



# Whoo's News



April 22, 2022

## KSS Back Together

*Connection - Compassion - United*

After over two years of Covid 19 protocols, we have seen a lot of stress and fatigue that have highlighted challenging and divisive aspects of our society. Masks, social distancing, decrease in group sizes, increases in online activity, and less face to face interaction have had their impact on all of us. With a reduction of Covid 19 protocols, we have an opportunity to reconnect, reunite, and remember the value that each community member brings. We have an opportunity to hit the reset button on compassion in our community.

KSS is a wonderfully diverse community of unique families and individuals; treating each other with care and respect is paramount to our core school values. We want every member of our community to feel seen, safe, valued, and included. As we get "back together" at KSS with larger gatherings, optional masks, and the return of larger events, we are working hard to support our students, staff, families, and community partners to remember that we are all connected. The process of getting back together is ongoing and we need your help with it.

We are asking students, families, staff, and community members to review the *statement of purpose* from our [KSS Code of Conduct](#):

*Kelowna Secondary School takes pride in providing a high-quality education program within a safe and caring environment. In order to ensure that we provide a productive and safe environment for all students and staff we have a code of conduct to:*

- *Provide a foundation for the development and maintenance of a safe, caring and orderly environment for school members;*
- *Strike an appropriate balance among individual and collective rights, freedoms, and responsibilities;*
- *Outline and clarify expectations for students while at school, going to and from school, and at any school function or activity at any location.*

*KSS promotes the values expressed in the [BC Human Rights Code](#) respecting the rights of all individuals in accordance with the law – prohibiting discrimination based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, physical and mental disability, gender identity and gender expression, sex or sexual orientation – In respect of discriminatory publication and discrimination in accommodation, service, and facility in the school environment.*

As Owls, we all take our part in being respectful of individual differences. We look forward to learning how to interact and be responsible individually, in group settings, and in online platforms together.



*"Once an Owl, Always an Owl"*

**WE ARE  
ONE  
TEAM!**  
and we  
rock!! :-)

Grads, it is time to begin the selection process for our **2022 valedictorian(s)**!  
There will be an information meeting at lunch on  
Tuesday, April 26 in room 193, beginning at 11:50 a.m. sharp.  
**It is expected that any graduates intending to run will attend this meeting.**

### UPCOMING DATES:

April 19 - 22: **KSS Airband 2022** (every lunch hour). **Finals on Friday, April 22 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

April 22: Quarter 3 Ends

**all tickets purchased in advance**

April 25: Quarter 4 Begins

April 27: Numeracy and Literacy Assessments for Grades 10 and 12 students (no regular classes - see above)

*Students in Grades 10, 11 & 12 who are not required to write are welcome to attend that day but will be directed to supervised classrooms for independent study. Regular instruction for these grades will be suspended.*

April 25-29: Ministry of Education Numeracy and Literacy Assessments for all Grades.





... that PAC meetings are one of the best ways for parents to find out what is happening at KSS? The KSS PAC Annual General Meeting is Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 pm. It is our last meeting of the school year. We will be meeting in person in the KSS library at 6:30pm and by Zoom, for anyone wishing to attend remotely. We will be holding elections for all PAC Executive Committee positions. For a list of positions, please see the PAC page on the KSS website.

All positions are open for nominations and are for a one-year term. All parents and guardians of current KSS students are voting members of the PAC and eligible to hold an executive position. For more information or to make a nomination, please email [kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca). We hope to see you on the 10th!!

Dear KSS Families,

In January of this year, our Ministry's Graduation Literacy and Numeracy Assessments for Grades 10s and Graduation Literacy Assessment for Grade 12s were cancelled. These assessments are required for students to graduate.

To ensure all students in Grades 10 and 12 write these assessments and have an opportunity to rewrite in June should they choose to, all of our District's high schools will be conducting a **Graduation Assessment Writing Day on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. On that day **Grade 10-12 classes will be cancelled** to facilitate all students writing on the same day and ensuring staff are available to invigilate these assessments.

Students in Grades 10, 11 & 12 who are not required to write are welcome to attend that day but will be directed to supervised classrooms for independent study. Regular instruction for these grades will be suspended.

Busses will run as usual on this day to facilitate transportation for all students.

Thank you for your understanding of this adjustment to our schedule as we work to provide the optimum opportunities for success for our students.

