

SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2021

Home of the Hornets!

Principal's Message

Welcome Back Everyone! Each new year brings optimism and new beginnings. I am sure all of us are happy to put 2020 behind us. Thanks to everyone for complying with mask wearing and sanitizing every day to keep us all safe. We need to continue to be vigilant as we move into the New Year. As a reminder, teachers are continuing only with "face-to-face" instruction. This is quite different than the spring when teachers were doing remote learning. If your child is staying home due to COVID concerns, they are responsible for their own learning and they must connect with their teachers via Teams where teachers will be posting assignments. To move to the next level, students must demonstrate sufficient skills and knowledge in each course. Semester 1 is winding down with exams running Wednesday, January 27 to Friday, January 29th. Students are only required to attend exam days when they are writing. Semester 2 begins February 1st.

Course selection for the 2021-22 school year will begin in early February. Information will be posted on our website. Counsellors will be working with students to assist in course selections. Please make sure that your child is able to access their portal. If you need assistance, please contact Mrs. Goncalves.

Our counsellors and Indigenous Advocates, along with Admin will continue with the Breakfast program in the New Year. Thanks to PAC and a grant from The Children's Charity for supporting this initiative.

A reminder to grads that your Capstone requirements will be due very soon. Please see Ms. Smith, Mrs. Harrington, Mr. Heinrichs or Mrs. Goncalves if you have questions. Grad photos will be March 1-5.

Mr. Kitt is organizing a two-day Women in the Trades opportunity for our grade 10 girls. This is a fantastic way for students to be introduced to diverse options in the trades. For more information, see Mr. Kitt.

The Camosun College Culinary program is in its fourth year and offers incredible opportunities for students with a passion for cooking. This is an exciting time for education!
Best of luck to all students with their final assessments.

Tracy Harrington
Principal



Important Dates to Remember

January 14	Grade 9 Immunizations
January 20	Inquiry Time Early Dismissal, 11:54am
January 27-29	Exam Week (see attached schedule)
February 1	First day of Semester classes



Course Selections

It is time to start thinking about course planning and selections for next year already. Students are asked to login to their Family Portal using their student account before Friday, January 26th. As this process is completed in MyEd all students need to have logged into their account before course selections begin. Please see the attached instructions on how students can complete this to ease the process.

Grads



Capstone

The Capstone Project and CLC are requirements for graduation in British Columbia. In order to complete this graduation requirement all students must complete the following:

- 30 hours of Work/Volunteer/Work Experience Hours. 15 hours can be carried forward from summer and the remainder of the hours must be dated from September onward.
- Reflection Response on the impact of the work/volunteer experience
- Health & Wellness Plan
- Personal Pitch

All of this information can be found in the Teams app (Grad 2021) for students to complete and submit the work. Time slots have been opened for signing up for the Personal Pitch and can be found in the office for grads to schedule their presentation.

Bursary and Scholarship Application Form - The application form for school-based bursary and scholarships is now available in the office. All 2021 Grads are encouraged to complete the application as soon as possible. The deadline for return of completed applications is March 1st!



Grad Photos

Grad 2021 photos are scheduled for the week of March 1st, sign-up sheets will be available in the office beginning February 1st.

Clubs & Activities

The following clubs are currently being offered at SOSS. New members are always welcome, and students who have ideas for other clubs are encouraged to share their ideas.

Math Club—Mondays at lunch

Yoga Club—Tuesdays at 3pm

Student Voice Club—Wednesdays virtually at 5:30pm

Chess Club—Wednesdays at lunch

WE Can Talk Club—Wednesdays at lunch

SAGA Club—Fridays at lunch



SOSS Athletics

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a great 2021 in Hornet Athletics regardless of what our parameters and limitations will be related to the pandemic. Winter Season is upon us and our student athletes are now actively involved in their basketball seasons. Once again we have organized our practice times by grade level cohorts to continue to meet guidelines set via the PHO and BC School Sports. Fortunately several staff members have graciously volunteered to step in to work with our various grade level cohorts. Without the dedication and commitment of our coaches this basketball season would not happen. There is definitely a lot of positive energy on the court. Coaches have done a great job creating enthusiasm around what likely will be an atypical season. Our student athletes are working hard to refine skills, building on their understanding of strategies, and having fun with their peers on the court. Regardless of what this season looks like, it will be a meaningful growth experience for all who are involved. Go Hornets!

Career Education

Are you a "Hidden Apprentice"?

..... If you are currently working in a job that is classified as a "Trade", you might qualify to be enrolled in the **Youth Work in Trades** as a Youth Apprentice. You could be eligible to earn 16 credits towards your graduation through the work you are doing in your job.

With course planning approaching, now is the time to think about opportunities in Trades where you could go to college as a high school student to pursue a career in the trades. Grade 11 and 12 students are eligible to be enrolled in the Youth Train in Trades program that gets you started on the technical training of a trade. You could earn both high school credits and college credits at the same time. Best part....the School District pays tuition!

Women in Trades Bootcamp

We will be hosting a two-day bootcamp for girls in Grade 10 interested in trying out a variety of trades. This two-day event will be a fun, hands-on experience where the students get to try four specific trades that may present some opportunities for the future. We will be limited to 16 students in this program. SEE MR. KITT WITH ANY QUESTIONS AND TO SIGN UP.



