



Southern Okanagan Secondary School

(School District #53 Okanagan Similkameen)

August 21, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am excited to be welcoming everyone back after what I hope was a restful summer. As principal of SOSS, I am energized by the positive initiatives and opportunities that are available for our students. We are moving forward with the revised curriculum which will engage all students more deeply in their learning. We are pleased to have added a few new members to our team and look forward to you meeting them shortly.

Please remember to notify the office if you have any changes in contact information, phone number or email address. If you do not have an email address, please let the office know. Paper copies of school correspondence can be picked up at the office.

Student timetables are available online through the parent or student portal. Classes are filled based on student selections and it is difficult to accommodate changes at this late date, unless they are for valid educational reasons, such as repeating a failed course. Timetable Change Request Forms will be available online. Students must check the master timetable, posted in the counselling area, for any proposed changes. Counsellors will be available on Monday, August 26 and Thursday, August 29th for new registrations only. Students in Grade 12 wishing to have a Study Block are required to apply for it. Certain conditions do apply.

Please note the following important dates:

Tuesday, September 3rd 8:30am-11:20ambuses will depart @ 11:30am

Friday, September 6th School Photos

Tuesday, October 8th Photo Retakes

Southern Okanagan Secondary School Fee Structure

2019-20

1. Activity Fees \$25
2. Textbook Deposit \$35 (for new registrations only and refundable when student leaves SOSS)
3. Workbook Fees (confirmed prices as of June 30)

Math 8	\$25
Math 9	\$25
A&W 10	\$20
FPC 10	\$25
FOM 11	\$25
FPC 11	\$25
A&W 11	\$20
FPC 12	\$25
Spanish	\$25

4. Field Trip Fees

Travel within district – no charge (curricular or extra-curricular)

Travel outside district – varies depending on distance travelled and mode of transportation. The school will work with the organizing group to keep travel costs as low as possible. Students are responsible for food, accommodation and activity expenses.

5. Athletic Fees

*Athletic Fees cover regular league expenses including referee, transportation, tournament and uniform costs. A uniform fee of \$30 and Athletic Banquet fee of \$25 will be charged for each student. If a student loses their uniform, a replacement cost will apply. Students are responsible for food, accommodation, and activity expenses for all tournaments. The school also supports each team by supplementing transportation costs, paying for accommodations and food for coaches and chaperones and paying for all TTOC costs.

**Below are approximate "base fees"

Grade 8	Volleyball, Field Hockey, Basketball, Golf	\$150
Juniors	Volleyball, Field Hockey, Basketball, Golf	\$300
Seniors	Volleyball, Field Hockey, Basketball, Soccer, Golf	\$450

"Food For Thought" Muffin program is by donation and is optional.

All outstanding library/ textbooks must be returned or paid before new textbooks are issued.

Timetables can be viewed online and will be distributed in Block A classes on the first day of school. Class lists will be posted in the atrium. If needed, please refer to guidelines regarding the Parent Portal.

We are looking forward to a smooth start up this year and are encouraging parents to access our school website at <http://soss.sd53.bc.ca//> for more information. Should you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-498-4931. The office will be open Monday, August 26 - Friday, August 30th from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm.

Sincerely,



Mrs. T. Harrington

Principal