

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2020

Home of the Hornets!

Principal's Message

The holidays are fast approaching and there is excitement and energy as we enter the last few weeks before the break.

Most fall sports have wrapped up and the winter sports are just getting started. Thank you to all our coaches for providing these opportunities for our students.

A big thank you to Mrs. Koffler and Mr. Kitt for organizing the Grad Meat and Flower Fundraiser this year. This event helps our grads to pay off their grad fees. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, and we hope you enjoy your purchases. Pick up is Friday December 4 at 3:30pm.

Mrs. Podmorow and her Drama class are busily working on Christmas Chaos. This yearly performance is a much loved and highly anticipated tradition at SOSS as you are never truly sure of the final script. There are always many laughs and a few inside jokes. This year, we will be doing five different shows to keep everyone safe. Christmas Chaos performance will be on Friday, December 18th.

This year we are again preparing holiday hampers to give back to our community. Link Crew is organizing the Five Dress up Days of Christmas and a Christmas Card Making Extravaganza for grade 8's. Finally, the counselling team will be hosting a "take out" breakfast on Friday, December 18th which is free to all staff and students.

With all the uncertainty out there, please be sure to keep safe and take care of yourselves and your family. Happy Holidays to everyone! We look forward to working with all of you in 2021!

- T. Harrington



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Important Dates to Remember

December 2	Grade 9 Immunization Information Day
December 4	Grade Meat and Flower pick-up, 3pm
December 7-11	Grade 8 Online Safety & Healthy Relationships Seminars
December 1-11	Food Bank Collection—Library
December 14-16	Escape Room
December 14-18	Spirit Week Dress-up
December 18	Take out Breakfast for Students and Staff
December 18	Last Day of Classes before Winter Break
January 4	First Day of Classes after Winter Break



Holiday Spirit Dress-up Days



Dress-up days are December 14–18

Monday: Jersey Day
 Tuesday: Twin Day
 Wednesday: Lumberjack Day
 Thursday: Christmas Sweater Day
 Friday: PJ Day

MASKS MAKE GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS

All students are required to wear masks in common spaces including the hallways and bathrooms. Students were provided with 2 masks at the beginning of the school year but there have been a growing number of students who are coming to school without a mask and we are asking for your help with this. Maybe some new masks could be part of Christmas this year so that they may be better prepared for school after Winter break.

SAGA

The SAGA Club worked hard to put together a display for Transgender Day of Remembrance: a day that honours the memory of transgender people whose lives were lost in anti-transgender violence. The display is located in the atrium and will stay up until the New Year.



LIBRARY NEWS



Keeping with tradition the Library has put up our Book Tree for the month of December. We are also putting on a Christmas Advent Calendar Game for the Students. December is going to be filled with fun! If you are looking for something to read, check out the SORA app on your mobile device.

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**—Mondays at 3pm
- Chess Club**—Wednesdays lunch
- SAGA Club**—Fridays at lunch
- Kilometer Klub**—Most Days at 3pm
- Student Voice Club**—Wednesdays Virtually at 5:30pm



SOCIALS STUDIES 10



Ms. Riordan's Grade 10 Socials Studies Class made a wreath of poppies for the Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day Ceremony. Each poppy has messages written from students and staff.

STUDENT VOICE

Student Voice club has been busy getting involved with SOSS Student Merchandise! They held a contest asking for students to submit an image or drawing revamping our SOSS Hornet Logo. This logo will be featured on our new student merchandise that will be for sale. They also held a survey to see what kind of products the students wanted to see for sale. Watch for an order form to be posted on the SOSS school website next week!

CHRISTMAS CHAOS

Drama 11 is currently working on the annual production of Christmas Chaos. We are proud to be able to continue this awesome tradition here at SOSS. This year we will have to perform the show five times so that each cohort gets a chance to be a part of the fun. The show will be on December 18.



SOSS BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED

The Athletic Department at Southern Okanagan Secondary School is hoping to get the 2020-2021 basketball season up and running in the coming weeks.

This year, due to Covid-19 challenges, the BC School Sports seasons of play have been altered resulting in the official start to the winter season becoming January 4th, 2021. The Return to School Sport Plan is still in Stage 2 which allows for cohort specific participation within the school and no inter-school competition for the moment.

The plan at SOSS is to take the same grade based approach to basketball as we have run through volleyball season. What that would mean is that we would have all basketball athletes of particular grades practice on the same days. In order to make that plan a reality, we will need more basketball coaches than we currently have. As is the case in field hockey, and to some degree volleyball, we will once again need coaches from the greater SOSS community to step in and help coach teams if we are to provide basketball for each grade level. Parents or community members who are interested in coaching SOSS Basketball are asked to please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Podmorow, by email or phone for more information and to set-up a meeting. Go Hornets!!

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YOGA CLUB

Yoga Club has started at SOSS. Yoga is a great opportunity to learn coping skills for everyday stresses, move your body and connect with others. We meet every Monday at 3pm in the small gym. Hope to see you all there!



NOV/DEC 2020 CAFETERIA MENU



16	17 Day 2 Thai Chicken Laksa Teriyaki Bowls	18	19 Day 2 Potato Bacon Chowder Turkey Pot Pie	20
23C Broccoli Cheddar Soup Chicken Caesar Salad & Biscuits	24A	25C Inquiry Day No Service	26A	27C Chicken Laksa Poutine Beaver Tails
30A	1C Cream of Mushroom Greek Wrap (Donairs)	2A	3C French Onion Soup Beef Dip	4A
7C Borscht Perogies	8A	9C Breakfast for Lunch Waffles Fruit Sausage	10A	11C Red Pepper Corn Chowder Baked Spaghetti & Biscuits
14. 	15C Tomato Basil Soup Macaroni & Cheese	16A	17C No Service	18 

School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

Student Supervisors - Relief

Southern Okanagan Secondary School is seeking relief student supervisors to join our team. Our student supervisors monitor student activities/behaviour to ensure student safety. Pay is \$21.12 per hour. Successful candidates must have six months' experience working with children in a structured program or school setting. For posting details, application guidelines and job description visit the district website at: <https://www.sd53.bc.ca/apps/pages/supportemployment>





Indigenous Education Program

Way' families! This November has been chilly, but we've been keeping warm by doing lots of activities. This month we participated in the Equine Program. Our Indigenous students who showed interest participated in learning how to interact with horses and about forming relationships. We have also started the "Wild Game Cooking Club". Some of our students hunt and since one of our Indigenous Advocates (Shan) is a Red Seal Chef and Baker, she is teaching the students what to do with their game. This month we cooked goose and learned how to roast vegetables as a side dish. We hope this club gains momentum and we see more students participate. We got into the classrooms to make Medicine Pouches for the Indigenous Courts as well. Our homework club is still up and running 5 days a week from 2:45-4pm and is open to ALL students!

-Shan and Shynai
Indigenous Education Advocates