*Prom 2022*



The grad parent committee and KSS staff are excited to announce our **prom plans for the 2022 grad class!** Our traditional promenade will be held on May 20 beginning at the Dolphins statue at Waterfront Park at 6:00 p.m. Graduates will be led on a promenade where families, friends, and spectators are welcome to gather and watch. The promenade will end at Stuart Park where our prom festivities will take place. **While anyone can participate in the promenade, the evening event is for KSS grade 12 students only. Due to the size of our graduating class we cannot accommodate outside attendees.**



The prom festivities will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a selection of local food trucks, a DJ, a roaming photographer and photobooth and will end at 10:00 p.m. Please arrange to pick up your graduate no later than 10:00 p.m. **For costs and specific information [Please see the attached letter.](#)**

**This is a school-sanctioned event, therefore the KSS Code of Conduct will be in effect at all times.**



## 2022 KSS Grad Information

As the end of the school year approaches, the time has come to discuss traditional school-sanctioned events, including the Grad Walk, Prom (Dinner and Dance), and Convocation Ceremonies. We know that these are graduation milestones for which our students and families have been eagerly awaiting.



Due to the ever-changing Provincial Health restrictions regarding the group size that can gather indoors versus the size of our graduating class, we have had to make some decisions in order to move ahead with our planning for our Convocation Ceremony (Stage Crossing). The only facility in town that can safely accommodate our Grad Class members, their families, and our staff will not be available this year as it is undergoing renovations and will be unavailable until at least the end of July. This is the only facility in our area that can accommodate the size of our class and those of the other larger secondary schools in our district.

After speaking with our Grads about their needs and wishes, KSS will be again hosting our Graduation Stage Crossing on the weekend of **June 4-5 in our gymnasium**. Graduates will have the option to sign up with their friends and will be allowed to have 6 guests view their recorded stage crossing. Please be aware, that the number of guests may need to change if any new Public Health orders come into effect. There are no vaccination restrictions for graduates or their guests.

Sign-up will occur in April and will be advertised in the Whoo's News, on the KSS website, and on the Grad 2022 Google Classroom. As in 2020 and 2021, we have hired a professional film production company to record the graduates' stage crossing. The production will be released on YouTube for all extended family members and loved ones to view on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and will include the graduates' stage crossing, traditional speeches, and awards. All stage recordings must be completed on June 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>, after which the staging and video company will be unavailable.

A \$75 Graduation Fee has been added to your Graduate's student account and is due prior to April 2, 2022. These fees cover:

5"X7" grad photo  
Keepsake folder  
Keepsake cap, gown and stole

Decorations of the Grad Venue  
Security  
Professionally produced online video



**In order to participate in the 2022 ceremony, students must have returned any overdue library or textbooks and paid any outstanding student fees no later than Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (or made payment plan arrangements with your alpha Vice-Principal.)**

A keeper souvenir cap, gown, and stole are on order and are set for distribution on **May 30<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> during block 3-4 in the MPR room (9:00 – 11:00 am)**. We will be calling down Grade 12 classes to the MPR to minimize disruption. Students on spares at this time must come in during these times and pick up these items.

In order to collect these times, the students must

Be in a calculable position to graduate. Any students who are not meeting graduation requirements will be directed to their school counsellors and may not proceed.

Returned any outstanding library or textbooks and paid all student fees including the \$75 Grad Fee. If this poses a problem, parents/guardians must set up a payment plan with their alpha Vice-Principal.

In early May, our counselors will be visiting Grade 12 classrooms to collect the Grad Information Sheet that will be read out loud as our graduates cross the stage.

**The KSS Grad 2022 Formal Promenade at Waterfront Park is booked for May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

[Please follow this link to see all the details!!](#)



There is a volunteer Grad Parent committee that has taken on the task of organizing the 2022 KSS Prom and we thank them for all their hard work!



SATURDAY APRIL 30 | 7:30 PM

**CORAZÓN**  
YOUTH CHOIR  
NELSON BC



**KOKOPELLI**  
YOUTH CHOIR  
EDMONTON AB



**VANCOUVER**  
YOUTH CHOIR  
VANCOUVER BC



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
4091 Lakeshore Rd, Kelowna

FEAT. KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL CHOIR  
WITH SPECIAL GUESTS COREY PAYETTE AND  
DR. SHIREEN ABU-KHADER

The public performance will be on Saturday, April 30th at First Lutheran Church, Kelowna, 7:30 p.m.

