

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2022

Home of the Hornets!



Principal's Message

The holidays are approaching quickly and there is excitement and energy as we enter the last few weeks before the break.

Our fall sports have wrapped up and the winter sports are just getting started. Thank you to all our coaches for providing these opportunities for our students.

A big thank you to Ms. Ibaraki, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Koffler and Mr. Kitt for organizing the Grad Meat and Flower Fundraiser this year. This event helps our grads to pay off their grad fees. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, and we hope you enjoy your purchases. Pick up is this Friday from 3:30pm-6:00pm at the front entrance for flowers and Monday from 3:30pm to 6:00pm for Meat.

A big thank you to Linda and Larry Larson for providing juice, milk, and granola bars to our breakfast program on a regular basis and to our community partners who donate to the Starfish Program. We would also like to thank the Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club for their donation to the Breakfast Club. And finally, thanks to Cobbs in Penticton as they also donated to this worthy cause. This year, we are fortunate to have additional funding through the Student and Family Affordability Fund for families in need. If you are in need of some additional support around food or winter clothing, please contact the office.

The Gathering Room is sponsoring a school wide lunch on Friday, December 9th. Thank you to our Advocates for hosting. Thank you to PAC and our Spirit Committee for supporting our second school lunch which will be held on Tuesday, December 13th. These are free lunches for all students, and we are really looking forward to them.

Mrs. Podmorow and her senior Drama class are busily working on Christmas Chaos. This yearly performance is a much loved and highly anticipated tradition at SOSS as you are never truly sure of the final script. There are always many laughs and a few inside jokes. This year, we will be watching the performance in the theatre. Christmas Chaos performance will be on Friday, December 16th.

Link Crew is organizing the Five Dress up Days of Christmas and the counselling department is organizing the Christmas Store for some of our kids. If you would like to make a cash donation to the Christmas Store, please check the website, or come in and drop it off at the office. Every little bit counts!

Happy Holidays to you and your family! We look forward to working with all of you in 2023!

T. Harrington



Important Dates to Remember

December 2	Grad Flower pick-up, 3:30pm-6pm
December 5	Grad Meat pick-up, 3:30pm-6pm
December 9	Indigenous School Wide lunch
December 13	School Wide lunch
December 16	Christmas Chaos
December 16	Last Day of Classes before Winter Break
January 3	First Day of Classes after Winter Break



BASKETBALL



Come out and support our HORNETS at our home basketball tournaments!!

Okana-Qen Tournament - Dec 2/3 (Sr Boys)
SOSS Tip Off - Dec 9/10 (Jr Girls)
Winter Classic - Jan 6/7 (Jr Girls)
Hoop Fest - Jan 13/14 (Gr 8 Girls & Boys)
Sagebrush Shootout - Jan 20/21 (Jr Boys)

LIBRARY NEWS



Keeping with tradition the Library has put up our Book Tree for the month of December.

We are also putting on a Christmas Advent Calendar Game for the Students.

December is going to be filled with fun! If you are looking for something to read, check

out the SORA app on your mobile device or sign out a book or two from our shelves!



SOSS Merchandise

We have Hornet Socks for sale!
Order on-line using Student Quick Pay or see Mrs. Wilkie in the Accounting office. Each pair is \$20.00 and is set to arrive at the school the week of December 12th.



THANK YOU

SOSS would like to thank The Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Chapter 10 for their generous donation to our Breakfast Program!



CHRISTMAS STORE

We are once again organizing a "Christmas Store" for students in need at our school. The store is set up for students to browse and choose a gift to give to an important person in their lives. The store began several years ago and it is the generous donations by staff and community that has allowed this program to continue to operate. In order to make this goal a reality, we are asking our community to consider donating funds which will be used to purchase items for the store.

If you have a child that currently attends SOSS, you can use the online payment option available on the school website at <https://www.studentquickpay.com/ossd53/>.

If preferred, donations can be made at SOSS with Mrs. Wilkie in the office. A tax receipt for the donation is made available upon request.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



December

Cafeteria Menu



2022

Menu is Subject to Change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Inquiry No service	Pizza Day 1	2 Chicken Fettucine Alfredo Garlic Bread Chicken noodle soup	3 
4	5 Burritos with Corn salad Minestrone Soup Biscuits Chocolate Chip Cookies	6 Moroccan Chicken Kababs Greek Potatoes Pita Bread	7 Meatball Subs Chicken Noodle Soup Chocolate Chip Cookies Biscuits	8 Pizza Day	9 Mac and Cheese Biscuits Lemon Meringue tarts Butternut Squash Soup	10
11	12 Perogies and Roasted Veggies Cream of Mushroom soup Lemon Tarts	13 Whole School Lunch	14 Rotini Pasta with meat sauce Green Salad Biscuits Sugar cookies	15 Pizza Day	16 Chili Garlic Bread Biscuit Gingerbread cookies	17 Winter Vacation! Happy Holidays
18 Winter Vacation! Happy Holidays	19 Winter Vacation! Happy Holidays	20 Winter Vacation! Happy Holidays	21 Winter Vacation! Happy Holidays	22 Winter Vacation! Happy Holidays	23 Winter Vacation! Happy Holidays	24 Merry Christmas



THE MAPLE MAN



The MAPLE MAN, René Turmel, was at SOSS for two French-Canadian Cultural presentations on Nov. 17th. Students in French and Foods classes learned about harvesting and processing maple syrup on his family farm in Quebec. They were also entertained by René's musical talents with audience participation, and everyone played the spoons as an ensemble. They were led by his accordion tunes and a volunteer percussion leader who joined him on stage. At the end of the presentation, everyone was treated to a sample of maple taffy, which he had cooked earlier in the school cafeteria. It was served on ice in the traditional style of the "tire-à-sucre". We thank Madame Scott, Madame Arnason, and Mrs. Frank for inviting René to our school before he retires from doing presentations. The following weekend, the MAPLE MAN was at the Oliver Community Center selling his maple products at the annual Oliver Arts and Crafts Show.



ATTENDANCE

A little reminder from the teachers and administrators that strong attendance at school gives your learner the best opportunity to be successful at school.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much, but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of school that's...
1 day per 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 mins late a day? Surely that won't affect my child....

If they are missing...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of school that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins	Over 2.5 weeks	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	½ day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years

Indigenous Department News

The indigenous education department would like to welcome Nick Azak. Nick has been with us since October and has been a great addition! Monday and Wednesday Nick offers homework club until 4pm, open to all. When asked he describes himself as "A tall indigenous man from the Nisga'a nation who loves eating fish."

Also, a constant figure in the gathering room is Neechi. Neechi is our therapy dog who hangs in the room and attends classes with the advocates. Neechi is a wheaten terrier and poodle cross. Come say hi!

Coming up in December there will be the 1st annual stick game tournament at the Secondary level hosted by SESS, and a school wide lunch courtesy of the Advocates. Boys and Girls group (Sn'klip sisters, and Grizzly Crew) are still accepting indigenous students to sign up. Indigenous leadership is also looking for more students to join.



Sure, apples grow on trees, but where do we get them from?

Have you ever wondered where the fruit and vegetables come from that the Working Academics class hands out?

Here at SOSS, we are lucky enough to be part of the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program, which is part of the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation - a non-profit organization, dedicated to bringing BC's agriculture to BC's students. The Foundation works with local farmers and distributors to bring fresh BC products to students in public and First Nations schools throughout BC.

The BC School Fruit and Vegetable Program is supported by the Province of British Columbia and the Provincial Health Services Authority.

We hope that you keep enjoying our deliveries as they come throughout the year!

