

JUNE 2023

SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL



HOME OF THE HORNETS



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

June is a busy and exciting time at school. There is only a short time left for students to get projects and assignments handed in as the last day of classes is Friday, June 23rd. Exams and Final Assessment days are June 26th – 28th. Students are not expected to be in class unless they are writing a final assessment or have "I" work that needs to be completed. The Final Assessment schedule will be posted on the website and in various locations around the school. An email will be sent out to let parents know when report cards are posted.

Students who were not successful with any of their courses will be contacted by teachers before the 30th and counsellors will reschedule them for next year accordingly. Student schedules will be available online shortly and students will have a chance to make course changes, with parent approval, prior to the last day of school.

The Scholarship and Bursary night will be held on Tuesday, June 27th at 7:00pm in the theatre. The Graduation Ceremony will be held in the gym on Wednesday, June 28th at 7:30pm. Grads, please make sure you have checked TEAMS for the most up-to-date information. We are truly looking forward to these special events.

Our Enhancing Student Learning Community Partnership meeting will be held in the library on Monday, June 5th at 5:30pm via zoom. This will be an evening to engage our community in our school plans and to show how we know we are making a difference for our students.

The Athletic Awards Banquet will be held after school on Tuesday, June 6th as a way of celebrating athletics at SOSS. Spirit Day will be on Thursday, June 8th. The year-end Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 15th.

Congratulations to the graduates of 2023. Let's finish strong!

T. Harrington

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE 6	ATHLETIC BANQUET & AWARDS
JUNE 8	SPIRIT DAY
JUNE 15	YEAR END AWARDS CEREMONY
JUNE 21	CELEBRATION OF LEARNING
JUNE 21	NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY
JUNE 21, 22, 23	LOCKER CLEANOUT/ALL BOOKS RETURNED
JUNE 26, 27, 28	EXAM DAYS
JUNE 27	SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY CEREMONY
JUNE 28	GRADUATION CEREMONY



Please come and join us Wednesday, June 21st from 5:30–7pm at SOSS in celebrating our students' achievements from semester 2. The evening's festivities will include catered snacks from our talented cafeteria prep program, a flag football game organized by our coaches and PE department, an art and photography show, project displays from Math, Science, Socials, English, French, CLE, Career Explorations, Foods, Textiles, Woodshop, Automotives, Metal shop, student performances, a live demo of our school's new mill, a car show and demonstrations from the Physics 11 class! Also, our school's Gathering Room will be open so students and parents can come in and see the space and meet our amazing Indigenous Education Advocates. Many clubs and other student opportunities will also have tables. Mr. Cruickshank will have a free photo booth open for students and families! Don't miss out, we hope to see you there!

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HORNET SK8ERS

Our Spring Skate session is almost done. We've had some excellent progression this season. Our beginners have been learning the basics of riding and some foundation tricks, while our more seasoned riders have been pushing their limits every session. Merrick Ogden made front side lipslides on the flatbar, Teoh Ransinangue-Novak has been learning to pump big lines in the big bowls at Penticton and West Kelowna, Abe Southern worked hard on some technical flip tricks, Preston Lewis landed a few 180 grabs airing out of the bowl at Penticton, and Gavin Heise had some big makes, including a 9 stair ollie and some longer backside boardslides. So much fun everyone!

Our trip to West Kelowna and Peachland skateparks was a HUGE success! Everyone who came had a great time (Peachland was insane!!!) and pushed each other to improve. The skaters all progressed so much in the capsule bowl and the clover bowl at West Kelowna. Chayton Fredrick-Vala nearly made 50-50 grinds on the Peachland quarter.

A special thanks to Respect Record and Skate for supplying the club with Hornet Skaters T-Shirts and gear. Club members receive benefits when wearing their shirts in the shop.

Don't forget to check us out on Instagram for pics and footage:
sossskateboardclub

See you all in the Fall!

