

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2021

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.

We are currently reviewing our timetable for next year. As you may remember, we shifted to the two-day schedule due to COVID restrictions. Since the guidelines have changed, we want to review our practice. Any change will be based on what is in the best interest of our learners.

A big thank you to 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.

A big thank you to Linda and Larry Larson for providing juice, milk, and granola bars to our breakfast program on a regular basis. A big shout out to Cobbs in Penticton as they also donate to this worthy cause.

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. The Christmas Chaos performance will be on Thursday, December 16th. A huge thank you to PAC as they have made a generous donation to provide a special treat to classes.

Report Cards went out a few weeks ago and can be accessed through the Family Portal on the School Website. If you are have difficulty accessing the portal please contact Mrs. Goncalves at rgoncalv@sd53.bc.ca.

This year we are again preparing holiday hampers to give back to our community. 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!

Student Voice is holding a Donation drive called the "Floodrasier" to collect items to help the families affected by the Floods. Further details are in the Newsletter. There will also be an Escape Room set up for the last week of classes before Winter Break.

With all the uncertainty out there, please be sure to keep safe and take care of yourselves and your family. Happy Holidays to everyone! We look forward to working with all of you in 2022!

- T. Harrington



Important Dates to Remember

December 3	Grad Meat and Flower pick-up, 3:30pm-6pm
December 13-17	Escape Room
December 13-17	Spirit Week Dress-up
December 14	School Wide Bannock Taco lunch
December 17	Pancake Breakfast
December 17	Last Day of Classes before Winter Break
January 4	First Day of Classes after Winter Break



Student Quick Pay allows you to pay by credit card online [HERE](#). You can purchase a lunch card, pay student fees, and athletic fees, all from the comfort of your own home! If you have questions, please call 250-498-4931.



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!



Holiday Spirit Dress-up Days

Dress-up days are December 14–18

Monday: PJ Day

Tuesday: Anything but a backpack day

Wednesday: Christmas Sweater Day

Thursday: Jersey Day

Friday: Formal Day



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.

SAGA Club— Fridays at lunch

Student Voice— Tuesdays at lunch

Art Club— Mondays afterschool

Homework Club— Monday – Thursday afterschool



GRADE 10 WORKPLACE MATH

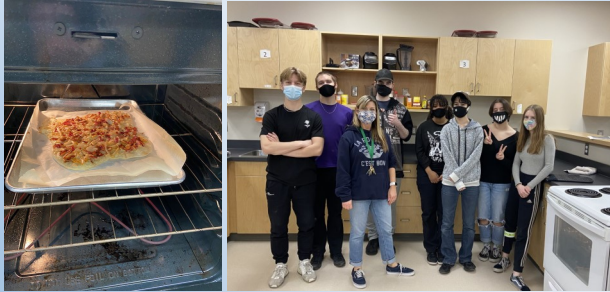
Grade 10 Apprenticeship and Workplace Mathematics are collaborating with the SOSS students with diverse abilities in a service-learning project. Together, they will be making their own holiday themed wrapping paper and bags! This allows the students in the math class to apply their skills about unit price and percentage mark up as well as leadership development. Our diverse ability class will be using the financial outcome of the activity to donate to their favorite local charities: Happy Tails Cat Rescue, Oliver Food Bank and Michael Cuccoine Foundation for Cancer Research.

The paper and bags will be designed, and block ink printed, by the students the week of December 6th and should be available to buy at \$3.50 per meter on December 10th. If you would like to place an order, please email cseymour@sd53.bc.ca with how many meters you would like to purchase.



FRENCH 12

In French 12, we studied the regions of France, including the cuisine of Alsace. The class then brought their studies to life by taking the opportunity to make one of the oldest and most well-known dishes of Alsace: the tarte flambée. French 12 would like to give a special thanks to Ms. Frank and Ms. Martins for allowing us to use the Foods room.



