



Whoo's News



December 22, 2023

Happy
Holidays



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE KSS ADMINISTRATION & STAFF!

WISHING YOU A RESTFUL AND ENJOYABLE BREAK.

Upcoming dates . .



Dec 23-Jan 7	NO SCHOOL—Winter Break
Jan 7 - 11	Grad Photos (additional slots available) →
Jan 8	School re-opens (full day)
Jan 9	KSS PAC Meeting via Zoom 6:30 p.m.
Jan 15-19	Ministry Assessment Week
Jan 15	COBSS Online Applications Closes
Jan 17	Capstone Presentation Day
Jan 17	Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.

GRAD PHOTOS— ADDITIONAL SLOTS!

Additional slots for individual graduation photo sessions have been added during week of January 7-11, 2024.

Students may utilize the QR codes around the school to make an appointment, or go to the [ARTONA](#) website to make an appointment or to review further photo information/tips.





PAC SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY FUNDRAISER

DIRECT DONATION OPPORTUNITY

Each year the KSS PAC provides 2 bursaries and 2 scholarships of \$1000 each to KSS graduates who will be attending post-secondary education in the Fall of their graduating year. The bursaries/scholarships are awarded to students based on financial need, academic achievement, and a desire to pursue post-secondary education in Canada.

Previously, these were funded through KSS's annual provincial community gaming grant, however, gaming funds are no longer allowed to be used for bursaries and scholarships. Hence, the PAC must fundraise in order to continue to provide these funds to support KSS students in their future education.

This is where YOU come in! Please consider donating! Any amount, no matter how large or small, makes a difference!

Our fundraising goal is \$4,000 to cover the awards for 2024 graduates. Any funds beyond our goal will be held in a PAC scholarship account for future years!

HOW TO DONATE

We will be using the School District donation option for our Bursary & Scholarship Fund. It allows us to keep all of the money that you donate, rather than having to pay platform fees, as well as gives you a tax receipt! (Subject to a minimum donation of \$20.00)

Steps:

1. Head over to www.schoolcashonline.com and sign in using your log in details that you pay your school fees with.
2. Click **Make a Donation** to open the donation form.
3. Under Gift Information you can choose the amount you wish to donate.
4. In the "Fund Destination" choose **Kelowna Secondary School**
5. In the message box write **KSS PAC Bursary/Scholarship donation (This is Important to ensure donations are received by the PAC)**
6. **Add to cart** to go to the payment page 😊

The screenshot shows the 'Give To Central Okanagan School District' donation form. It includes sections for 'Gift Information' (with radio buttons for \$20, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1000 and an 'Other Amount' field), 'Fund Destination' (a dropdown menu), 'Tribute Information' (with a dropdown for 'This gift is' and a field for 'Name of honoree'), 'Message to School Board' (with a text area and a 'Message (Optional)' label), and 'Tax Receipt' (with a note: 'A donation receipt will be emailed to you upon completion of your cart checkout.'). At the bottom are 'Back' and 'Add To Cart' buttons. A red arrow points to the 'Add To Cart' button.



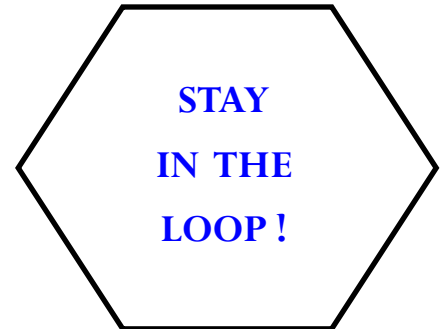
PROM 2024



From the KSS Prom Committee:

Grade 12 parents, be sure to join the KSS Prom 2024 Parent Facebook Group, Facebook Page and Instagram page to stay up to date on communications from the Parent Prom Committee regarding fundraising and how you can contribute towards Prom! This support will ensure that all students can enjoy a night they will never forget!

Follow “**kssprom2024**” on Instagram
and



“**KSS Prom 2024**” & “**KSS Prom 2024 - Parents Group**” on Facebook

KSS ATHLETICS

Spring Team Tryouts!

Scan the QR Code or use the link [HERE](#) to go directly to the KSS Athletics Spring Team Tryout page for Ultimate Frisbee, Boys Rugby and Girls Soccer tryout information.



WHEELS Transition to Employment Program & Services

(Submitted by Heather Whistle, WHEELS Transition to Employment Program & Services)

WHEELS is ready for ski and snowboard season and participants are practiced and eager to wax and sharpen your skis and boards! The new location is:

#1-2235 Leckie Road

Kelowna

Corner of Dilworth and Leckie - next to KalTire (same parking lot)

Please call **778-484-4054** to book an appointment for drop off.

cost: \$24.99

COBSS (CENTRAL OKANAGAN BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY)

KSS SCHOOL CODE = kss2024

COBBS on-line application closes:

January 15, 2024 @ 11:59 p.m.