South Okanagan Secondary School

Semester 2

"Celebration of Student Achievement"

Date: Wednesday June 21st

Time: 5:30-7:00pm

Location: SOSS library, front entrance, and cafeteria

Please join us in celebrating our students' achievements from their semester 2 studies. The evening will include a variety of student displays, performances, food and fun!



BUS REGISTRATION

Parents are kindly reminded that students **MUST** be registered each year for the school busses. If you would like your child(ren) to ride the bus for the 2023-24 school year, please register using this link:

[SD53 Bus Registration Form 2023-24](#)

Also if students need to ride the bus on any specific/special occasion (ie to travel to a friend's home, or an alternate location) the student must have a signed form from the school/parent.



END OF THE YEAR BOOK RETURN

The end of the semester and the school year are quickly approaching.

Students are reminded that all text books, English novels, library books and materials are to be returned to the Library by June 28th. If there is any damage (i.e. water damage, etc.) to the books or equipment when returned, the student is responsible to pay for that item so that it may be replaced. If students have not returned all of their checked out materials to the Library, they will not be able to check out resources/text books when school returns in September for any of their classes.



INDIGENOUS DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to our Indigenous Graduates of 2023!

At the beginning of May we released our salmon fry, along with many other schools. Tens of thousands of salmon fry were released into the water!

Upcoming activities for June include June 21st as National Indigenous Day - the advocates will be providing a free Indian taco lunch on that day!



GRADUATION INFORMATION

Schedule of Events for Graduation 2023

Tuesday, June 27

Scholarship and Bursary Ceremony: 7pm—8:30pm
Frank Venables Theatre

Wednesday, June 28th

- 10:00am Meet in the gym for rehearsal
- Move to Atrium for cap and gowns
- 11:45am Top Field for Rockery Photo
- 12:30pm Picture complete
- Afternoon is free time with family and friends
- 6:30pm Return to Atrium for cap and gown (family photos if you want)
- 7:15pm meet outside of gym to prepare for “walk in”
- 7:30pm Ceremony begins (professional photographer from Mountain West)
- 9:30pm Close of Ceremony – followed by refreshments and photos in the courtyard
- 10:00pm Baby Photo Slide Show & Historians
- 11:00pm Food in the Atrium/change out of formal clothes
- 12:00am All grads to the theatre for the Hypnotist
- 1:00am – 3:00am

Party Works – Human Foosball, Gladiator Jousting
Caricaturist
Orbis Sports – Laser Tag
Lawn Games & Fire Pit
Gaming Centre – VR Stations
Blackjack tables
Outdoor movie (possibly)

Grad fees are overdue. Please connect with Mrs. Wilkie to pay.

We need the help of our grad parents to prepare for the big day. If you are able to help with any of the following, please let Brad Burns know via email at bburns@sd53.bc.ca. The following is a list of the help we need from you:

- Chaperones for after grad activities
- Plant & Flower person (pick up & drop off)
- Decorators (Tuesday, June 27)
- Helpers for “take down” at the end of the grad ceremony
- Food prep
- Blackjack table dealers
- Help running all of the other after grad activities listed above



2023/24 SCHEDULES

Schedules for next year will be published soon; please check your email for notification. Once the schedules are published the course change form will be on the website for students to request changes to their schedules if needed. Please note that the counsellors will not accept changes in person, all requests must be made on the online form and changes are made dependent on space.

HOLI

SOSS celebrated HOLI on Friday, May 19th with coloured powder on the outdoor field. Students signed up and purchased powder the week before and attended an assembly where the festival was explained to them. Then they unleashed their enthusiasm and doused each other with flying colours. It was organized by Hasnoor Tung and Iesha Dhillon, along with Link Crew and The Student Voice Club. They wish to thank Mrs. Harrington and the students and staff who supported this premiere event at SOSS this year.



