

NOVEMBER 2025

SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

HOME OF THE HORNETS



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Congratulations to our Cross-Country Running Team, which represented SOSS at the Provincial Championships in Nanaimo on October 31st, and to our Field Hockey Team, who compete at the Provincials in Duncan starting November 4th. We are proud of the dedication and sportsmanship shown by all of our student athletes. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the coaches and volunteer drivers whose time, energy, and support make these opportunities possible for our students.

It was wonderful to see families during our recent Family Conferences. If you were unable to attend in person, please feel free to contact your child's teacher directly with any questions or concerns. Report cards will be available online on November 13th or 14th, and you will receive an email notification once they are posted.

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will take place on Monday, November 10th, at 10:30 AM, as we come together to honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom. A special thank you to Ms. Stopa's Social Studies 10 class for organizing and leading this important event.

Excitement is already building for the upcoming SOSS Drama production of Rock of Ages. Auditions over the past two weeks drew more than 45 enthusiastic students, and rehearsals will begin later this month. Mark your calendars — performances will take place March 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2026.

Our school garden has now been harvested and prepared for winter following a highly successful growing season. The garden continues to supply fresh produce for our breakfast cart, cafeteria, and food programs, as well as contributions to the Starfish Backpack program and team road trips. This time of year also brings an abundance of apples, which are being dehydrated by Mr. Wurflinger and his students for use on team trips and in our breakfast program. Thank you for helping ensure that SOSS remains a healthy, sustainable community.

Sincerely;
Bev Young

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 5	TERM 1 ENDS
NOVEMBER 6	TERM 2 BEGINS
NOVEMBER 7	SCHOOL WIDE PANCAKE BREAKFAST
NOVEMBER 11	REMEMBRANCE DAY, NO SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 12	GRADE 8/9 ONESKY SEXUAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCES PRESENTATION
NOVEMBER 20	PAC MEETING, 6:35PM LIBRARY
NOVEMBER 26	EARLY DISMISSAL, 11:55 AM

Remembrance Day
lest we forget

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ATTENTION



THE SOSS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT HAS 2 COACHING VACANCIES FOR THE UPCOMING BASKETBALL SEASON. WE ARE IN NEED OF COACHES FOR BOTH THE GR 8 BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND THE JR GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SOSS COACHING STAFF, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, MR. STEVE PODMOROW (SPODMORO@SD53.BC.CA), FOR MORE INFORMATION.

FREE CONCUSSION RESOURCES

FREE CONCUSSION RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS: NOW THAT SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION, IT IS A GREAT TIME TO LEARN HOW TO PROPERLY RECOGNIZE A POTENTIAL CONCUSSION IN THE CLASSROOM, MANAGE SYMPTOMS, AND HELP A STUDENT RETURN TO SCHOOL. FREE, EVIDENCE-BASED E-LEARNING COURSES, AND ONLINE AND DOWNLOADABLE RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOTEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS, PARENTS, COACHES, AND YOUTH ATHLETES THROUGH THE CONCUSSION AWARENESS TRAINING TOOL (CATT).



IN NOVEMBER, THERE WILL BE AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN FRENCH THIS YEAR. THE MAPLE MAN WILL BE MAKING WHAT IS LIKELY HIS FINAL VISIT TO SOSS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24. ALL STUDENTS IN FRENCH YEARS 8-12 ARE WARMLY INVITED TO ATTEND THIS SPECIAL EVENT. THERE WILL BE MUSIC, DANCING, AND A CHANCE TO TRY AUTHENTIC MAPLE TAFFY (LA TIRE). PLEASE LISTEN CAREFULLY TO THE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE COMING WEEKS FOR FURTHER NEWS ABOUT ATTENDING FOR THIS UNFORGETTABLE CULTURAL EXPERIENCE.

AMAZING GRAD RACE 2026: CHAOS, CHEERS, AND ROCK WEDDINGS!

