



Whoo's News



SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

Thank you to all our students, staff and parents for adjusting so quickly to the changes this school year.

Parents— can you please help us by encouraging your son or daughter to remember some of our new protocol:

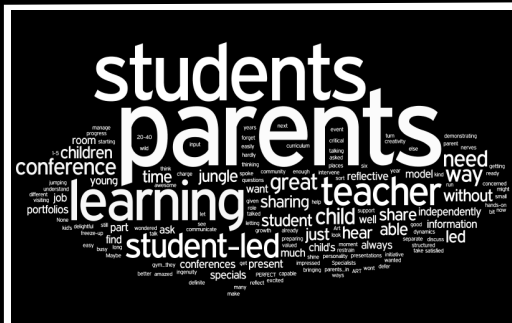
- Students are asked to leave the school grounds promptly on the afternoons that they are not in attendance to help us maintain the physical distancing protocol;
- Remind your student that it is their responsibility to bring their mask to school every day. Students were issued two masks each on their first day of school.



Okanagan College and being a Good Neighbor

A reminder to KSS students that Okanagan College is no longer available for students to visit. OC is now a closed campus for OC students only and KSS students are not to be visiting in any areas of their campus. If you need to walk through OC it should be a direct path through their property. Please remember the OC COVID-19 Safety Plan is to ensure that you are socially distancing at all times when you are walking through their campus. If students are waiting for the Kelowna city bus at OC and you are not able to social distance, students are expected to wear a mask. Let's work together to make it safer for everyone. We want to be good neighbors at all times.

Please see the newly updated **Daily Health Check** to be completed prior to your child coming to school (page 6)



Parent/Teacher Conferences



Due to the unique circumstances and constraints of this school year, Central Okanagan Public Schools has coordinated a district-wide approach for Parent/Teacher Conferences. All Schools will have the same early dismissal days next week for these conversations: **Thursday, Oct. 1** and **Friday, October 2**. Teachers will be connecting with families directly

Parent Teacher Conferences will be done remotely using the telephone, Zoom or other technologies this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Our intent is to offer an opportunity for all families who wish to discuss their child's transition into the new school year and early progress indicators. When students arrive to KSS on both these days, they will proceed to their Period 1 class which will be in session from 9:00 a.m. - 12:16 p.m. Staggered breaks and dismissal times will be in effect. There will be no Period 3 class on these two days. Buses will run on an adjusted schedule on these afternoons for all bus students—3 hours earlier than usual.

Thank you for your understanding as we shift to this alternate process.

With conferences being so early in the Quarter, our conversations will be focused on your child's adjustment back to school and their needs.. Detailed assessment information is being collected, but may not be an accurate indicator of their final results.



KSS Students and the Whoo's News!

All KSS Students will now receive the Whoo's News through their **OUTLOOK** account!
Check it out and stay informed on everything happening at Kelowna Secondary School!!



SD23 District Student Council

Are you interested in representing students in your grade at a school district level? Join the Student District Council (DSC). We're looking to make a diverse council, dedicated to representing the voices of youth and improving student life.

We meet the first Monday of the month from 4:15pm-5:45pm at the School Board Office on Hollywood Road.

Our mission is to create a connection between the students and the board of education, advocate for the betterment of student life, assume an active leadership role on behalf of the students, and to promote positive relationships and camaraderie between schools.

We're looking for representatives from grade 10-12.

Applications are due October 19th.

[Google Application form](#)

be a leader.



The Canadian Universities Event (CUE) is a forum designed to highlight Canada's universities to BC's secondary students and families. The CUE brings together over 50 of Canada's finest post-secondary institutions for students and families to explore. This year the CUE will be online and students can go to cuebc.org to register for events. All CUE student events are the same and they are open to students in all grades. Students will need to register on the CUE website in order to access the live events. Students events are scheduled for:

Monday September 28: 4-8PM Pacific

Tuesday, September 29: 4-8PM Pacific

Wed., September 30: 4-8PM Pacific

Thursday, October 1: 4-8PM Pacific

Saturday, October 3: 10AM-2PM Pacific

Tuesday, October 6: 4-8PM Pacific

Thursday, October 8: 4-8PM Pacific



REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!



