

MAY NEWSLETTER

Home of the Hornets!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are on the home stretch of this school year as we have less than two months left. Report cards have been posted and we will be working closely with those students who still need to complete outstanding course work. If you have not seen your child's report card, please check the Parent Portal on MyEd or contact the office for more information.

We are currently designing the 2022-23 timetable. Counsellors will be having discussions with parents and students regarding appropriate placements for next year.

This is an exciting time for the Grads. District Dogwood Authority presentations will be held on Tuesday, May 10th, and the Francis Family Scholarship application is due May 13th. Please check in the office for additional information. Grad fees are due May 11th. Please pay \$150 to the office as soon as possible (check with Ms. Matthews if you have done fundraising). A reminder that meat and flower pick up is Friday May 6th between 3:30pm – 6:00pm. Check the notice in the counselling centre to make sure you are on the Grad List and Teams for the most up-to-date information. The Grad Scholarship night will be on Monday, June 27th and the Grad Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 28th and more details will follow. The next Parent Grad Meeting is May 16th at 7:00pm in the library.

The grade 7 Transition Meetings will be held this month. This is an opportunity for us to plan accordingly for our new Hornets. We are very excited to be welcoming 86 new Grade 8 students next year!

This is a friendly reminder that pick up and drop off should not be in the bus lane or in the back parking lot. The lot in the back is extremely tight and there have been several "near misses" lately, please pick up and drop off students on Gala street. On another note, masks will no longer be provided to students. We still encourage students to wear masks, but they will have to bring them from home.

Youth Week is next week. We will have several guest speakers at lunchtime. Wednesday, we are hosting the Healthcare Travelling Roadshow which is a presentation by UBC discussing professions such as medicine, nursing, midwifery, dental hygiene, physical therapy, pharmacy, paramedicine, and respiratory therapy. It will be an awesome opportunity for our students.

Our Indigenous Advocates are organizing Red Dress Day for next Thursday, May 5th. This is to bring awareness to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Information will be provided to classes and staff and students are encouraged to wear red on this day.

Link Crew is hosting our first dance in three years on Thursday! The theme is The Enchanted Forest. The students are really looking forward to this event.

Mr. Kitt is taking the grade 10s to Experience Okanagan College on Thursday, May 12th. We are so thankful that these types of trips can resume this year. For more information, contact Mr. Kitt.

Finally, Ms. Smith, along with some parents and staff, are taking the grade 9 students to Gardom Lake at the end of the month. This three-day trip is going to be amazing. If you need more information, please contact us as there is still plenty of planning to do.

So many incredibly positive opportunities for our students thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff! Thank you to everyone for putting students first.

T. Harrington

IMPORTANT DATES

May 5	Red Dress Day
May 5	Enchanted Forest School Dance, 6:30—9:30
May 17 & 18	Soccer Valley Championships @ SOSS
May 23	Victoria Day, No School
May 25	Inquiry, Early Dismissal at 11:57am
May 28	Prom, Watermark Resort
May 30-June 1	Gardom Lake Trip, Grade 9's

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GRADUATES OF 2022

- ♦ **Grad Fees are now due, please check with Mrs. Koffler for your balance ASAP!**

Grad 2022 is fast approaching! Mark your calendars for this important date:

- ◆ June 27th—Scholarship & Bursary Ceremony—Frank Venables Theatre 7:00pm
- ◆ June 28th—Grad Ceremony, 7:00pm— SOSS Gym in person
- ◆ Grads will have 8 tickets for Family members
- ◆ Rockery Photo to take place at noon on June 28th.

Slideshow: please hand in your baby photo for the Grad slideshow to Mr. Johnson in the Library as soon as possible (sjohnson@sd53.bc.ca)

CLC/Capstone: If you have outstanding items to complete for CLC/Capstone please get those finished ASAP. If you are unsure, check with Ms. Smith or Mr. Burns. If you are missing paperwork or forms, you can find them online in TEAMS. Please ask if you need help.