STUDENT VOICE

The members of the Student Voice Club are wrapping up their MERCH SALE, all orders are due Friday December 3rd either by ordering on-line on the school website or in the office. Delivery will be sometime in January. Also, the club members are holding a DONATION DRIVE for victims of the floods. Boxes for items are in the front foyer of the school, and monetary donations may be given to Miss. Matthews in the office until Dec. 10th. In addition, the club plans to hold a voluntary CLASSROOM WINTER DECORATING CONTEST in December. Stay tuned to win prizes by class! The Club recently enjoyed a Club retreat and lots of fun was had by all.

The club welcomes members to join anytime and use their voice to make a difference in our school and community. We meet Tuesdays at lunch in room 207.

FOODS 9/10

Kitchen Number 1 Madison Pearce, Emma Fraser and Havanna Stelzner made this Christmas themed cupcake! Foods 9/10 have been working well in Q2 and will be going on a field trip December 6th to make bannock wrapped smokies over an open fire with our Indigenous advocates Shan P. and Shynai B. Jenny Martin from SBO will also be taking us on a hike! Stay tuned to see photos in the new year from our adventure to Tuelnuit!



CHRISTMAS STORE

We are once again organizing a "Christmas Store" for students in need at our school. 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.

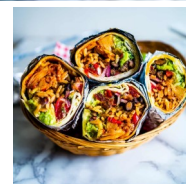
If you have a child that currently attends SOSS, you can use the online payment option available on the school website (soss.sd53.bc.ca). If preferred, donations can be made at SOSS with Jessica in the office. A tax receipt for the donation is made available upon request.

Thank you for your ongoing support.





DECEMBER 2021 CAFETERIA MENU



		1 Day 1 Cobb Salad 🍷 Butternut Squash Soup 🍷 Tikka Masala & Naan	2 Day 2 Cold Service Grab and Go Snacks Baked Goods	3 Day 1 Broccoli Cheddar Soup 🍷 Italian Sausage Penne 🍷
6 Day 2 Cold Service Grab and Go Snacks Baked Goods	7 Day 1 Black Bean Soup 🍷 Chili & Biscuits 🍷	8 Day 2 Cold Service Grab and Go Snacks Baked Goods	9 Day 1 Chicken Laksa Soup 🍷 Pad Thai 🍷	10 Day 2 Pizza Day
13 Day 1 Loaded Baked Potato Soup Chicken & Mozza Melts 🍷	14 Day 2 Cold Service Grab and Go Snacks Baked Goods	15 Day 1 Chicken Tortilla Soup 🍷 Chicken/Beef/Veg Burritos 🍷	16 Day 2 Cold Service Grab and Go Snacks Baked Goods	17 Day 1 Pizza Day (REduced Amount)
20 Holidays-School Closed	21 Holidays-School Closed	22 Holidays-School Closed	23 Holidays-School Closed	24 Holidays-School Closed
DECEMBER 2021			Entrée \$4.00 Small Soup \$3.00 Large Soup \$4.00 *soup served with fresh bread	Desserts \$0.50-\$1.00 Juice \$1.00 

🍷 = vegetarian option available

**menu subject to change – check cafeteria TV ☺



Indigenous Department News

Way' Families!

Happy December! This November we were busy in the classrooms. Homework club is in full swing Monday to Thursday from 3pm-4pm in the Gathering Room. We went with English First Peoples 10 to Kelowna and enjoyed a day of learning at the Kelowna Museum and Art Gallery. We finished off the month with our first senior all Indigenous Field trip on the land. We went to the Willowbrook Rec Site and had an afternoon outside building fires, making bannock over the fire and participating in Indigenous land-based activities. This December we will be having our school wide Bannock Taco lunch on the 14th, as well as our Christmas Party at lunch in the Gathering room on the 16th. Happy Holidays everyone!

-Shan, Shynai, Tara
Your Indigenous Education Advocates.

