

DECEMBER 2024

SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

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.

A big thank you to Ms. Ibaraki, Mrs. Burns, and Mrs. Koffler 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 Thursday, December 12th 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 and to our community partners who donate to the Starfish Program. This year, we are fortunate to have additional funding through the Feeding Futures Fund for families in need.

The Grads will be hosting a school-wide breakfast on Friday, December 6th and on Friday, December 20th. on Wednesday December 18th the Gathering Room will be hosting a school-wide luncheon. These are free for all students, and we are really looking forward to them.

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. This year, we will be watching the performance in the theatre. Christmas Chaos performance will be on Friday, December 20th for students and Thursday December 19th at 7pm for Community Members at Venables Theatre..

Link Crew is organizing the Five Dress up Days of Christmas. Ms. Ibaraki and Ms. Seymour are organizing the Christmas Store for our Priority families. 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! Last year around 80 students were able to participate. Happy Holidays to you and your family! We look forward to working with all of you in 2025!

T. Harrington

Happy
Holidays



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JOYFUL NEW YEAR

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER 6	SCHOOL WIDE BREAKFAST
DECEMBER 6	GRADE 10 CAREER FAIR - KELOWNA
DECEMBER 12	GRAD MEAT/FLOWER PICK UP
DECEMBER 16-20	SPIRIT WEEK
DECEMBER 19	CHRISTMAS CHAOS, 7PM VENABLES THEATRE
DECEMBER 20	LAST DAY BEFORE HOLIDAY BREAK
JANUARY 7	FIRST DAY BACK FROM HOLIDAY BREAK

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SOSS CHRISTMAS CHAOS

The old SOSS tradition of Christmas Chaos is coming soon. This is an improvised show developed and performed by the senior acting class designed to bring laughter and joy to the holiday season. It is a show packed with festive cheer, unscripted hilarity, and surprises galore. If you're looking for a lighthearted way to celebrate and get into the holiday spirit, Christmas Chaos will deliver an unforgettable experience.

The evening will also feature the musical talents of Ezra Toon and Olivia Goncalves.



TRY A TRADE

On November 14th, Grade 11 students went to the Try a Trade event at Okanagan College. Students spent the day at the college and were introduced to three trades, Sheet Metal, Autobody Technician, and RV Technician. Students completed a small project to give them some idea of what was involved in each trade.



SKATEBOARD CLUB

For our end of season trip, Skateboard Club teamed up with Osoyoos Skateboarders and The Airhouse in Kelowna for a transition and street coaching session in the Airhouse facility.

We saw huge growth in skaters who faced their fears and learned to drop in. Felix, Odin, Elijah, Cayden, Teoh and others pushed their prowess on coping on the miniramp, and a whole lot of curb and flip tricks went down as well. Skateboard club is done for now, but we'll be back in Spring. We want to thank Respect Record and Skate for their continued support, The Airhouse for sharing their facility and expertise, and Glen Heinrichs and Jenny Martin for help coordinate the Osoyoos students. Check us out on instagram: @sosskskateboardclub. See you after Spring Break!





THANK YOU



As a school community, we would like to send out a GIANT Hornet thank you to President's Choice Children's Charity and Cobs Bread (Penticton) for their generous support of our school's breakfast program!

SPIRIT WEEK

DECEMBER 16-20

DECEMBER 16	JERSEY DAY
DECEMBER 17	TWIN DAY
DECEMBER 18	ONESIE DAY/CHRISTMAS JAMMIES
DECEMBER 19	DISNEY CHARACTER DAY
DECEMBER 20	CHRISTMAS SPIRIT DAY



Southern Okanagan Secondary School

Semester 1

"Celebration of Student Achievement"

Date: Wednesday January 15th

Time: 5:00-7:00pm

Location: SOSS library, front entrance, and cafeteria

Please join us in celebrating our students' achievements from their semester 1 studies. The evening will include a variety of student displays, performances, food and fun!



WANTED: VOLUNTEERS

AS WE BEGIN THE WINTER SPORTS SEASON, WE ARE ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE FROM PARENT VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE WILLING TO HELP WITH OUR CONCESSION STAND!

WE ARE HOPING TO HAVE A GROUP OF PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP RUN THE SNACK SHACK DURING WINTER HOME TOURNAMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE SOSS PAC. THIS FUNDRAISING GOES BACK TO SUPPORTING OUR STUDENT PROGRAMS AND ATHLETICS AS WELL AS OUR ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS!

TOURNAMENT DATES ARE DEC 6/7, JAN 10/11, JAN 17/18, JAN 31/FEB 1 AND FEB 7/8.

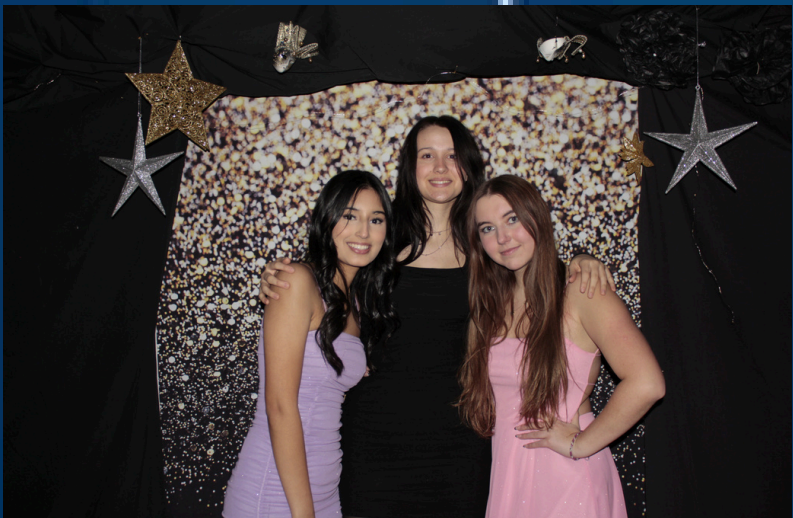
PLEASE EMAIL SOSSPAC53@GMAIL.COM AND LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER.

FIELD HOCKEY

The Senior Field Hockey Hornets represented our school with strong games and outstanding sportsmanship at the AA Provincial Championships at the University of Victoria held the first week of November, earning a 10th place finish and the 2024 Fair Play Trophy. We celebrated Riya Chahal, Heera Buttar and Kate Noftle after they played their last field hockey games for our school, and we appreciated Mrs. Lang for her years of being an amazing coach and mentor. This year's team consisted of: (front row) Kate Noftle, Kismet Dhaliwal, Angela Jiminez, Vienna von Burg, Rowan Stopa, Heera Buttar, Audrey Noftle (back row) Coach Noftle, Olivia Veenendaal, Ishmeet Dhaliwal, Olivia Goncalves, Riya Chahal, Meredith Lester, Maia Bellingan, Harnoor Brar, Lilah Smith, Sarah Saysomsack, Coach Lang.



MASQUERADE BALL



DANCE
TIME