Here is the ticket link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/together-tickets-305190311437> Masks are requested

Three amazing and award winning youth choirs are travelling to Kelowna April 28-May1, to sing with each other, to work with local school choirs, and to put on a public performance. This will be one concert that you definitely don't want to miss! It involves Vancouver Youth Choir (Vancouver), Kokopelli Youth Choir (Edmonton), Corazón Youth Choir (Nelson), and will also feature the Kelowna Secondary School Choir.

## program information sessions

Connect with professors, students, and staff. Take a deep dive into specific programs and learn more about being a student at Okanagan College.

### Tuesday, May 3 – Trades Night

Let's talk Trades! Entry-level programs, the apprenticeship system, financial incentives for tradespeople, and an overview of foundation programs. Participants will have the opportunity to view simulations and tour the trade shops. Come explore the options available to you. Whether you are seeking Red Seal certification or one-time specialty industry training, education at OC sets you up for a successful career!

Location: Kelowna Campus | 1000 KLO Road | Trade Building

### Thursday, May 5 – Health and Social Development Night

Meet the needs of families and communities in a meaningful way with a career in care or social development. Hands-on programs prepare students for careers in a variety of settings, including hospital and community nursing, long-term care, home care, social services, non-profit societies, children's daycares and more. This night will provide you with the opportunity to meet instructors and delve into different program areas.

Location: Kelowna Campus | 1000 KLO Road | HS Building

### Tuesday, May 10 – Arts Night

Studying Arts is to study the world. Attend one of our discussion panels with OC Arts faculty exploring critical issues facing the world today: climate change, politics, colonialism, class, gender, creativity and individuality.

No matter what matters most to you, or what kind of student you are, Arts can help you get where you want to go.

The new Applied Bachelor of Arts: Community Research and Evaluation Degree prepares you for meaningful careers in a variety of sectors including government and non-profits. Or if you are looking for a different credential, complete two years of university studies with the Associate of Arts Degree or a diploma program and transfer to third year at another institution.

Location: Kelowna Campus | 1000 KLO Road | E Building

### Wednesday, May 11 – Business and Office Administration Night

Did you know: 97 per cent of Okanagan College Business graduates are employed within six months of graduation? Learn about the advantages of completing your business degree, diploma or certificate at OC. Specialize your learning with a variety of options and learn how that can lead to different types of jobs, studying abroad and co-op opportunities.

Location: Kelowna Campus | 1000 KLO Road | E Building

### Tuesday, May 17 – Science and Engineering Technologies Night

STEM fields of study are growing in demand – learn about the countless opportunities available for careers in Science and Engineering Technologies. Study the physical and material world through experiments and hands-on learning in OC's Associate of Science Degree or diploma programs. Learn about the need for engineering technologists in a variety of fields.

Location: Kelowna Campus | 1000 KLO Road | E & C Building

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Kelowna Campus | 1000 KLO Road

### Additional details:

- Apply for admission at the events for free.
- Free parking, snacks and refreshments.
- Learn about OC's Indigenous Services, Financial Aid and Awards and how Accessibility Services can support you through your academic life.
- Parents and friends welcome.

[okanagan.bc.ca/infosessions](https://okanagan.bc.ca/infosessions)



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|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Days in session                                           | <b>2022 / 2023 School Calendar</b> | 189<br>(3 summer Pro Days August 29, 30, 31) |
| Number of days of instruction                             |                                    | 182                                          |
| Number of non-instructional days                          |                                    | 7                                            |
| Schools open                                              |                                    | Tuesday, September 6                         |
| National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (schools closed) |                                    | Friday, September 30                         |
| Administrative Implementation Day                         |                                    | Friday, October 7                            |
| Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)                         |                                    | Monday, October 10                           |
| Teacher Professional Day                                  |                                    | Friday, October 21                           |
| Remembrance Day (schools closed)                          |                                    | Friday, November 11                          |
| Winter vacation period (schools closed)                   |                                    | Monday, December 19 – Monday, January 2      |
| In lieu of New Year's Day January 1 (schools closed)      |                                    | Monday, January 2                            |
| Schools reopen after Winter vacation                      |                                    | Tuesday, January 3                           |
| Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)   |                                    | Friday, February 17                          |
| Family Day                                                |                                    | Monday, February 20                          |
| Spring vacation period (schools closed)                   |                                    | Monday, March 20 – Friday, March 31          |
| Schools reopen after Spring vacation                      |                                    | Monday, April 3                              |
| Good Friday (schools closed)                              |                                    | Friday, April 7                              |
| Easter Monday (schools closed)                            |                                    | Monday, April 10                             |
| Victoria Day (schools closed)                             |                                    | Monday, May 22                               |
| Administrative Day (students do not attend)               |                                    | Friday, June 30                              |