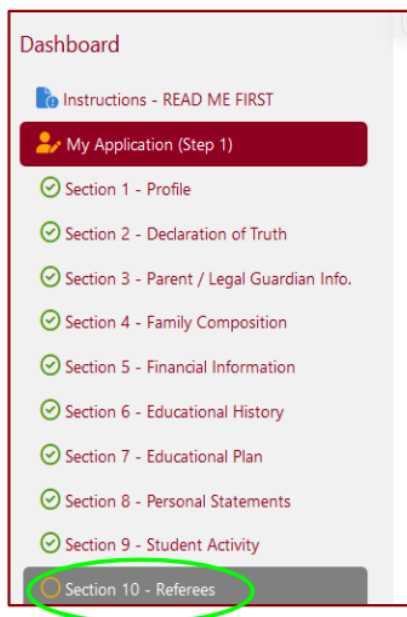
[COBSS LINK](#)

Please note that the application process this year
is completely online – *no paper!*

PSP#2 presentation is posted on the KSS website under Counselling and Post-Secondary Information as well as in the Grade 12 Google Classroom.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR COBSS APPLICANTS

HOW TO SEND LINK TO REFEREES



- There is a glitch in the COBSS application this year.
- Referees are not notified via email until you have completed sections 1 through 10 of My Application.
- To get the statements of reference to your referees faster, you do **NOT** need to fully complete all 10 sections.
- You only need to start each section with a few words for the system to think you have completed it and then the link will be sent to your referees.
- **Remember to return to complete all sections later.**
- This issue will be fixed for next year's application.
- Completed statements of reference are still required to be submitted by your referees by 11:59 pm January 15th.



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 signup, 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.



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

**French Immersion Kindergarten
Informational Session:**
Tuesday, January 16, 2024
@ 6:00-7:00 pm
sd23.org/french-immersion-session

**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on
Monday, January 29, 2024, at 7:00 am for 2024 - 2025 School Year**
(for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K – 12)

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide telephone support to parents that require assistance.
Documentation Submission Deadline: **Friday, March 15, 2024**

If you are new to Canada, please contact the Welcome Centre for enrollment information at (250)470-3258

HOW TO APPLY

PLEASE NOTE: *The application process is online only. You are required to have a valid email account.*

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

No internet access? Please contact your school for assistance.

Online applications begin on Monday, January 29, 2024 at 7:00 am. 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 in person or by email by **Friday, March 15, 2024**.

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 below; or,
 - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of supporting documentation below.
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, August 29, 2024

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, 2024, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2024. No exceptions.

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



KSS PAC



The Parent Advisory Council plays an important role in the school. While there is a PAC executive, every parent/guardian with a child at KSS is automatically a PAC member and is encouraged and welcome to attend and give input/ask questions at any or all PAC meetings. It's a great way to stay connected to school happenings. PAC Meetings are also an opportunity to bring questions or concerns to administration or to PAC attention.

THE NEXT KSS PAC MEETING IS

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

If you have already attended a KSS PAC meeting in the 2023-2024 school year, you will receive a Zoom link for this meeting closer to the date.

If you would like to attend the PAC Meeting Zoom, please e-mail KSS.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca along with the name of your student and grade, saying you wish to be added to our PAC meeting notification list. You will then be emailed the zoom link.

The February meeting is on Tuesday, February 13th and will be via Zoom.

For more information on KSS PAC, including all meeting dates, minutes of meetings and PAC Executive, please see KSS Website, Parents, PAC. Link is [HERE](#).

We hope to see you at a PAC Meeting soon !



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INTERESTED IN
**POLICING
CAREERS?**



PARTICIPATE IN THE
**JEAN MINGUY MEMORIAL
RCMP YOUTH
Academy**

MAY 11 - 17, 2024

DEADLINE TO APPLY

IS JANUARY 31st

Applications are
available from the KSS
Career Centre or from
our website.



AGES 16-18
Are Invited to apply

Cost is
\$350

Includes all food, lodging
and supplies for the week.

**KELOWNA GENERAL HOSPITAL -
INTERIOR HEALTH**

**Volunteer Services
Opportunity**

Grade 11 & 12

**6 month commitment for
4 WEX 12AB credits**

Build your
resume by
volunteering
in the health
care sector

Choose from:
Information Desk
or
Clinical Units:
(Cardiac & 4W)

See your KSS Career Centre
for more info and an application form

no deadline to apply - placements are ongoing

**KELOWNA GENERAL
HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**

**Volunteer
Opportunity**

Grade 9-12

**150 hour commitment for
8 WEX 12AB credits**

Build your
resume by
volunteering
in the
health care
sector

Choose from:
Royal Bistro
The Gift Shop
Perking Lot Coffee Shop
Rutland Thrift Store

See your KSS Career Centre
for more information and an application form

no deadline to apply - placements are ongoing

Strong Neighbourhoods



**Youth Development
& Engagement
Grant**

GET EMPOWERED!

