



École Kelowna Secondary School

Whoo's News

February 7, 2025



FEBRUARY—A MONTH OF INCLUSION

February is a Month of Inclusion - Black History Month, National Inclusive Education Month, Human Rights Month, and Pink Shirt Day.

You are invited to participate in the third February interactive calendar (see link below). This calendar includes daily videos and activities to engage learners and spark conversations about the important role diversity plays in developing inclusive and caring communities for all.

The goal is to have harmony all day, every day – Harmony 365.

Please see the Harmony 365 February 2025 Calendar [HERE](#).

Join us in celebrating inclusion for all during the month of February!



Upcoming dates . .

Feb 6-8	Western Canada Basketball Tournament
Feb 7	Student Written Learning Updates are published to <u>Student MyEd Portal</u> at 3:00 p.m.
Feb 10	2025-2026 Course Request Parent/Student Session for incoming Grade 10s (YOG 2028)
Feb 10	2025-2026 Pre-AP Math Parent/Student Session for incoming Grade 10s (YOG 2028)
Feb 11	KSS PAC Meeting via Zoom 6:30 p.m.
Feb 11-12	OC 1-on-1 Sessions
Feb 13	Movie Night in MPR, hosted by BIPOC , 5:30 p.m.
Feb 14	Pro-D Day—NO SCHOOL
Feb 17	Family Day—NO SCHOOL
Feb 19-20	Interim Reports go home
Feb 19	Jazz in the KSS MPR at 7:00 p.m.
Feb 25	Grad photo retakes
Feb 26	Pink Shirt Day
Feb 28	2025-2026 Course Request DEADLINE
Mar 5	Early Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.
Mar 5	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30-6:30 p.m.



For more than 30 years, BC Black History Awareness Society has hosted a Black History Month program to recognize and celebrate the achievements and contributions of historical and contemporary people of African descent.

For further information on Black History Month, please see link [HERE](#).



Mental Health Memo from your counsellors:

Be mindful of your dopamine. School is almost impossible to enjoy when we don't sleep, we escape into our screens and we don't eat properly. Walk, sleep, read, get outside.

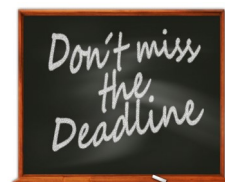


2025 - 2026 COURSE REQUESTS

Please take note of the following important dates regarding next year course planning:

- ⇒ "Welcome to KSS" Assemblies at feeder middle schools for incoming Grade 10s (YOG 2028) -Mon., February 10th.
- ⇒ 2025-2026 Course Request Parent/Student Night for incoming Grade 10s (YOG 2028) on Mon., February 10th at 6:00 p.m. in KSS MPR. You do not need to RSVP.
- ⇒ 2025-2026 Pre-AP Math10 Parent/Student Session for incoming Grade 10s (YOG 2028) on Mon., February 10th at 7:00 p.m. in KSS MPR. You do not need to RSVP.
- ⇒ Course Request Sessions at feeder middle schools are being held February 18-20. KSS Admin and Counsellors will host in-class sessions with students using the MyEd Student Portal to request their next year courses.
- ⇒ **Course Requests for current KSS Grade 10 (YOG 2027) and Grade11 (YOG 2026) students will take place in-class the last week of February.**
- ⇒ KSS Course [Viewbook](#) and Course Request Planning Sheets are on the KSS Website, "About", "KSS Courses".
[HERE](#) is the link.
- ⇒ Course Requests are online only via MyEd Student Portal.

2025-2026 Course Requests Deadline is
Friday, February 28th.



KSS PARKING PROCEDURES

As more and more students are driving and utilizing the Student Parking Lots, we'd like to remind you of KSS parking and student pick-up/drop-off procedures.

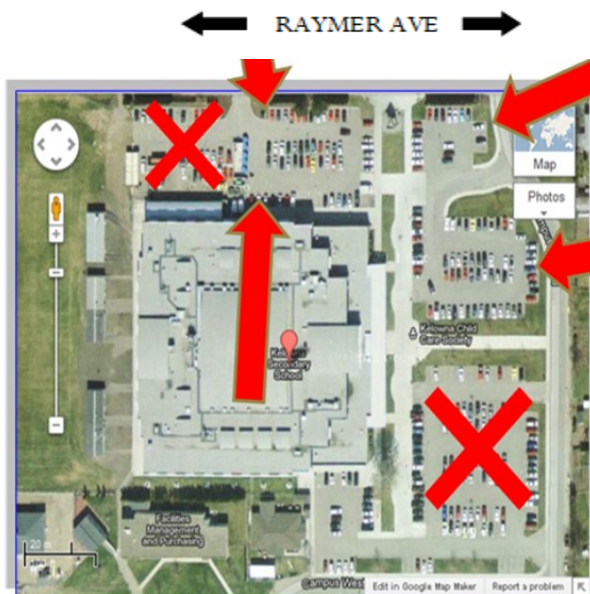
Please refer to the parking map.



