



Whoo's News

April 21, 2023



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



In order to participate in Graduation, Grade 12 students must have:

- ⇒ returned any overdue library or textbooks,
- ⇒ paid any outstanding student fees (including \$75 grad fee), and
- ⇒ be in a calculable position to graduate.

The “**Outstanding Fees & Textbooks List**” is posted in the MPR and is sorted by PUPIL NUMBER. *Please have your grade 12 student check this list and take care of any outstanding fees or make arrangements with your alpha VP.*

The “**Non-Grad List**” (*academic list*) will be posted in the beginning of May after Q3. If students are on the Non-Grad List, they may make an academic plan with their alpha VP.

Prom tickets will be sale the week of April 24th in the MPR at lunch **If students are on either of these lists, they will not be able to purchase Prom tickets or participate in Grad.**



MOVING?

Not returning to KSS in September?

Please contact us and let us know for next school year planning purposes.

Please call 250-870-5105 or email kss@sd23.bc.ca



April 21	Term 3 ends
April 21	Airband Final Performance 7:00 p.m.
April 24-28	Numeracy & Literacy Assessments
May 4	Report Cards release Digitally via MyEd BC
May 4	Andrew Allen Performance
May 9	PAC AGM
May 11	Moose Hide Campaign Day
May 19	Grad Walk & Prom
May 22	Victoria Day—No School
May 25	Indigenous Graduation



GRAD 2023



For current updates, please ensure that you are reading the Whoo's News, checking the school website, and that your grads are following the grad Instagram @kss2023_, and the Grad 2023 Information Google Classroom.

Link to KSS Grad on KSS website [HERE](#).

2023 PROM

Ticket Information:

The time has come to purchase your ticket for the prom at Sunset Ranch on May 19! **Tickets will be on sale in the multi-purpose room at lunch between April 24-May 3.**

Price: \$80, payable by cash, cheque, or Square machine

Grads who need assistance with this ticket cost can email dayna.culham@sd23.bc.ca. We want ALL grade 12s to attend!

Grads who have outstanding textbooks, library books, or school fees must clear that up before purchasing a ticket.

FAQs:

Who can attend? KSS grade 12 students only

How do students get there? All grads must board a school bus leaving The Dolphins immediately following the promenade and arrive at Sunset Ranch together.

If I can't drive myself, how do I get home? Grads may arrange their own pick-up from Sunset ranch before 11pm, or they can indicate that they need to take a bus to KSS, Dr. Knox, or The Dolphins at intervals between 9-10:30pm.

Reminder: All KSS grads who purchase a ticket are agreeing to follow the KSS Code of Conduct for the entire evening. KSS administration will be on-site for the evening in addition to formal security and parent supervisors.

Parent Volunteers:

Calling all volunteer parents for KSS prom night at Sunset Ranch! On Monday, April 24, we will be launching a Sign Up Genius for all the volunteer opportunities. We are asking that you sign up for only one time slot to ensure opportunities for as many parents as possible. Grab your KSS parent friends and make plans to clear your schedule for a time slot on May 19th, 5:30-11pm.

Ongoing and Upcoming Fundraising:

In order to make this night as memorable as possible for our grads, the parent committee has ongoing fundraisers to cover costs:

Fill out [THIS](#) Google Form to allow our grads to collect your cans and bottles to donate.

Save the Date! May 5th Family Dinner Fundraiser at 97St pub/Cornerstone Restaurant. Details to come!

Wow The Yard Signs are still available! See link [HERE](#).

Extras: Do You Photography will be in attendance at the Grad Walk and the prom at Sunset Ranch to photograph grads. All photos taken during the evening will be available for download for \$15.

KSS INDIGENOUS ACADEMY

On April 20th, students from the École Kelowna Secondary School Indigenous Academy visited the Kamloops Residential School. Teacher, Mr. Rob Bennet, spent weeks preparing his Academy students for this important learning experience. Students had the extremely valuable opportunity to hear from a fifth-generation residential school survivor, Jackie Jules, Cultural Educator at Secwepemc Museum & Heritage Park. During her time with us, Jackie spent moments pointing out subtle details that may not be noticed by people walking by without a guide. Each stop during our walk included deeply poignant stories, all were informational and most were very somber.

The group was joined by Chelcy Ross, an Indigenous Educator from the Kamloops-Thompson School District. Chelcy shared her story of why she hadn't yet visited the Kamloops Residential School; it was a story of healing. It was deeply humbling that she chose her first visit to be with us, knowing that our students were also visiting for the first time. With a great deal of courage, Chelcy led Circle after our tour, allowing for each student and staff member to share reflections in a supported space. She explained that "Ground Zero" is where children were found lower on the property, near the museum and amongst the apple trees. We were not allowed to go to the area as it is an area that needs to rest and may only be visited by families of lost children or those approved to conduct investigation. Honouring circle protocol, I may not quote what the students discussed in circle, but I can share that each individual had thoughtful things to say, and many were left with transformative learning in their hearts.

