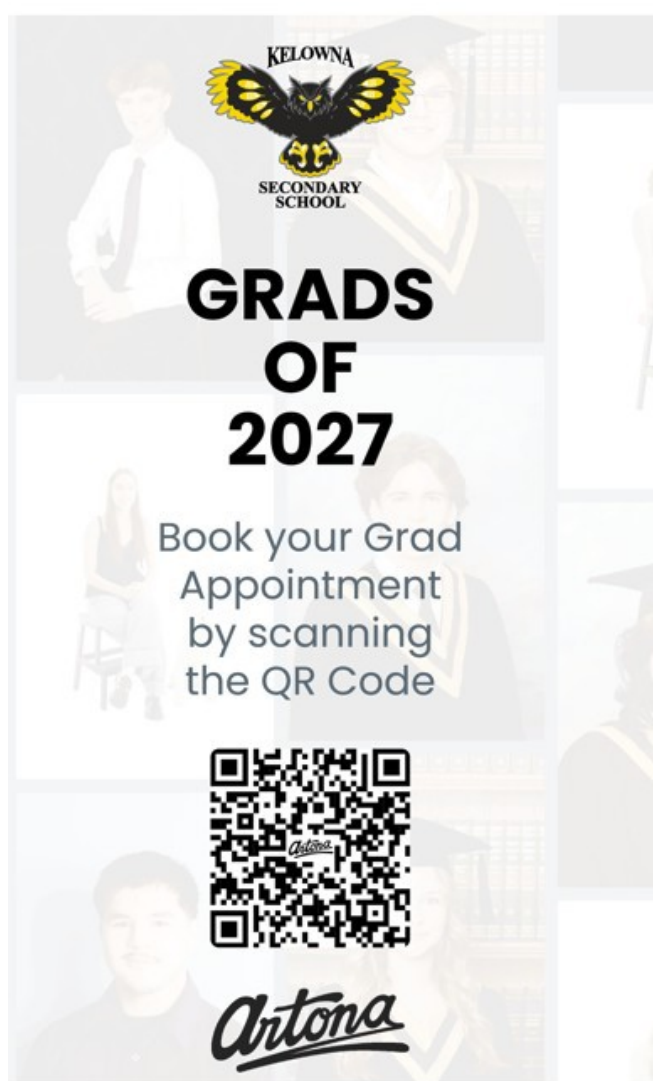
Graduation News: Class of 2027

Grade 12 Post-Secondary Preparation

[PSP Grad 2027](#)

Please ensure that your child joins the Grad 2027 Information Google Classroom. This is where all important news for grade 12s can be found. Code: **k6qd3ks7**

Are you interested in helping make prom an incredible experience for the Class of 2027? We are hosting a meeting on Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, at 6:30pm, right after Parent-Teacher conferences. We would love for you to come out, learn more, and sign up to be part of the Parent Prom Committee.



Career Centre News

Upcoming PSI visits:

October 2- Any students interested in learning more about the **Northern Alberta Institute of Technology**, please visit a recruiter in the KSS MPR at lunch.

Career Opportunities



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Try-A-Trade October 22, 2026 (1).pdf

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KSS Athletics

KSS Swim Team

A meeting for those students interested in joining the KSS Competitive Swim Team will be held on Tuesday, September 29 at lunch in room 229. Please contact Mrs. Marrs if you have questions.

Best of the West Link

KSS OWLS Athletics Webpage

KSS PAC

ONE-AND-DONE

KSS PAC will not ask you to volunteer BUT we still need your help! Please consider making a donation through our ONE-AND-DONE Fundraiser. Please see link below for more information and details:

[ONE-AND-DONE](#)



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