RACK UP SOME VOLUNTEER HOURS

**UP TO \$1000 TO SUPPORT YOUTH LED
COMMUNITY PROJECTS OR EVENTS**

PROJECT/EVENT IDEAS
FILM FESTIVAL | OPEN MIC NIGHT | PORCH CONCERT | MURALS |
NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS | TRASH TO TREASURE

HELP MAKE YOUR COMMUNITY A BETTER
PLACE TO LIVE AND PLAY

OPEN TO YOUTH AGES
13-24

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KELOWNA.CA/NEIGHBOURHOODS

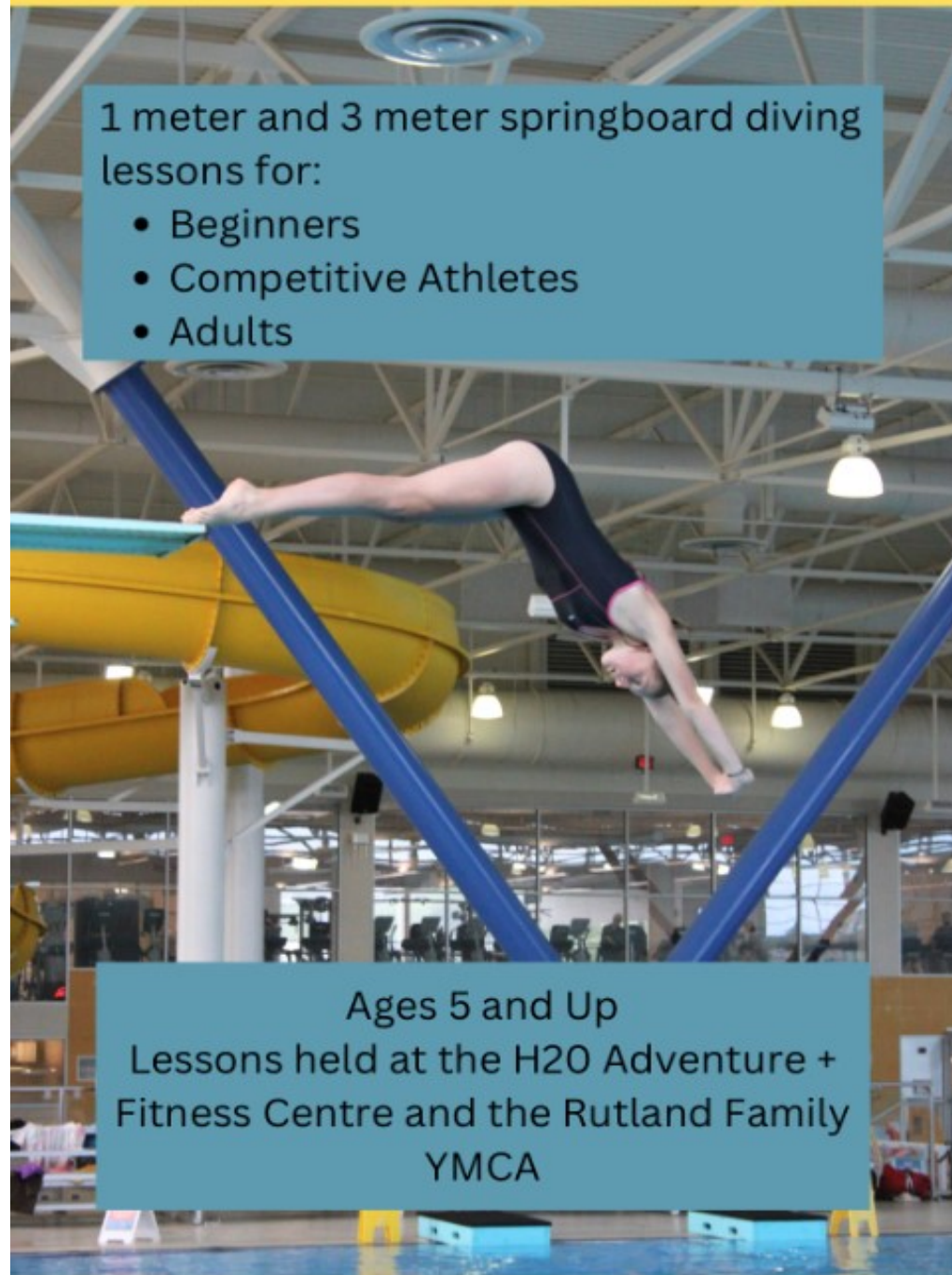
Take the Plunge

Learn to Dive with KSDC



1 meter and 3 meter springboard diving lessons for:

- Beginners
- Competitive Athletes
- Adults



Ages 5 and Up
Lessons held at the H2O Adventure +
Fitness Centre and the Rutland Family
YMCA

Email ksdc.general@gmail.com
with any questions