It feels heavy at Kamloops Residential School. As Jackie Jules said, "We have taken back the building to show our community's strength. It is not the building's fault these bad things happened, and the truth must be told." Currently, the building houses many local Indigenous community resource offices, agencies, and food programs for local elders. Meetings take place and elders gather often on site. The space is used for celebrations and for funerals. Most importantly, the local Secwepemc People run it with dignity, purpose and care. Jackie left us with what she called a 'bright note' by saying: "The most important thing that you can each do for Reconciliation is to fight racism." The KSS Indigenous Academy students went home with many reflections and action-items, which we as their caring adults are called to support and grow alongside.

KSS PAC



Sadly, the current Executive Board will all be leaving KSS as our kids are graduating.

The KSS PAC is in urgent need of new volunteers for the 2023-24 school year. In order to maintain our school's BC Gaming Grant Funding of over \$30,000 annually to support our students and their extracurricular activities, KSS needs to have an active PAC. ***Please join us** to see how you can help make this happen.*

The new executive will be chosen at the AGM on **May 9th at 6:30 p.m. at KSS**. All parents are welcome to attend!

If you have any questions or would like information on the KSS PAC Executive, please email us at kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca



Parents of the **KSS Football Program** are hosting a **fundraiser night** to support our Owls in preparation for the 2023 BC High School football season. Join parents and fans of our KSS Owls on **Saturday, April 22nd, 2023** at **Creekside Pub & Grill** beginning at **3:00 pm**.

Tickets are still available and are only **\$25**. This includes a choice of burger (cheeseburger or veggie burger), a side and a beer/wine beverage.

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase for some amazing door prizes! Winners must be in attendance. Just a few exciting prizes up for grabs:

- RAW Football Camp Registration
- Canucks Tickets
- Whistler Skydiving Tandem Jump
- NFL/CFL Swag
- Propane Fire Pit

And MUCH MORE!!!

To purchase a ticket, please email: owlsfootball.kss@gmail.com

This is an adults only event and we want to see everyone who buys a ticket in attendance. We appreciate your support! Grab your friends and come on out!

We are still accepting donations of raffle prizes if businesses would like to support the program. To supply a donation, please email owlsfootball.kss@gmail.com.

Be T.O.U.G.H.!

GO OWLS!



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Camps are set to run in July and August at UBC Okanagan. Follow this [link](#) or check out goheat.ca/camps to learn more and register today!

Contact ubcoheat.summercamp@ubc.ca for more info.



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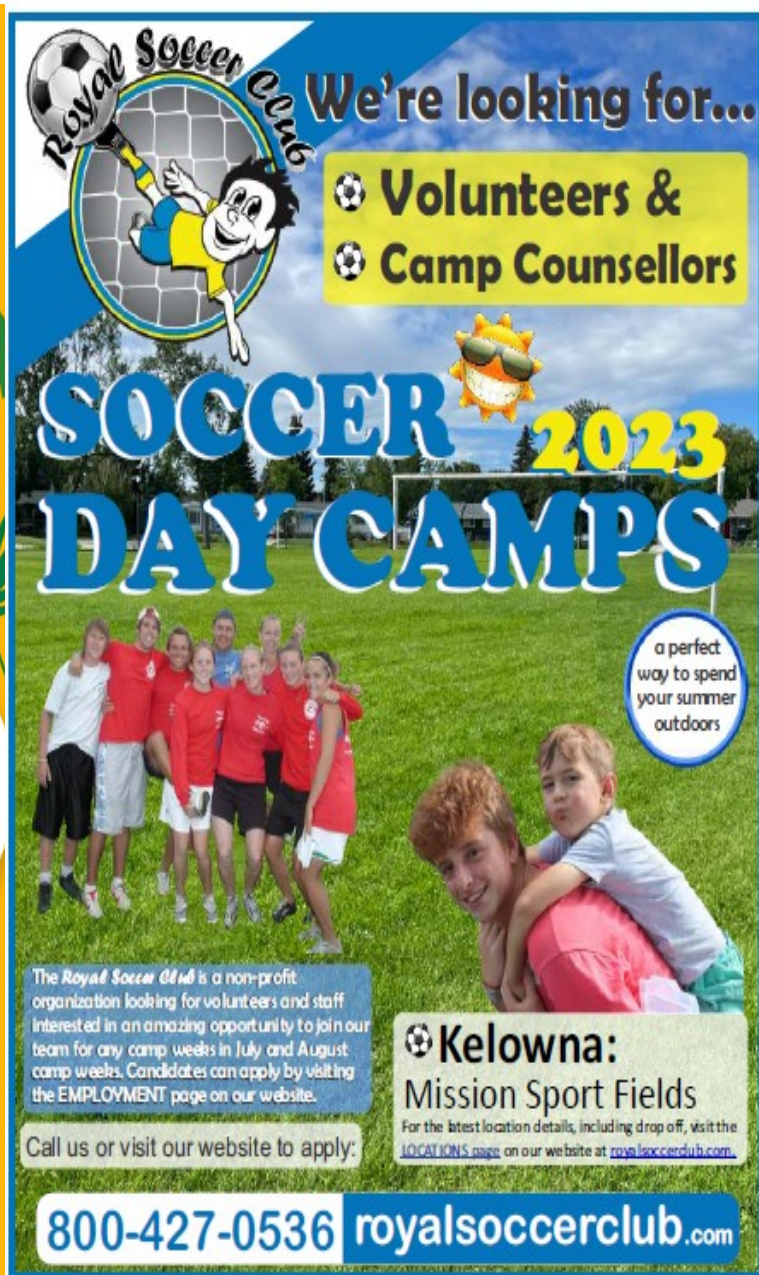
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Royal Soccer Club

