

FEBRUARY 2024

SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

HOME OF THE HORNETS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The second semester is well underway, and parents/guardians should have access to their child's report card later in the week. If you or your child need assistance, please contact Mrs. Goncalves in the library.

A reminder to all parents and students that the courses they select during Course Selection are the information we use in building our timetable and staffing the school for next year. It is important that courses are thoughtfully selected. For more information, please go to the website(soss@sd53.bc.ca) Your child should be bringing home a copy of their Course Selection soon for you to sign or you will receive an email to approve the selections.

We would also like to thank our PAC for all the support they offer to our students. To date they have supported the Celebration of Learning, Yearbook initiative, Art Club, Student Voice, SOGI Club, and Athletics. Additionally, we want to thank all our basketball coaches and individuals who run clubs within the school. We appreciate all the time you spend with our students.

Thank you to Mr. Russo, Mr. Podmorow, and Mrs. Russo for organizing the Winter Active Living Day on Tuesday, February 6th. This is going to be an epic day for everyone. We hope that everyone finds a way to get out and get active.

Link Crew is organizing the sale of Valentine's treats starting this week. Listen to announcements for more details.

Please note that the Grad list will be posted next week. Make sure to check it. If you are not on the list, you are missing a graduation requirement. Please see one of the Grad Team members immediately. Grad photos are February 20-23. Sign up and payment is required prior to the date. Please note that there is a \$20 "sitting fee" and an (optional) additional "group photo" fee of \$10pp. The deadline for Scholarship & Bursary application is February 28. This application is mandatory for SOSS scholarships. To be eligible for school scholarships, students must be taking a minimum of six courses at SOSS and be a student in good standing. There are scholarship help sessions available after school. Listen to announcements or go to Teams for more details. If you have questions, please contact our Grad Team of Ms. Ibaraki, Mr. Burns, Mrs. Burns or Mrs. Harrington.

Mrs. Podmorow and her acting crew are busy preparing for Beauty & the Beast. The play will run March 7-9. Tickets will be sold at our library. You won't want to miss out.

Family Conferences are on Wednesday, March 13th from 2:00pm- 4:00pm and from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. More information will be sent out closer to the date. Have a good week.

Regards,

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IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 8	GARDOM LAKE PARENT MEETING, 7 PM VIA ZOOM
FEBRUARY 15	PAC MEETING, 6:30PM SOSS LIBRARY
FEBRUARY 16	PRO-D DAY, NO SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 19	FAMILY DAY, NO SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 20-23	GRAD PHOTOS
FEBRUARY 28	INQUIRY DAY, CLASSES OUT AT 11:55AM
FEBRUARY 28	SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY APPLICATIONS DUE
FEBRUARY 28	GRAD WRITE-UPS DUE
MARCH 7-9	BEAUTY & THE BEAST MUSICAL PRODUCTION



GRAD INFORMATION

There are some important Grad deadlines coming up.

Scholarship and Bursary applications are due by February 28th as well as Grad yearbook write-ups, crossing the stage information and baby pictures. All of these links can be found on the TEAMS grad page.

Grad photos take place February 20-23. You must sign up on-line for your time slot. There is a \$20 sitting fee payable at time of sign up. Please sign up using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/DdzkNcaq1R?origin=lpLink>

Grad fee amounts will be out soon. The Grad fees go towards cap and gown rentals and the year-end grad trip.

GARDOM LAKE

THE GARDOM LAKE TRIP FOR THE GRADE 9 STUDENTS IS MAY 28-30. STUDENTS WILL BE SPENDING 3 DAYS AND 2 NIGHTS AT GARDOM LAKE. STUDENTS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN EXCITING OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES INCLUDING A ROPES COURSE, ZIP LINING, AND KAYAKING. FAMILIES ARE REMINDED TO PLEASE PAY THE \$75 DEPOSIT THROUGH THE SCHOOL QUICK PAY PROGRAM TO RESERVE A SPOT. THERE WILL BE A PARENT AND GUARDIAN MEETING ON ZOOM ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 AT 7PM.

THE ZOOM LINK IS

[HTTPS://SD53-BC-CA.ZOOM.US/J/66575021767](https://SD53-BC-CA.ZOOM.US/J/66575021767)

Grade 8 Girls Basketball

Basketball season is winding up! The grade 8 girls have been working hard at practice and have been in three tournaments, travelling to Castlegar this past weekend. They have one more league game to go before play-offs. Let's go Hornets!



Junior Girls Basketball

Congratulations to the Junior Girls Basketball team as they finished first in league play and will be heading into playoffs this week. The team has played extremely well this season, winning the Winter Classic Tourney and the SOSS Tipoff Tourney. Good luck!



Sexual Orientation and Gender Identify (SOGI) is not a separate curriculum. SOGI-inclusive education encompasses a broad range of topics including identity and inclusion. SOGI-inclusive education is not centered in sexuality. There are often misconceptions about what SOGI-inclusive education is and what it looks like. Here is a common myth and the corresponding facts about SOGI-inclusive education:

MYTH: SOGI-inclusive Education is about "recruiting" students to be 2SLGBTQ+.

FACT: This is a baseless myth. SOGI-inclusive education aims to create understanding, acceptance, and inclusion for 2SLGBTQ+ individuals. It does not seek to recruit or influence students' sexual orientation or gender identity. Teachers deeply respect and value the unique individual identities of students, and work hard to create classroom environments that are inclusive.

SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL
Presents

Disney's **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**



March 7th, 8th, 9th

Evening Performances 7pm

Saturday Matinee 2 pm

Venables Theatre

Adults \$20

Students \$15+

SOSS MUSICAL THEATRE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A STAGE VERSION OF THE DISNEY CLASSIC A TALE AS OLD AS TIME, BEAUTY AND THE BEAST.

THE STORY TELLS THE TALE OF AN ENCHANTED PRINCE WHO HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A HIDEOUS BEAST BECAUSE HE IS SELFISH AND UNKIND. ONLY TRUE LOVE CAN BREAK THE SPELL ON HIM AND HIS CASTLE. A YOUNG, INTELLIGENT WOMAN ENTERS HIS LIFE. SHE MUST LEARN TO LOVE HIM IF THE CURSE IS EVER TO BE BROKEN.

THE STAGE VERSION OF BEAUTY AND THE BEAST HAS ENTHRALLED THEATRE AUDIENCES FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. THE SOSS MUSICAL CAST AND CREW ARE EXTREMELY EXCITED TO BE TAKING ON THIS ENDEAVOR.

THE SHOW WILL BE PRESENTED MARCH 7TH, 8TH, AND 9TH, IN THE VENABLES THEATRE. TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW ON-LINE THROUGH THE VENABLES THEATRE AND ARE \$15 FOR STUDENTS AND \$20 FOR ADULTS. YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS PERFORMANCE!