Grad Write-ups: Grad Write-ups are now due

We will be looking for some grad parent support as we get closer to Graduation. We will need help with planning decorations, set-up and decorating and taking down after Graduation. If you are able to help, please connect with Brad Burns at bburns@sd53.bc.ca or Rod Kitt at rkitt@sd53.bc.ca.

Many thanks to all of you who supported our grads this year in all of their fundraising endeavors. These fundraising opportunities allow grads to earn credits to help offset their grad fees. Keep bringing in your Buy-Low receipts! These help earn gift cards for Buy-Low groceries for grad events.

Remember to keep an eye on our school website soss.sd53.bc.ca for daily announcements and the school calendar, and the Graduates page <http://soss.sd53.bc.ca/graduates> which has more specific information for Grad events, dates and scholarship/bursary information and deadlines.

CAFETERIA MENU

2	Day 2	3	Day 1	4	Day 2	5	Day 1	6	Day 2
Cobb Salad 🍴 Grab and Go Snacks Baked Goods		Chicken Gnocchi Soup Turkey Club Sandwich Roasted Beet Salad 🍴		Cobb Salad 🍴 Grab and Go Snacks Baked Goods		California Rolls Chicken Shawarma Wraps 🍴		PIZZA DAY 🍴	
9	Day 1	10	Day 2	11	Day 1	12	Day 2	13	Day 1
Coconut Thai Borscht 🍴 Duck Confit Italian Sausage Penne		Cobb Salad 🍴 Grab and Go Snacks Baked Goods		Duck Ramen Pulled Pork Coleslaw 🍴		PIZZA DAY 🍴		Chicken Tortilla Soup Duck/Pork Tacos 🍴	
16	Day 2	17	Day 1	18	Day 2	19	Day 1	20	Day 2
Cobb Salad 🍴 Grab and Go Snacks Baked Goods		Pico de Gallo w/Nachos 🍴 Chicken/Beef Tacos Churros		Cobb Salad 🍴 Grab and Go Snacks Baked Goods		Vietnamese Salad Rolls 🍴 Lemongrass Chicken Bubble Tea		Pizza Day 🍴	
23		24	Day 1	25	Day 2	26	Day 1	27	Day 2
VICTORIA DAY NO SCHOOL		Greek Salad 🍴 Greek Wraps Baklava		INQUIRY DAY NO SERVICE		Butter Chicken w/ Naan Gulab Jamun 🍴 Barfi 🍴		Pizza Day 🍴	
30	Day 1	31	Day 2	Entrée \$4.00 Small Soup \$3.00 Juice \$1.00		Large Soup \$4.00 Dessert \$1.00 *soup served with fresh bread			
Turkey Soup BLT's w/ fries 🍴		Cobb Salad 🍴 Grab and Go Snacks Baked Goods		MAY 2022					

CLUBS

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 with teachers.

Art Club—Monday afterschool

Yoga Club— Mondays at 3pm

Student Voice Club—Tuesday at lunch

D & D club—Tuesdays and

Thursdays afterschool

Magic Club– Wednesdays at lunch

Pickleball—Monday and Wednesdays
at lunch

SAGA Club— Fridays at lunch



STUDENT VOICE CLUB

Multicultural Celebrations is a two week long event where The Student Voice Club will showcase 9 different cultures starting on Monday, May 16 and ending on Friday May 27. The celebration will include:

- trivia on the morning announcements,
- specialty foods in the cafeteria,
- Dress Up Fridays, where students will be able to wear pieces that are important to their traditions/ cultures,
- and large posters on the Zen Den that share fun facts and special events/holidays that each culture celebrates.



ULTIMATE FRISBEE



The SOSS Ultimate team has hit the ground running in the post covid-19 era. The team hosted a home and away series against a senior Pen Hi team. Our young squad battled to results of 9-6 and 8-5 losses but gained valuable playing experience in the process. The team then travelled to Kamloops to take on the best teams in the Okanagan at the South Kamloops Invitational Tournament. Again, the Hornets faced veteran squads with much more experience, but came away with the most spirited team which was awarded by our opponents. Gavin Tite stood out as team MVP during the tournament. The Hornets continue their busy schedule in May with a home and away series against Summerland Secondary and a trip to Kelowna for the Okanagan Valley Finals.



