



Whoo's News



Let it Snow!

February 19, 2021

Updated COVID protocol

We will be transitioning to the [K-12 Health Check App](#) for K-12 student use (students can also refer to the [Daily Health Check form](#)). The reason for moving to this Daily Health Check app and form is that there are now two tiers of symptoms. The first tier of symptoms requires a COVID-19 test whereas the second tier of symptoms do not, necessarily.

COVID-19 DAILY HEALTH CHECK	
Based on current evidence, some symptoms are more likely to be related to COVID-19 than others.	If you or your child have any of the symptoms listed below, follow the instructions.
SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever (above 38°C) Chills Cough Loss of sense of smell or taste Difficulty breathing <small>(Symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (i.e. asthma))</small>	<p>1 or more of these symptoms: Get tested and stay home.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sore throat Loss of appetite Headache Body aches Extreme fatigue or tiredness Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea <small>(Symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (i.e. asthma))</small>	<p>If you have 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better.</p> <p>2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home and wait 24 hours to see if you feel better. Get tested if not better after 24 hours.</p>
<p>If you are a close contact* of someone who has COVID-19 and have any of the symptoms listed above: Get tested and stay home.</p>	
<p>Check your symptoms with the B.C. Self-Assessment Tool.</p> <p>If you have any questions, or the symptoms get worse, contact your healthcare provider or call 8-1-1.</p>	
<p>* You will be notified if you are a close contact. For more information on close contacts, go to http://www.bccdc.ca/covid19closecontacts</p> <p>For more information on COVID-19, go to www.bccdc.ca</p>	
<p>If you develop severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing (e.g. struggling to breathe or speaking in single words) or chest pain, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.</p>	
<p>International Travel</p> <p>Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?</p> <p>If "Yes", use the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool to determine if you should seek testing for COVID-19.</p>	



Hey Grads . . . How tall are you?

If you haven't filled in the essential [Google Form](#) we can't order your Grad gown!

Please do it today!!

Did you miss the
KSS Grade 10/11 Parent Meeting for
Course Selection on Feb. 17th?

Please see the recorded version here:

https://sd23.zoom.us/rec/share/cTgSF1ahIoT64zjHZXEcw5RH3L3nMm-ROSnCY9CTVCqtzAPXYu0xSGO7jeTNkZy68.a4iO_28gPzKhn1E-



ZOOM VIDEO

Passcode: 7Ea2u@+d

Please Mark Your Calendar:

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| February 23 | KLO/Dr. Knox Orientation Zoom Meeting (link to be e-mailed)
Contact your Middle School to register |
| February 25 | Grad Photo Re-takes (https://www.mountainwest.ca/) |
| March 1 | Term 6 (Q3) begins with Blocks 3 /1 and Group A on this day
A and B Groupings are posted for students in the MPR |



Dear parents, guardians, and KSS grade 12 students,



As was true through the Spring of 2020, celebrating the completion of our Grads' journey through their school years remains a priority for our school community. At this time, we do not anticipate being able to gather in a group of over 3000 people at Trinity Baptist Church in a live ceremony, and we will move forward with planning a virtual ceremony which will be live-released on YouTube for our students and their families until a formal decision is made by the District. Overwhelmingly, the feed-back from 2020 families and grads after viewing our recorded ceremonies was positive. Students who are in a calculable position to graduate have had a \$75 Grad fee added to their online student accounts. These fees are meant to cover the costs associated with a recorded and streamed ceremony, including but not limited to: production cost, souvenir cap, gown and stole, keepsake diploma and 5" x 7" grad photo, commemorative photo composite, staging, security, etc. For equity, the three largest high schools in the district have all confirmed that their grad fees are in alignment.

In May, we will be posting an online sign-up for grads and **a maximum of four family members** to come to KSS over the week-end of June 5-6 to attend a brief, formal stage-crossing. A Covid-19 safety plan will be distributed in advance to protect the health of students and their families, as well as KSS staff members who will be volunteering. Students will receive their keepsake caps and gowns in advance, and this will allow grads and families to take photos and record this special occasion with creativity.

As family members will be present to view and record their graduate's stage-crossing, we will not be recording every moment; however, we will broadcast a formal production on Thursday, June 24 that will contain valedictory addresses, messages from our school principal, district officials, dignitaries, as well as a variety of celebrations of our graduates throughout their time at KSS. Please monitor the Whoo's News for a call for photographs and submissions over the next few months.

