

MARCH 2024

SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL



HOME OF THE HORNETS



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome March! Hopefully, the wintry weather is behind us now. A big shout out to Mr. Podmorow and Mr. Russo for organizing the Winter Active Living Day. It is always great when we can provide opportunities for our kids to be active.

Another huge shout out to Mrs. Podmorow and her team in preparing for the Beauty and the Beast production that will be held this week. We are really looking forward to it.

Basketball season has now wrapped up and spring seasons have begun. We are excited to have over one hundred students participating in Ultimate, Soccer, Golf or tennis. Thanks to all our coaches for supporting our students.

Family Conferences are right around the corner. They will be held on Wednesday, March 13th from 2:00pm-4:00pm and 5:00pm-7:00pm. Parents must sign up online to book a time. A reminder that teachers are available in ten-minute increments. If more time is required, please schedule a time later with your child's teacher. (Please note early dismissal March 13th and 14th)

Course selections should be in the computer by now. Please check the portal if you want to see what classes have been selected. Immediately after Spring Break, we will review each student's request to start the scheduling and staffing process for next year. If your child has not submitted their request, please have them see Ms. Goncalves asap.

YDI (Youth Development Index) surveys for grade 11's will be March 5th. Student Learning Surveys will occur after the March Break for grade 10 and 12 students. This is valuable information that we use to support students.

Finally, we are very excited for the students going on the Europe trip. A huge shout out to Mrs. Stopa for planning and organizing this huge adventure. We are really looking forward to spring break which begins March 18th.

Take care,
T. Harrington

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 7-9

MARCH 11

MARCH 13

MARCH 13 & 14

MARCH 15

MARCH 18-APRIL 1

APRIL 2

BEAUTY & THE BEAST MUSICAL

GRAD PHOTO RETAKES

FAMILY CONFERENCES

EARLY DISMISSAL, 11:55AM

**LAST DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE
SPRING BREAK**

SPRING BREAK

SCHOOL REOPENS

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+

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!

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SPACES FOR PARENTS

A quick reference for accessing and navigating Spaces!



1

Creating an account and the app

How to create an account for Spaces, and the spaces app.

2

Navigating Spaces tabs

Feed, Spaces, Messages and Notifications - what are they?

3

How to engage in Spaces

As a parent, what are some ways you can interact and participate in your learner's Space?

4

Accessing reports in Spaces

Where to find and how to read reports at midsemester and end of semester

SPACES FOR GRADES 8 & 9

We are well into semester 2 and want to ensure that families are connected to their students learning through Spaces. All classes have sent out email invites to families to allow access to view and comment on what has been going on in class so far. The included image has active links to help you access and navigate in Spaces. If you require any help please contact Mrs. Goncalves at rgoncalv@sd53.bc.ca for any questions you may have.

FAMILY CONFERENCES

Family Conferences are coming up quickly. March 13th will be an early dismissal for students and conference times are from 2-4 and 5-7. Please use this [link](#) to book your time slot as soon as possible.

South Okanagan Secondary School

Semester 2

"Celebration of Student Achievement"

Date: Wednesday June 12th

Time: 5:30- 7pm

Location: SOSS library, front entrance, and cafeteria

Please join us in celebrating our students' achievements from their semester 2 studies. The evening will include a variety of student displays, performances, food and fun!



SOSS PEP RALLY

The Student Voice Club hosted a Pep Rally on Feb. 15th in our school gym. The club recognized S.O.S.S. sports teams and school clubs in between some fun relay activities and a teachers vs students Game Show, "Are you Smarter Than A Jock?". The club would like to thank all the staff and students for their enthusiastic participation at the celebration of our school's extra-curricular activities. GO HORNETS!



GRADE 9 GARDOM LAKE TICKLEBERRY'S FUNDRAISER

Items available for order include Ice Cream Cakes, Cookies, Fudge, \$30 Gift Cards, and Bunny Burrows (like a Gingerbread House and cookies).

There are three ways to place orders:

You can complete the order through your child's school QuickPay account and log in at:
<http://www.studentquickpay.com/ossd53>.

For friends and family, you can send them this link
<https://www.studentquickpay.com/ossd53/MyAccount/Main.aspx?webitemid=269> and they can complete an order.

