



Who's News

February 17, 2023

HARMONY 23



February is a month of inclusion:

- ◆ [Black History Month](#)
- ◆ Human Rights Month
- ◆ National Inclusive Education Month
- ◆ Harmony Day (February 15)
- ◆ Pink Shirt Day (February 22)



2023-2024 KSS Course Request Planning

Important Dates:

February 21	Incoming Grade 10 Parent Information Session 6:00 p.m. & Pre-AP Math 10 Information Session 7:00 p.m. (MPR)
February 22	Incoming Grade 11/12 Parent Information Zoom 6:00 p.m.—SIGN UP HERE
February 27	In-class Course Requests for current grade 10 students
February 28	In-class Course Requests for current grade 11 students
March 3	Course Requests Closes on MyEd

The KSS *Viewbook* (course descriptions/information) as well as *Course Planning Sheets* may be found on the KSS website courses section. Link is [HERE](#).

Grade 10 Articulation information (for current grade 9 students) from each of our feeder middle schools may be found on the KSS Website main page ([HERE](#)).

➡ **Students must access their MyED Portal for course selection!** Instructions are available [here](#)!

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 17	No school—Pro-D Day
February 20	No school—Family Day
February 21-24	Interim Reports go home this week
February 22	Pink Shirt Day
February 23-24	Grad Retakes
February 28	Yearbook Order Deadline
March 1	Parent-Teacher Conferences—Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.
March 20-April 3	Spring Break

Please see KSS Calendar on the website for the most updated information!

Link [HERE](#).

GRAD 2023

Please see *KSS Website, Parents, Grad Section* for details as they become available [HERE](#).

GRAD PHOTOS!

Exciting news! Your online gallery from your grad portrait session is now live!



Please visit this link to access the gallery: [WEBLINKS](#)

- * Use the web code that was given to you at your appointment
- * Order deadline is: **March 3rd, 2023**

About Retakes:

If you would like retakes they will be held at the school on February 23 and 24.

Please book your retake appointment online [HERE](#).

If you have any questions after reviewing our sign up page, please contact our service team

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: help@mountainwest.ca

Grad Clothing



The second grad clothing sale is now closed and the items will take approximately four weeks to arrive. Upon arrival, students may pick up their items at lunch in room 193.

Proud for Prom

Proud for Prom is a local volunteer organization that helps students access formal wear if cost is an issue. They are holding a massive event for students across the Okanagan on Saturday, **February 25** for grade 12 students. Students may sign up here [HERE](#).

For more information about Proud for Prom, please see their Facebook and Instagram.



STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY 2022/2023

During the months of January to April, School District 23 is participating in the 2023 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the province.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers of Grade 4, 7, 10 and 12 Students complete the survey; and all Staff associated with a school complete the survey. Students in grade 10 and 12 will be completing the surveys in class in April 2023 at KSS. *Parents of students at any grade level at KSS are welcome to complete the survey as well.*

Parent Participation Instructions

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys **any time before 11:59 pm April 29th, 2023.**

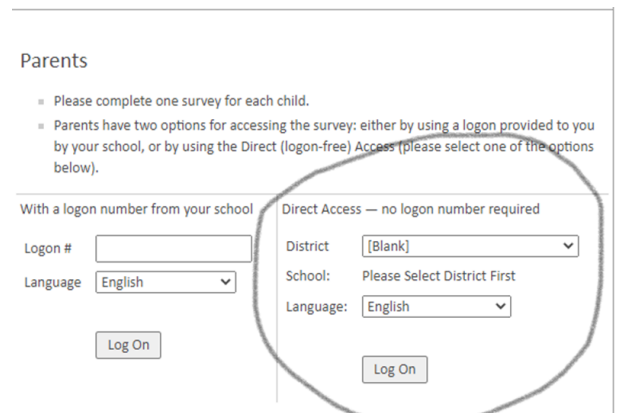
To complete the survey:

⇒ Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.

⇒ Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

⇒ Under the section *Direct Access*, select:

- District: *School District 23*
- School: Kelowna Secondary School
- Language: the language of your choice



The screenshot shows the 'Parents' section of the survey access page. It includes instructions: 'Please complete one survey for each child.' and 'Parents have two options for accessing the survey: either by using a logon provided to you by your school, or by using the Direct (logon-free) Access (please select one of the options below)'. There are two main sections: 'With a logon number from your school' and 'Direct Access — no logon number required'. The 'Direct Access' section is circled in red. It contains a 'District' dropdown menu with '[Blank]' selected, a 'School' dropdown menu with 'Please Select District First' selected, and a 'Language' dropdown menu with 'English' selected. There is a 'Log On' button at the bottom of the 'Direct Access' section.

⇒ Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.

⇒ When you are finished the survey, you will get a message “Thank you for sharing your views”.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Prasad (KSS Vice Principal) at jeff.prasad@sd23.bc.ca



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on
Monday, January 30, 2023, at 7:00 am for 2023 - 2024 School Year**
(for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K – 12)

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

Documentation Submission Deadline: **Friday, March 17, 2023**

[HERE](#) is the link to register.



**The School Bus Transportation Application for the
2023-2024 school year is now open!**

IMPORTANT

Although school bus transportation applications are accepted throughout the school year,
priority seating for the 2023–2024 school year is given to those applicants who have applied
before end of day on **May 31, 2023**

PLEASE REGISTER [HERE](#).

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2023-2024 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 Local Calendar 2023/2024
Days in session	191 (3 summer Pro Days August 29, 30, 31)
Number of days of instruction	184
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 5
In lieu of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - September 30 (schools closed)	Monday, October 2 * amended to coincide with Federal/Provincial day
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 6
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 9
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 20
In lieu of Remembrance Day November 11 (schools closed)	Monday, November 13
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	December 25 – January 5
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Monday, January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 8
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 16
Family Day	Monday, February 19
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	March 18 – March 28
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, March 29
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 1
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Tuesday, April 2
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 20
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 28

The Calendar for 2023-2024 complies with Bill 36 - School Amendment Act (School Calendar Regulation).

The minimum hours of instruction are:

- Kindergarten 853 hours (based on 287 minutes X 184)
- Grade 1-6 878 hours (based on 287 minutes X 184)
- Grades 7-12 952 hours (based on 311 minutes X 184)

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

KSS TRUTH & RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

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DO YOU CARE ABOUT RECONCILIATION?

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT OUR SCHOOL?

IF SO, THIS TEAM MIGHT BE FOR YOU!

YOUR ROLE WILL INVOLVE:

- PLANNING/ORGANIZING TRUTH & RECONCILIATION INITIATIVES
 - I.E TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WEEK, ETC.
- MAKING MEANINGFUL DECISIONS
- LEADING PROJECTS & GAINING VOLUNTEER HOURS
- SHARING YOUR OPINIONS

WANT TO APPLY?:

- 1) SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW
- 2) ANSWER THE QUESTIONS & SUBMIT



** THE SELECTION COMMITTEE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION IN THE COMING WEEKS. IF YOU WOULD PREFER AN IN-PERSON INTERVIEW INSTEAD OF ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN WRITING, PLEASE LET US KNOW IN THE GOOGLE FORM. **

DEADLINE TO APPLY |
FEBRUARY 17, 2023



SCAN THE QR CODE



*Application deadline has
been extended
to February 17th!*

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Welcome • Bienvenue

KSS Indigenous Inquiry Project



An outdoor
learning
space



The KSS Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee has created an Outdoor Classroom design that has been proposed for construction on our school field between the school and the basketball courts.

The purpose of the project is to bridge all students with the land, honour local Indigenous teachings, create a welcoming outdoor gathering space, and partner with people interested in being a part of Reconciliation.



This will be a space that emphasizes the use and celebration of Indigenous ways of knowing and being. Students involved have worked on designs to create a space that reflects values of respecting the land, learning outside, storytelling, and many cross-curricular initiatives. The space is also meant to be inclusive, accessible, welcoming, versatile, and safe.

For more information
and to donate
scan this QR code



Donations
can be made in person
by cash or cheque
at the KSS School Office
or
if you are a KSS parent
go to *School Cash Online*
click on *Make a Donation*
select fund destination of
KSS Indigenous Inquiry Project

For student
informational
video
scan QR code



SUSTAINABLE

DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGE

GRAND FINALE

FEB 20
23
6-9 PM

Rotary Centre for the Arts

This live competition is sure to inspire as student-team finalists present their impactful projects and compete for funding to make their projects a reality!



*The evening is **FREE**, but space is limited.
Reserve your seat for the Grand Finale now!*
eventbrite.com/e/sustainable-development-challenge-finale-tickets-502075430127



EMPOWERING YOU **Building Resiliency**

Empowering YOU is a **FREE** 10-week program that provides mental health education to help youth develop skills that enable them to cope with challenges in life. The ultimate aim of Empowering YOU is to help youth aged 14 to 17 to manage stress, moments of anxiety, mood challenges, and relationship difficulties through self-awareness, coping strategies (e.g., mindfulness), connecting with nature and physical activity.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The goal of this program is to develop a sense of connection and belonging among participants in the 10-week program while learning about tools and techniques to manage their mental health. The program will run once a week for two hours. The first hour is dedicated to learning and information. During the second hour, youth engage in physical activity which gives them an opportunity to experience and practice the information and learning. The program builds largely on the work of Jill Rathus and Alec Miller (2015) and dialectical behaviour therapy (DBT) and more specifically their DBT Skills Manual for Adolescents.

Snacks are provided and participants will receive a \$100 credit towards recreational activities after the program.

We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Government of Canada and support of the Province of British Columbia.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The overarching guiding principle for Empowering You is to **create a safe space** by:

- ✓ Creating and supporting positive experiences and peer relationships.
- ✓ Ensuring programming is standardized, age-appropriate and builds on best practice.
- ✓ Incorporating and practicing emotional, physical and mental risk management.
- ✓ Practicing strength based and trauma informed approaches to facilitation

PARTICIPANTS

Empowering YOU is a program for youth, aged 14 to 17, including youth in care or aging out of care, to assist with managing stress, moments of anxiety, mood challenges and relationship difficulties.

WHERE AND WHEN

Parkinson Recreation Centre, Kelowna

Tuesdays 5:30-7:30pm, February 7 to April 11, 2023

SAFER SCHOOLS TOGETHER

erase is offering evening sessions for students in Grades 8-12 and their families that explores the topics of consent and gender-based violence. These sessions are led by expert trainers from Safer Schools Together. The session is titled, *Establishing Respectful Relationships and Consent in Our Communities – Student and Parent Session*, and is offered on four different occasions between February 2 and March 8, 2023. The trainers will discuss the current state in both the physical and digital landscape and will provide Parents/Caregivers tips and tools on how discuss these topics with their children. Please see the link below for further information and registration.

<https://blog.gov.bc.ca/ecc-dm-bulletin/audiences/safe-school-coord>

experience OC

Feb. 23, 2023

Choose three programs to explore for the day

Connect with professors, meet students, tour the campus and discover life at OC.

Over 40+
Program
Choices

- Engineering
- Health
- Trades
- Science
- Social
- Business
- Arts
- Development
- Technologies
- Culinary

Feb. 6 Registration opens - visit the KSS Career Centre to sign up

Visit your counsellor or career centre for more information

Questions? E-mail: vmoretti@okanagan.bc.ca



CANADA SAFETY COUNCIL HOME ALONE & BABYSITTING COURSES



Kidz 4 Safety

ONLINE & IN-PERSON SESSIONS

Home Alone: Ages 9+ yrs | \$53
Babysitter Training: 10.5+ yrs | \$70

Register at:

www.babysittingkelowna.com

kidz4safety@gmail.com

or

call/text 250-317-2868

Student Volunteers Needed for Family Day Fun

Capital News Centre | Feb. 20 | 1 - 4 p.m.

Featuring fun and games for the whole family including a Park
& Play bouncy castle, zorb soccer, active games and free skating!

Sign up in the KSS Career Center
Deadline to Apply is February 13

With financial support from the
Province of British Columbia



kelowna.ca/calendar



See Your Career Center to sign-up

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Help put on Art programs for children under the direction of an Instructor and Programming staff.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Gain hours towards your 30 hr. Grad requirement.

**WHEN:**  
Spring Break:  
3 hr. sessions throughout the two weeks.

**WHERE:**  
Kelowna Art Gallery  
1315 Water Street

**Students must submit a volunteer application by March 7th, 2023**



**UBCO HEAT**  
— SPORT CAMPS —

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**  
Visit [goheat.ca/camps](https://goheat.ca/camps)

### Get in the game this summer with UBCO Sport Camps!

Led by nationally recognized coaches and student athletes, UBCO Heat Sport Camps offer a fun-filled week of skill development. These camps are a great way to introduce youth ages 5 to 17 to a sport or help them improve their techniques. Camp programming includes golf, basketball, volleyball, biking and more.

Camps are set to run in July and August at UBC Okanagan. Follow this [link](#) or check out [goheat.ca/camps](https://goheat.ca/camps) to learn more and register today!



# 2023

## 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 2023 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
- OC PENTICTON CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

**APPLICATIONS OPEN  
DECEMBER 1, 2022**

**HOW TO APPLY:**  
Eligibility criteria and details about how to apply online are available by visiting [okanagan.bc.ca/awards](https://okanagan.bc.ca/awards)  
**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
Online Applications will be accepted until March 10, 2023. Students and school staff will have until March 17, 2023 to provide required documentation.

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



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



☀️ **Summer is closer than you think. And so is Montreal** ✈️

Hello!

Admissions are underway for the UdeM Summer Immersion Program for youths aged 15 to 17. What can they expect? An unforgettable immersive experience with their peers from all around the world, all together on a charming North American-style campus in one of the best student cities in North America. Memories, smiles and knowledge guaranteed!

**Places are flying.**

**Find your wings with the Summer Immersion Program.**

For more information, please click [HERE](#).



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PENTICTON



## YOUTH AND SUBSTANCE USE

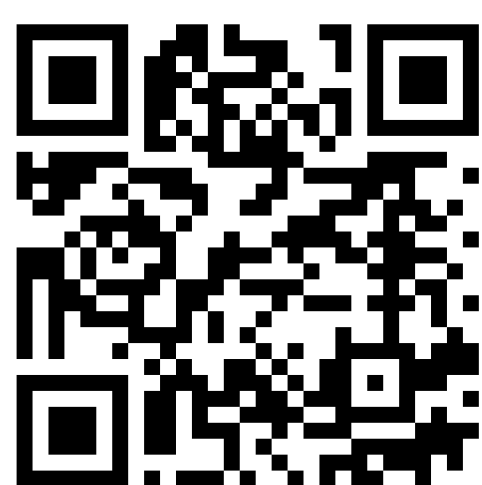
### A FREE Workshop for Parents and Caregivers

Saturday, February 25

Foundry, 501 Main Street, Penticton

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Doors open at 8:30 for refreshments



#### Part 1

#### Youth and Substance Use

- Join us to look at the current climate of youth substance use in the community
- **What** watch for
- **How** to support a young person using substances
- Community **resources**

#### Part 2

#### Preventing Caregiver Burnout

- Caring for a young person who is struggling is hard.
- It is important to look after yourself.
- Learn how to be the best you can be for your family.

**+250-462-2714**



Space is limited! Register now at  
<https://Youthsubstanceuse.eventbrite.ca>