We look forward to celebrating and honouring your graduates with you in June.

KSS Graduation Committee



About COBSS

The Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBSS) is a charitable foundation with local **volunteers** coordinating financial assistance for our high school graduates for their post-secondary education.

We collect and administer money from area **donors** including community and school groups, businesses, and individuals. Through COBSS, local grade 12 **students** can apply for over 550 awards. Criteria is set by the donor to recognize student achievement (such as citizenship, scholastic or athletic achievement) and/or to assist with financial need for further education.

New donors and volunteers are always welcome!

Email us at COBSS@shaw.ca and visit our website at COBSS.sd23.bc.ca

COBSS 2020 graduation stats:

- 567 awards
- 442 recipients
- \$513,480 total donations



Donor Comments

"Many bright students shy away from post-secondary education because of the financial challenge. We like to do our small part to help those less fortunate than ourselves."

Hugh & Brenda Gloster

*"The **JAGTAC ENGINEERING BURSARY** supports female students studying engineering. Women in STEM who bring their strong math and science aptitudes to engineering challenges, break barriers and contribute to solving engineering challenges. Innovation lives in diversity."*

John Logel



Important Dates

Feb - Apr, 2021	Applications review & awards selection
June 2021	Graduation & COBSS awards presentations



Grad Picture Retakes!

Retakes will be happening on February 25th! If need be, more appointments may open on February 26th.

Go online to Mountainwest.ca and follow the same booking process as before!



Any questions? Contact Payton Irvine or Emily Woodin at
payton.irvine.stu@learn.sd23.bc.ca
emily.woodin.stu@learn.sd23.bc.ca



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Session participants automatically entered into \$5,000 Tuition Giveaway!*

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*Please see [contest entry rules](#) for details



UBCO Geering Up All-Girls STEM Workshops GRADE 8-12 2020/2021

Registration Link: <https://geeringup.apsc.ubc.ca/all-girls-okanagan/>

As a reminder, these workshops take place from 4:00-6:00pm via Zoom and are offered for free, but the registration closes the Sunday before the session date for that specific grade level.

Design our Future (Grade 10) Wednesday Jan 27th

The Future of Tech (Grade 11) Thursday February 25th

Invitation to Create (Grade 8) Thursday March 11th

LET'S GO OWLS!



We are down to our last few block rotations, here are the dates for the rest of the year:

Quarter 3 (Term 6): March 1 to April 16 (3/1)

Quarter 4 (Term 7) April 19 to May 21 (2/4)

Quarter 4 (Term 8) May 25 to June 24 (4/2)



High School Girls! Join us for Virtual STEM Events

All-Girls Events

Join us as we learn about engineering design with fun, hands-on activities led by current university students and meet inspiring mentors. Connect with other like-minded students and talk to current engineering students and professionals who will share their stories and experience.

Who & When?

Grade 12: Sustainability for our Future - Thursday Oct 29th, 2020
Grade 9: Robotics Today - Thursday Dec 3rd, 2020
Grade 10: Design our Future - Wednesday Jan 27th, 2021
Grade 11: The Future of Tech - Thursday Feb 25th, 2021
Grade 8: Invitation to Create - Thursday Mar 11th, 2021

How Do I Register For These Free Events?

<http://geeringup.ca/high-school/kelowna/all-girls>

*We have an inclusive view of the word "girl" and we welcome trans, genderqueer, and non-binary folks interested in these workshops

Find out more at geeringup.ca

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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Applied Science

UBC Geering Up
Engineering Outreach

Quantum The Future of Tech FREE All-Girls* Grade 11 Virtual Event

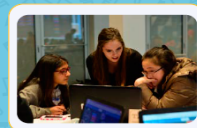
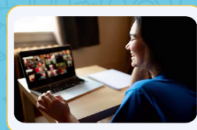


February 25th, 2021



4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Sign up at: geeringup.ca/events



Technology, Software, and Applications:
As the world continues to speed forward into new domains of computers and tech, it's our job as next generation scientists and engineers to look to the future - and adapt to make it ours! The Future of Tech is your connection between the apps we use today and the technology of our future. Join us as we investigate the world of software engineering and computer science through hands-on workshops and incredible discussions.