The arrows indicate the **Student Parking Lots.** Student parking is first come, first serve and all vehicles must have registered and have a parking pass displayed.

The arrows also represent the **Visitor (Parent) Parking area,** which is located 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 .**



Towing is enforced at KSS.

Parents ARE NOT TO USE the Staff Parking lots (X)
for student drop off or pick up at ANY time for ANY reason.

50th Annual Western Canada Basketball Tournament

presented by Restoration By Trades



KSS Gym

Thursday, February 6th - Saturday, February 8th



Student Single Pass - \$5

Student Tournament Pass - \$10

Adult Single Pass - \$10

Adult Tournament Pass - \$25

For Tournament Schedule and Updates, please see website [HERE](#).

**NEED SWAG
TO BE A
CRAZY OWL
AT
WESTERNS?**



KSS JERSEY SALE

\$10

**FEBRUARY
3RD-6TH**

AT LUNCH IN THE MPR

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO JUMPSTART



KSS MUSIC

& DIRECTOR SHEILA FRENCH PRESENT

SHOWCASE 2025

WITH SPECIAL GUEST CASORSO ELEMENTARY
& DIRECTOR LAURA MIREAU

MONDAY, MARCH 3RD 7:00PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM

THE SANCTUARY LUTHERAN
4091 LAKESHORE RD

WITH MC RYAN DONN



PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT THE KSS MUSIC DEPARTMENT

COME SUPPORT STUDENTS AS THEY SHOWCASE THEIR MUSICAL TALENT!
ENJOY A SNACK OR A BEVERAGE AT THE CONCESSION STAND
OR PURCHASE AN ITEM AT OUR SILENT AUCTION.

GENERAL: \$20 STUDENTS: \$10

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGH
KSS MUSIC STUDENTS OR AT THE DOOR



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

The School Bus Transportation Application for September 2025 (2025-2026 year) is now open!

IMPORTANT

Although school bus transportation applications are accepted throughout the school year, priority seating for the 2025–2026 school year is given to those applicants who have applied before end of day on **May 31, 2025**

Use the link below to submit a school bus transportation application for the 2025-2026 school year.

<https://busconnect.sd23.bc.ca>

Students must be registered to ride on the school bus, for detailed information regarding student eligibility for transportation please visit our website:

<https://www.sd23.bc.ca/transportation-services-programsservices>

470R – Transportation Services Management – Guiding Principles for Transportation
in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

<https://www.sd23.bc.ca/documents/24bb4ba9-1cff-53b9-b0a4-a7dcde0e2c1b>

!!STOP!!

For RED FLASHING LIGHTS

IT'S THE LAW



Safety is everyone's responsibility



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on
Monday, February 3, 2025, at 7:00 am for 2025 - 2026 School Year**
(for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K – 12)

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide support to parents that require assistance.
Documentation Submission Deadline: **Friday, March 14, 2025**

If you are new to Canada, please contact the Welcome Centre for enrollment information at (250)470-3258

HOW TO APPLY

PLEASE NOTE: *The application process is online only. You are required to have a valid email account.*

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

No internet access? Please contact your school for assistance.

Online applications begin on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 7:00 am. 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 in person or by email by **Friday, March 14, 2025**.

1. Student's **Birth Certificate** or other government issued proof of age and citizenship.
2. **Proof of Parent/Guardian B.C. Residency**
 - a. Combination BC Driver's License and Services Card (copy of both sides); or,
 - b. BC Services Card (copy of both sides) **and** one item from the list of supporting documentation below; or,
 - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of supporting documentation below.
3. **Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address/Supporting Documentation**
 - Ownership of a dwelling or long-term lease or rental of a dwelling;
 - Documentation indicating British Columbia residence (i.e. utility bill);
 - British Columbia registration of an automobile;
 - British Columbia Driver's License (copy of both sides); or,
 - A current income tax return filed as a British Columbia resident.

AFTER Thursday, August 28, 2025

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, 2025, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2025. No exceptions.

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

Volunteers are needed for Family Day Fun!

**Monday, February 17th, 2025,
1 - 4 p.m. MNP Place, 4105 Gordon Drive**

Featuring fun and games for the whole family including a Park & Play bouncy castle, zorb soccer, active games, try-it sports scavenger hunt, and free ice skating!

For more information and an application form, please drop by your Career Centre!
Deadline to apply is February 10th, 2025



kelowna.ca/calendar

KELOWNA NORDIC

FAMILY DAY EVENT

17 FEBRUARY, 2025

SKI AND SNOWSHOE
DRINKS - COOKIES - ACTIVITIES*

MORE INFO AT KELOWNANORDIC.COM

KELOWNA 2025 SPRING BALL HOCKEY LEAGUE

KELOWNA BALL HOCKEY LEAGUE

MENS [18+ YRS]

16 Game Season

- INDIVIDUAL, GROUP OR TEAM REGISTRATIONS
- DIVISIONS FOR ALL SKILL SETS
- MINIMAL EQUIPMENT
- MON - THURS 7-10 PM, TWO DAYS A WEEK

\$260/individual or \$3,800/team
(\$224/player with a 17 player roster)

GST and Jersey Fee (\$30) are added to cost during online registration process.

