



SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

## APRIL NEWSLETTER

*Home of the Hornets!*

### Principal's Message

Happy spring, everyone! Planning for the 2022-23 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 Wednesday, April 20. Report cards will be available to be accessed digitally the following week. 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.

Grads don't forget to check out the additional Scholarship and Bursary applications in the office. The deadlines are coming up quickly. Meat and Flower fundraising sheets are also available in the office. The deadline for submissions is Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Our Graduation Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. (more information to follow). Our next grad parent meeting is Wednesday, April 20 at 5:15pm on TEAMS. Grad fees are \$150 and are due May 11.

The Literacy and Numeracy Assessments for grade 10 students will be completed during the week of April 25-28. We encourage all students to do their best on these assessments. Times and dates are posted in the front foyer. See Mrs. Koffler if you have any questions.

We are very excited that our grade 9 students will be going on the Gardom Lake trip May 30-June 1. The parent meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30pm in the library. We are still looking for parents to join our parent committee. Although much fundraising was done two years ago, there is a \$75 fee for this three-day trip as costs have gone up significantly. Please get fees into the office by April 14. Online payment is available.

There was announcement from the Minister of Education, in collaboration with the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) about the implementation of the new requirement of an Indigenous-focused graduation requirement for all students. This is part of the province's commitments to truth, reconciliation, and anti-racism. This is an important policy decision in the education sector on truth and reconciliation that is inclusive of all students and shows the importance of the work and learning for each student in their future to be an educated citizen. This new requirement is expected to involve a phased-in approach that would come into full effect in the 2023/24 school year. We will be implementing English First Peoples 11 starting in the fall. More information about this announcement can be found here: [news release](#), and a [summary document](#)

Take care and have a great week!

T. Harrington



### Important Dates

|             |                                               |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| April 12    | Grade 9 Parent Meeting, Gardom Lake           |
| April 14    | Grad Fundraising Orders Due                   |
| April 15    | Good Friday, No School                        |
| April 18    | Easter Monday. No School                      |
| April 20    | Grad Parent Information Meeting, 5:15pm TEAMS |
| April 20    | End of Quarter 3                              |
| April 21    | Beginning of Quarter 4                        |
| April 21    | Pac Meeting via ZOOM, 6:30pm                  |
| April 27    | Inquiry Day, Classes out at 11:57am           |
| April 25-28 | Literacy/Numeracy Assessments                 |

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## Student Voice Club

The Student Voice Club held its annual SHE-DRIVE to raise funds and collect essential feminine items for the South Okanagan Women in Need Society (SOWINS). The club raised over \$100 with their CANDY JAR Contest.

The successful winner of the JAR of CANDY was a grade 8 student with the closest guess: Blake Kriesel guessed 356. The total was: 362. The runner-up was Mrs Silbernagel with 350. The club is grateful for the generous donations collected again this year.

To access the article in the Times Chronicle please use this link:

<https://www.timeschronicle.ca/soss-students-give-back/>



## News from your PAC

The SOSS PAC offers an opportunity to be involved in the student experience while provid-

ing parents with a place to voice any concerns or issues. We also receive direct feed-back from the school administration and School Board Trustee at each of our meetings. The Zoom link for the next meeting is: <https://sd53-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/64247102938>

If you have any questions, please contact PAC at [sosspac53@gmail.com](mailto:sosspac53@gmail.com).

Next meeting: Thursday, April 21st at 6:30pm.

## Course Planning for Next Year

All course requests should now be into the Student Portal in MyEducation BC. At this time we are reaching out to students to confirm courses and potential changes that need to happen to provide a full schedule. Changes must be made with Ms. Ibaraki but we do ask that you login to verify that the correct courses are showing before we build the schedule. Students are asked to check their Teams Chat for messages requesting information to help make changes and to ensure that the best possible schedule can be created for them. Any questions please email [libaraki@sd53.bc.ca](mailto:libaraki@sd53.bc.ca).

**Plans for next school year**

## Indigenous Department



The Indigenous Youth Leadership crew held a fundraiser with a jar filled with lego. Each guess cost a dollar and the money raised went to provide Tim Horton's coffee and donuts to the staff of the two long term care facilities in Oliver to thank them for all their support.



May 5th is Red Dress Day. It is a day to recognize and create awareness for all the missing and murdered Indigenous Women and People. On that day we ask you to wear red to signify your support. Also, the Indigenous Ed team is looking for donations of red dresses. If you have any please bring to the Gathering Room at the school.

## Legion Contest Winner

We are pleased to announce that Maya Baergs' poem that she wrote for the Legion Remembrance Day Contest was voted best in the province in her chosen category.

She came in first at the Oliver branch level as well as at the zone level, which is made up of 9 other legions...OK Falls, Peachland, Princeton, Osoyoos, West Kelowna, Greenwood, Keremeos, Summerland and Penticton.

Maya's poem was forwarded to the BC/Yukon Command where her poem came up against all legions in the province and was voted best.

Her poem has now been forwarded to Ottawa at the Dominion Command. Each province is submitting their best in the categories for judging. We wish Maya good luck!





# Grad Information



Please remember to check our grad page on the school website regularly to learn about important dates and scholarship opportunities. See Mrs. Koffler in the office for various and ongoing scholarship and bursary applications. Some important dates to remember are as follows:

Grad Fundraiser orders due: April 14th  
Grad write-ups due: April 15th  
District Authority Scholarship due: April 29th  
Oliver Kiwanis Bursary due: April 29th  
Grad Fees due: May 11th  
South Okanagan Health Car Auxiliary due: May 13th  
Francis Family Portfolios due: May 13th  
Grad Ceremony: June 28th at 7:00pm



## GRAD PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

Wednesday April 20th  
5:15PM

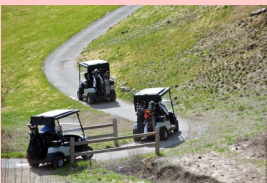
We will be using the Teams platform for this meeting.

Parents will need to logon with your grad or your grad will need to log you in for the meeting. We will record the meeting and post it on teams for those that cannot attend.

Please contact Brad Burns with any questions at [bburns@sd53.bc.ca](mailto:bburns@sd53.bc.ca).

## THANK YOU SOSS Enrichment Fund Society

Thank you to the Southern Okanagan Secondary School Enrichment Fund Society for your continued support of our Graduating class. Your ongoing contributions to scholarships provided to our Grads is appreciated! The 27th Annual Golf Scramble was a huge success this year.



(photos courtesy of the Times Chronicle)

## Grad Fundraising



Order forms for both the meat and flower fundraisers are available in the office. Completed order forms including payment are due back to the office by **Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** and our scheduled pick up day for all orders is Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> between 3:30 – 6:00 PM at the front of the school.

This year the flower and vegetable orders can also be submitted online using a credit card following this link:

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

Also don't forget to bring in your Buy-Low grocery receipts. These are used to buy gift cards from Buy Low, which are then used to purchase supplies for Grad events.



# CAFETERIA MENU

|                                                                  |                                                               |                                                                              |                                                                                          |                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 4 Day 2<br>Grilled Cheese 🍷<br>Grab and Go Snacks<br>Baked Goods | 5 Day 1<br>Thai Coconut Curry 🍷<br>Chicken Caesar Wraps       | 6 Day 2<br>Chicken Caesar Wraps/Salad 🍷<br>Grab and Go Snacks<br>Baked Goods | 7 Day 1<br>Chicken Noodle Soup<br>BLT's W/ Roasted Potatoes 🍷                            | 8 Day 2<br>PIZZA DAY 🍷                          |
| 11 Day 1<br>Red Pepper Corn Chowder 🍷<br>Chicken Enchiladas 🍷    | 12 Day 2<br>Cobb Salad 🍷<br>Grab and Go Snacks<br>Baked Goods | 13 Day 1<br>Wonton Soup 🍷<br>Ginger Beef w/ Chow Mein 🍷                      | 14 Day 2<br>PIZZA DAY 🍷                                                                  | 15<br>NO SCHOOL<br>GOOD FRIDAY                  |
| 18<br>NO SCHOOL<br>EASTER MONDAY                                 | 19 Day 1<br>French Onion Soup 🍷<br>Buffalo Turkey Wraps       | 20 Day 2<br>Cobb Salad 🍷<br>Grab and Go Snacks<br>Baked Goods                | 21 Day 1<br>Turkey Soup<br>Fettuccini Alfredo 🍷                                          | 22 Day 2<br>PIZZA DAY 🍷                         |
| 25 Day 1<br>Sushi Salad<br>Crispy Chicken/Veg Burgers 🍷          | 26 Day 2<br>Cobb Salad 🍷<br>Grab and Go Snacks<br>Baked Goods | 27 Day 1<br>INQUIRY DAY<br>NO SERVICE                                        | 28 Day 2<br>PIZZA DAY 🍷                                                                  | 29 Day 1<br>Japanese Ramen Noodles<br>Poutine 🍷 |
| APRIL 2022                                                       |                                                               |                                                                              | Entrée \$4.00<br>Small Soup \$3.00<br>Large Soup \$4.00<br>*soup served with fresh bread | Desserts \$1.00<br>Juice \$1.00                 |

🍷 = vegetarian option available

\*\*menu subject to change – check cafeteria TV📺

## Culinary Arts

Our Culinary Arts class hard at work preparing the days lunch special in the Cafeteria. Here they made Piri Piri Chicken with spiced fries, cut up veggies with either homemade ranch or homemade hummus, fresh garlic cheese biscuits and worms in dirt cups for dessert. Each class the students are responsible for preparing the lunch special for the day.