Our grads traded textbooks for teamwork and spent the afternoon proving that friends come in handy when you're racing for glory! The Amazing Grad Race 2026 was a whirlwind of laughter and challenges. Teams popped balloons like pros, sketched masterpieces in Pictionary, slurped slurpees at lightning speed, and devoured the entire A&W Burger Family (sorry, Teen Burger). They hunted for hidden objects, hammered nails like seasoned carpenters, unlocked partners in a bind, and bravely touched mystery objects that left everyone guessing!

The grand finale? Team cheers that could rival a Broadway show. One team even hosted a full-on wedding ceremony between two pet rocks—complete with vows and enough rock puns to make a geologist proud! It was a day of epic fun, fierce competition, and unforgettable creativity. Congrats to all grads for making this race truly AMAZING!





SOSS ATHLETICS



GRADE 8 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

THE GRADE 8 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM IS IN THE LAST WEEK OF THEIR SEASON, HOSTING PLAYOFFS ON TUESDAY, NOV. 4TH THE TEAM HAS SHOWN INCREDIBLE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, BOTH PERSONALLY AND IN TEAM PLAY. PLEASE COME OUT AND CHEER ON THE TEAM AS THEY STRIVE FOR A STRONG FINISH TO THEIR SEASON.



JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

IT HAS CERTAINLY BEEN A YEAR OF GROWTH FOR THE JUNIOR GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM. WITH SUCCESSFUL TURNOUT FOR TRYOUTS, AND 15 MAKING THE FINAL SQUAD IT IS EVIDENT THAT VOLLEYBALL IS A GROWING SPORT AT SOSS.

THE TEAM HAS BEEN PERSISTENT IN LEAGUE PLAY, SHOWING GRIT AND DETERMINATION AGAINST MUCH MORE EXPERIENCED TEAMS SUCH AS PRINCETON 10 AND OSS.

ON OCT 24TH WE HOSTED THE HORNET INVITATIONAL WITH 13 TEAMS ATTENDING. SOSS CAN BE PROUD OF BOTH THE PLAY AND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE TOURNAMENT. A HUGE THANKS TO MR PODMOROW FOR HIS TIME AND EFFORT ON MAKING THAT COME TOGETHER.

THE GIRLS WILL WRAP UP THEIR SEASON IN KAMLOOPS AT THE TRU HOWLER TOURNAMENT. IT WILL CERTAINLY BE A FUN AND COMPETITIVE WAY TO END A SEASON OF WHICH THE GIRLS CAN BE PROUD.



SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

THE SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM HAS HAD AN INCREDIBLE SEASON SO FAR. THE HORNETS FINISHED 1ST IN LEAGUE PLAY, EARNING TOP SPOT HEADING INTO PLAYOFFS. THEY'VE ALSO SHOWN THEIR STRENGTH ON THE TOURNAMENT CIRCUIT, PLACING 2ND IN BOTH THE OSOYOOS AND MT. SENTINEL TOURNAMENTS, AND 5TH IN MERRITT AGAINST TOUGH COMPETITION. THE TEAM CONTINUES TO IMPROVE WITH EACH MATCH AS THEY PREPARE FOR PLAYOFFS AT SOSS ON NOVEMBER 6 AND THE VALLEY CHAMPIONSHIPS NOVEMBER 14-15, WHERE THEY'LL COMPETE FOR A SPOT AT PROVINCIALS AT THE END OF THE MONTH. THE ENERGY IS HIGH, THE TEAMWORK IS STRONG, AND THE HORNETS ARE READY TO FINISH THE SEASON ON A HIGH NOTE. GO HORNETS!



HORNETS TAKE EUROPE FUNDRAISER

We have a wonderful group of students traveling to France and Italy this Spring Break and they are looking for your support as we get closer to our trip. The Springbank Cheese fundraiser has been a great success in the past as the product is amazing and supports a Canadian company. Students are able to share this opportunity with you in person, or with the new online link that is available for ordering. All orders and monies are due on Thursday, November 20th with an anticipated delivery date of Thursday, December 4th.



