

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Home of the Hornets!

Our Mission:

At SOSS, we inspire and support individuals to develop their full potential and to demonstrate a respectful, responsible commitment to community and society.



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Principal's Message

The second semester is well under way and parents can now access their child's report card on the Parent Portal. If you are unable to access your child's file, please follow the instructions that are on our school website at soss.sd53.bc.ca under the Resources tab.

Preparations for Legally Blonde are in full swing. Tickets are available for purchase online, at Frank Venables Theatre and in the library. The production will run March 5th, 6th, 7th. The students have been working very hard and are excited to perform. There are also quite a few staff and community members that put in a lot of time to ensure the success of this huge project. Come out and see the show! It's going to be awesome!

Congratulations to all our basketball teams for their hard work and determina-

tion throughout their seasons. Coaches have included their updates in this newsletter. A huge thank you to all our coaches for the time and energy they have spent with our students. It is greatly appreciated because without you, our teams could not compete.

A reminder to all parents and students that the courses they select during course selection is the information that we use in building our timetable and staffing for the school for next year. It is important that courses are thoughtfully selected. Your child should be bringing home a copy of their course selection this week for you to sign.

The grade 8's are going to be experiencing a "Leadership Day on the Land" next week. We are working with Jenny Martin, Indigenous Advocates, Grade 8 teachers and our other community partners to host this fun-filled

event. Please ensure that your child dresses according to the weather. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Heinrichs.

Family Day is February 17th. Peer Support Training is February 18-20th. Pro D is February 21st.

Parent Teacher Interviews are Tuesday, March 10th from 2:00pm- 4:00pm and from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. These will be held in the atrium, super lab and library. Please note that these are meant to be short, ten minute interviews. If more time is necessary, please arrange this with teachers for a later date.

Well done, everyone!

Regards,
T. Harrington

Reminder!

Students please remember to be safe when leaving school at 2:45. Do not stand between vehicles or cross in front of buses. Make eye contact with drivers and use the crosswalk. Also Parents please DO NOT drop off or pick up your children at the Main doors, please drop them off and pick them up on Gala or Spartan Street. Thank you.

Did you know...
The Welsh call February "y mis bach" which means "little month."

Important Dates to Remember

Feb 17	Family Day, No School
February 20	PAC Meeting, 6:30pm SOSS Library
February 21	Pro-D Day, No School
February 24	Start of Rotation 7, Grade 8's
February 26	Pink Shirt Day
February 26	Inquiry Day, Early Dismissal— 11:57am
March 5-7	Legally Blonde Frank Venables Theatre, 7pm & Saturday Matinee @ 2pm
March 10	Parent Teacher Interviews, 2-4 pm and 5-7pm



Grads

Please remember to be checking our grad page on the school website regularly to learn about important dates and scholarship opportunities. Deadlines are approaching quickly. If you have applied to any post secondary institutions please be sure to check your email account regularly. The information they send is very important and often time sensitive. Don't forget to check each institution's Financial Aid section as there may be awards you can be applying for. Grad Photo's are scheduled to begin Monday March 2nd. Please make sure you have picked a time slot and also check in with the office if you have forgotten your time. All Grads should have signed up in the office for their Capstone Personal Pitch. Grads are welcome to invite important people from their lives to be at their Personal Pitch. All other Capstone work is now overdue and needs to be submitted online. Parents please ask your graduate about their Capstone work and Personal Pitch.

Course Selection

Although it may seem early, it is time to start planning for next years courses. Students have had a chance to see the course descriptions, ask questions about what the courses are all about, and fill out their course selection forms. The next step is for students to put this information into the Student Portal.

Using the Student Portal login all students must select their courses online. Instructions for this process are attached to this newsletter. If students have questions or need assistance please see Mrs. Goncalves in the library for help.

Students should have this process completed by **February 20th**.

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.

Art Club— Mondays at 2:45pm—Mrs. McVicar
STEM Club—Mondays at 2:45pm—Mr. Hofman
Jam Session—Mondays afterschool—Mr. Baerg
Glee Club—Mondays at lunch
SAGA Club— Wednesdays at lunch
Just Dance Club—Wednesdays at lunch
Girls Can Talk Club— Thursdays after school
Student Voice— First Wednesday of the month at lunch

**JOIN A
CLUB**

Hornets Athletics

Grade 8 Boys

The grade 8 boys have been playing excellent lately. After a tough loss to Keremeos the Hornets bounced back stronger than ever and beat Osoyoos by 20 points. The following day against Summerland, SOSS won again by 20 securing our first win in playoffs. The Hornets are now headed to KVR on Tuesday in hopes of coming one step closer to winning our zone! Good luck boys!