**BCCSA**  
BC Construction Safety Alliance

## SiteReadyBC

ONLINE CONSTRUCTION SAFETY ORIENTATION

### SITEREADYBC PROGRAM

This is a brand-new introductory construction safety training course created by the BC Construction Safety Alliance (BCCSA). The program will focus on BC safety regulations but is being built so it can be adapted for use across Canada.

This online training program replaces the popular Construction Safety Training System (CSTS-09) we previously offered, which close to 75,000 BC construction workers have completed. For many BC employers, a SiteReadyBC certificate will become mandatory for all new employees upon first entering a construction site.

Successful students will receive certificates to both the SiteReadyBC program and WHMIS-2015.

#### PART 1

- 1 Legislation
- 2 Rights & Responsibilities
- 3 Hazard Management
- 4 Workplace Conduct
- 5 Inspections, Accident Reporting, Investigations

#### PART 3

- 11 Manual Lifting
- 12 Tools, Machinery, Equipment
- 13 Mobile Equipment
- 14 Electrical Safety
- 15 Ladders & Scaffolds

#### PART 2

- 6 Emergency Preparedness
- 7 Workplace General Conditions
- 8 Personal Protective Equipment
- 9 Noise
- 10 WHMIS

#### PART 4

- 16 Demolition
- 17 Working at Heights
- 18 Excavation & Trenching
- 19 Cranes, Hoists, Rigging
- 20 Confined Spaces



*Making Safety Simpler*  
[www.bccsa.ca](http://www.bccsa.ca)

### Student Volunteers needed!

Visit the Career/Counselling Centre  
for more information.

**SIXTH ANNUAL**

Saturday, May 28, 2022  
9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (for truck is full)  
RDCC Parking Lot - 1450 KLO Road

**By Donation**  
(suggested min \$5 per box / strongly suggest a 3 box limit per household).  
Receipts issued for donations over \$20.

Please contact Okanagan Paper Shredding for larger volumes:  
[service@okanaganshredding.ca](mailto:service@okanaganshredding.ca)

\*We ask that you keep your boxes



**COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT**

**OKANAGAN PAPER SHREDDING**  
Regional District of Central Okanagan

## Okanagan Wellness & Asian Cultural Fair



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR  
OUR EVENT SCHEDULED TO  
BE HELD ON

GET INVOLVED TO  
BENEFIT THE KGH  
FOUNDATION

**MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE!**

**MAY 28, 2022 11-5pm**

**West Kelowna, BC**

[ktcs.event@gmail.com](mailto:ktcs.event@gmail.com)

<https://ktcs.ca/okanagan-sleep-wellness-fair-2022>

**WHO: YOUTH (AGES 12-17)**  
**WHEN: THURS @5:30PM**  
**WHERE: @FOUNDRY**  
**1815 KIRSCHNER RD**

**CALL 236.420.2803 TO REGISTER**

# Spring Into Conversation

APRIL 7 - ANGER MANAGEMENT: LEAF YOUR ANGER AT THE DOOR

APRIL 14 - WHAT'S THE BUZZ ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH?

APRIL 21 - COME OUT OF HIBERNATION: A LESSON IN COMMUNICATION

APRIL 28 - PEDAL PAST YOUR ANXIETY





## Volunteers Wanted!

# KELOWNA CAR & BIKE SHOW

**MAY 29, 2022**  
**EVENT TIME: 11AM-4PM**  
**175 GRAY RD KELOWNA**  
**VISIT: KELOWNACARANDBIKESHOW.CA**  
**TO REGISTER**

# NEXT STEPS FOR UVIC APPLICANTS

## FROM HIGH SCHOOLS IN CANADA 2022

Thanks for applying to Canada's top comprehensive university—the University of Victoria! This is your chance to study at a globally recognized research university, get hands-on experience, and live and learn in our extraordinary environment. Use this checklist to keep track of the next steps to becoming part of the UVic community. If you have any questions, email us at [recruitment@uvic.ca](mailto:recruitment@uvic.ca). We hope to see you in September!

### Create a Netlink ID

Once you've applied, create your Netlink ID at [uvic.ca/netlink](http://uvic.ca/netlink). This will become your @uvic.ca email address while you're a student. You'll also use your Netlink ID to access the UVic student portal where you'll self-report your grades, apply for scholarships and register for your courses.

### Submit supplemental information

Prepare your supplemental information (if required) and submit it by your program's supplemental application deadline. This is usually January 31 or earlier. You can find these requirements and deadline on your program's page at [uvic.ca/programs](http://uvic.ca/programs).

### Submit proof of English language proficiency

If your first language isn't English, submit proof of English language proficiency by February 28 or the deadline indicated in your application checklist. [uvic.ca/enpr](http://uvic.ca/enpr)

### Self-report your grades between February 15 and March 15

Self-report your interim grades or predicted IB scores via the link in the checklist in the UVic application portal. [uvic.ca/application](http://uvic.ca/application)  
By self-reporting your grades, you will be automatically considered for entrance scholarships based solely on your calculated admission average. You must self-report your grades to be considered for admission or scholarships at UVic.

### Apply for on-campus housing between February 7 and May 1

Hoping to live on campus? Apply between February 7 and May 1 at [uvic.ca/residence](http://uvic.ca/residence).

### Apply for specific-criteria application awards

You can apply for specific-criteria application awards (based on grades and merit) as of February 15. You can apply before you've received an admission offer, but make sure to submit your application before the deadline of April 30. [uvic.ca/entrancescholarships](http://uvic.ca/entrancescholarships)

### Accept your offer!

We'll send your offer of admission by email. Be sure to read all information carefully and pay the acceptance deposit by the deadline specified in your offer. Doing so will reserve your seat at UVic and enable you to register for classes. [uvic.ca/admitted](http://uvic.ca/admitted)

### Apply for a study permit, if required

If you're not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, apply for your study permit as early as possible to allow for processing time. You can apply for your permit at [canada.ca/immigration](http://canada.ca/immigration). You must pay your acceptance deposit before you can receive a study permit letter from UVic. [uvic.ca/admitted](http://uvic.ca/admitted)

### Register for courses

Watch your email between late May and early June for registration information including when to log in to find out your registration date and time.

### Send final grades to UVic

Send your final official grades plus any other requested documents by the deadline listed in the UVic application portal. [uvic.ca/final-grades](http://uvic.ca/final-grades)



# DISCOVER YOUR PITCH

Pitch your business. Win money.

An exclusive virtual investor pitch competition for B.C. students in grades 10-12.

- April 2022 workshops
- May 2022 pitch practices & provincial finals

Prerequisite: JA Be Entrepreneurial or Company Program

Free of Charge

**ENROLL NOW**

Visit [jabc.ca/dyp](http://jabc.ca/dyp) or contact

[Jesslyn.Smith@jabc.org](mailto:Jesslyn.Smith@jabc.org)



## A parent's/guardian's guide to the cancellation of the French Immersion 12 Assessment for the 2021/22 School year (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12<sup>e</sup> année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12))

### Background and what occurred

British Columbia's French Immersion programme allows students to earn dual diplomas, receiving both a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique. In order to graduate with both diplomas (often referred to as Dual Dogwoods), French Immersion students must meet specific course requirements, and also write provincial assessments in Literacy 10 and 12 (English), Numeracy 10 (English or French), and l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12<sup>e</sup> année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12). The LTF12 assessment has two distinct components: an oral component and a written component. The oral and written components are administered at different times. The French Immersion Literacy 12 assessment (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12<sup>e</sup> année – Français langue seconde – immersion) was scheduled for first administration in January 2022.

Over the past few months, grade 10 and 12 provincial assessments have been impacted significantly by work force capacity issues and the ability to address technical issues within the electronic assessment system. The capacity issues for the Ministry and e-assessment service provider teams have been exacerbated as of late by COVID-19 Omicron variant. Due to these ongoing impacts, the Ministry made the difficult decision to cancel the January administration of all grade 10 and 12 provincial graduation assessments. Approximately 1000 French Immersion students took the oral component of LTF12 in the four days before the January session was cancelled. No students have taken the written component, which was canceled along with all other assessments.

