



École Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

April 4, 2025

MINISTRY ASSESSMENTS

Students graduating with a Dogwood Diploma in B.C. are required to complete Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 and Literacy 12 assessments (students completing a dual dogwood will also need to complete Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue seconde-immersion (LTF12)).

These are available to be written in Math 10 Classes and English 10 courses at scheduled times through the year.

Literacy 10 and 12 assessments will be written in class next week (April 7-11).

For students who have missed previous assessments, make up sessions are available on April 8th or 10th.

For inquiries, please contact Sandra Swart at:

sandra.swart@sd23.bc.ca

Upcoming dates . .

Apr 7-11	Ministry Assessment Week
Apr 7-11	Core Competencies
Apr 8	Health Nurse Wellness Clinics in Career Ctr AM
Apr 8	KSS PAC Meeting at KSS LLC 6:30 p.m.
Apr 14-17	Air Band
Apr 15 & 16	Post-Secondary Prep in LLC at lunch
Apr 15	Quarter 3 Ends
Apr 16	Quarter 4 Begins
Apr 18	Good Friday—NO SCHOOL
Apr 21	Easter Monday—NO SCHOOL.
Apr 22	Health Nurse Wellness Clinics in Career Ctr AM
May 2	Cultural Performances in the gym
May 2	Student Written Learning Updates are published to <u>MyEd Parent Portal</u> at 3:00 p.m.
May 13 & 27	Health Nurse Wellness Clinics in Career Ctr AM
May 16	PROM
May 19	Victoria Day—NO SCHOOL

MY ED PARENT PORTAL IS COMING !

We are pleased to announce that the MyEd Parent Portal is coming to KSS soon!

Parents will have access to Student Written Learning Updates, attendance, transcript information, etc.

Please watch for more information to come from the school email soon.

Okanagan College Advisor Sessions

Okanagan College Advisors are returning to KSS on **April 23rd and 24th** to KSS MPR to meet with students regarding any program or course planning questions they have. Advisors will be available from 9:45am until 11:45 am and drop in's at lunch.

They are here to help you make the most of your time at OC. Whether you plan to take a full credential, or a few transferable courses, your decision to come to school is a life-changing choice. Education Planning Advising is all about working together to create a plan that works for you. We'll go over program requirements, prerequisites, course options, and help you map out your academic path. We're here to guide you through college processes and ensure you have a clear plan for your time at OC.

Here are the links to the Booking tool for our visits to KSS: 15-minute time slots available.

Please visit the link below to book your appointment time.

Meetings are by appointment only!

Please sign up [HERE](#).



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors:

Don't compare yourself to people "ahead" of you. Instead, think of those looking up at you.



GRAD 2025



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

- ◇ Filled out the "Convocation Information" Form on the Grad Google Classroom
(this will be posted the week of April 7th)
- ◇ Returned any overdue library books or textbooks;
- ◇ Paid any outstanding student fees (including \$75.00 Grad Commencement Fee); and,
- ◇ Be in a calculable position to graduate.

PROMENADE & BANQUET

Promenade (Grad Walk), followed by Grad Banquet and Dance, is on **Friday, May 16, 2025.**

Prom tickets will be on sale April 28—May 2, in the MPR at lunch time, before school (8:00-9:00 a.m.) or after school (3:15-4:00 p.m.) in Room 147. Each ticket is **\$110 each** and will be sold in person only to Grade 12 students.

**** Students must not have any outstanding fees or books in order to purchase Prom tickets. ****

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



Promenade will begin at 5:30 p.m. sharp. **Grads must arrive** at The Dolphins downtown **by 5:00 p.m. to line up!** The walk will begin at The Dolphins and conclude at the pool entrance of The Delta Grand Hotel where the banquet and dance will take place. Prom banquet and dance is for Grade 12 students only. **Grads must show photo ID to enter The Grand.** More information is to come regarding table/seat selection.

CONVOCATION

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

Convocation is on **Saturday, June 7, 2025** at 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.**



Each student may receive **up to SIX tickets** and 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. Convocation will be livestreamed via link on the KSS Website (Grad tab) for those that are unable to attend. The Graduation Commencement Fee of \$75.00 was due on April 1st. Payment may still be made in School Cash Online.

OUTSTANDING FEES

The "**Outstanding Fees & Textbooks List**" is posted in the MPR and is sorted by PUPIL NUMBER. Please have your grade 12 student check this list and take care of any outstanding fees. Students will find their Pupil Number in their MyEd Student Portal.

Fees are paid via [School Cash Online](#).

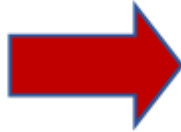
If you do not see a fee in School Cash Online, please check your History to see if it has already been paid.

Grade 12: Class of 2025

POST-SECONDARY PREPARATION

PSP #3

April 15&16th
11:30 am
KSS LIBRARY



- ✓ Post-secondary calendar
- ✓ Updates & deposits
- ✓ Course planning
- ✓ Course registration

Montana's BBQ & Bar

Fundraiser!

Grad 2025 Event



2 Dates!

April 15th
April 22nd

5pm till close

Montana's
400-1500 Banks Rd, Kelowna

Prom gets 15% of sales!



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.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

At KSS, in-class attendance is expected. ***Notes are not accepted to excuse absences, sign out or leave early.***

Parents/Guardians are required to **report absences, lates and early departures**
using **School Messenger - Safe Arrival Absence Reporting system.**

Please do not call the main office.

School Messenger may be accessed three ways:

- (1) Enter an Absence Using the **School Messenger App** (most user friendly).
- (2) Enter an Absence Using the Online Parent Portal: go.schoolmessenger.ca.
- (3) Enter an Absence by Calling the School—250-870-5105, press "1" and follow the prompts.



LATE

Students that are **more than 30 minutes late** for class must check in at the office.

The office will timestamp the student's arrival. Once the student makes their way to their classroom, the teacher will change the Absence to a Late.

If this is an excused late, parents may report this in School Messenger Safe Arrival. If a parent has an enquiry regarding an absent/late, they are to contact the classroom teacher.

EARLY DEPARTURE

Parents are required to report early departures into School Messenger Safe Arrival. Once reported, the teacher will see this in MyEd and release the student at the reported dismissal time. If there is no excused absence in MyEd, the student will be sent to the office for follow-up. This may delay student dismissal as the office obtains parental approval. If no parental approval is obtained, the student will be sent back to class.

TEAM ATTENDANCE

Coaches will report their team absences to the office. It is not necessary for parents to report as well.

Students are expected to have a "Student Authorized Absence Form" filled out by their teachers for classes they will miss and show this form to their coach. Students keep this form as their homework is listed here.

Thank you for utilizing School Messenger and helping us keep all students safe and accounted for.



High School 6-Week Track & Field Program!

Get ready for the 2025 High School Championships with OAC!

Who: Grades 8-12 Students

What: 6 weeks of track and field training

When: Starts April

Why: Train with expert coaches, improve your skills, and compete at your best!

Visit: www.okac.ca to Sign up @okanaganathletics

Questions? Email Karen: manager@okac.ca | 250-862-6039



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.