[Order Link for Springbank Cheese](#)

SKATEBOARD CLUB

SKATEBOARD CLUB'S FALL SESSION IS COMING TO A CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 3. WE HAD A LOT OF FUN THIS YEAR AND THE PROGRESS HAS BEEN STEADY. AT OUR MOST RECENT TRIP, ODIN FREDLUND HAD SOME BREAKTHROUGHS IN PENTICTON, FIGURING OUT FAKIE TAIL STALLS AND FINDING FLOWY LINES IN THE BOWL. HE LANDED A 50-50 NOSESTALL TO FAKIE 50-50 OUT ON THE FUNBOX. RYLAN PETRIE HAS BEEN PUTTING TOGETHER LINES, OLLIEING OUT OF BANKS AND WORKING ON POP-SHUVITS.

ON THE SCOOTER SIDE OF THINGS, ERIC MISSON, XAVIER RAPOSO, ZACH MARIN AND FELIX LEBREAUX HAVE BEEN PUSHING EACH OTHER TO GO BIGGER AND MORE TECHNICAL. I'VE SEEN SOME HUGE WHIPS, DOUBLES AND DECK TAPS COMING FROM THESE GUYS. CHECK OUT THE CLUB INSTAGRAM FOR SELECT PHOTOS.

ONCE AGAIN, A HUGE THANK YOU TO RESPECT RECORD AND SKATE FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GEAR SPONSORSHIP. WE LOVE YOU GUYS! THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR SKATEBOARDING. WE'LL SEE YOU ALL IN SPRING SESSION!



STUDENTS IN THE TEXTILES 9-10 CLASS HAVE BEEN BUSY BRINGING THEIR DESIGN IDEAS TO LIFE! SOME OF THEIR PROJECTS THIS QUARTER INCLUDED MAKING PATCHES, ZIPPERED POUCHES AND UPCYCLING A PAIR OF JEANS INTO SOMETHING NEW!



NOVEMBER IS ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY AWARENESS MONTH. PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES:

- **ADOPT BC KIDS** - AN ONLINE PORTAL THAT PROVIDES BRITISH COLUMBIANS WISHING TO ADOPT CHILDREN AND YOUTH FROM FOSTER CARE WITH INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE THROUGH THEIR ADOPTION APPLICATION.
- **THE WAYS TO ADOPT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA WEBSITE** PROVIDES INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, SUCH AS INFANT ADOPTION, RELATIVE AND STEP-PARENT ADOPTION, AND ADOPTING A CHILD OR YOUTH FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY.
- **BELONGING NETWORK** (FORMERLY ADOPTIVE FAMILIES ASSOCIATION OF BC) - PROVIDES INFORMATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FAMILIES WHO WISH TO ADOPT NOW OR IN THE FUTURE.
- **ADOPTION BC** - A DETAILED AND COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO ADDITIONAL ADOPTION RESOURCES.

Cozy winter fundraiser



Grown
with farm
fresh
goodness

Decorations & Mixes

May vary from plant to plant.

We have a variety of plant mixes, tins, & ornaments!



6.5" Poinsettia

Our signature holiday floral! Treat yourself to a velvet red or ivory white poinsettia (15" tall).



Indoor Planter

Toasty fireside nook! 4 lush plant mixes snugly tucked into a charming holiday tin.



Holiday Wreath

Cozy woodsy greeting! Crafted from fresh noble, cedar & juniper, wrapped in elegance.



Greenery Arrangement

Regal flora elegance! Misted in woodland berries, frosty pinecones & grand crimson bow.



Hanging Bough

Enchanted woodland grove! Heritage burlap bag stuffed with greenery & ilex berry sprigs.



Table Top Trio

Delightful gift bundle! A charming trio of gaultheria, mini cypress, & frosty fern.

Southern Okanagan Secondary School Grad 2026

Customer:

Phone:

SOSS Grad:

Email:

Qty	Products	Price	Subtotal
	6.5" Red Poinsettia 	\$15	\$
	6.5" White Poinsettia 	\$15	\$
	Indoor Tropical Planter 	\$35	\$
	Holiday Wreath 	\$35	\$
	Table Top Trio 	\$25	\$
	Outdoor Greenery 	\$45	\$
	☐ Cash ☐ Debit/Credit ☐ Cheque #	TOTAL	\$

<https://southernokanagansecondary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/>

Order online by Wednesday, November 26th

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Customer:

Customer Copy - Bring for Pick Up

Products	Qty
6.5" Red Poinsettia 	
6.5" White Poinsettia 	
Indoor Tropical Planter 	
Holiday Wreath 	
Table Top Trio 	
Outdoor Greenery 	
TOTAL ITEMS	

Pick up on Friday, December 12th
at SOSS between 3:30 - 6:00 pm



OLIVER FUTSAL

WINTER SEASON 1: NOV 10 - DEC 15, 2025

WINTER SEASON 2: JAN 5 - FEB 23, 2026



Faster pace, more touches - smaller court means everyone is involved constantly.



Shaper skills - improve ball control, quick decision-making, and passing accuracy.



Designed for skill - the futsal ball is smaller and weighted to stay on the ground, giving you more control and encouraging precision passing and creative play.

This league will have a time-slot specific for Grade 8-12 players (born 2012-2009), making it a perfect way for the Hornets to stay sharp together this winter.



» \$100-\$125 per season OR \$200 for all

» 14 weeks of indoor fun!

**LIMITED SPOTS
AVAILABLE!**

Location: Tuc el Nuit Elementary School gym
FULL DETAILS AND REGISTER AT
PINNACLESCA.COM/WINTER-PROGRAM



Support Your Local Microgreen Fundraiser

FRESH! LOCAL! HEALTHY! GROWN WITH LOVE!

Help us grow a greener future by supporting our microgreen fundraiser.

A portion of your purchase will go towards the

SOSS PAC

- supporting students through funding for sports, clubs and scholarships -

What are Microgreens?

Tiny, delicious, nutrient-packed greens, harvested at their peak.

Perfect for sandwiches, salads, smoothies and more!

How Can You Help?

Purchase locally grown microgreens, delivered to you doorstep, within 24 hours of harvest!

Subscriptions are available weekly or bi-weekly,

with a portion of each and every purchase going to your SOSS PAC.

Share! Share! Share this fundraiser with family and friends in

OK Falls, Kaleden, Penticton, Oliver and Osoyoos!!!

Why it Matters?

Your support helps us promote healthy eating, sustainability while supporting local.

To Place Your Order:

backyardmicrogreens.com

Be sure to include **FUNDRAISING FOR: SOSS**

Backyard Microgreens of Oliver, will receive your order and start the growing process!

Thank-you for your supporting your SOSS PAC!!!

CYMH Presents...

PARENTING THROUGH THE CHAOS

SCHOOL AVOIDANCE:

JOIN US FOR A FREE INTERACTIVE ONLINE
WORKSHOP EXPLORING THE UNIQUE
CHALLENGES OF SCHOOL REFUSAL AND THE
LINK TO MENTAL HEALTH.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2025 6-7:30 PM

WORKSHOP LINK CLICK HERE:





OIB

TUTORING PROGRAM



HOSTED AT SPC

TUESDAY / 3:00-5:00 pm
THURSDAY Grades 4 and up
Starting Sept 16

Open to
OIB/OIB
Community
students at
SPC, OES, TUC,
SOSS
and YouLearn

Two groups
available:

Grade 4-7: tutoring
by SOSS Highschool
students.

Grade 8-12: tutoring
by SOSS Highschool
students led by Gina
Houle.

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