A decision was subsequently made to maintain the April 2022 and June 2022 sessions for all graduation assessments except for l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12<sup>e</sup> année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12).

### Why is the LTF12 Assessment cancelled for 2021/22?

The decision of when to provide courses taught in French for French Immersion students is scheduled at the school level, and in many cases all courses in French are completed in the first semester of the grade 12 year, or occasionally even in grade 11. As many French Immersion students do not have the opportunity to use French beyond their courses, it is of most benefit to students that they take the LTF12 assessment as soon after completing all their French courses as possible. In addition, if students are not currently taking any courses in French, they do not have access to teacher support in preparing for the LTF12 assessment.

Due to the language loss concern for those who have completed all their French language courses by January (which is approximately 59% of all French Immersion students), the Ministry of Education does not expect this group to write LTF12 in any further sessions offered in the 2021/22 school year. Requiring some students to write the assessments and not others based on when courses are offered would create inequity and therefore, in fairness to all students, the decision has been made to cancel LTF12 for this school year and to provide all Grade 12 French Immersion students in 2021/22 with an exemption for this assessment.

The Ministry recognizes the hard work French Immersion students put into their course of study and that the cancellation of the LTF12 assessment for this school year is not ideal. As well, those students who completed the oral component prior to the January cancellation may feel that their efforts are not valued. However, after discussion with various groups, including Principals and Vice Principals and French Immersion teachers, it was

decided that providing an exemption for all students was the best solution, providing the greatest fairness to students.

**All students who successfully complete their graduation requirements (other than LTF12) will receive Dual Dogwoods.**

With the decision to cancel l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12<sup>e</sup> année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12) for the 2021/22 school year, all students who successfully complete their graduation requirements (both course work and graduation assessments other than LTF12) this school year will be granted the Dual Dogwoods.

### What Assessments do French Immersion Students require in 2021/22?

Along with their course requirements, French Immersion students must complete the following graduation assessments:

- Literacy 10 (English)
- Numeracy 10 (English) or l'Évaluation de numératie de la 10<sup>e</sup> année (French)
- Literacy 12 (English)

**It is important to note that the cancellation of the LTF12 assessment (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12<sup>e</sup> année – Français langue seconde – immersion) is for the 2021/22 school year ONLY and that this assessment will be a requirement for Dual Dogwoods for the 2022/23 school year and subsequent school years.**

### What about Post-Secondary Institutions?

Consultation and discussions with post-secondary institutions confirm that admissions will not be impacted by the cancellation of the LTF12 assessment (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12<sup>e</sup> année – Français langue seconde – immersion) and the exemption provided to graduating French Immersion students for this assessment.





APRIL 2022

## DASH BC UPDATES

### Teaching and Learning

#### Educational Spring Fling Conference

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual [Spring Fling Educational Conference](#) will be hosted through Prince George Secondary School as an online event on April 29, 2022. This conference strives to emphasize connections between educators, and connections to the ongoing inquiry that occurs in classrooms and schools. Rebecca will be presenting DASH's Outdoor Classroom Workshop titled *Take Your Classroom Outside!* from 1:00-2:30pm PST. For more information, email Rebecca at [rkennedy@dashbc.ca](mailto:rkennedy@dashbc.ca) to learn more. For more information about conference details and registration, please click [here](#).

#### 2022 Parent Education Conference

The annual [BCCPAC Parent Education Conference](#) will be held on April 29-May 1, 2022, at the Westin Wall Centre Vancouver airport. This year's focus is *Making Connections, Moving Forward*, the event will feature speakers and exhibitors from all over British Columbia. DASH will be there promoting our Kid Commute, healthy school resources and more. For more information about conference details and registration, please click [here](#).



## DENTAL HEALTH

### Teaching and Learning

April is Oral Health Month...Be an Oral Health Superhero!

The [Canadian Dental Hygienists Association](#) offers many fun activities and celebration events to promote the wellness theme "Oral Health for Total Health" reminding us that taking good care of our mouths, teeth and gums positively impacts our lives. Download these [fun activities](#) or participate in a [colouring contest](#) to celebrate!



## SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

*Do you have a passion to work with children or youth, enjoy driving and excited to have the holidays and summers off with your children?*

Central Okanagan Public School District is in need of professional drivers to operate our school bus routes

For more information contact Transportation Services  
250-870-5151 or email us at [transportation@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:transportation@sd23.bc.ca)

To apply

Scan the QR code or use the link: <https://bit.ly/SD23BusDrivers>



\$28.23 per hour

Applicants must have:

- Completed Grade 10
- A valid Class 1 or 2 B.C. Driver's License with Air Brake Endorsement
- A clear Driver's Abstract



Central Okanagan  
Public Schools  
Together We Learn



## NUTRITION

### Teaching and Learning

#### Teaching Resources: Gardening activities

Spring is here! Are you looking for fun and educational gardening and food activities for your classroom? Have a look through the following resources for inspiration on lesson plans and classroom activities:

[Spring/Summer Ag Activity Pack](#) - Check out Agriculture in the Classroom's activity pack for gardening ideas and activities for grade 2-7 students.

[Growing Outside: School Gardens](#) - Farm to School BC has a list of a variety of resources for BC Schools for getting started on a school garden.

[Green Thumbs at School](#) - Have a look through this toolkit by [SPEC](#) for lessons plans and classroom activities to connect children to their food and to nature.



## TOBACCO AND VAPOUR PRODUCTS

### Teaching and Learning

#### Smoking and Vaping Glamorized on the Screens

The annual Truth Initiative's report "[While You Were Streaming: Nicotine on Demand](#)" analyzed tobacco imagery across the 15 most popular streaming shows among 15- to 24-year-olds and found that 60% of their favorite new releases and 64% of the top binge-watched shows included tobacco depictions.

It also found that 23% of the top 2020 Billboard songs [featured smoking and vaping in their music videos](#), totaling over 6 billion views on YouTube alone. This is concerning as research shows that young people are [3x more likely](#) to start vaping when exposed to tobacco imagery in popular streaming and TV shows.



#### What can educators do?

Discuss the impact of exposure to imagery and advertising with students to encourage awareness, critical thinking and advocacy

-Check [this database](#) to confirm if tobacco or vaping is depicted in a movie or series

-Include vaping and smoking media literacy in your teaching using resources from [Smoke Free Movies](#), [Smokefree Media](#), [Common Sense](#), & [Media Smarts](#)

#### More on this:

-Read this [2 minutes article](#) on the issue

-Watch the "While You Were Streaming: Nicotine on Demand" promotional [video](#)

#### Health Canada is asking for feedback on the Tobacco & Vaping Products Act

On March 16 Health Canada opened a public consultation regarding the [Tobacco and Vaping Products Act](#) (TVPA) as part of its legislative review process. They are looking for perspectives on the operation of the vaping-related provisions of the TVPA, with a particular emphasis on protecting young persons. Interested parties may participate by sending a written submission by April 27, 2022 to: [legislativefeedback@hcc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:legislativefeedback@hcc-sc.gc.ca). For more information visit the [TVPA consultation page](#).

## RESOURCES

### Teaching and Learning

#### Teaching Toolkits

Interior Health has recently updated the [Teaching Toolkits](#) with resources for teachers on a variety of health related topics like COVID-19 Information, Dental and Oral Health, Hand Hygiene, Positive Mental Health, and Substance Use.

[Healthy Schools BC Website](#) is a great resource for teachers.

#### Healthy Schools Information Sharing

The following School Districts have a Healthy Schools tab on their websites. Take a look at all the great information available from: [SD 5](#), [SD 6](#), [SD 8](#), [SD 19](#), [SD 53](#), [SD 73](#), [SD 83](#)

#### Community Partnerships

##### Tobacco and Vapour Prevention and Control:

Do you need to reach Interior Health Tobacco and Vapour Prevention and Control? Contact us at [tobacco@interiorhealth.ca](mailto:tobacco@interiorhealth.ca) or 1-855-744-6328 prompt #5



