



École Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

May 16, 2025

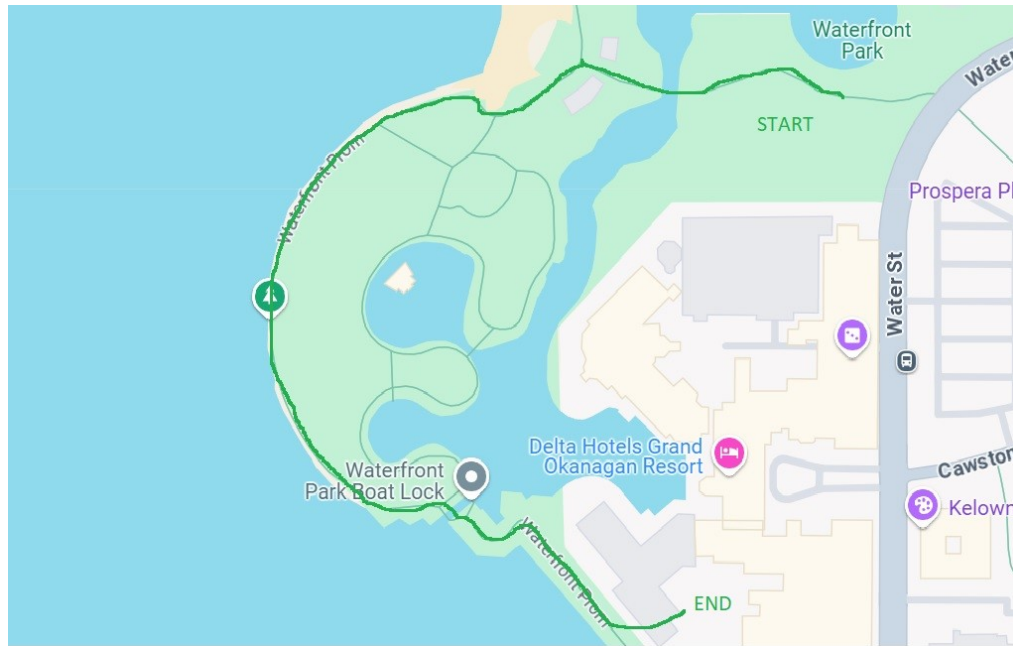
PROM 2025



The KSS Prom is taking place on Friday, May 16, 2025.

Due to construction in Waterfront Park, **the Grad Walk route has been adjusted.**

New route:



Upcoming dates . .

May 19	Victoria Day—NO SCHOOL
May 20	KSS PAC AGM 6:30 p.m. in LLC
May 21	Diner en Blanc
May 21-22	Multicultural Festival in MPR
May 23	Hosting KLO and GMS Pep-Rally & Info Sessions in LLC
May 26	Hosting Dr. Knox Pep-Rally & Info Sessions in LLC
May 26-30	Night Owl Theatre - New Works Festival
May 27	Health Nurse Wellness Clinics in Career Ctr
May 27	Global Awareness Market in MPR
May 28	Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m. Capstone Presentations PM
May 30	Jazz at St. Michael's
May 31	Transportation deadline for 2025-2026
May 31-Jun 6	Go By Bike Week

Prom reminders:

- Graduates are asked to arrive at Rhapsody Plaza (The Dolphins) **by 5:00 p.m.** to line up for the Grad Walk.
- The walk will commence promptly at 5:45 p.m.
- The walk will conclude at the entrance to the Delta Grand off of the boardwalk, where the banquet is taking place.
- In order to attend the banquet, students must have purchased a prom ticket. Tickets will not be available at the door.
- **The prom banquet is open to Grade 12 KSS students only. Bags will be checked at the door, along with photo ID.**

The KSS Code of Conduct will be in effect for the entire evening.



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors

**If you were born with the weakness to fall,
you were born with the strength to rise**



GRAD 2025



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

- ◇ Be in a calculable position to graduate.
- ◇ Filled out the "Convocation Information" Form on the Grad Google Classroom.
 - ◇ Returned/renewed any overdue library books or textbooks.
- ◇ Paid any outstanding student fees, including \$75.00 Grad Commencement Fee.

