

APRIL 2023

SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL



HOME OF THE HORNETS



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy spring, everyone! Planning for the 2023-24 school year is now in full swing. Over the past 6 weeks counsellors have been working with students to plan courses for next year. They will also be visiting our elementary schools as part of our Grade 7 Transition Plan. Very soon we will be building the timetable based on student requests.

As a reminder, the end of the term is Friday, April 21. Report cards will be available digitally the following week on My Ed. An email will be sent out when they are available. If your child has received an "I" report, this is an indication that they are at risk of not being successful in a specific course. If your son or daughter needs extra support in one of their classes, please contact their teacher immediately to make a plan to turn things around.

Grads, don't forget to check out the Scholarship and Bursary applications in the office. The deadlines are coming up quickly. To be eligible for scholarships and bursaries, grade 12 students must be in good standing, taking a minimum of six grade 12 courses at SOSS and have filled out the Scholarship & Bursary application form. Meat and Flower fundraising sheets are also available in the office. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, April 26th. Our Scholarship & Bursary night is Tuesday, June 27th followed by our Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, June 28th. (more information to follow). Our next grad parent meeting is Thursday, April 20 at 5:30pm in the library. This will be prior to the PAC meeting which is at 6:30pm.

The Student Learning Surveys for grade 10 and 12 students will be completed during the first two weeks of April. We encourage all students to take time with their responses as the data received is very important for future planning.

We are excited to announce that SOSS is hosting the district Pow Wow on Friday, April 21-Saturday, April 22. Flyer attached.

T. Harrington

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 11	HORNET UNIVERSITY, 7PM LIBRARY
APRIL 14 & 15	ULTIMATE FRISBEE TOURNAMENT
APRIL 19	GARDOM LAKE PARENT MEETING, 6PM LIBRARY
APRIL 20	GRAD PARENT MEETING, 5:30PM LIBRARY
APRIL 20	PAC MEETING, 6:30PM LIBRARY
APRIL 21 & 22	POW WOW
APRIL 21 & 22	SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER TOURNAMENT
APRIL 26	INQUIRY DAY, EARLY DISMISSAL AT 11:57

GRAD INFORMATION

Grad Spring fundraising opportunities are here! By selling meat products and flower baskets for Mother's Day, these fundraisers help reduce the cost of your Grad fees. See Mrs. Koffler in the office to pick up your order forms. We will also be having a Grad bottle drive fundraiser on Saturday, April 8th from 10 - 2 PM. Community members are encouraged to drop off bottles at the front of the school to be sorted. Grads will also canvas the community going door to door.

A Grad Parent meeting has been changed to Thursday, April 20th at 5:30 PM in the library before the PAC meeting.

The Prom date has been set for Saturday, May 13th at Spirit Ridge. Pictures at a location TBD 3 - 5 PM and the evening will run from 5 - 10 PM with dinner and a dance. Tickets will be going on sale shortly and we will need to create a set up/decorating/cleaning committee that is in charge of the venue.

The Grad trip will take place after the Grad ceremony on Wednesday, June 28. Grads will travel to Vancouver and participate in various activities including going to the PNE. We are currently finalizing details and costs.



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HORNET SK8ERS

Logo Contest Winner

We are proud to announce the winner of our logo design contest is..... Janav Brar! We will now be known as "Hornet Sk8ers", and the logo will be printed on club swag in time for the end of the spring session. There were tons of great entries, with honourable mentions going out to Chayton Vala, Merrick Ogden, and Owen Grice. Excellent work, everybody!

Janav collected a rad prize package from Darren at Respect Record and Skate. Respect Record and Skate also donated 4 complete setups to the club to help engage kids in skateboarding at SOSS. Thanks for your support of the club Darren!

Spring Session

The Spring Session is here! Permission forms are available from Mr. McKinnon outside room 206. Anyone wanting to come skate needs a permission form and a helmet. Don't have a helmet or a skateboard? Never skated before but looking to try? We can set you up with everything you need to try skateboarding and see if it's for you.

This session, we will visit Osoyoos, Oliver, Penticton and Summerland, with a special half-day trip to Peachland and Kelowna in the works. It's going to be pretty rad.... don't miss out! Contact Mr. McKinnon for details: jmckinnon@sd53.bc.ca.

GIRLS SOCCER

There has been tremendous interest in Girls soccer again this year at SOSS. The team consists of 24 players who will be travelling and competing for a spot at the Valley Championships. With a 5th place finish at the Valley Championship last year, they are hoping to improve on that result.

This year, the home tournament has also gained the interest of teams all over the province! We will be hosting a 12 team tournament with teams from Northern BC, the Fraser Valley, Kelowna, and Vernon. It will be hosted April 21 & 22 at the school fields and Oliver Parks and Recreation Centre. Come and support our student Athletes as they are preparing to compete hard for another year.

For a full list of season dates, please see the school website.



SPAGHETTI BRIDGE BUILDING

We had 3 teams from the Calculus 12 class that entered the 38th annual Spaghetti Bridge Building contest at Okanagan College in Kelowna. All the groups worked hard and did a great job designing and building a bridge. They had to build a bridge that spanned a minimum of 50cm and hold 1kg for 60 seconds. They chose to go as light as possible and go for the win and came out of the competition with first and second place out of approximately 46 teams. The students had a great time and worked well together as a team.

First Place: (approx. 78 grams)

Nickolas Trakalo, Madison Ramsay, Justin Vala, Julianna Austen

Second Place: (approx. 80 grams)

Benjamin Cook, Matthew Mythen, Nicholas Lang, Travis Schaffrick

The third team who participated:

Takdir Dhaliwal, Harneet Grewal, Harleen Mann, Samantha Stanley



RISING STARS OF SOSS: SPRING MUSIC SHOWCASE

SOSS and Frank Venables Theatre proudly present Rising Stars of SOSS: Spring Youth Music Showcase on April 20th at 7:00pm. Our lineup of performing artists includes Maya Baerg, McKenna Burns, Emma Cottam, Olivia Goncalves, Maya Kriesel, Ethan Pearle, and Ezra Toon. You won't want to miss an unforgettable evening of music with these impressively talented singers, songwriters and musicians. Tickets are available online and at the Frank Venables Box Office for \$15.



LEGION AWARDS

Students were presented with awards recognizing excellence for their Remembrance Day submissions for poems and posters. Several students placed in the zone as well. Lilah Smith placed 1st in the zone and her poster will be put forward to the provincial level. Congratulations to all of our participants.

Top Row (left to right): Ari Kendrick, Maya Baerg, Savanna Van Drimmelen, Gurleen Grewal, Aydan Lawrence, Merrick Ogden.

Bottom Row (left to right): Owen Grice, Mehgen Boye, Jordyn Nelson, Lilah Smith, Kayla Koteles



Grade 9 Trip to Gardom Lake May 30th - Jun 1st

We are very excited that our grade 9 students will be going on the Gardom Lake trip May 30-June 1. The parent information meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19 at 6:00pm in the SOSS library. If your student is attending the trip, then we will plan to see you and your student at the meeting. We will go over all the trip details at the time including itinerary, packing list, and contact information.

Payments can be made in person or online and you are welcome to pay the full balance if that is easier for you. As you may have heard, we received a \$2000 donation from our PAC as well as some additional support from the school and this has brought the overall cost of the trip down to \$160/student. If your student has not yet signed up, but is still interesting in joining the trip, you can either connect with Stacey Smith, or make the payments to Mrs. Wilkie in the office or online. As always, if finances are a barrier, please contact Stacey Smith (ssmith@sd53.bc.ca or 250-498-4931 ext. 81814 or text to 250-809-6885) and we can problem solve together.

Payment Schedule:

\$50 is now overdue

\$55 due by April 17

\$55 due by May 15 (earlier payment is welcome and encouraged)

We are still working on some potential fundraising opportunities. Please watch your email for any information.

Thank you to the 5 parents that have already volunteered to join the trip as chaperones. If you are interested in joining us, please send me an email and once our numbers are finalized, I will be able to confirm how many chaperones we will need. We are particularly looking for more male chaperones to join in the fun. All chaperones will need to complete a criminal record check and we can assist with that process.

Please direct all questions to Stacey Smith at the contacts given above. I'm looking forward to a great trip with an awesome group of students!



APRIL CAFETERIA MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Lunch: Tuscan Chicken Mushroom Risotto Roasted Red Pepper Soup Chocolate Chip Cookies	4 Lunch: Pork chops and Caesar Salad Mashed potatoes Minestrone Soup Carrot cupcakes	5 Lunch: Meatball Subs Greek Salad Potato Leek Soup Cherry Tarts	6 Lunch: Pizza Day	7 Lunch: Good Friday No service
10 Lunch: Easter Monday No Service	11 Lunch: Moroccan Chicken Kababs Pita Bread Chickpea Salad Moroccan Veggie Soup Rice Krispie Squares	12 Lunch: Kung Pao Tofu Schezwan Noodles Won Ton Soup Strawberry Shortcake	13 Lunch: Pizza Day	14 Lunch: Honey Garlic Pork Sliders Roasted Carrot Soup Cake Pops
17 Lunch: Chinese Orange Chicken Chow Mein Cream of Mushroom soup	18 Lunch: Tacos Al Pastor Corn Salad Cheesy Enchilada Soup	19 Lunch: Butternut Squash Curry Rice Broccoli Cheddar Soup Cinnamon Buns	20 Lunch: Pizza Day	21 Lunch: Creamy Garlic Tortellini Pasta Garlic Bread Italian Wedding Soup Lemon Meringue tarts
24 Lunch: Baked Pirogies Bacon Roasted Veggies Goulash Soup Brownies	25 Lunch: Chicken fajitas Refried Beans Veggies Tortilla Soup	26 Lunch: Honey Garlic Chicken Wings Pasta Salad Ham and Barley Soup Oreo Truffles	27 Lunch: Pizza Day	28 Lunch: Spaghetti Bolognese Garlic Bread Corn Chowder



“Celebration of Traditions”

Pow Wow

April 21 & 22, 2023

Southern Okanagan Secondary School, Oliver, BC
School District #53 Indigenous Education Committee Hosting

Host Drum—Smokey Valley

Friday, Schedule: 10:00 am – 2:30 pm SD#53 students

Friday evening: Open to the Public 7:00-11:00 pm

Saturday Schedule: Open to the Public 1:00 – 5:00 pm & 7:00-11:00 pm

Admission is free

Dinner: Friday and Saturday 5:30 pm

Breakfast: Saturday 9:00-11:00 am

~Specials~

Hand Drum Contest during Saturday Dinner Break

All drum groups will receive an Honorarium (Minimum 4
Singers and all drums must be registered)

Vendors Welcome: \$50.00 plus a *Door Prize* donation

Contact Theresa Snow for booking: 250-499-0595 or Tsnow@sd53.bc.ca

For all other inquiries, please contact Helen Gallagher: 250-498-4346

Pow Wow Committee members & School District No. 53 are not responsible for any injuries, theft, or lost items

