

APRIL 2024

SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

HOME OF THE HORNETS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy spring, everyone! Planning for the 2024-25 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 19th. Report cards will be available to be accessed digitally the following week. 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.

Thank you to our coaches for supporting our students during the spring season. A big shout out to Mr. & Mrs. Russo, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. McIntyre, Ms. Windley, and Mr. Kitt for working with these students to improve their skills. We have girls' soccer, ultimate frisbee, golf, and tennis teams currently running. A big shout out as well for our Student Voice Club (Ms. Scott, Ms. Laver, Ms. Martins), Art Club (Ms. Kingsfield), Skateboard Club (Mr. McKinnon), Cooking Club (Mr. Dyer and Ms. Frank) and our SOGI Club (Ms. Shione).

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 24th. Our Scholarship & Bursary night is Tuesday, June 25th followed by our Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, June 26th (more information to follow). Stay connected on TEAMS as that is where all the information is stored.

The Student Learning Surveys for grade 10 and 12 students will be completed shortly. We encourage all students to do their best on these assessments.

Take care and have a great week!

T. Harrington

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 9	POW WOW FUNDRAISER @ OIB HALL, 5PM
APRIL 12	SCHOOL WIDE BREAKFAST
APRIL 18	SOSS RISING STARS SHOWCASE, 7PM
APRIL 18	PAC MEETING, 6:30PM
APRIL 19	END OF TERM 3
APRIL 19	DISTRICT POW WOW @ OSS
APRIL 22	TERM 4 BEGINS
APRIL 24	EARLY DISMISSAL, 11:55 AM



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OLIVER THEATRE

Sunday April 14th at 2:00pm

Doors Open at 1:30pm

SHOWCASING MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU

Entry by Cash Donation

RECOMMENDED \$5 PER PERSON OR \$20 PER FAMILY AND CASH ONLY

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE GRAD CLASS OF 2024

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VENABLES
Alive!

*Rising
Stars*

OF SOSS

*Spring Showcase of
SOSS Rising Stars
7:00pm, Thursday April 18
Frank Venables Theatre*

Tickets are now on sale for the upcoming Spring Showcase of SOSS Rising Stars! Tickets are \$20 and are available on line through Frank Venables Theatre. You won't want to miss this evening of music and dance featuring some of our very talented performers. They include:

Fanilo Andrianasolo

Commonplace: Tommy Atkinson, Leo Rodriguez, and Anthony Pearle

Maya Baerg

Mckenna Burns

Olivia Goncalves

Kadence Grimard-Newstead

Jordyn Koteles and Madison Pearce

The Mudrats: Ezra Toon, Rocky Toon, Tommy Atkinson, Silas McAllister, Edwin Lee, and Sam Lee

Ethan Pearle

Abbygail Wolfe

STUDENT VOICE

The Student Voice Club held their annual SHE-DRIVE to recognize International Women's Day, March 8th. They received lots of donations of essential items for local women in need, such as: shampoo and conditioner, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, band-aids, socks, canned items, pasta, snacks, etc. The club members are grateful for all the support from SOSS staff and students again this year.

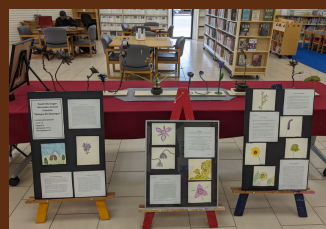


SKATEBOARD CLUB

Skateboard Club is back! Permission forms are available outside of room 206. Our first session is on Tuesday, April 9th. Beginners welcome. All you need is a skateboard and a helmet. Mr. McKinnon may have some gear if you don't have all that you need. Contact Mr. McKinnon with questions:

jmckinno@sd53.bc.ca

The SOSS Arts department has teamed up with Metalwork 11-12, English 9 and Photography 9-12 to create a show called "Spring in the Okanagan" that can be viewed at the Oliver public library for the entire month of April. Come and check it out!



Grade 9 Gardom Lake trip is May 28-30. Students attending this trip are reminded to please pay the balance of the trip fees through the school QuickPay or to Mrs. Wilkie in the office.

BEAUTY & THE BEAST



SOSS HORNETS TAKE EUROPE

On March 18th, 32 students from Grade 11 & 12 along with 5 teacher chaperones departed Kelowna for a 10-day trip to Europe. We spent time in Amsterdam, Belgium and France. Some of the sites the group visited include the Anne Frank House, Passchendaele and the outpost where Canadian physician John MacRae treated wounded soldiers and wrote the famous poem, "In Flanders Fields". We went to Vimy Ridge and Juno Beach where we learned about the false harbour constructed by the Allies at Arromanches.

In Paris we got to experience the Paris Metro and visited places including Sacre Coeur in Montmartre where we took a guided walking tour through Montmartre which is famous for being home to artists like Picasso, Van Gogh, and the Moulin Rouge Theatre. We took a river cruise on the Seine and saw the Eiffel Tower lit up at night and glimpsed the cathedral of Notre Dame. The palace of Versailles was breathtaking, and pictures do not do it justice! Students got audio-guides and self-toured through the palace. After dinner, we hopped on transit one last time: destination, Eiffel Tower. All students went all the way up to the upper deck and were rewarded with spectacular nighttime views of Paris. It was the trip of a lifetime with many memories made, relationships formed and all kinds of learning taking place. Congratulations and thank you to the entire group of students, the chaperone dream team of Mrs. Goncalves, Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. Burns, Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. Stopa, our Explorica Tour Director Patrick and our driver Mark on a wholly successful trip!



STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS ON THE NEXT TRIP PLANNED FOR 2026

GRAD SPRING FLOWER FUNDRAISER

<https://southernokanagansecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

 Southern Okanagan Secondary School
Class of 2024 - Spring Fundraiser

Flower & Plant Order Form

Customer: _____ Phone: _____
SOSS Grad: _____ Email: _____

QTY		Products supplied by Growing Smiles Fundraising	TOTAL
		 12" Premium Hanging Basket	\$35 \$
		 12" Outdoor Patio Planter	\$35 \$
		 2-Gallon Rose Patio Planter	\$45 \$
		 11" Strawberry Hanging Basket	\$28 \$
		 Indoor Foliage Trio 3 x 6" Deco Pots	\$40 \$
		 4" Assorted Herbs 10-Pack	\$35 \$
		 4" Assorted Veggies 10-Pack	\$35 \$
TOTAL ITEMS		☐ Cash ☐ Debit/Credit ☐ Cheque # _____	TOTAL \$

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ORDER ONLINE by Wednesday, April 24th

Or pay by cash or cheque payable to SOSS. All orders must be PREPAID.

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TOTAL \$

**Pick up on Friday, May 10 at SOSS
between 3:30PM - 6:00 PM**

Thank you for supporting SOSS Grads!

FROZEN PRODUCT ORDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

SD# 53 Annual Powwow Fundraiser

***Come out and enjoy a Bannock Taco
dinner. a Loonie Auction & 50/50 Draw***

Date: April 9, 2024

Location: OIB Community Hall
(6046 Sandpoint Drive Oliver, BC)

Time: 5:00p.m.

Taco dinner and pop or water:

\$10 per person or \$40 per family of 5 or more (same household)



Everyone Welcome!

***All proceeds go to our SD# 53 Annual Powwow event
held April 19 & 20 2024 at Osoyoos Secondary School***

Organized by the SD#53 Indigenous Advocate Powwow Committee

"Celebration of Traditions"

Pow Wow

April 19 & 20, 2024

Osoyoos Secondary School, Osoyoos, BC

5800-115 Street, Osoyoos, BC, V0H 1V4

School District #53 Indigenous Education Committee Hosting

Host Drum -- Smokey Valley

High Water

Emcee -- Gord Cuthbert

Arena Director -- Oly Bent

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

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

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

Admission is free

Dinner: Friday and Saturday 5:30pm

Breakfast: Saturday 9:00 - 11:00am

~Specials~

Boot and Hat (community members, no regalia necessary)

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

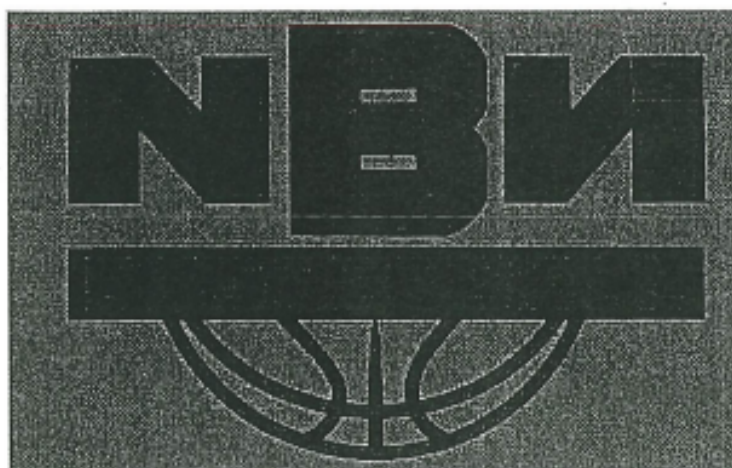
Contact Naomi Ety for Booking: 250-499-0537 or netty@sd53.bc.ca

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

THIS IS A SMOKE AND VAPE FREE ZONE

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





Registration Form

Date: July 8-11, 2024

Place: Southern Okanagan Secondary School Gym, Oliver B.C.

Time: 9am-12noon (*Rookie Camp*)
1pm-4pm (*Pro Camp*)

Cost: Rookie and Pro Camps: \$ 199.00

No Refund After June 10th, 2023.

Late Fee for the camp after June 11th: \$ 224.00

What to bring: Proper basketball gear, water bottle, and a great attitude!

What you get: an NBN camp T-shirt, basketball, Gatorade, gift certificates and other prizes. **What do we do:** **NBN** is for *players of all levels*. We focus on improving basketball skills and strategies while stressing proper *FUN*damentals on both ends of the court! Ball handling, shooting, passing and fun games every day, as well as offensive and defensive and strategies. **BC Basketball Hall of Famer, UVIC Hall of Famer, Former UBC and UVIC assistant coach, Coordinator of Lake City Development, Spencer McKay**, brings incredible knowledge and unmatched international experience to **NBN**.

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Name of Player: _____ Birthdate: _____ Gr: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Contact#: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Email: _____

Medical Number: _____ Allergies: _____

Camp Selection: Please Check off :

Rookie Camp (Gr. 3-6) \$199 _____ Pro Camp (Gr. 7-11) \$199 _____

Day Drop in (\$60/day) days _____

Shirt: Adult: Please circle size XXL XL L M S Youth L M