2023 SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER

The 2023 SOSS Sr. Soccer Team had an exciting season! The players had a grueling pre-season that tested their resilience over and over. After Spring Break, we had our team made up of 24 players from grade 8 through to grade 12. Phi Thai was our only grade 12 on the team and she started with us in her grade 8 year. Phi was a dedicated captain, generous teammate, and a skilled soccer player. The soccer team will miss her and we wish her good luck on all her future endeavors!

We started the season a little bit shaky, losing to Summerland 3-1. As a team, they fought through tough practices and extra running sessions to become a competitive team that other teams did not expect to show up on game day. The team had three tournaments in a row to prepare them for the rest of their league games. Their first tournament was hosted in Oliver and at the Community Centre fields, then they went off to Merritt, and then to Nakusp. These tournaments made this team game ready! As the league continued, they beat Maggie away and at home, leaving the team to face Summerland one more time, on their turf, to decide who would make the one berth to the Valley Championships. This SOSS team has not made their way into the Valley Championships in 20 plus years. To make it to Valleys we had to win against Summerland by three goals to put us in first place in our league. On that game day, the SOSS team came ready to play and to prove they deserved to make it to Valleys. And they sure did! Oliver beat Summerland 3-0 by the end of the first half. The second half still had lots of scoring chances for us and defensively we held the score until the bitter end.

Oliver made their way into the Valley Championships that was hosted in Vernon the next week. This was a huge accomplishment for this team, and they should be proud of being the first girls soccer team in many years at SOSS to win their way to Valleys. The team went off to Vernon and held their own against teams who were far more experienced than them. Consistently, this team showed their dedication to their sport, they had a never give up attitude, and were supportive teammates throughout the whole season. As their coaches, we cannot wait to see how this team progresses. (This picture of the team is right after their win versus Summerland.)



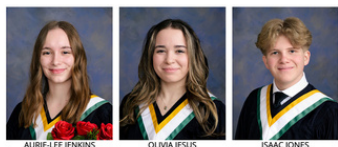
GARDOM LAKE

From May 30th to June 1st, many of our Grade 9 students travelled to Gardom Lake for some outdoor fun, activities and team building. Thank you to all who supported this trip with fundraising donations, time and organization. Special thank you to Ananth Wimalaganthan, Joanne Klone, Linda Allen, Colin Pickell, Mrs. Seminoff, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Willms and Ms. Smith who were able to join as chaperones. Planning for next year will begin in the Fall. Grade 8 families, please start thinking about fundraising ideas for next year!



CONGRATULATIONS

Class of 2023



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JUNE CAFETERIA MENU

29 Lunch: Chicken Caesar Wrap Pasta Salad	30 Lunch: Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Caesar Salad Potato Leek Soup	31 Lunch: Inquiry Day No service	1 Lunch: Pizza Day	2 Lunch: Sloppy Joes Chicken Noodle Soup Garlic Cheese Biscuits
5 Lunch: Chicken Tortilla Soup Taco salad	6 Lunch: Minestrone Soup Homemade Italian Gnocchi Pasta	7 Lunch: Potato Bacon Soup Perogies and cheese	8 Lunch: Pizza Day	9 Lunch: Wonton Soup Chow Mein & Chop Suey
12 Lunch: Fajitas Southwest Black Bean Soup	13 Lunch: Tomato Basil Soup Mac and Cheese	14 Lunch: Butter Chicken Dahl	15 Lunch: Pizza Day	16 Lunch: Split Pea and Ham Soup Spaghetti
19 Lunch: Red Pepper Corn Chowder Meatball subs	20 Lunch: Mushroom Soup Breakfast Sandwiches	21 Lunch: Broccoli Cheddar Soup Chicken Burgers Celebration of Learning	22 Lunch: Pizza Day	23 Lunch: Chili Cobb Salad
26 Lunch: Exams No Service	27 Lunch: Exams No Service	28 Lunch: Exams No Service Grad and Dry Grad!	29 Lunch: No Service	30 Lunch: No Service