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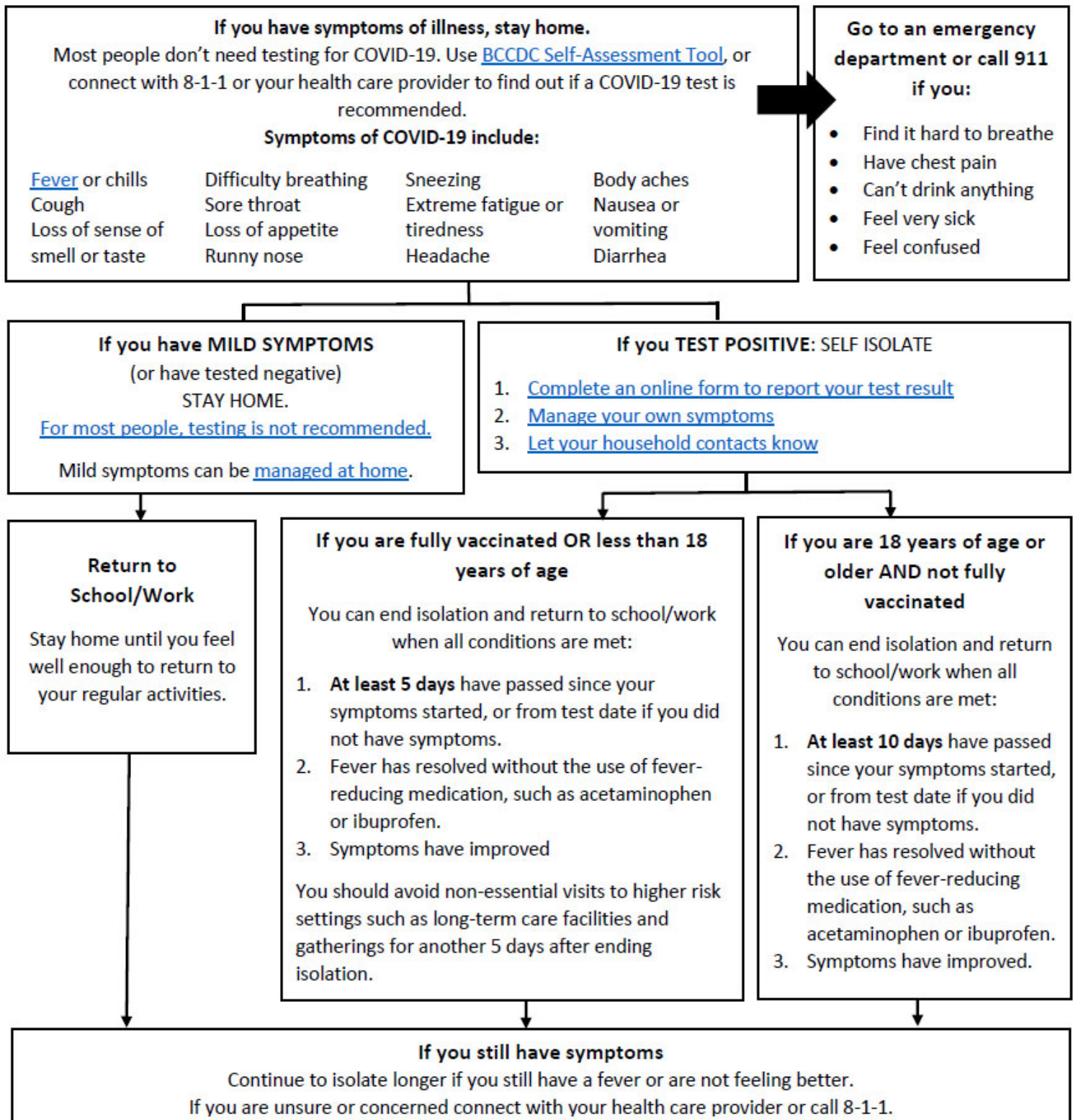


### Get in the game this summer with UBCO sport camps

Led by nationally recognized coaches and student athletes, UBCO's Heat Summer Sport Camps offer a fun-filled week of skill development for kids aged 6 to 18. These camps are a great way to introduce youth to a sport or help them improve their techniques. Camp programming includes golf, basketball, volleyball, running, cycling, and more.

Camps are set to run in July and August, and registration is now open. Click [here to](#) learn more.

## Summary: What to Do When Sick



### What to do if someone is sick in your household:

You can continue to attend school if someone in your household is sick and/or self-isolating as long as you do not have any symptoms of illness and feel well. This includes if they have tested positive for COVID-19. Ensure you closely monitor yourself (or your child) for symptoms of illness and stay home if you feel unwell. The best way to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. Vaccines are available for anyone ages 5 and up. Register now at: [Getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](https://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca)