

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Home of the Hornets!



Principal's Message

Welcome to March! Hopefully, the wintry weather is behind us now. A big shout out to Mr. Podmorow and Mr. Russo (and their team) for organizing the Winter Active Living Day. It is always great when we can provide opportunities for our kids to be active.

Grad Scholarship and Bursary applications were due March 1st by 2:45pm. The grads have been doing a good job completing their Capstone presentations. Grad photos are this week, and the sign-up sheet is in the office.

Parent Teacher Conferences are right around the corner. They will be held virtually or by phone on Wednesday, March 16th from 2:00pm-4:00pm and 5:00pm-7:00pm. Parents must sign up online to book a time. A reminder that teachers are available in ten-minute increments. If more time is required, please schedule a time at a later date with your child's teacher. (Please note early dismissal March 16th and 17th)

Course selections should be in the computer by now. Please check the portal if you want to see what classes have been selected. Immediately following Spring Break, we will be reviewing each student's request in order to start the scheduling and staffing process for next year. If for any reason your child has not submitted their request, please have them see Ms. Goncalves asap.

Student Learning Surveys will occur the second week in March. This is valuable information that we use to support students. It is completed every year for grade 10 and 12 students.

We want to congratulate our Grade 8 girls and boys and Senior boys basketball teams as they all have qualified for provincials. The Grade 8 teams will be travelling to Abbotsford on Wednesday, March 2nd and the Senior boys will be leaving March 8th. Good luck to all teams. Go Hornets!

Don't forget to get your tickets to the musical. The show this year is "Oliver!" and the cast has been working diligently to pull it all together. The dates for the shows are March 10th, 11th & 12th at 7:00pm with a matinee on March 12th at 2:00pm. Tickets are on sale now at the SOSS library (Adult \$17.50; Students \$12.50) It's going to be awesome, so don't miss out.

The Enrichment Society is hosting their annual golf tournament on April 2-3 and helps support our graduating class through scholarships and bursaries. We are incredibly grateful for their ongoing support. If you would like to participate, please contact the school.

We are really looking forward to spring break which begins March 19th.

Take care,
T. Harrington

Important Dates

February 28-March 4
March 16
March 16
March 17
March 18
March 21-April 1
April 4
April 6

Grad Photos
Early Dismissal—12:00pm
Parent Teacher Interviews, 2-4pm and 5-7pm
Early Dismissal—12:00pm
Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
Spring Break
First Day back after Spring Break
Grad photo re-takes

Grad Fundraising

Spring fundraising opportunities are coming. These help reduce the cost of your Grad fees by selling meat products and flower baskets for Mother's Day. Order forms should be ready by Spring Break. See Mrs. Koffler in the office to pick up your order forms. Flowers will also be available to order online. Don't forget to bring in your Buy-Low grocery receipts. These are used to buy gift cards for Buy Low, which are then used to purchase supplies for Grad events.



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.

Art Club—Mondays afterschool
Student Voice Club—Tuesdays at lunch
Magic Club—Wednesdays at lunch
SAGA Club—Fridays at lunch

Course Planning for Next Year

Thank you to everyone who has completed their course requests for next year. If you have still to request your courses please see Mrs. Goncalves in the library as the Student Portal is now closed for course requests.

We are now looking at closing courses without enough interest to run, and rescheduling students who had selected these courses. Please watch your Teams Chat for messages regarding your course requests as this is how we will reach out and make the best plan for you.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences are March 16th from 2-4pm or 5-7pm. They will be via video or phone in 10 minute increments. Please use the following link to book your appointments.

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/SOSS6@my53.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>



Student Learning Survey

All Parents of Grade 10 and 12 Students are asked to please fill out the Parent Survey located on the School Website.

The Link can be found here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>

News from your PAC

The SOSS PAC offers an opportunity to be involved in the student experience while providing parents with a place to voice any concerns or issues. We also receive direct feed-back from the school administration and School Board Trustee at each of our meetings. PAC will be running the concession March 10, 11 and 12th for the amazing production of Oliver! at the Frank Venables Theatre. Treats and beverages will be sold.