RECON

The SOSS RECON group has been unlucky so far this year with weather but we have three opportunities coming up over the next few weeks. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate for one or more of these events so we can take the telescope out and gather some data. If you are interested in learning more about the RECON group, please read through the information on the school website or come talk to either Mrs. McIntyre or Mr. Johnson.

Here is the list of events and their times:

2021 January 9, 03:31UT – Scattered Disk Object [10XE91](#)

(Friday, Jan. 8th from 6pm – 9pm)

2021 January 15, 05:07UT – Classical KBO [03YT179](#)

(Thursday, Jan. 14th from 7pm – 10pm)

2021 February 1, 03:19UT – Classical KBO [96TS66](#)

(Sunday, Jan. 31st from 5pm – 8pm)



LEGION REMEMBRANCE DAY DRAWING WINNERS

We are very pleased to announce that the following students have won Legion awards:

Achile Kosaka- 1st place Sr. Black & White poster
Justin Vala- 2nd Sr. Black and White poster
Mathew Mythen- 3rd Sr. Black & White poster
Fallon Brodie- First Sr. Colour Poster
Lincoln Mills -2nd Sr. Colour Poster
Nickolas Trakalo - 3rd Sr. Colour Poster



Congratulations



• INDIGENOUS DEPARTMENT •

December was a busy month for the Gathering Room.

We had taco lunches for our students which were a big hit, and we did one for each grade to COMPLY with COVID safety. We had some students help us to make the bannock as well. It was a big undertaking, and we really appreciate the students giving us time to help us with the prep work. The students came in on their day and we served them their taco, played games and gave out prizes.

With the end of the semester and final exams coming up, the advocates have been helping support students to get ready. The Gathering Room is open for students to come in and catch up on school-work or prepare for final exams. We are open at 8:00 am before school starts and there is homework club available after school until 4:00 pm every day. We will be planning some new activities for semester two and hope to be in the classrooms to help support the students as they begin their new classes.



SOSS BREAKFAST CLUB

SOSS Breakfast Club would like to thank our generous sponsors.

Rotary Club of Oliver Linda Larson comes every week with milk, juice, breakfast bars and muffins. Cobbs Bakery out of Penticton donates croissants, scones, buns and other sweet treats twice a week.

We appreciate the donations that allow our students to fuel their minds and hearts as they arrive at school.

EXAM SCHEDULE

SOSS Final Exams - January 27-29, 2021

Wednesday, January 27

8:30 - 10:30			12:00 - 2:00		
Exam	Class/Teacher	Test Room	Exam	Class/Teacher	Test Room
English 12	Laver	208	Law 12	Riordan	206
English First Peoples 12	McKinnon	108	Anatomy & Physiology 12	Wurflinger	207
AP Lit 12	Laver	202	Math 11 - Pre-Calc	Seminoff	205
Science 10	Lang - A	204	Math 11 - Pre-Calc	Khondarahmi	208
Science 10	Lang - B	205	Earth Science 11	Russo	105
Science 10	Lang - D	206	Science 8	Wurflinger - B	209
Social Studies 9	Karrow	105	Science 8	Wurflinger - C	210
AP Composition 11	Baerg	207	Science 8	Kaiser	202

Thursday, January 28

8:30 - 10:30			12:00 - 2:00		
Exam	Class/Teacher	Test Room	Exam	Class/Teacher	Test Room
Economic Theory 12	Schulting	206	Math 12 - Pre-Calc	Khondarahmi	105
20th Century World History 12	Stopa	202	Chemistry 11	McIntyre	108
Life Sciences 11	Wurflinger	105	Math 8	Seminoff - B	206
Life Sciences 11	Russo	108	Math 8	Seminoff - C	208
Math (FMP) 10	Schulting	205	Math 8	Cruickshank	207
Math (FMP) 10	Seminoff	208	Math 9	Lang	202
English 9	Scott	207	Math 9	Johnson	203

Friday, January 29 - I Day, Conflict Exams, Grade 10 Assessments

8:30 - 10:30 (11:30)				12:00 - 2:00 (3:00)		
Exam	Class/Teacher			Exam	Class/Teacher	
Gr. 10 Numeracy Assessment	906			Gr. 10 Literacy Assessment	906	
Conflict Exams				Conflict Exams		
Exam	Class/Teacher	Room		Exam	Class/Teacher	Room
		202				202

Information for Students - January 2021 Final Exams

Report any exam conflicts to Ms. Koffler in the office immediately. All conflict exams will be written on Friday morning in room 202 unless you arrange something different directly with your teacher

All students must arrive to exams 15 minutes before the starting time

Students must stay in the exam room for a minimum of one hour after the start of their exam

Please leave bags and backpacks in your lockers as no bags will be allowed in the exam rooms

No phones or other electronic devices in the exams room except for calculators which will be checked by the supervising teacher

Busses will run at the regular times during exam week

Bring all writing utensils needed for exam (pencils, pens, erasers)

Students can bring a water bottle into the exam

When exams are in session, please remain quiet in the upstairs hallways and the main floor hallway near the drama room

Student may use the library for quiet study

Students only need to be present for their exams and are expected to be off of school grounds when they are not writing or studying in the library