VISIT [HTTPS://CUEBC.ORG/](https://cuebc.org/)

Sept 28, 29, 30: 4pm - 8pm PST

Oct 3: 10am - 2pm PST

Oct 1, 6, 8: 4pm - 8pm PST

POST-SECONDARY VIRTUAL INFO SESSIONS

PLEASE NOTE – Students/Parents may need to [register](#) for these events prior to the sessions.

POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL	DATE & TIME	LINK to VIRTUAL INFO SESSION
University of British Columbia Okanagan – Online Info Sessions	Oct. 28 @ 6:30 – 8:30 pm	https://you.ubc.ca/tours-info-sessions/online-sessions/#canadian
	Nov. 5 @ 6:30 – 8:30 pm	
Okanagan College – variety of virtual events	Varies – check link for updates	https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/office-of-the-registrar/info-sessions
University of Victoria – Discover UVic Sessions	Sept. 29 @ 4 pm	www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/tours-events/events/
	Oct. 6 @ 4 pm	
	Oct. 27 @ 4 pm	
	Nov. 10 @ 4 pm	
	Nov. 17 @ 4 pm	
University of Victoria – Parent Info. Nights	Nov. 24 @ 4 pm	www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/tours-events/events/
	Sept. 27 @ 5 pm	
	Oct. 18 @ 5 pm	
Simon Fraser University – Prospective Student Info Sessions	Nov. 8 @ 5 pm	www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/tours-events/events/
	Nov. 22 @ 5 pm	
	Check link for updates on session times	
University of Calgary – Virtual Open House	Check link for updates on session times	https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/campus-tours.html
University of Alberta – variety of virtual events	Oct. 3 @ 10 am - 3 pm	https://www.ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/events/open-house
	Varies – check link for session times	https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tours-and-events/index.html?

Here is a list of the links to local and larger Western Canadian post-secondary schools' virtual info sessions as listed on their websites. Please note that students may have to register for these events prior to the sessions.



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Information and Support

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

IN THE KNOW PROVIDES EXPERT SPEAKERS ON TOPICS IMPORTANT TO FAMILIES. CONNECT AND LEARN WITH OTHER FAMILIES FOR AN ONLINE DISCUSSION - JOIN BY COMPUTER OR PHONE.

Parenting when Anxiety Shows Up as Anger

Join us as we answer questions families have asked about the relationship between anger and anxiety. We'll share experiences and strategies that can help in hard moments and focus on strengthening our relationship with our children and youth when those have passed.

Registration Required:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6853319057342496781>

Communities: Kelowna, Penticton and Vernon
 Cost: Free of Charge
 Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2020
 Time: 7pm – 8:30pm

Connect and learn with other families for this online discussion. We will watch the video and talk about it together. Discussion facilitated by FamilySmart Parent in Residence

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Ministry of Children and Family Development

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 BC's Mental Health and Addictions Helpline

familysmart.ca

VFS offers programs in: Animation, Writing, Acting, Game Design, Programming, Motion, Interactive, & Graphic Design, Film Production, Make Up, Sound Design, and VR/AR development.

VFS Open House | Saturday, 26 September 2020

Event time: 10am – 2pm PDT (self-guided event - not required to stay online for the entire duration)

- Discover VFS's new hybrid learning model (online & on-site)
- Watch exclusive videos about our campus facilities and the VFS student experience
- Sample the latest student projects
- Meet faculty, staff, and alumni
- Take part in online talks and demonstrations

More details and to register [HERE](#)

Or this link: <https://vfs.edu/events/vfs-open-house-2020>

We also have a new ongoing offer for potential students to **receive exclusive tips and insight** from our Admissions Team, all for FREE! These monthly sessions are designed to help you apply your creativity for success in post-secondary studies.