ESTABLISHING SAFE, CARING, AND RESPECTFUL DIGITAL COMMUNITIES

Parents and Guardians are invited to register for the Establishing Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities Training session on May 24th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm via Zoom. Please use this link to register for the session:
[erase-training-schedule.pdf \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

This session for Parents and students in Grade 8-12 covers social media, smart phones, and digital citizenship.

SOGI 123 @ SOSS



SOGI 123 stands for **Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity**. 1 2 3 stands for the three prong approach of Policies and Procedures, Inclusive Environments, and Teaching Resources.

WHY SOGI? Because **everyone** has a Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. Homophobia and transphobia affect all students whether they identify as 2SLGBTQIA+ or not. What the heck does 2SLGBTQIA+ stand for? Here's a great definition that comes from UBC's Equity and Inclusion Office - [Equity & Inclusion Glossary of Terms](#)

2SLGBTQIA+ - Two Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer (or Questioning), Intersex, Asexual. The placement of the Two Spirit (2S) first is to recognize that Indigenous people are the first peoples of this land and their understanding of gender and sexuality precedes colonization. The '+' is for all the new and growing ways we become aware of sexual orientations and gender diversity.

If you have questions about SOGI 123 @ SOSS please contact Ms. Smith or Ms. Shione.

For more information please visit the SOGI 123 page for parents.
<https://www.sogieducation.org/parents>

SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SCHOOL OF WITCHCRAFT AND WIZARDRY



WHAT IS HAPPENING AT SOSS? WE ARE SLOWLY TRANSFORMING INTO HOGWARTS! THERE IS SOMETHING NEW POPPING UP EVERY COUPLE OF DAYS....AND EVERYONE IS ASKING WHAT IS HAPPENING! WE WILL FIND OUT IN JUNE ONE HAS BEEN TOLD. ONE THING IS FOR CERTAIN WE ARE ALL HAVING FUN AND IF YOU FIND THE DAILY SNITCH...WELL YOU GET A DELICIOUS TREAT TO KEEP AND EAT@



INDIGENOUS DEPARTMENT

Indigenous leadership group spent Earth Day morning cleaning the “flats” on McKinny Rd. The area they helped to remove garbage from is the spot that Speetlum (bitterroot – one of the 4 food chiefs of Syilx) grows and is harvested.

Classes joined the Indigenous department to go and pick Speetlum. This root is a sacred plant to the Syilx. It is dug up and the heart (seed) is planted back into the ground. This root is used as a food source, and like its name (Bitterroot) it has a bitter taste.

Upcoming:

May 5th is Red Dress day. This is a day to recognize and create awareness of all the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, children, men, and two spirit persons. We welcome conversations and offer a trigger warning as this subject can be a touchy one. We welcome everyone to wear red on this day.

Also happening on this day is the district wide stick game tournament. and the release of our salmon fry. The gathering room helped to raise the sockeye salmon from eggs to the fry stage. All schools in the district will be gathering to release the salmon fry.

May 12th is Moosehide Campaign Day and Moosehide pins will be handed out. This day is normally held in February, but due to covid it was postponed to May. This is a grassroots project that creates awareness of men and boys taking a stand against violence against women.



THE ART GALLERY

COORS

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'We Are of The Land'

May 7 - May 28, 2022

Featuring Artist:
Taylor Baptiste

Opening Reception
Saturday, May 7th - 12:00 to 4:00 pm
Indigenous Catering
by Shan & Sean Peltier

Gallery Hours
12:00 to 4:00 pm - Tuesday thru Saturday
COVID-19 Safety and Social Distancing in Place

A Community Gallery for Creative People
8713 Main Street, Coonsee

BOUNCE RADIO 1240

Times Chronicle

Indigenous Cultural Center