*We have an inclusive view of the word "girl". We welcome trans, genderqueer and non-binary folks interested in this event.

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OKANAGAN COLLEGE TRADES & APPRENTICESHIP

STEP INTO STEEL-TOES for Women Program

Learn valuable skills for home use or to prepare for a career in trades
CARPENTRY, JOINERY, AUTOMOTIVE, PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL

February 9 - March 21
6 weeks (week 1 on-line only)
Tuesday and Thursday 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday or Sunday 8:00 to 3:00 p.m.
(class will be split into two cohorts to ensure small class sizes and physical distancing)
KELOWNA CAMPUS

PROGRAM DETAILS & BENEFITS

- Get hands-on experience with tools and materials from 5 Red Seal Endorsed trades
- Receive shop safety training
- Work full time while learning new skills
- Build confidence in a comfortable all-female cohort
- You could be working in the trades in as little as 6 weeks!

COST

\$1595.00 + GST (materials included)

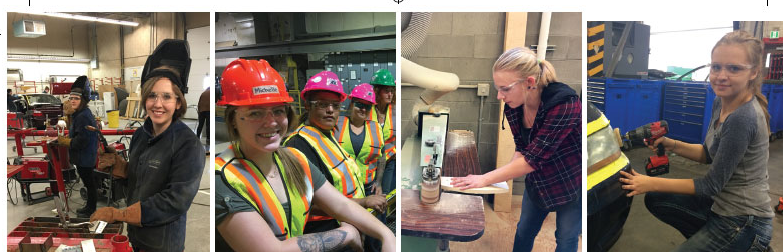
Participants must supply their own PPE including steel-toe boots

CONTACT US TO APPLY TODAY!

250-762-5445, ext. 4825
877-755-2266, ext. 4825
witt@okanagan.bc.ca



facebook.com/okanagancollegewomenintrade
instagram.com/ocwomenintrade



OKANAGAN COLLEGE WOMEN IN TRADES TRAINING

Gateway to the Building Trades for Women Program

Learn valuable skills in different trades
CARPENTRY, AUTOMOTIVE, SHEET METAL, PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL

Kelowna

APPLY NOW!

April 6 - June 25, 2021

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Individual projects
- Shop safety training
- Learn how to secure employment or further trades training
- Employment readiness assistance: resume package and professional skills development
- Gain insight from mentors and industry guest speakers
- Participate in a community project

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE WOMEN

Eligibility has changed. Connect with us to determine if you are eligible.

CONTACT US

250-762-5445, ext. 4825
Toll-free 1-877-755-2266, ext. 4825
witt@okanagan.bc.ca

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Message from the International Education Department

International Education is currently looking for host families for Kelowna Secondary (KSS) students. Families with school aged children, residing in a single family home are encouraged to apply at their earliest convenience.

- Host families for boys
- Host families for girls arriving April 2021

Since September, Central Okanagan Public Schools has welcomed 282 international students into local schools. In Canada over 15,000 K-12 students have arrived safely, followed all quarantine measures, and are attending schools across the country. Students are required to submit a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of their departure from home country. There have been no cases of COVID-19 linked to international student travelers arriving to Canada to date. Canada's border remains open for students with study permits and international students travelling to our school district do so under the requirements of governments and health authorities.

For more information about hosting an international student, please contact KSS homestay coordinator by email Nathalie.Messent@sd23.bc.ca or by phone 250-470-3258.

Families are reimbursed \$900/month for expenses. Thank you in advance for your kind support of the International Education program and our International students!



This program helps parents of teens gain confidence, discover practical tips and resources, and find support from other parents

MONDAYS, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

LOCATION: ONLINE PARENTING GROUP

COST: BY DONATION

TO PRE-REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT:

(250) 462-5574



Okanagan
Boys & Girls Clubs



BGCC - Parenting Programs were developed by staff and parents throughout BC and is administered under the auspices of Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada. Provincially, Parenting Programs are generously funded by the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Spring 2021 Enrollment



**Central Okanagan
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Together We Learn

ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT

2021 - 2022 School Year (for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K - 12)

Online applications begin on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 am,

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to support parents that require assistance

Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 12, 2021

The enrollment application period begins **Monday February 1st, 2021 (beginning at 7:00 am on-line) – Friday, March 12th, 2021.**

The Summer Enrollment Application period begins: **Tuesday, August 31st, 2021 to Thursday, September 2nd, 2021.**

Please see page 7 for all the details



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
ENGAGING THE WORLD

**IT PAYS TO STUDY IN
FRENCH!**

Choosing to study in French at SFU means having access (sometimes exclusively) to a multitude of awards and bursaries that can cover a part of your university fees! Check it out [here](#)





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Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide telephone support to parents that require assistance.

Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 12, 2021

HOW TO APPLY

In your web browser type: <https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca>

No internet access? Please contact your school and they will assist you with the online application.

PLEASE NOTE: *The application process is online only, no paper enrollment is available. You are required to have a valid email account.*

Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school by email by **Friday, March 12, 2021**.

1. **Birth certificate** or other government issued proof of age and citizenship
2. **Proof of B.C. Residency**
 - a. BC driver's license of parent/legal guardian AND
 - b. BC CARE card of parent/legal guardian OR
 - c. Other supporting documentation - <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/DistrictInfo/schoolenrollment/>
3. **Proof of Student's Living Address**
 - a. Property ownership, lease or rental agreement OR recent utility bill

AFTER Thursday, September 2, 2021

New in-catchment area enrollments: Parents will be notified by a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

New out-of-catchment area enrollments: Parents may not be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

Qualifying age: The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2021 to qualify for school enrollment in September 2021. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website www.sd23.bc.ca or call (250) 860-8888.





2021 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 2021 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

EACH CAMPUS ALSO HAS HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS AVAILABLE

HOW TO APPLY:
Eligibility criteria and details about how to apply online are available by visiting okanagan.bc.ca/financialaid

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
4 p.m., March 5, 2021

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

okanagan.bc.ca





**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

January 22, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and School Community:

The Ministry of Education passed Bill 36, the School Amendment Act, which eliminated the Standard School Calendar. As a result, school districts are now required to establish their own school calendars. The calendar committee is comprised of representatives of the partner groups in the Central Okanagan Public Schools including the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (C.O.T.A.), Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3523 (C.U.P.E.), Central Okanagan Principals and Vice Principals' Association (COPVPA), and the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC). This committee has met to draft a proposed school calendar (attached), which meets the requirements of Bill 36.

Section 87.01 (7) of the School act requires consultation on school calendars. A board must make public a proposed school calendar one month before submitting it to the Ministry. We are inviting the community to review the proposed calendar for the 2021/2022 school year and to provide input to the proposal before it is discussed by our Board of Education at a public meeting.

I invite you to provide your input about this proposal by Friday, February 19, 2021 by completing a very brief survey at the link below:

<https://ca.research.net/r/2021-2022SchoolCalendarSurvey>

We anticipate that the finalized 2021/2022 school calendar (once approved by the Board of Education) will be provided to parents early this spring. A copy will be provided directly to you through your child's school.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this proposal.

Yours truly,

Bob McEwen
Executive Director of Human Resources

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Attachments

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2021-2022 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 Local Calendar 2021/2022
Days in session	189 (3 summer Pro Days August 30 - September 1)
Number of days of instruction	182
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 7
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 8
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 11
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 22
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Thursday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, December 20 – Monday, January 3
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Monday, January 3
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Tuesday, January 4
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February, 18
Family Day	Monday, February 21
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, March 21 – Friday, April 1
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, April 4
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 15
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 18
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 23
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Thursday, June 30

The Calendar for 2021-2022 complies with Bill 36 - School Amendment Act (School Calendar Regulation).

The minimum hours of instruction are:

- Kindergarten 853 hours (based on 290 minutes X 182)
- Grade 1-6 878 hours (based on 290 minutes X 182)
- Grades 7-12 952 hours (based on 314 minutes X 182)

Provides the:

- Number and dates of the days in session
- The number and dates of each day of instruction
- Vacation Periods and the Statutory Holidays
- The dates of each Non-Instructional Day
- The number of hours of instruction offered students in each grade group

SCHOOL CALENDAR FORM - GENERAL

2021/2022 CALENDAR

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■ Instructional
 ■ Non-Instructional
 ■ Vacation Period
 ■ Statutory Holiday



Ministry of
Education