VFS Workrooms | Various dates

- Show, Don't Tell: Principles of Storytelling
- Find Your Voice: How to Build a Creative Portfolio

Learn more and apply [HERE](#)



Musical Notes

**NOTICE TO JAZZ STUDIES 10 STUDENTS:
WE START NEXT FRIDAY!!
OCTOBER 2 AT 7:30 AM.
SEE YOU THEN. ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE SEE MRS. FRENCH IN ROOM 128.**



CHAMBER CHOIR & VOCAL JAZZ START THIS WEEK!!!

CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING SELECTED FOR THESE PRESTIGIOUS
ENSEMBLES. THE LISTS ARE POSTED OUTSIDE MRS. FRENCH'S DOOR



A few important bits of information:



- We will wear masks at all times, no exceptions
- We are in the gymnasium. Come in the BACK doors. You may store your backpacks etc. by the exit side of the gym which is the MPR.
- **We start at 7:30 AM.** Please be on time. We will be done early enough for you to have time to get to your 9:00 AM class. We will be done no later than 8:40 AM
- Respect the use of the gymnasium. THANK YOU to Mr. White & Mr. Bernhardsson for arranging a place we can sing.
- Bring your own mask. I do have special singer masks I will be loaning out, but there are not quite enough of them here yet. These will be your responsibility to bring/wash etc. EVERY TIME.
- Bring water to hydrate your vocal cords.

Vocal Jazz begins Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 PM

Safety of your Child at Non-Sanctioned Graduation Events

For each of our grade 12 students, the graduation year is one of the most special and celebrated milestones to date. We have several events that we [are still organizing](#) and support at KSS for your Grade 12 student. These events may look different or may be cancelled depending on the status of COVID-19 and the restrictions. Administrators, teachers, parents and students work very hard to organize these events and ensure all safety concerns are addressed. Grad Winter Formal, Grad Fun Night, Prom and the Convocation Ceremony are just a few activities that we plan and prepare for your child's enjoyment.

Unfortunately, there are other non-sanctioned grad events that we do not supervise nor support. The activities are organized and arranged by graduates themselves that include "grad kidnappings" and subsequent "bush parties" that take place in our community.

We want to be clear that we have serious concerns regarding student behavior and safety at all of the above-mentioned non sanctioned events. There has been incidents of serious injury to students and we strongly caution and counsel parents to investigate these non-sanctioned activities carefully.

The staff at KSS want your child's grade 12 year to be positive, memorable and safe.



Orange Shirt Day: Communities coming together in a spirit of reconciliation and hope because **every child matters**. We will be recognizing orange shirt day on Sept. 30.

Students interested in supporting, volunteering or learning more about this cause can speak with anyone from the Indigenous Team: Steve Kelly, Heather Reid, Rob Bennett or Dawn Dionne

www.orangeshirtday.org

Keep up to date on all the daily announcements by following us on Twitter.

You will find the link on our webpage www.kss.sd23.bc.ca

Under "About us" and "Daily Announcements"

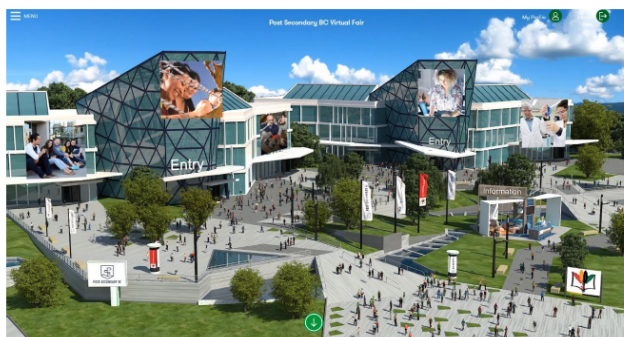


The PSIBC (Post-Secondary Institutions of BC) is a consortium of 30 BC post-secondary institutions that support high school students and their parents by providing information they need to help make the best post-secondary education decisions. Typically this group organizes school visits and events across the province to connect with students, but due to COVID-19, information session will be online. The attached instruction sheet will help students with the registration as well as the dates and times of the virtual information fairs.