*** If your family is experiencing financial difficulties, please speak with your Alpha VP. ***



CONVOCATION

Convocation (Commencement Ceremony) is the cap and gown ceremony where students will receive their graduation diploma.

Convocation is on **Saturday, June 7, 2025** in the KSS Gym. There are two ceremonies:

- 1: Last Names beginning with **A — L** at **10:30 a.m.**
- 2: Last Names beginning with **M — Z** at **2:30 p.m.**

Convocation will be livestreamed via link on the KSS Website (Grad tab) for those that are unable to attend.

[HERE](#) is the link to the page for the Convocation Livestream.

Each student may receive **up to SIX tickets** for their ceremony. There is no waitlist for extra tickets. Student will pick up their convocation tickets when they pick up their grad cap, gown and stole at the **end of May**.

The Graduation Commencement Fee of \$75.00 was due on April 1st. Payment may still be made in School Cash Online.

Students should check Grad Google Classroom for all Grad updates.

OUTSTANDING FEES

Parents may check School Cash Online for overdue fees. **Fees are paid via [School Cash Online](#).**

If you do not see a fee in School Cash Online, please check your History to see if it has already been paid.

Once again, students/families that are experiencing financial difficulties are urged to come and speak with their Alpha VP.



Thank
You



*KSS Field Hockey would like to extend sincere gratitude to the following
companies for their support:*

DKL Financial Services
Multi-Power
Central City Management
Ok Health & Performance
Strong Roots
The Alpha Clinic
Tyler Bouck
Movement Okanagan
The Rockets
Sewa Immigration Consulting
Fawdry Homes
A2D Autobody & Detailing
Real Canadian Superstore
Advance Dental
Truly Skin Care
Teal Lotus Massage Therapy
Tore Jacobsen—Macdonald Realty

Skuka
Kelowna Pet Resort
Ok Orthodontics
Prestige Hotels
Emil Andersen
Team Simpson
Russell Electric
Big White
Sandman Hotel
Arlo's Honey Farm
Haywood Securities
Global Gym
Browns Socialhouse
Cherry Hill Coffee
Sonic Wash
Solar Center Store

50th ANNUAL CIVIC & COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners:

Dominic Sodaro—Augie Ciancone Memorial Award—Young Male Athlete
Grade 12 student at KSS

Ainsley Wood—Young Citizen of the Year
Graduate of KSS



**KSS MUSIC PRESENTS
JOHN LEE**

JAZZ AT ST. MICHAEL'S

FEATURING THE JOHN LEE TRIO

FRIDAY, MAY 30TH
7:00PM Doors open at 6:30

**ST. MICHAEL'S AND ALL
ANGELS CATHEDRAL**

ARTISTS
John Lee - Guitar
Kosma Busheikin - Bass
Graham Villette - Drums

ADULTS: \$20
STUDENTS: \$10

Tickets available for purchase at the door, through KSS
Music students or @sheila.french@sd23.bc.ca

**KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL
&
MUSIC DIRECTOR SHEILA FRENCH**

PRESENTS



**SING OUT
KELOWNA**

**CELEBRATING YOUTH &
MUSIC EDUCATION**

JUNE 20, 2025

12:30 PM & 7 PM

KELOWNA COMMUNITY THEATRE

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR 7PM SHOW ONLY, THROUGH
PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS OR AT THE DOOR**



PAC UPDATE

Community Matters

You are a Part of the PAC

If you are a parent or guardian with a student returning or starting at KSS this fall, you are automatically part of the PAC for the 2025-26 school year! As a member you are invited to the upcoming AGM; and are encouraged to consider getting more involved and letting your name stand for a PAC executive role.

The PAC Executive

For those new to the school, the PAC at KSS isn't about fund raising so don't let that thought scare you. The major role is allocating the approximately \$30,000 of BC Gaming Funds to help fund extracurricular activities such as; class field trips, musical instruments, sports uniforms, dance instruction, robotics, and more.