Grade 8 Boys

Back Row: Landon Somerville, Elijah Swan-Hall, Solstice Baptiste, Aiden Guillespie, Jack Croxton-Moody, Aidan Wolfe, Leland Verrault, Coach Blake Miller Yukin
Bottom Row: Ravinder Aujla, Ryland Lebedoff, Prathap Dhaliwal, Bryant Hall, Memphis Pearce, Karamjot Braich, Josh Tester



Junior Girls

We lost our first play-off game to Keremeos, so our Jr girl's basketball season is now complete. We had a great tournament in Trail on Jan 31 / Feb 1. It was a tough year for our girls on the basketball court as we struggled to score and win games however, as a coach, I was continually so impressed with the hard work and determination the girls had all season long. We are all heart and hustle and looking forward to next year's season. A super big thank you goes out to Braelyn Shione as our volunteer bus driver!



Junior Girls

Back Row: Kaylee Klassen, Iesha Dhillion, Kamryn Meyer, Navroop Brar, Morgan Bohn, Paloma Villa, Emma Klassen, Coach Janice Meyer, Sydney Malmberg
Bottom row: Sharleen Brar, Emily Ganzeveld, Navrit Dhaliwal, Arshveer Ghadu

"Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment."
-Jim Rohn

"A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures for anything."
-Irish Proverb

RECON Group

The RECON group had a bunch of occultation events in January but, unfortunately, it was too cloudy all month for us to go out. So, the next RECON date is Monday, Feb. 17th from 7:30pm-10pm. If anyone is interested in joining this group, please see either Mrs. McIntyre or Mr. Johnson.

RECON is an international citizen science research project aimed at exploring the outer solar system. This project involves teachers, students, amateur astronomers, and community members from across the Western United States and Southern BC to conduct coordinated telescope observations to measure the sizes of objects from a region called the Kuiper Belt. The goal of this research is help answer the question of how planets are formed.



SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL
PRESENTS

LEGALLY BLONDE

the musical



March 5
7PM

March 6
7PM

March 7
7 PM
2 PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE
ADULTS \$17.50 - STUDENTS \$12.50
www.venablestheatre.ca

Music & Lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe & Neil Benjamin. Book by Heather Hach. Based on the Novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Motion Picture

Legally Blonde

The cast and crew of Legally Blonde have been very busy building an amazing production. Tickets are now on sale at the Frank Venables Theatre, online and at the SOSS library. Tickets are \$17.50 for adults and \$12.50 for students for all performances. The show will run March 5th, 6th and 7th at 7:00pm with a Saturday matinee at 2:00pm. Get your tickets soon to avoid disappointment.



FROM THE INDIGENOUS DEPARTMENT

In the month of February the Indigenous Department will be hosting a craft session building traditional drums and/or rattles. There will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Room for anyone who is interested.



If any indigenous students would like to attend the UBC Experience day please let Jeremy, Taylor or Shannon know in the Gathering Room.

The University of British Columbia is inviting students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 to their Okanagan campus in Kelowna on Thursday, February 20th, 2020 from 9:00am to 1:30pm (arrival by 9:15am) to experience life and learning at UBC for a day. Lunch will be provided for event participants.



EXPERIENCE UBC

FEBRUARY 20, 2020
UBC'S OKANAGAN CAMPUS

At Experience UBC, you'll choose two university programs to explore for the day. Connect with current students, learn from professors, explore campus, and get a feel for life and learning at UBC.

PROGRAM CHOICES

- Engineering
- Science
- Management
- Nursing
- Human Kinetics
- Arts (Psychology, Social Science, Humanities)
- Creative & Critical Studies (Creative Writing, Languages, Visual Arts)

TO REGISTER, VISIT YOUR COUNSELLOR OR CAREER CENTER.

Questions? Email susana.baez@ubc.ca



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CAFETERIA MENU

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri		
3 Potato Bacon Soup	4 Tomato Basil Soup	5 Chicken Souvlaki (Greek Salad, Chicken Skewers, Tzatziki)	6 Donairs	7 Pizza 🍕		
Ball Park Hot Dogs with Toppings Bar (Chilli, Queso, etc.)	Macaroni & Cheese					
10 Shawarma Wraps	11 Chicken Paprikash (Roasted chicken thighs with Noodles)	12 Grilled Veggie and Turkey Paninis	13 Butter Chicken	14 Pizza 🍕		
17 No School Family Day	18 Chicken Teriyaki Bowls	19 Breakfast Sandwiches & Hashbrowns	20 Meatball Subs	21 No School Pro-D Day		
24 Italian Mac & Cheese	25 Quesadillas or Tacos	26 No Service Inquiry Day	27 Pulled Pork	28 Pizza 🍕		
FEBRUARY 2020			Entrée	\$4.00	Dessert	\$0.50-1.00
			Soup + Bread	Small \$2.50 Large \$3.00	Juice	\$1.00
					Pizza	\$2.50/slice

🍕 = vegetarian option available

**menu subject to change – check cafeteria TV ☺