We're looking for...

- Volunteers &
- Camp Counsellors

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a perfect way to spend your summer outdoors

The Royal Soccer Club is a non-profit organization looking for volunteers and staff interested in an amazing opportunity to join our team for any camp weeks in July and August camp weeks. Candidates can apply by visiting the EMPLOYMENT page on our website.

Kelowna:
Mission Sport Fields

For the latest location details, including drop off, visit the [LOCATION'S page](#) on our website at royalsoccerclub.com.

Call us or visit our website to apply:

800-427-0536 royalsoccerclub.com

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT + *Engagement Grant*

Do you and your friends (13–19 years)
have an idea to enhance your neighbourhood?
We can hook you up with a \$1,000 matching grant to
help get you started!



2022 Project — Portable Mural for Neighbourhood Performances

The Rotary Center for the Arts Youth Council wanted to create a space where youth could present their art across the Okanagan. They worked with local artist Tyler Keeton Robbins to create a portable mural that was then used as a backdrop for small-scale performance spaces in Kelowna neighbourhoods. This portable mural provided a space for neighbours to gather and meet new people and artists alike.

Some ideas include:

neighbourhood garden • little free pantry
kindness rocks • murals • knit decorating trees

New ideas encouraged!



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PROGRAM TO INCLUDE CONCERTO PERFORMANCES BY
DRYDEN BENNETT | TROMBONE SOPHIE PLANCHAT | VIOLIN
AIISHA RISHI | FLUTE TYLER SHEA | VIOLIN

STUDENT COMPOSITIONS BY
LIAM MOESKOPS DRYDEN BENNETT

AND WORKS BY VERDI & KALINNIKOV

The OSYO is the flagship program leading
all OSO Community Engagement Programs



VERNON

Saturday, May 6 3:00 pm

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

PENTICTON

Sunday, May 7 2:00 pm

CLELAND COMMUNITY THEATRE

KELOWNA

Sunday, May 7 7:00 pm

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

\$20 | \$15 | \$10

ALL TICKETS ONLINE: USE THE QR CODE AT LEFT OR GO TO
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NORTHERN LIGHTS

SIBELIUS

Symphony No. 7

MARCUS GODDARD*

Cello Concerto

JOCELYN MORLOCK*

Lucid Dreams

IMANT RAMINSH*

Gloria

ARIEL BARNES* | CELLO
and the **OSO CHORUS**

KELOWNA

Friday May 12 | 7:30 pm

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Saturday May 13 | 7:30 pm

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Sunday May 14 | 7:00 pm

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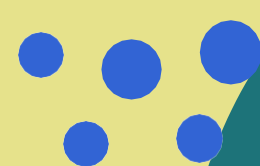
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Central Okanagan
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Together We Learn



April 25, 2023

6:00 - 7:00 PM

School Board Office
Main Board Room

Affinity Group for Parents/Guardians of Black Students

LOCATION: 1040 HOLLYWOOD ROAD SOUTH, KELOWNA,
BC HOSTED BY: BRENT CARMICHAEL

Parents, guardians, and community members are invited to attend the Parents and Guardians of Black Student Affinity Group.

The topic for the April meeting will be to gather input on the Ministry of Education K-12 Anti-Racism Action Plan for Central Okanagan Public Schools.

[Click to review the K-12
Anti-Racism Action Plan](#)



WHAT IS AN AFFINITY GROUP?

An Affinity Group is defined as a group linked by a common purpose, ideology, or interest.

Please join us as we host our third Affinity Group meeting. We look forward to seeing you.

*Looking ahead the
fourth meeting is
scheduled for
May 30th*