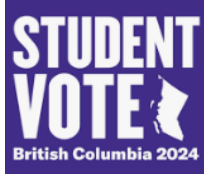




École Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

October 18, 2024



This week, KSS students actively participated in the democratic process by casting ballots in the Student Vote, an initiative administered by CIVIX and organized by KSS teacher, Jordan Long. Many students took this opportunity to vote for the MLA candidate they believe should represent the Kelowna-Mission riding in Victoria.

This experience aimed to help students gain a deeper understanding of their local, regional, and provincial socio-political landscape. By engaging in this process, we hope to instill life-long voting habits and a strong sense of civic responsibility in our students.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Our Remembrance Day Assembly for students will be held on November 8th.

For the past few years we have made a slideshow of family members and/or friends of the KSS Community that have served for the KSS Remembrance Day Ceremony.

If you have a digital copy of a photo of a loved one that you would like to be added to the presentation this year please email it to Mr. Holly (ryan.holly@sd23.bc.ca), along with the name of the person(s), their rank if known, and their relations to KSS.

For example:



Upcoming dates . .

Oct 18-19	2024 KSS Sr Boys & Sr Girls Best of the West Volleyball Championship
Oct 25	NO SCHOOL — Pro-D Day
Oct 30	District Dual Credit Information Night
Nov 3	Daylight Saving Time (clocks go back 1 hour)
Nov 6	Quarter 1 ends
Nov 7	Quarter 2 begins
Nov 8	Remembrance Day Assembly (closed ceremony)
Nov 11	NO SCHOOL —Remembrance Day
Nov 12	KSS PAC Meeting in KSS Library (LLC) 6:30 p.m.
Nov 20-23	Night Owl Theatre
Nov 21	Cultural Performance
Nov 22	Student Written Learning Updates are published to MyEd Student Portal



Early Bird pricing ends Dec. 1!

Buy yours ASAP for **\$30.00**

(\$35 personalized)

Purchase online [HERE](#).



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors:

One bad grade doesn't define your future. What you do AFTER that grade matters the most.

KSS GRAD 2025

GRAD PHOTOS

Grads! Your grad photo sessions are now open for booking. Don't wait, book your spot today!
There is no sitting fee. Digital and printed packages are available for purchase through Artona.

Sign up using the QR code -



GRAD FEES

A commencement fee of \$75.00 has been attached to all grade 12 students in School Cash Online. This fee covers cap, gown and stole, rental & decoration of the venue and security. Fees are non-refundable.

This \$75.00 commencement fee, as well as any other fees, must be paid in order to purchase tickets to winter formal, grad banquet as well as to pick up grad gowns.

Fees are paid online at School Cash Online—[HERE](#).

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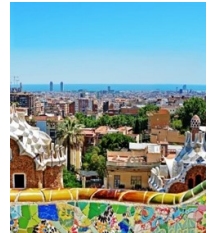
Are you interested in writing the SAT (Suite of Assessments) ? KSS is now a SAT testing centre and the following dates are still available: Nov 2, Dec 7, March 8, May 3, and June 7.

To sign up, register [HERE](#).



*Ready to trade classrooms for cathedrals?
Textbooks for tapas?*

Europe is calling!



Join us for the trip of a lifetime for Spring Break 2025 as we **travel to France and Spain!**

For more information and to enroll: drop by to see

Ms. Irvine in Room 284, visit: www.eftours.ca/2789312VX or scan the QR Code.



Limited spots available.



KSS BEST OF THE WEST VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2024 KSS Sr. Girls and Sr. Boys Best of the West Championship, sponsored by the Payton & Dillon Budd Memorial Fund, will be held on Friday, October 18th and Saturday, October 19th at the KSS Gym.

Come on down and cheer on our Owls—it is FREE!

For schedules and livestream please see the website [HERE](#).

KSS GAME TIMES:

Friday, October 18th

9am KSS Boys vs. Strathmore, Alberta

9am KSS Girls Black vs. Strathmore

10:20am KSS Girls vs. OLMP, Alberta

11:40am KSS Boys vs. Charles Best

11:40am KSS Girls Black vs. DP Todd

1pm KSS Girls vs. Earl Marriott

2:20pm KSS Boys vs. Duchess Park

3:40pm KSS Girls vs. Seaton

6:20pm KSS Girls Black vs. Beaumont Composite

Saturday, October 19th

9am – 12:30pm BOTW Quarterfinals

2pm & 3:10pm BOTW Semifinals

4:20pm BOTW Gold Medal Finals



GOOOOOOOOWLS !



KSS ATHLETICS

For updates, and Athletic calendar, see KSS Athletics on the KSS Website under "Students" top tab. [HERE](#) is a link.



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.schoolcashonline.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.



Bottle Drive

KSS Prom 2025

Collection Date:
2024-2025

Drop-off Locations:
Local Return-It Express Stations

- 680 Dease Road
- 1936 Kent Road
- 1314 St. Paul Street

USE CODE: 250-KSS-GRAD
(250-577-4723)

Simply bring your containers to the depot in sealed, **TRANSPARENT BLUE or CLEAR BAGS**, and enter the KSS grad class number at the Express kiosk. You will be prompted to select the number of bags you're dropping off, and the kiosk will automatically print stickers for each of your bags with the KSS Grad Express account code. Tag each of your bags with a sticker, and drop the bags off in the designated Express drop-off area to be counted and credited to our account.
(Note: a maximum of 12 glass bottles can be included in each bag.)

Questions?
Please email the Prom Committee:
ksspromcommittee@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting us with your donations!

**UPCOMING
POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION
REPRESENTATIVE VISITS TO KSS**

Date	PSI Name	Time	Location
Friday, November 1 st	Dalhousie University	11:30 – 12:30	MPR
Tuesday, November 19 th	University of Calgary	11:30 – 12:30	MPR

Dual Credit Information Night

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

STUDENTS AND PARENTS WELCOME!

Central Okanagan Public Schools is hosting a **Dual Credit Information Night** on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 6:00 pm at **Kelowna Secondary School**.

The purpose of this event is to showcase our Dual Credit Program options and provide an opportunity for students and parents to communicate directly with our post-secondary and industry training partners.

Please join us to discover the many benefits of a dual credit program, including tuition sponsorship and the ability for students to get a head start on a rewarding career.

AGENDA:

- 5:30 pm: Doors open to public to visit with post-secondary partners
- 6:00 pm: Dual Credit Presentation Overview - Bob Boback
- 6:20-7:00 pm: Parents and Students have an opportunity to talk with post-secondary partners to learn more
- 7:00 pm: End of Event



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to spend time with senior residents
visiting, playing games, doing crafts,
and going for walks
1 – 2 hours per week
Saturdays or Sundays
(flexible for other days during school holidays)

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

**For more information and an application package,
please visit the KSS Career Centre**

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

— Leo Buscaglia



NEED HELP WITH

MATH & SCIENCE?

COME TO
ROOM 284

TUESDAY MORNINGS 8-9AM

MS. DRESCHER CAN HELP!



How Can I Support You?



SCIENCE

MATH

JUST DROP IN!



Parents In The Know



A FREE 10-week online education and support program for parents of teens (ages 13-18) to enhance communication skills, resolve conflicts, and build positive relationships.

**STRENGTHEN THE CONNECTION
WITH YOUR TEEN!**

Enhance Communication Skills:

Learn effective ways to communicate with your teen, fostering understanding and openness.

Resolve Conflicts:

Discover strategies to address and resolve conflicts constructively, promoting a harmonious household.

Build Positive Relationships:

Develop a stronger, more positive relationship with your teen, creating a supportive and nurturing environment for their growth.

**JOIN US ONLINE
Wednesday's
6-8 p.m.**

REGISTER TODAY



CONTACT:
McKenzie McFarlane
250-718-2473
mmcfarlane@bgco.ca

LEFTOVER CANDY FUNDRAISER!

**KSS KEY CLUB IS FUNDRAISING FOR
THE FOOD BANK!**

**BRING YOUR LEFTOVER CANDY AND THE CANDY
YOU DON'T LIKE TO THE MPR ON MONDAY, NOV
4 AND TUESDAY NOV 5**



Student Volunteers Needed For FAMILY SUNDAYS at the Kelowna Art Gallery

1315 Water Street

Under the supervision of staff at the Kelowna Art Gallery, volunteers will assist with the activities provided each Sunday to children and families. Students should be interested in art and working with children and families.

9:30 am to 4:30 pm Sundays

(divided into two shifts, either morning or afternoon)



**PLACEMENTS WILL BE ONGOING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION PACKAGE,
PLEASE COME TO THE KSS CAREER CENTRE**