



Whoo's News



February 3, 2023

KSS Course Selection for 2023-24 will be taking place in the coming months. Please take some time to review course offerings at KSS in the [viewbook](#).

→ **Students should make sure that they have access to their MyED Portal!** Instructions are available [here](#) on the KSS website.

Grad Clothing

The first order of grad clothing is ready for pick-up at lunch in room 193.

The second grad clothing sale is open now until February 15. Once the sale ends on February 15, the items will go into production and will take approximately four weeks to arrive at KSS.

To order, click [HERE](#).



GRAD 2023

Please see *KSS Website, Parents, Grad Section* for details as they become available [HERE](#).

Proud for Prom

Proud for Prom is a local volunteer organization that helps students access formal wear if cost is an issue. They are holding a massive event for students across the Okanagan on Saturday, February 25 for grade 12 students. Students may sign up here [HERE](#).



For more information about Proud for Prom, please see their Facebook and Instagram.



HARMONY 23

February is a month of inclusion:

- ◆ Black History Month
- ◆ Harmony Day
- ◆ Human Rights Month
- ◆ National Inclusive Education Month
- ◆ Pink Shirt Day

Our unity is our strength, and our diversity is our power. We reject the myth of "us" vs. "them." We are in this together.

KAMALA HARRIS

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 9

February 14

February 14-28

February 15

February 16

February 17

February 20

Report Cards released digitally via MyEd Student Portal

PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Course selection

Harmony Day

Music Showcase 7:00 p.m.

No school—Pro-D Day

No school—Family Day

Please see *KSS Calendar on the website for the most updated information!*

Link [HERE](#).

MEDICAL ALERTS

Medical forms are required if your child has a potentially life-threatening medical alert.

Please contact the office for the appropriate forms or for further information.

Thank you for your support.



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on
Monday, January 30, 2023, at 7:00 am for 2023 - 2024 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 17, 2023**

[HERE](#) is the link to register.



**The School Bus Transportation Application for the
2023-2024 school year is now open!**

IMPORTANT

Although school bus transportation applications are accepted throughout the school year,
priority seating for the 2023–2024 school year is given to those applicants who have applied
before end of day on **May 31, 2023**

PLEASE REGISTER [HERE](#).



Central Okanagan
Public Schools
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Indigenous-Focused Course Graduation Requirement

Essential Information



In effect
for 2024
graduates.

COMMON QUESTIONS



Q: Are these courses recognized at post-secondary institutions?

A: Yes, the English and Social Studies options satisfy the BC Dogwood Diploma, and are recognized across Canada.



Q: Who will teach these courses?

A: Teachers who are trained to teach in the related content area, as exists in the K-12 system currently.



Q: Why is this being put in place now?

A: In October 2021, Government directed the Ministry of Education and Childcare as part of the commitments in the BC Tripartite Education Agreement.

The introduction of this graduation requirement is an important next step towards Truth & Reconciliation & supports the commitment to develop the "Educated Citizen."

WHAT IS REQUIRED?



Students graduating with a BC Dogwood Diploma will need to complete 4 credits of an Indigenous-focused course.

WHY IS THIS IN PLACE?



Develops understandings of cultures, histories, contexts and perspectives of Indigenous peoples of BC.



Part of the Framework for Reconciliation Action Plan in BC includes a commitment to implementing a course related to First Peoples as part of BC's graduation requirements.



Good to Know:

There is no increase to the number of graduation credits, which remain at 80.

Double Duty:



English First Peoples, Contemporary Indigenous Studies & BC First Peoples also satisfy **EITHER** the English Language Arts 12 **OR** Social Studies 12 requirement respectively (2 grad requirements at once).

Current Course Options:

- English First Peoples 10-12
- BC First Peoples 12
- Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12

Possible Future Courses:

Currently, there are locally developed courses being put forward for approval to fulfil this requirement. More info to come.

Contact your secondary school for more information, such as which courses are available at their location.



FAQ Guide



Calls to Action

KSS Indigenous Inquiry Project Launches

Elder Pamela Barnes and her daughter, Knowledge Keeper Jasmine Peone, alongside students from the KSS Indigenous Academy, celebrate the launch of the fundraiser for the KSS Indigenous Inquiry Project – An Outdoor Learning Space – at the Western Canada Basketball Tournament.

Elder Pamela and Elder Grouse worked with the KSS Advisory Group for Truth & Reconciliation to consult on the design for this project proposal. We sincerely thank them for their ongoing support and advice on this project.



KSS TRUTH & RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

DO YOU CARE ABOUT RECONCILIATION?

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT OUR SCHOOL?