Post-Secondary Institutions of BC present the PSIBC VIRTUAL FAIR

<https://postsecondarybcvirtualfair.easyvirtualfair.com/>

While typically we have had post-secondary institutions visit our school individually and also as a group for the PSIBC Fair Event, this year these events are going virtual. The PSIBC Virtual Fair is an amazing opportunity to research post-secondary opportunities within BC and gather all sorts of information!



WHEN:

Monday, Oct. 5 th	2pm – 6pm	Kelowna/Vernon/Okanagan students
Tuesday, Oct. 6 th	3pm – 7pm	Kelowna/Vernon/Okanagan students
Wednesday, Oct. 21 st	3pm – 7pm	Provincial Community Event
Saturday, Nov. 14 th	12pm – 4pm	Provincial Community Event
Wednesday, Dec. 2 nd	3pm – 7pm	Provincial Community Event

REGISTRATION HOW-TO:

1. Click on the registration link to create an account.
2. Fill in all mandatory fields.
3. Make sure you remember your e-mail and chosen password for the platform! You'll need it to log in.
4. "Programs of Interest" → you are only able to select one option. Don't worry, you can get information about any program you wish. Just choose the one you are leaning towards at this moment.
5. Email address → use an email you will frequently check. Recruiters may need to follow up with you after the fair to answer your questions or send you information.
6. Date & Time → Select your preferred date and time for Kelowna/Vernon/Okanagan secondary schools or for a Provincial Community Event.

NOTES & HELPFUL TIPS:

- Some PSIs will have more recruiters available for their local students.
- YES, you can sign up for both Oct. 5th and 6th plus any community events.
- YES, parents can sign up too!
- Recruiters and representatives are only available during the fair times.
- YES, you can still go into the booths of PSIs outside of fair times, you will be limited to downloading information and looking at the booth. Generally fairs are scheduled for the afternoons and evenings so if you need to get a document or take a look at a booth, the best option is to do that in morning.
- Please do NOT sign up for events outside of our region or the community events.

WHEN VISITING A VIRTUAL BOOTH, YOU CAN...

	INSTITUTION PROFILE General info		SOCIAL MEDIA Links to follow schools
	CHAT Live chat with recruiters		ONLINE CHATS Chats with specific times, or specific offices/depts
	OFFERS ex: Application links		PRESENTATIONS Live events or pre-recorded
	VIDEOS ex: tours, general info, 'how-to'		MAILBOX Send message to recruiter
	DOWNLOADABLE DOCUMENTS ex: viewbooks		BANNERS Images for download
	WEBSITE LINKS Ex: admissions, scholarships, etc.		POSTERS Images for download

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Daily Health Check

Date:

Name:

The following is a tool that must be used by parents/caregivers to complete prior to their child coming to school, and for staff and visitors to be completed on themselves.

Daily Health Check			
1. Symptoms of Illness*	For parents: Does your child have any of the following symptoms? For staff/visitor: Do you have any of the following symptoms?	Check Box Below	
	Fever	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Chills	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Shortness of breath	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Diarrhea	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Nausea and vomiting	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
2. International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

*Check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.

If you answered "YES" to any of the symptom questions, are the symptoms related to a pre-existing condition? (e.g. allergies). ☐ YES ☐ NO

If "YES" the person may come to school if the symptoms are being experienced as normal.

If "NO", the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition see the following information:

If you answered "YES" to one of the questions included under 'Key Symptoms of Illness' (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered "YES" to two or more of the questions included under 'Symptoms of Illness' or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

When a COVID-19 test is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is positive, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is negative, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- If a COVID-19 test is recommended but is not done because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, you can return to school when symptoms improve and you feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

Completed By: