

NOVEMBER 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.

Principal's Message

We are pleased to welcome Colleen Koffler as our new Accounts Payable Clerk. It was a busy month here at SOSS. Sports teams have completed their seasons and we have shifted to the beginning of winter sports. Congratulations to the Senior Girls Field Hockey team with their 11th place finish at the Provincial Championships. A huge thank you to all our coaches for volunteering their time to work with our kids. Without their commitment to athletics, our programs could not run.

Mrs. Podmorow and Link Crew organized the Remembrance Day assembly again this year. It was awesome to see so many students take on leadership roles in this way. We hosted Sean Aiken last week with his presentation of 52 jobs in 52 weeks. The purpose of this assembly was to encourage students to not be afraid to explore many job possibilities as they move forward as part of Career Life Education.. Also, grade 8 & 9 students attended an assembly that focused on healthy relationships and drug and alcohol awareness. In addition, students were directed to an online bullying reporting tool which can be found on our school website. Our thanks to Jenny Martins, District Healthy School Coordinator, and Tammy Semple, local Drug and Alcohol Educator for serving as our presenters.

Student Voice has been active at SOSS. They are planning a retreat next week to develop a plan for a variety of activities for the next few months. Thank you to PAC for supporting some of these initiatives. Girls Can Talk group raised over \$300 at the Parent Teacher Interview bake sale. These funds were donated to the women's shelter in Penticton. Great job, girls!

The Breakfast Club is Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:00am – 8:30am. Students run the program and provide free breakfast for anyone who wants it. Thank you to Mrs. Gittel, Mrs. Dhaliwal, Ms. Ibaraki, Taylor Baptiste and Shan Peltier for organizing this with the students. It is a great way to help students start their day. We will hold our second school wide pancake breakfast on Friday, November 29th.

The first Talent Show of the year was held this week. It was awesome to see so many students participate. Link Crew is planning the first school dance of the year on Thursday, November 28th.

We are very excited about the Equine Pilot program that we are running for our Indigenous boys. This is a 4-week pilot program in which the students learn how to care for and maintain horses as well as making good relationships. We have collaborated with Osoyoos Indian Band Chief, and Council and our School District and EZ Acres to make this happen.

Recently, we have also partnered with the Sherriff's Department on the BC Sheriff's Indigenous Community (BCSIC) Engagement Program. The Medicine Pouch Project will be facilitated by Brett Sparrow, Indigenous Relations Liaison and Rylan Kerber, Deputy Sherriff. They will be collaborating with a number of our students in various classes including Law, Social Justice, EFP/Art and EPIC.

Finally, report cards are now posted on the Family Portal. Please follow instructions to access your child's account. The reporting policy has changed with regard to Grades 8 & 9., for more information please visit <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/student-reporting-policy-pilot-handbook.pdf> Please let us know if you need assistance.

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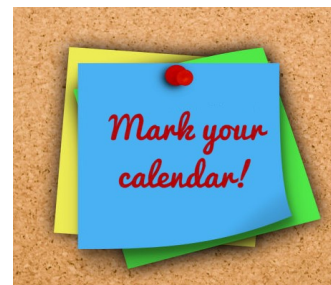


OVERDUE STUDENT FEES

Reminder to all students with outstanding/overdue fees to please submit monies to the accounting office asap.

Important Dates to Remember

November 25	Career Fair, Grade 10's Kelowna
November 27	Early Dismissal, 11:57 – Inquiry Time
November 28	Grade 9 Immunizations
November 28	School Dance, 6pm Atrium
November 29	Pancake Breakfast, 7:45 am
December 7	Grad Meat and Flower Pick-up
December 16	Start of Rotation 5, Grade 8's
December 20	Pancake Breakfast, 7:45 am
December 20	Last Day of Classes before Winter Break
January 6	First Day of Classes after Winter Break



Pancake Breakfast

All Students and Staff are invited to enjoy a FREE pancake breakfast in the Cafeteria from 7:45am—8:30am on Friday November 29 and Friday December 20.



Clubs & Activities

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.



Glee Club—Mondays at lunch
Art Club—Tuesdays at 3pm
STEM Club—Tuesdays at 3pm
SAGA Club—Wednesdays at lunch
Just Dance Club—Wednesdays at lunch
Girls Can Talk Club—Thursdays after school

Reminder!

Respect our school zone. The parking lots are for staff & students only. Please use Gala Street to drop off & pick up.

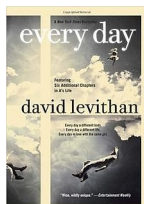
RECON

The RECON team was out for 2 nights recently with the telescope. We have upgraded our system this year allowing us to drive the telescope from a computer. This has taken some time and training to figure out this new system but it has been amazing in improving our accuracy in finding our target star field. The group will not be out again until after the winter break but are still looking for committed members. If anyone wants more information on the RECON Project, they can contact either Mrs. McIntyre or Mr. Johnson at the school or go to the RECON website at tnorecon.net.



News from the Library

The second annual Christmas Advent will be starting soon! Students will need to listen to the morning announcements for the advent challenge of the day. This was a great challenge last year so Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. Goncalves are excited to bring it back for the holiday season.



We encourage students to come in to the library to find a book to read over the Christmas break. There are lots of new titles on the shelves that are just waiting to be read. If you have a request for a book that we don't already have on the shelf please let us know so that we can order it in.

The library theme for November has been Indigenous authors and our bulletin board and display of books is showcasing some incredible reads. Please take some time to check out the titles and sign one out. The December theme is holidays, family, and giving back.



News from the Indigenous Education Program

In December:

December 20, 2019 will be the Holiday Luncheon in the Gathering Room for all Indigenous students, teachers and anyone else that is hungry for the yummiest food!

We will be having a Christmas Loonie Auction Powwow Fundraiser at the Osoyoos Indian Band Community Hall, time TBA.

There is a pilot Equestrian Wellness Program with Indigenous Male students. The program is to support learners to engage, learn boundaries and Self-Regulation through Equine Facilitated Therapy. The first 3 sessions have been very successful. Thank you to Jeremy Crow, Carol Gable and Leann Robbins for facilitating.

Strength doesn't come from what you can do, it comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't.



*Believe you can and
you're halfway there.*
-Theodore Roosevelt



News from your PAC

Thank you to everyone who attended the PAC AGM last night. A reminder that there will not be a PAC meeting in December or January. The next meeting will be February 13th at 6:30pm in the SOSS Library.

Gateway Programs

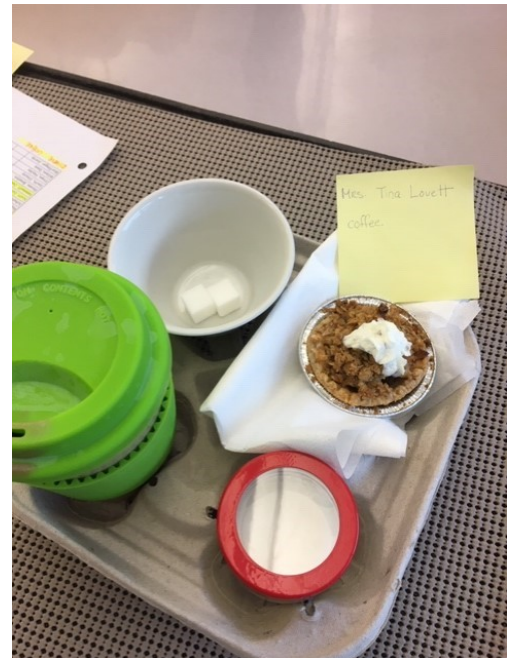
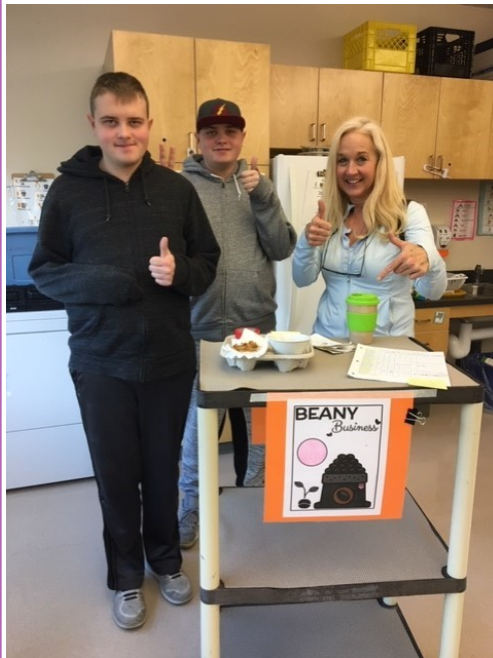
We will be hosting a "Gateway to Trades" program at SOSS during the second semester. We look forward to providing this program in partnership with Okanagan College where students will get a chance to try a variety of construction trades. We will have a maximum of 16 students in this program with students attending from all three secondary schools in our District.

The "Gateway to Technology" program will also be offered in partnership with Okanagan College. This program will run two evenings per week from 5:00 pm- 8:30 pm and will be based at the Okanagan College campus located in Oliver. In this program students will get exposure to computer coding, web development, and other aspects of computer technology.

Tuition for both programs will be paid for students through the Dual Credit funding, so there is no cost for students. See Mr. Kitt for applications

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Mrs. Lovett



Field Hockey

SOSS's field hockey season wrapped up on November 8th at the Provincial Championships in sunny(!) Victoria, where our Senior Girls were proud to represent our school, and placed a respectable 11th place out of 16 teams by winning three out of six games. A week earlier, the Senior Hornets had battled to top spot among the 7 Okanagan AA teams by winning Valleys. The girls are thrilled to have earned back-to-back Valley titles. Our extremely

fun junior girls team enjoyed their season too, which finished on October 25th with a 3-game playday in Kelowna. There are lots of good things ahead for this young crew, but they'll miss our excellent Grade 12 competitors next season (Madison Boen-Shekula, Kiera Gaudet, Lauren Bjornson, Riah Podmorow, Chyna Lee, Grace Neily and Japleen Aujla) and our team cheerleader, German exchange student, Hanna Hanekamp. Coaches Mrs. Russo, Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Stopa and Mrs. Nofle are proud of the teams' efforts.

Volleyball

Senior Boys

The Sr. Boys Volleyball team finished their season by attending the Valley Championships. The boys played a very strong match to beat SKSS in straight sets in front of a very loud crowd that supported the opposition. Unfortunately, they lost in the quarter finals to #2 rank PMSS but played a strong match, losing only by 2 points in the deciding set. SOSS Athletics would like to thank our graduating players for setting such a high bar of citizenship and commitment to Athletics and Academics. They are: Bret Rollinson (our Captain), Aidan Kitt, Andrew deVos, Kyton Macfadden and Ty Baptiste-Lock.

of 15 boys all dedicated to improving their skills and wanting to hit the court during game play. The team had the opportunity to travel as far as Kamloops this season where they participated in a two-day Tournament at Thompson River's University. The boys played well and appreciated the experience this tournament provided. Play-offs were recently held in Summerland on November 7th and the boys ended with a strong third place finish for the season. Their last game was a hard-fought battle against their Pen-Hi rivals. The boys remained determined during game play and showed excellent sportsmanship during some tough close calls. In the end, Coach



Senior Boys Volleyball Team



Junior Boys Volleyball Team

Mackie is pleased to report that the team had fun, learned new skills and got commended on how much they improved throughout the year. The boys really came together as a team and played some amazing volleyball. The Junior boys and team parents would like to thank Coach Mackie for an excellent season! Well done Hornets!

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Athletics Calendar

December 6-7

**Senior Boys Okana-Qen
Basketball Tournament**

December 13-14

**Junior Girls Winter Classic
Basketball Tournament**

January 10-11

**Grade 8 Boys Hoop Fest Bas-
ketball Tournament**

January 31-February 1

**Junior Boys Basketball Tour-
nament**

*What is right is not al-
ways popular and what
is popular is not always
right.*

-Albert Einstein

Grade 8 Girls Volleyball

The Grade 8 Girls Volleyball Team completed their season with the Southern Okanagan district playoffs on November 12th. The girls finished the regular season in second place, a significant improvement for this years squad. The girls won their quarter final game against KVR middle school then played a three set semi-final match against Similkameen Elementary Secondary School. Unfortunately the girls lost that match and were relegated into the consolation finals for the bronze medal against Skaha Lake Middle School. The girls also lost that game in a close three set match. The girls finished 4th overall but the season was full of success and learning experiences!



Senior Girls Volleyball



The Senior Girls Volleyball team completed their season on November 4th after a devastating playoff loss to Princess Margaret. It was a must win versus a team the Hornets have had a lot of success against this year. Unfortunately in this match they came up short and consequently missed meeting one of their goals of representing the South Zone at Valley Championships. This group of girls have started a resurgence in the girls volleyball program at SOSS. This team had a core featuring six committed grade

12's who include: Nataliya Morezewich, Nya Trakalo, Riah Podmorow, Grace Neily, Sydney Meyer, and Nadia Lee. The four younger players that the team will be built around next year include Amy Tite, Bridget Miller, Talynn Bicknell, and Kamryn Meyer. Despite the tough finish the Hornets had a successful season and played some great volleyball! Together they were a special group of players; moving forward they are a wonderful group of young ladies.

Junior Girls Volleyball

The Junior Girls volleyball team finished up their season in Kamloops with the TRU tournament. The girls did an incredible job coming together as a team and played some of their best volleyball of the season. The team had lots of competitive matches, finishing in fourth place in the tier two group. Congratulations girls on a strong finish to the season and we all look forward to seeing how you improve and develop next year.



Halloween Fun