IF SO, THIS TEAM MIGHT BE FOR YOU!

YOUR ROLE WILL INVOLVE:

- **PLANNING/ORGANISING TRUTH & RECONCILIATION INITIATIVES**
 - I.E TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WEEK, ETC.
- **MAKING MEANINGFUL DECISIONS**
- **LEADING PROJECTS & GAINING VOLUNTEER HOURS**
- **SHARING YOUR OPINIONS**



WANT TO APPLY?:

- 1) **SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW**
- 2) **ANSWER THE QUESTIONS & SUBMIT**



**** THE SELECTION COMMITTEE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION IN THE COMING WEEKS. IF YOU WOULD PREFER AN IN-PERSON INTERVIEW INSTEAD OF ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN WRITING, PLEASE LET US KNOW IN THE GOOGLE FORM. ****

**DEADLINE TO APPLY |
FEBRUARY 8, 2023**



SCAN THE QR CODE



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Welcome • Bienvenue

KSS Indigenous Inquiry Project



An outdoor
learning
space



The KSS Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee has created an Outdoor Classroom design that has been proposed for construction on our school field between the school and the basketball courts.

The purpose of the project is to bridge all students with the land, honour local Indigenous teachings, create a welcoming outdoor gathering space, and partner with people interested in being a part of Reconciliation.



This will be a space that emphasizes the use and celebration of Indigenous ways of knowing and being. Students involved have worked on designs to create a space that reflects values of respecting the land, learning outside, storytelling, and many cross-curricular initiatives. The space is also meant to be inclusive, accessible, welcoming, versatile, and safe.

For student
informational
video
scan QR code



For more information
and to donate
scan this QR code



Donations
can be made in person
by cash or cheque
at the KSS School Office
or
if you are a KSS parent
go to *School Cash Online*
click on *Make a Donation*
select fund destination of
KSS Indigenous Inquiry Project



Kelowna Secondary School Jazz and Vocal presents:

KSS MUSIC SHOWCASE 2023

**Thursday,
February 16,
7:00 pm**
Doors open at
6:30

Evangel Church
3261 Gordon Dr,
Kelowna

Tickets at the
door, from
students & school
cash online.
\$20 general
admission or \$10
for students



Featured guests:

Cory Weeds, Alto Sax
Champion Fulton, Piano & Voice

SUSTAINABLE

DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGE

GRAND FINALE

FEB 20
23
23
6-9
PM

Rotary Centre for the Arts

This live competition is sure to inspire as student-team finalists present their impactful projects and compete for funding to make their projects a reality!



*The evening is **FREE**, but space is limited.
Reserve your seat for the Grand Finale now!*
eventbrite.com/e/sustainable-development-challenge-finale-tickets-502075430127



EMPOWERING YOU **Building Resiliency**

Empowering YOU is a **FREE** 10-week program that provides mental health education to help youth develop skills that enable them to cope with challenges in life. The ultimate aim of Empowering YOU is to help youth aged 14 to 17 to manage stress, moments of anxiety, mood challenges, and relationship difficulties through self-awareness, coping strategies (e.g., mindfulness), connecting with nature and physical activity.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The goal of this program is to develop a sense of connection and belonging among participants in the 10-week program while learning about tools and techniques to manage their mental health. The program will run once a week for two hours. The first hour is dedicated to learning and information. During the second hour, youth engage in physical activity which gives them an opportunity to experience and practice the information and learning. The program builds largely on the work of Jill Rathus and Alec Miller (2015) and dialectical behaviour therapy (DBT) and more specifically their DBT Skills Manual for Adolescents.

Snacks are provided and participants will receive a \$100 credit towards recreational activities after the program.

We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Government of Canada and support of the Province of British Columbia.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The overarching guiding principle for Empowering You is to **create a safe space** by:

- ✓ Creating and supporting positive experiences and peer relationships.
- ✓ Ensuring programming is standardized, age-appropriate and builds on best practice.
- ✓ Incorporating and practicing emotional, physical and mental risk management.
- ✓ Practicing strength based and trauma informed approaches to facilitation

PARTICIPANTS

Empowering YOU is a program for youth, aged 14 to 17, including youth in care or aging out of care, to assist with managing stress, moments of anxiety, mood challenges and relationship difficulties.

WHERE AND WHEN

Parkinson Recreation Centre, Kelowna

Tuesdays 5:30-7:30pm, February 7 to April 11, 2023

SAFER SCHOOLS TOGETHER

[erase](#) is offering evening sessions for students in Grades 8-12 and their families that explores the topics of consent and gender-based violence. These sessions are led by expert trainers from Safer Schools Together. The session is titled, *Establishing Respectful Relationships and Consent in Our Communities – Student and Parent Session*, and is offered on four different occasions between February 2 and March 8, 2023. The trainers will discuss the current state in both the physical and digital landscape and will provide Parents/Caregivers tips and tools on how discuss these topics with their children. Please see the link below for further information and registration.

<https://blog.gov.bc.ca/ecc-dm-bulletin/audiences/safe-school-coord>

NATIONAL CALL FOR YOUTH LEADERS



MARCH
27 – 31, 2023

MAKE REAL CHANGE HAPPEN

HIP is in search of 50 youth ages 15 to 18 from across Canada to participate in this innovative program & National dialogue aimed at peacebuilding & creating sustainable environmental change.



LEARN MORE

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District 5350 Manitoba,
Saskatchewan,
Northern Ontario



CANADIAN MUSEUM FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAMILY SUNDAYS AT THE KELOWNA ART GALLERY

Students will work under the supervision of the staff at the Kelowna Art Gallery for the Family Sundays Art Program. The student 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. The timing will be from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm each Sunday.

Kelowna Art Gallery
1315 Water Street



PLACEMENTS WILL BE ONGOING
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN
APPLICATION PACKAGE, PLEASE COME TO
THE CAREER CENTRE

Student Volunteers Needed for Family Day Fun Capital News Centre | Feb. 20 | 1 - 4 p.m.

Featuring fun and games for the whole family including a Park
& Play bouncy castle, zorb soccer, active games and free skating!

Sign up in the KSS Career Center
Deadline to Apply is February 13

With financial support from the
Province of British Columbia



Jumpstart



Capital
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kelowna.ca/calendar

2023

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE AWARDS

**Planning to attend Okanagan College next fall?
You may be eligible for an entrance award.**

Students graduating from a secondary school within the Okanagan College region (Revelstoke to Princeton) entering Okanagan College in September 2023 may be eligible for the following awards.

- OKANAGAN COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS
- OKANAGAN COLLEGE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARDS
- OKANAGAN COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ENTRANCE AWARDS
- RICK AND YASMIN THORPE & FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIPS
- MCGILLIVRAY ENTRANCE AWARD FOR BUSINESS
- TONY SELLAR LEADERSHIP ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP
- JOHNSTONE MEMORIAL AWARDS
- OC PENTICTON CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

**APPLICATIONS OPEN
DECEMBER 1, 2022**

HOW TO APPLY:
Eligibility criteria and details about how to apply online are available by visiting okanagan.bc.ca/awards
APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Online Applications will be accepted until March 10, 2023. Students and school staff will have until March 17, 2023 to provide required documentation.

Questions? Contact awards@okanagan.bc.ca
or Toll Free in BC: 1-800-767-5492



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okanagan.bc.ca



 **Summer is closer than you think. And so is Montreal** 

Hello!

Admissions are underway for the UdeM Summer Immersion Program for youths aged 15 to 17. What can they expect? An unforgettable immersive experience with their peers from all around the world, all together on a charming North American-style campus in one of the best student cities in North America. Memories, smiles and knowledge guaranteed!

Places are flying.

Find your wings with the Summer Immersion Program.

For more information, please click [HERE](#).

Success Story!

Another one of our Pre-Employment students that has been successful in their placements is Aidan Frink. Aidan first worked for Avalon Event Rentals, and they provided him with a lot of experience setting up and taking down for various events. Avalon also hired Aidan from a volunteer position to a full-time employee over the summer of 2022.

Aidan is currently working for Laing Roofing Ltd and has a great attitude and willingness to learn. He is working as a full-time, paid employee for 5 weeks in their factory fabrication site, and then he will spend 5 weeks on the job site. This current position required him to be WHMIS certified as well as a lot of on the job safety and training. All these experiences have allowed him to grow as an individual and learn both at school and work.

Congratulations, Aidan!

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CANADIAN SPORT SCHOOL KELOWNA



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INFORMATION NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8
7:00 - 8:00 PM
VIA ZOOM



For more information and to register, visit
www.canadiansportschool.com
and click Info Night 2023

Available for student-athletes between grades 10-12
enrolled in an SD23 school.



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@CanSportSchool

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
Visit goheat.ca/camps

Get in the game this summer with UBCO Sport Camps!

Led by nationally recognized coaches and student athletes, UBCO Heat Sport Camps offer a fun-filled week of skill development. These camps are a great way to introduce youth ages 5 to 17 to a sport or help them improve their techniques. Camp programming includes golf, basketball, volleyball, biking and more.

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!