KSS is required to have a PAC executive to continue receiving BC Gaming Grant Funding. We will be voting in the 2025-26 PAC executive at the AGM. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please email KSS.PACPresident@sd23.bc.ca. There can also be nominations from the floor at the AGM.

KSS PAC Executive Committee 2025-26 (roles and nomination status):

- Chair or Co-chair §
- Vice or Co-chair - **Open for nominees**
- Treasurer (1 nominee)
- Secretary §
- Academic Chair §
- Athletic Chair §
- Fine Arts Chair §
- Indigenous Chair §
- Technical Education Chair §
- Student Support Chair §
- Clubs Chair §
- COPAC Rep - **Open for nominees**

§ denotes that the current person in the role is willing to stay in the role for next year

Even if you can't volunteer for a position, the PAC welcomes your input and attendance at all meetings. It's an easy way to keep up with what is happening at KSS. We look forward to seeing you!

AGM : **May 20th @ 6:30pm**
: **in the school library**




Cycle for Strong Kids
Volunteer June 1 | 10am-2pm

Bring your passion and volunteer at our biggest fundraising event of the year!

- Set-up/ Take down
- Kid's Zone Activities
- Rider and Jr. Rider Hosts
- And many more.....

SEE YOUR SCHOOL CAREER CENTRE TO SIGN UP!

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS FRIDAY, MAY 23RD



KSS WEBSITE & CALENDARS

<https://kss.sd23.bc.ca/>

Please check the KSS Website for important information such as: Course Viewbook, Student Services, Drama, Library and Tech information, Whoo's News, PAC Meeting Minutes, Grad information, Career-Life Programs and student volunteer opportunities and much more!

KELOWNA OWLS ATHLETICS Page and Gym Calendar is under "Students" tab and "Athletics". Link [HERE](#)

KSS SCHOOL CALENDAR is on the KSS Website [HERE](#) is a link.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

impact
EVENTS + BRAND MGMT

7-8

JUNE 2025

CMHA Ride Don't Hide



ridedon'thide

The 2025 CMHA Ride Don't Hide event on June 8, 2025, brings participants from all over the Okanagan to ride in support of mental health. The post ride festival features live music and fun for the whole family.

Deadline to apply: May 7th

Curious about the roles? Just scan the QR code to explore what's available!

VOLUNTEER



13-14

JUNE 2025

Kelowna Wine Country Runs

**KELOWNA
WINE COUNTRY** | **25**
5KM | 10KM | 21KM

The 2025 Kelowna Wine Country Runs is a scenic running event held on June 14, 2025, offering participants the chance to run a Half Marathon, 10km, or 5km through the stunning Okanagan Valley.

Deadline to apply: May 15th

Curious about the roles? Just scan the QR code to explore what's available!

VOLUNTEER



15

JUNE 2025

CSN Collision Father's Day Car Show



CSN Collision is hosting a family-friendly event at Kelowna City Park on June 15. This free event features a variety of vehicles, including hot rods, custom cars, and motorcycles.

Deadline to apply: May 15th

Curious about the roles? Just scan the QR code to explore what's available!

VOLUNTEER



3-6

JULY 2025

Kelowna Ribfest



The 2025 Kelowna Ribfest is a three-day family festival featuring rib competitions, live music, a kids' zone, family activities, and an artisan marketplace.

Deadline to apply: June 20th

Curious about the roles? Just scan the QR code to explore what's available!

VOLUNTEER





We Don't Want You to Sell Anything!

But we still need your help

Dear Parents/guardians.

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 2025 graduates. Any funds beyond our goal will be held in a PAC scholarship account for future years!

How to donate

We have decided to use the school district donation option this year for our scholarship/bursary fund. It allows us to keep all of the money that you donate, rather than having to pay platform fees, and gives you a tax receipt. **WIN-WIN!**

Steps:

1. Go to www.schoolcashionline.com and sign in using your credentials that you pay your school fees with
2. Click *Make a Donation* to open the donation form
3. Choose *Kelowna Secondary*
4. In the message box write *PAC Scholarship Fund*
5. *Add to Cart* to go to the payment page

With your support, we can empower the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and changemakers.