



Whoo's News



SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

CONGRATULATIONS!! The first week of school is done! We welcomed approximately 800 new students to Kelowna Secondary and it has been very busy with 1,900 students navigating their way to new classrooms, becoming familiar with new routines and generally settling in during this unprecedented time.

A **Code of Conduct** was distributed during Homeroom and discussed with students. Please use the link below to review the Code of Conduct on the website. [Code of Conduct](#)

SCHOOL FEES

The fastest and easier way to pay school fees is on-line. Please use the [School Cash on-line link](#) on the KSS website. **SCHOOL PHOTOS** are scheduled for **September 13**. Every student needs to have their picture taken for their student ID card (free of charge). Photo packages will be available for various prices, and information on how to purchase them will be distributed at a later date.

Opportunity to purchase a **Yearbook** has also been added on to student accounts in order to take advantage of early bird pricing. Please log on to your child's account at School Cash Online to see the options available. **It is strongly suggested that all fees are paid on-line as an automatic receipt is generated and proof of payment is always available.** Deadline for early bird purchase of \$30.00 is December 1st! The regular price will be \$35.00 and the deadline to purchase is February 28.

ATTENDANCE

Parents/Guardians are required to report absences using the School Messenger - Safe Arrival Absence Reporting system. **Please do not call the main office.**

The System can be accessed three ways:

(1) Enter an Absence Using the Smartphone App (most user friendly)



(2) Enter an Absence Using the Online Parent Portal

- visit go.schoolmessenger.ca

(3) Enter an Absence by Calling the School



KSS Grade 10-12 Parent Information Meeting



Thursday, September 16 @ 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM

Please sign up using this [link](#) and the meeting invite link will be sent to you by **noon on Thursday**.

If you have any difficulties, please copy and paste the address in your browser:

<https://forms.gle/4ZpLH5cffDQnYfbm6>



2021 Tryout Information

www.kssowlsathletics.com

(Please see page 4 of of this newsletter for safety protocol in sports at KSS)



Field Hockey Tryouts

Tuesday September 7th 4 - 6 pm Mission Turf
Wednesday September 8th 4 - 6 pm Mission Turf
Thursday September 9th 4 - 6 pm Mission Turf
See Mr. Bernhardsson for more Info!!

OWLS FOOTBALL

Practices started the week of
August 23rd for both JV and
Varsity teams

Monday to Thursday 5 - 7 pm
KSS Fields



BOYS SOCCER

Wednesday September 8th 330 - 5 pm KSS fields
Thursday September 9th 330 - 5 pm KSS Fields
Tuesday September 14th 330 - 5 pm KSS Fields
Wednesday September 15th 330 - 5 pm KSS Fields
For more information contact Mr. Ragobar

OWLS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL JR (Gr.10) GIRLS

Tuesday September 7th 330 - 5 pm
Wednesday September 8th 330 - 5pm
Thursday September 9th 330- 5 pm
For more information see Ms. Friend

SR (Gr. 11 + 12) BOYS Volleyball

Tuesday September 7th 7pm - 9 pm
Wednesday September 8th 7pm - 9 pm
Thursday September 9th 7pm - 9 pm
For more information see Mr. Sodaro



SR (Gr. 11 + 12) Girls Volleyball

Tuesday September 7th 5 - 7pm
Wednesday September 8th 5pm - 7pm
Thursday September 9th 5 - 7pm
For more information see Mr. Hettinga

OWLS BOYS VOLLEYBALL JR (Gr. 10) BOYS

Tuesday September 7th 330 - 5 pm
Wednesday September 8th 330 - 5pm
Thursday September 9th 330- 5 pm

For more information see Mr. Triggs



Cross Country Team: All ability levels, from walkers through speed demons and everyone in between are welcome. Please drop by rm 291 and see Mr. Carlson for details, or simply show up at our first practice.

Practices will be at Mission Creek Park on Mondays and Thursdays (first practice Monday Sept 13) at 4:00, with races on Wednesdays.

Hello KSS parents and guardians,

The KSS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) would like to welcome all KSS parents and guardians to the 2021-2022 school year! By virtue of being a KSS parent or guardian, you are automatically a member of the KSS PAC. The purpose of the KSS PAC is to promote and improve the quality of education and the well being of students at Kelowna Secondary School. PAC meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Until further notice, meetings will be held on Zoom.



Our first meeting is Tuesday, September 14th, at 6:30pm, via Zoom.

If you would like to attend the Zoom meeting, please email kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca by Monday, September 13th, with your name, name and grade of your student(s), and your email address, so we can send you an invitation for the Zoom call.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

September 13

(Retakes are scheduled for October 12)

👉 [Click Here](#) to view "How to Prepare for Photo Day".

👉 [Click Here](#) to visit "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) about Photo Day.



A HUGE **Thank you** to all our students and families for bringing masks to school!!!

An optional \$10.00 **Parking Pass Fee** will be added to all **Grade 12 students**, and is only for those who wish to purchase a parking pass. Applications for a Parking Pass are available on-line or in front of the office in the MPR. COMPLETED Parking Pass Application and proof of payment will be required prior to your parking pass being issued.



The \$75.00 **Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony Fee** has been added to Grade 12 students and expires April 1st.





The Visitor Parking is now in the Student Parking Lot. Please remember to pick up a visitor parking pass from the office. This is also the area designated for student drop off and pick up to ensure the safety of our staff and students.

Parents ARE NOT TO USE the staff parking lot for student drop off or pick up.

Accident Insurance

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for **student injuries** that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness.

To apply for the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan or to find out more, visit <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>.

APPEALS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP PROCESSES

Context

School-based Principals/Vice-Principals are required to provide notice of the Central Okanagan Public Schools' Appeals Process (Board Policy 460) and of the position that students will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship (Board Policy Regulation 425R). The purpose of this Administrative Procedure is to provide direction regarding these notifications.

Procedures

1. The Principal or Vice-Principal will inform students, parents, and guardians of the existence and availability of Policy 460 - Appeals at least annually. The wording to be used for these notifications is as follows:

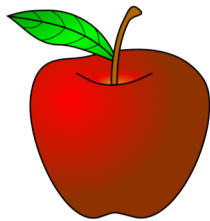
The Central Okanagan Public Schools' Appeal Process

Policy 460 – Appeals states that “A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in the Central Okanagan Public Schools may appeal a decision of an employee of the Board of Education which significantly affects the education, health, or safety of the student”. For a complete description of the Appeals Policy along with the recommended steps to follow in attempting to solve a problem, please refer to Policy 460 – Appeals that can be accessed from the Policies link under the Board of Education heading on the Central Okanagan Public Schools homepage at www.sd23.bc.ca.

2. School-based Principals/Vice-Principals will also notify students, parents, and guardians of the Central Okanagan Public Schools' Financial Hardship Clause. This notification must be provided at time of registration and on an annual basis through newsletters and notices using the following wording:

The Central Okanagan Public Schools' Financial Hardship Clause

Within Board Policy Regulation 425R – Student Fees (www.sd23.bc.ca), the Board of Education has indicated “that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship”. This clause in the Regulations provides for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families, while preserving the dignity of families which may be unable to pay. Please contact the school Principal if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.



GATEWAY TO TECH

Increase your technology skills and explore potential career opportunities in technology and coding. Sign up now for free training offered by Central Okanagan Public Schools & Okanagan College.

OKANAGAN COLLEGE – KELOWNA CAMPUS

Tuesday & Thursday from 5:00-8:30 pm
October 14th, 2021 – March 3rd, 2022

(This year, the program will be a blend of in-person at OC and online.)

FREE for grade 10-12 student interested in technology and coding. Student will receive four credits for a grade 12 elective course.

Limited space available.

Contact your School Career Centre for an application. Applications are due to your Career Centre by **September 22, 2021**.



STUDY ABROAD

The Youth Exchange Scholarship provided by your local Rotary Club



Valued at over \$24,000: Room, board, tuition, and monthly stipend for a high school year abroad.

HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED OF...

- ▶ TRAVELING THE WORLD?
- ▶ LIVING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY?
- ▶ BEING FLUENT IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

The Youth Exchange Scholarship for one academic year covers room, board, tuition, and a monthly stipend. The student/family pays for airfare, medical insurance, personal and optional expenses.

THE YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE GENEROSITY OF OUR ROTARY PARTNERS OVERSEAS AND LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS. QUALIFIED APPLICANTS MUST BE AGES 15-18 ½ AT THE TIME OF DEPARTURE.



Contact: Colleen McEwan
m4onthemove@gmail.com
(250) 808-0504

Student Information Meetings:
Kelowna Secondary School - MPR
5:30 - 6:30
Wednesday Sept 15, 2021

COME OUT & SING Be Part of the AWARD WINNING KSS MUSIC PROGRAM 😊

Auditions 4 Vocal Jazz & Chamber Choir

Where: Music Room (128) (across from the washrooms by the Fountain/Gym)

When: Before School/Lunches & after School – signup sheet is on the inside door-this year you must sign-up for a slot to audition

Dates: Thurs/Fri ~ Sept. 9 & 10

&

Mon-Fri ~ Sept. 13 ~ 17

Come and sing a song of your choice (anything)!
Everyone is Welcome! Auditions are PRIVATE!!!

All grades! All Students!
Vocalists & Vocal Percussionists!



I look forward to hearing & seeing you!