Orders must be submitted by Monday, March 11th. Order pickups will be at SOSS the afternoon of Thursday, March 14th and all day on Friday, March 15th.

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 student Quick Pay program to reserve a spot.

Tickleberry's Fundraising With Southern Okanagan Secondary School

SOSS Fundraiser for the Grade 9 Gardom Lake Trip
Submit orders through the SOSS QuickPay site (Preferred) or by bringing cash or cheque to the SOSS office.

Customer Name	Email
Student Name	Contact Number

Payment Method: ☐ On SOSS QuickPay site (preferred) ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque made Payable to SOSS

Ice Cream Cake (\$25)

- ☐ Bunny Eggs (chocolate mini eggs ice cream, waffle cone shortbread crust, chocolate syrup with decorative toppings)
- ☐ Caramel Easter (dulse caramel ice cream, waffle cone shortbread crust, caramel syrup with decorative toppings)

Bunny Burrow (Gingerbread House) (\$50)

- ☐ Funfetti sugar cookies with all the things to create your own bunny burrow!

Cookie Box (\$25)

- ☐ 2 Dozen (mix of Funfetti sugar cookie, chocolate brownie cookie, carrot cake & lemon crinkle cookie)

Fudge (\$50)

Choose 5 kinds below, packaged in cute box with little spoons to share and topped with one bear claw.

☐ Chocolate	☐ Raspberry	☐ Praline
☐ Maple	☐ Creamsicle	☐ Funfetti
☐ Turtle	☐ Espresso	☐ Cookies n' Cream

Gift Card (\$50)

- ☐ Visit Tickleberry's for the full experience and choose what you want with your gift card.

Orders and Payments are due Monday, March 11, 2024

Orders can be made online at <http://www.studentquickpay.com/ossd53> or <https://www.studentquickpay.com/ossd53/MyAccount/Main.aspx?webitemid=269>

Order pickup is Thursday, March 14 and Friday, March 15 at 5:00

Total Number of Items in Order _____
Total Cost \$ _____

Students: Please complete orders through SOSS QuickPay or bring cheque/cash and order to the SOSS Office.



JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Junior Girls Basketball team as they got first place in their Zone Championships. The team won the right to host the Valley Championships where they played hard, but unfortunately were only able to secure one victory. Congratulations on an excellent season!



INDIGENOUS DEPARTMENT

Students interested in making a ribbon skirt should come to the gathering space to sign up for our workshop. Sessions will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 3 to 5pm. Snacks will be provided. We are aiming to run this workshop in the coming weeks, so sign up soon as we will be choosing our fabric and ribbon by March 7th.

SOSS Pow Wow fundraiser is Thursday, March 14th at the OIB Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend which begins at 5:00 PM. Indian tacos are on the menu! It's a Loonie auction so be sure to bring your change and bid for items. Ms. Gallagher will be running the event, along with the Indigenous Advocates. All of the proceeds will go to fund the Pow Wow, which will take place this year at Osoyoos Secondary April 19-20.

SPAGHETTI BRIDGE BUILDING COMPETITION

We had 10 teams that entered the 39th annual Spaghetti Bridge Building contest at Okanagan College in Kelowna. All the groups worked hard and did a great job designing and building a bridge. They had to build a bridge that spanned a minimum of 50cm, hold 1kg for 60 seconds and complete the construction in 2 hours. The students had a great time, worked well together as a team, and every group was able to complete a bridge on time and submit it for judging. Most groups chose to go as light as possible and go for the win and SOSS came out of the competition with first, second, and third place.

First Place:

Ronin Van Geest, Prabhditt Atwal, Dilraj Gill, Harbaj Tung

Second Place: Emma Millward, Hasnoor Tung

Third Place: Inook Simard, Milan Klimo, Ryley Wiker, Ross Wilson

Other students who participated in the contest:

Katlyn Aubin, Pavi Buttar, Gavin Tite, Lane Kirs, Logan Launier, Iesha Dhillon, Jackie Bracken, Amelie Ogden, Jordyn Koteles, Lavreen Deol, Sabreen Deol, Killian Poole, Furio Hibbard, Kevin Menjivar, Abby Nickerson, Eomonn Thomas, Maia Bellingan, Eli Fernandes, Thomas Horan, Pedro Murillo, Janaya Murphy, Kian Narayan, Emily Seminoff, and Mayera Soni.