WOMENS [18+ YRS]

10 Game Season

- INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP REGISTRATIONS
- DIVISIONS FOR ALL SKILL SETS
- MINIMAL EQUIPMENT
- ONE GAME PER WEEK, DAY TUE

\$160/individual + \$30 (Jersey fee) + GST

GST and Jersey Fee (\$30) are added to cost during online registration process.

YOUTH [3-YRS]

16 Game Season

- IMPROVE HOCKEY SKILLS (PASSING, SHOOTING, VISION, GAME PLAN)
- MEET NEW FRIENDS
- REGISTER WITH FRIENDS
- GREAT INTRODUCTORY SPORT FOR ASPIRING ICE HOCKEY PLAYERS.
- NON-CONTACT AND MINIMAL EQUIPMENT

\$260/individual + \$30 (Jersey fee) + GST

AGE	CATEGORIES	DAYS OF WEEK*	COSTS	GAMES
U5	2020/2021/2022	Sundays	\$260	16
U7	2018/2019	Sundays	\$260	16
U9	2016/2017	Sundays	\$260	16
U11	2014/2015	Sundays	\$260	16
U13	2012/2013	Sundays	\$260	16
U15	2010/2011	Sundays	\$260	16
U18	2007/2008/2009	Sundays	\$260	16

Times are projected game times based on having 4 teams per age category
GST added to all above registrations

SEASON RUNS MID APRIL - END OF JUNE, 2025

Registration Deadline is March 20, 2025

For more information or to register please visit: kelownaballhockey.com

Kelowna Ball Hockey is a registered member of the BC Ball Hockey Association, players have access to Provincial, Regional, National and World Championships.

BIPOC CONNECTIONS GROUP

FOR STUDENTS OF COLOUR TO CELEBRATE, CONNECT, AND GIVE SPACE TO BE THEMSELVES

FIRST MEETING SEPT 11TH

LUNCH ROOM 147 WEDNESDAYS

BLACK INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF COLOUR

TEACHER SPONSORS
MRS. RAGOONADEN
MR. RAGOBAR
MS. DRESCHER



EXPERIENCE UBCO

**Tuesday, February 18th
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Experience a day as a university student!
Register for sessions,
take part in activities and
have lunch in Pritchard Dining Hall!

**See your Career Centre
to sign-up**



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADE 11 STUDENTS



*Transform adversity
into opportunity
and pursue your
dreams through
post-secondary
education!*

**150+ SCHOLARSHIPS
UP TO \$25,000 EACH***

+ personalized financial aid counselling,
university selection advising, and
other support services

**APPLY
NOW**

APPLY NOW: horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships
DEADLINE: March 31

* Requirements:
• Canadian citizenship
• Household income under \$65,000



Volunteer For Relay!



Scan Me!

Interested in volunteering for our event taking
place on March 29th, between 8am-8pm?

In addition to volunteering you can receive a reference letter from our co-
presidents!



PAC UPDATE Community Matters

BYLAW UPDATE NOTICE

The PAC would like to update the current bylaws to add
a Clubs Chair position to the PAC Executive.

We currently do not have anyone to liaison with all of the
clubs at KSS in order to give the PAC updates about this
important part of our school community. Adding this
position will allow parents to hear about all of the clubs
and what they are up to on a regular basis at our PAC
meetings.

The PAC welcomes your input/attendance at meetings.
Please join us for our next meeting on Feb 11.

Please email kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca if you have
questions or comments.

**JOIN US for the next meeting on February 11th
by Zoom (link to come out closer to the date)**



We Don't Want You to Sell Anything!

But we still need your help

Dear Parents/guardians.

Each year the KSS PAC provides 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.

Previously, these were funded through KSS's annual provincial community gaming grant, however, gaming funds are no longer allowed to be used for bursaries and scholarships. Hence, the PAC must fundraise in order to continue to provide these funds to support KSS students in their future education.

This is where YOU come in!

Please consider donating! Any amount, no matter how large or small, makes a difference!

Our fundraising goal is \$4,000 to cover the awards for 2025 graduates. Any funds beyond our goal will be held in a PAC scholarship account for future years!

How to donate

We have decided to use the school district donation option this year for our scholarship/bursary fund. It allows us to keep all of the money that you donate, rather than having to pay platform fees, and gives you a tax receipt. **WIN-WIN!**

Steps:

1. Go to www.schoolcashionline.com and sign in using your credentials that you pay your school fees with
2. Click *Make a Donation* to open the donation form
3. Choose *Kelowna Secondary*
4. In the message box write *PAC Scholarship Fund*
5. *Add to Cart* to go to the payment page

With your support, we can empower the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and changemakers.