



KSS PAC

The next PAC Meeting is

Tuesday, May 14 at KSS Library

Tuesday, May 14th is the Annual General Meeting and the election of the 2024-2025 PAC. This meeting will be held in person at KSS LLC (Library) at 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome to attend - we hope to see you there!

Upcoming Dates . .

Apr 30	Grad Council hosts "T-shirt Night"
May 2	University of Calgary PSI Visit (MPR)
May 2	Student Written Learning Updates published in MyEd Student Portal
May 2	Grade 11 Movie Night
May 6-10	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 9	Cultural Performance
May 14	KSS PAC Meeting & AGM in KSS Library
May 16	Moose Hide Campaign
May 17	Grad Walk & Prom
May 20	Victoria Day—NO SCHOOL
May 23	Jazz at The Laurel
May 27-Jun 1	Student Written Fringe Plays
May 29	Early Dismissal at 12:30
May 29	Capstone
June 1	St. Michael's Choir Concert
June 3&4	KSS Music Year-end Concerts
June 8	Convocation at KSS Gym
June 10-14	Ministry Assessment Week
June 13	Indigenous Graduation at KSS Gym

GRAD 2024



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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.

PROM TICKETS

Prom tickets will be on sale between May 1—3 at lunch in person in the MPR. Each ticket is \$110 each. Ticket sales will NOT be online. Students may pay cash, debit or credit during times above.

Students must not have any outstanding fees or books in order to purchase Prom tickets. "[Outstanding Fees & Textbook List](#)".

GRAD GOWNS

Grad cap, gown and stole will be distributed at the end of May. At that time, students may pick up their 6 guest tickets for Convocation. If additional tickets are required, they may be requested at this time.

FEES

All fees may be 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. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact your Alpha VP to discuss.

Please listen for announcements and check your Grad Google Classroom for updates!



Emma Pinkerton - Female Augie Ciancone winner

Nash Semeniuk - Male Augie Ciancone winner

KELOWNA CIVIC AWARD WINNERS

***Congratulations to the
following KSS students!***

Congratulations!



3A Boys Volleyball Team who won **Team of the Year** in Kelowna



Tor Broughton - **Young Citizen of the Year**,
and former KSS Student.

Pictured with Loyal Woodridge

2024 KSS Football Registration

FOOTBALL REGISTRATION HAS STARTED! KSS students who are currently in Grade 10 and Grade 11 and are interested in playing football for the 2024 season and participating in our spring camp in June 2024, please review and fill out the 2024 KSS Football Registration Form. Important dates are included in the registration package.

Please see the "Football" section of KSS Website for the registration package. Link is [HERE](#).

Any questions can be directed to Mr. C. Cartwright (Teacher Sponsor) - chris.cartwright@sd23.bc.ca.

GO OWLS!



Photo Credit: April Anderson / A-Game Photography

OREGON RELAYS WIN



Elise Drake threw an all time best throw to earn KSS a first place finish at the Oregon Relays in Eugene, Oregon. She dominated the girls hammer throw competition with a 54.40 meter throw. That mark puts Elise firmly on the top of the U20 Canadian rankings and is now only 3 metres off of qualifying for the U20 World Championships this summer in Peru! There is still a lot of the season left to make it happen.

Congratulations, Elise!

Kelowna Fire Department Bootcamp – April 24th

Ninety Grade 9-12 students were *blasted* by heat once again during the finale burn of the Fire Department Bootcamp! Students were surprised to see how quickly the simulated living room became engulfed in flames and the prompt action of the Kelowna Fire Department new recruits to extinguish it.



Throughout the day, students participated in multiple stations including ladder climbing, hose carrying, fire extinguishing and dispatch that allowed students to get an up-close look at the trucks and the equipment while also experiencing the physical side of the job.

Career-Life Programs appreciates the partnership with the City of Kelowna for opening its doors to the Kelowna Fire Department, so that our students were able to better inform their career options with such a hands-on day.



Nominations open for KSS PAC Executive for the 2024-25 school year

A new KSS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) executive will be elected for the 2024-25 school year at the [AGM on May 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the KSS library.](#)

All parents/guardians of current grade 10 and 11 KSS students, and those with students coming into grade 10 in September 2024, are: automatically members of the KSS PAC; invited to the AGM; and encouraged to consider letting your name stand for a PAC role.

Although some existing PAC executive members are letting their name stand again, there are also vacancies. (See below) *KSS is required to have a PAC executive to continue receiving BC Gaming Grant Funding of over \$30,000 annually. These funds, administered by PAC, help fund KSS extracurriculars – from class field trips to new drums for the band, to new sports uniforms and more.*

Electing the new PAC in May allows transition time before the end of this school year. All positions are one-year terms. More information on the roles is available in the PAC Constitution [HERE](#).

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please email KSSPACPresident@sd23.bc.ca. If we receive more nominations than positions, that would be a great position for this PAC to be in! We are also happy to answer any questions. There can also be nominations from the floor at the AGM.

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 May 14!***

KSS PAC Executive Committee 2024-25 (roles and nomination status):

Chair or Co-chairs – Open (*One of this year's co-chair is letting her name stand, but ONLY if there is another co-chair.*) (This is a position that must be filled.)

Treasurer – Open for nominees. (This is a position that must be filled.)

Secretary – One potential nominee (This is a position that must be filled.)

Academic Chair – (1 nominee)

Athletic Chair – Open for nominees

Fine Arts Chair – (1 nominee)

Indigenous Chair – Open for nominees

Technical Education Chair – (1 nominee)

Student Support Chair – (1 nominee)

COPAC Representative(s) – (1 nominee)





National Day of Mourning – April 28, 2024

The Board of Education declared April 28, 2024 as a Day of Mourning in Central Okanagan Public Schools. The School Board Office and Operations will be flying their flags at half-mast on Friday, April 26th through to Monday, April 29th to honour those workers who have been hurt or who have lost their lives in the course of performing their duties.



Host Families Needed!

International students enrich our schools and our homes.

You could be the best part of their stay in Canada.

Apply today and become a memorable part of an international student experience.

Host family compensation is \$1,100/month.

Email homestay@sd23.bc.ca or call 250-470-3258 to learn more.



Central Okanagan Public Schools
Together We Learn



Student Santiago with Host Parents Sue & Roy Morgan

"We love being part of the interaction with the students and learning so much about their culture."

"What we love most about having an international student in our home is being part of a student experiencing Canada for the first time."



Student Gabriel with Host Parents Linda & Travis Matt



PAC SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY FUNDRAISER

DIRECT DONATION OPPORTUNITY

Each year the KSS PAC aims to provide 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.

Since gaming funds are no longer allowed to be used for bursaries and scholarships, PAC will continue on-going online fundraising. Please consider donating! Any amount, no matter how large or small, makes a difference.

Any excess funds raised beyond the goal will be held in a PAC scholarship account for future years!

HOW TO DONATE

We will be using the School District donation option for our Bursary & Scholarship Fund. It allows us to keep all of the money that you donate, rather than having to pay platform fees, as well as gives you a tax receipt! (Subject to a minimum donation of \$20.00)

Steps:

1. Head over to www.schoolcashonline.com and sign in using your log in details that you pay your school fees with.
2. Click **Make a Donation** to open the donation form.
3. Under Gift Information you can choose the amount you wish to donate.
4. In the "Fund Destination" choose **Kelowna Secondary School**
5. In the message box write **KSS PAC Bursary/Scholarship donation (This is Important to ensure donations are received by the PAC)**
6. **Add to cart** to go to the payment page 😊

Give To Central Okanagan School District

Gift Information

I would like to make a donation of: ☐ \$20 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1000 Other Amount:

Fund Destination:

Tribute Information

This gift is: Name of honoree:

Message to School Board

Message (Optional):

Tax Receipt

A donation receipt will be emailed to you upon completion of your cart checkout.

SMS Text Opt-In

Take Advantage of our Text Messaging Services

Our School District utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile device, for important information about events, reminders, school closures, safety alerts and more!

You can participate just by sending a text message **"Y"** or **"Yes"** to **978338**.

You can also opt out of these messages by simply replying to one of our messages with **"Stop"**

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the student Privacy Pledge so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone

