



SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

MAY NEWSLETTER

Home of the Hornets!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are on the home stretch of this school year as we have less than two months left. Report cards have been posted and we will be working closely with those students who still need to complete outstanding course work. If you haven't seen your child's report card, please check the Parent Portal on MyEd or contact the office for more information.

A huge thank you to everyone for continuing to keep us all safe. We appreciate that everyone is wearing their masks on a consistent basis. A huge shout out to our custodians who are doing a great job. It's important to keep up the excellent work so we can finish strong.

We are currently designing the 2021-22 timetable. Counsellors will be having discussions with parents and students regarding appropriate placements for next year.

For the Grads, this is an exciting time. District Dogwood Authority presentations will be held on Tuesday next week, and Scholarship and Bursary applications are now in. Grad fees are due unless you have done fundraising. Please pay \$150 to the office as soon as possible. Check the front hall to make sure you are on the Grad List and Teams for the most up-to-date information. The Grad Ceremony will be held on Monday, June 28th. More details to follow.

The grade 7 Transition Meetings will be held this month. This is an opportunity for us to plan accordingly for our new Hornets. We are very excited to be welcoming 118 new Grade 8 students next year!

Thank you to one of our Inquiry Groups that is focusing on school culture and belonging. They are planning some COVID-friendly activities over the next few weeks. The students are really looking forward to these events.

We have connected with Anona Kempe from Penticton Indian Band to come in and do two presentations for our Grade 9 & 10 Social Studies classes on May 21st. The focus of these discussions will be around Residential Schools and Purpose and Colonization.

We have o many incredibly positive opportunities for our students thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff! Thank you to everyone for putting students first.

T. Harrington

IMPORTANT DATES

May 24	Victoria Day, No School
May 26	Inquiry, Early Dismissal at 11:52am
June 24, 25 & 28	Exam Days
June 28	Graduation Ceremony
June 29	Last Day of Classes
June 30	Administration Day, No School

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Order Your **YEARbook**



THAT'S RIGHT....THE YEARBOOK IS BACK!

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR — TIME TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOKS AND FONDLY LOOK BACK AT THE MEMORIES FROM THIS YEAR! YEARBOOKS WILL BE ON SALE FROM MAY 10TH TO MAY

22ND, AND CAN BE PAID FOR IN THE OFFICE TO MISS MATTHEWS, OR ONLINE. PRICES ARE TO BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, SO PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO ANNOUNCEMENTS, POSTERS AROUND THE SCHOOL, AND THE YEARBOOK PAGE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

GRADUATES OF 2021

- ♦ **Grad Fees are now due, please check with Mrs. Koffler for your balance**

Grad 2021 is fast approaching! Mark your calendars for this important date:

♦ June 28th—Grad Ceremony, 7:00pm—Atrium. This even will be LIVESTREAMED. Details will be forthcoming.

Slideshow: please hand in your baby photo for the Grad slideshow to Mrs. Goncalves as soon as possible.

CLC/Capstone: If you have outstanding items to complete for CLC/Capstone please get those finished ASAP. If you are unsure, check with Ms. Smith. If you are missing paperwork or forms, you can find them online in TEAMS. Please ask if you need help.

We will be looking for some grad parent support as we get closer to Graduation. We will need help with planning decorations, set-up and decorating and taking down after Graduation. If you are able to help, please connect with Stacey Smith at ssmith@sd53.bc.ca.

Many thanks to all of you who supported our grads this year in all of their fundraising endeavors. These fundraising opportunities allow grads to earn credits to help offset their grad fees. Keep bringing in your Buy-Low receipts! These help earn gift cards for Buy-Low groceries for grad events.

Remember to keep an eye on our school website soss.sd53.bc.ca for daily announcements and the school calendar, and the Graduates page <http://soss.sd53.bc.ca/graduates> which has more specific information for Grad events, dates and scholarship/bursary information and deadlines.

STUDENT VOICE CLUB

The Student Voice Club had a great year with many successful projects, such as: MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK, The WE FOR SHE DRIVE to support SOWINS, SCHOOL CLOTHING sales, and offering anti-stress and study tips in a brochure for grade 8s prior to exams in January.

New members joined the club and increased student involvement as well as created on-going projects for next year. Student Voice also combined forces with the WE CAN TALK club.

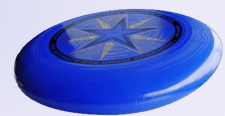
The club would like to thank everyone at SOSS for their support over the year. Stay safe this spring everyone! The club will host a Multicultural Awareness Week, May 17-21. In keeping with the Covid protocols, club members will simply provide some multicultural information during our morning announcements.



Catherine Scott, Shani Laver, Cathy Martins, Brae Shione, Fabien Carriere (teacher advisors)

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

The Ultimate team has had a fantastic turn out during the month of April. Over 20 students have been coming out every Tuesday and Thursday between 3:00 - 4:30pm to practice their skills and prepare for the 2021-22 season. I want to give a big shout out to our junior grade 8 & 9 players who have been our most consistent attenders and to our team captain, Phat Thai, for taking these players under his wing and showing them what Hornet's Ultimate is all about. Practices will continue to run until early June, so I hope to see more of our senior athletes start to attend regularly. The Ultimate team is open to athletes of all ages and abilities and can talk to coach Hall for more information if they are interested. I look forward to our team's continued development throughout the month of May!



CLUBS

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 with teachers.

Math Club—Mondays at lunch

Yoga Club—Mondays at 3pm

Student Voice Club—Monday at lunch

Chess Club—Wednesdays at lunch

WE Can Talk Club—Wednesdays at lunch

SAGA Club—Fridays at lunch



TENNIS CLUB

The SOSS tennis team practices Monday and Wednesday from 3-4:30pm at the community tennis courts. If you are interested in improving your skills or just learning the game, please come out and join



IN THE LIBRARY

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MRS. WOLFE LOVE
KEEPING ALL OUR
TECHNOLOGY CLEAN
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STUDENTS!



May

SOSS Cafeteria Menu

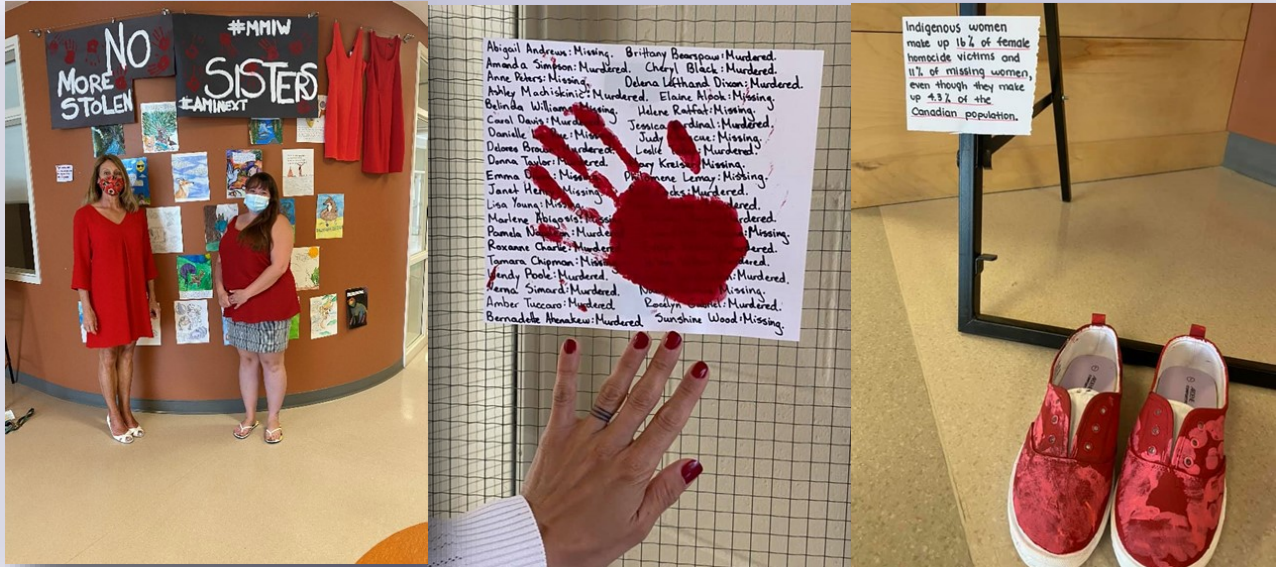


2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Perogies Borscht	4	5 Mac & Cheese Tomato Basil Soup	6	7 Quesadillas Black Bean Soup	8 
9	10	11 Donairs Mushroom Soup	12	13 Fries Chicken w/ Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Cheddar Soup	14 	15
16 	17 Cobb Salad Potato Bacon Soup	18	19 Crepes Yogurt Parfaits	20	21 Pulled Pork Pepper Corn Chowder	22 
23	24	25	26 Pizza Subs Creamy Tortellini Soup	27	28 Fajitas Chicken Tortilla Soup	29
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INDIGENOUS DEPARTMENT

The Indigenous Education program has been very busy this month. Red Dress day was on May 5th. It's a national day to honour the missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada. We collected red dresses and hung them around the school with facts about murdered and missing women and girls. The advocates had support from Social Justice and Art classes to make the fact cards and the art work that was around our school. The students and staff all helped to make the day very impactful and meaningful for our students.



HARVEST BIN PROJECT

SOSS is getting into gardening this month, thanks to the Harvest Bin Project initiated by Agriculture in the Classroom. We are so incredibly appreciative of Pacific HaVen Landscape Supplies for their generous donation of garden soil for our five garden bins. We are also hugely grateful to our SOSS PAC for providing the funds to set up an irrigation system for the garden bins. It is an amazing thing to be so thoughtfully supported by our community.

This project will bring students together in a uniquely meaningful way. We'll be starting herbs, vegetables and strawberries this Spring in what will become a lasting part of our courtyard. We hope to get creative about the uses we can come up with for our crops. We'll keep you updated as we progress!



Southern Okanagan Secondary School (SOSS) Enrichment Fund Society

~~Annual two day Golf Scramble~~

(Can't happen in 2021...so please support our...)

VIRTUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

WHO: You! a supporter of our local school and community.

WHAT: Golf a game for SOSS then scan or send a picture of your score card with your net score included. You will be placed on a team by random draw.

WHY: To fundraise for scholarships for SOSS students.

WHERE: The course (18 holes) of your choice

WHEN: A day of your choosing between July 1 -14

COST: \$50 per player

Prizes for winning teams and random draws.



Registration forms available at:

<https://sossenrichmentfund.wixsite.com/oliver>

For more information email:

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