To access the minutes from our last meeting, please click the following link:

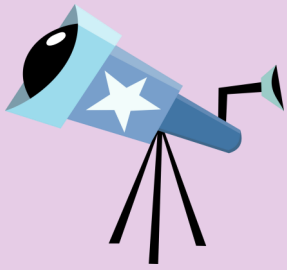
https://soss.sd53.bc.ca/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1060898&type=d&pREC_ID=1356708

If you have any questions please contact PAC at sosspac53@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you on April 21st at 6:30pm! The Zoom link will be provided closer to the date.



RECON



The research and education collaborative occultation network (RECON) group was out with the telescope on Wednesday, Feb 9th and successfully gathered data for the occultation event of trans-Neptunian object 96TP66.

The RECON group is an international citizen science program that deploys over 60 telescopes across the United States and Canada to gather data about objects in the Kuiper belt. The Kuiper belt is outside the orbit of Neptune and therefore far enough away from the sun to have not changed since their formation during the early stages of our solar system. So, by learning more about these trans-Neptunian objects, we learn more about conditions in our early solar system.

The RECON group is open to any and all students interested in astronomy and doing actual scientific research. Please talk to Mrs. McIntyre if you are interested.



An Apple a day keeps your hunger at bay!

Have you ever wondered where the fruit and vegetables come from that the Working Academics class hands out?

After a bit of a hiatus last year, here at SOSS we are lucky enough to be part of the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program, which is part of the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation - a non-profit organization, dedicated to bringing BC's agriculture to BC students.

The Foundation works with local farmers and distributors to bring fresh BC products to students in public and First Nations schools throughout BC.

The BC School Fruit and Vegetable Program is supported by the Province of British Columbia and the Provincial Health Services Authority.

We hope that you keep enjoying our deliveries as they come throughout the year!



Spring 2022 Soccer Join the Fun

Spring April - June
Programs:

Tots: 2018 & 2019 Summerland, Penticton, Oliver & Osoyoos

Minis: 2014-2017 Summerland, Penticton, Oliver & Osoyoos

Youth: 2013-2004 Summerland, Penticton, Oliver & Osoyoos

Excelsior Academy: 2012-2004 Penticton

Goalkeeper Training: 2012-2004 Penticton

For full program and registration information www.pinnaclesfc.ca

Registration closes March 15, 2022



Indigenous Department

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Indigenous Ed is busy preparing for an upcoming tournament with the other schools in the district featuring two traditional games: Stick Games and Double Ball. Stick Games consists of "bones" (smaller sticks, one is marked one is unmarked, the unmarked one is the one to find). The objective of the game is to hide bones from opponents and guess where their unmarked bone is, and if correctly guessed you gain your opponents' bone. The winning team collects all the bones. Double Ball is like lacrosse and uses a stick to carry, pass, and throw a double ball (two smaller balls filled with sand attached by a leather hide). These games are open for everyone to sign up!

Boys' and girls' group is running every Wednesday afternoon. If any indigenous students are interested, please see the Advocates in the gathering room.

The Leadership Crew has been working with Tara and Marvin, and for Valentine's Day a home-made meal of chicken soup with cupcakes, cookies, and fried Bannock was delivered to the elders on the reserve.

Every Tuesday at lunch there is beading happening in the Gathering room, if interested please stop by!



Student Voice

SHE-DRIVE



**DONATE (NEW) SUPPLIES A WOMAN
WOULD NEED:** sanitary products,
undergarments, shampoos, soaps, toothpaste, etc.

**DONATION BIN AVAILABLE IN
SOSS FOYER FROM MARCH 1ST
TO MARCH 11TH**

ALL DONATIONS GOING TOWARDS THE SOUTHERN
OKANAGAN WOMEN IN NEED SOCIETY (SOWINS) IN
PENTICTON

The Student Voice Club will be holding their annual SHE-DRIVE to support SOWINS. Club members will be in the front foyer of the school at lunch from March 1-11 with a "GUESS THE CANDIES IN THE JAR" contest at lunch each day. Tickets will be \$1 per guess or \$2 for 3 guesses, \$3 for 5 guesses, 10 guess for \$5, and the winner will collect the jar of candy. The generous donation from BUY LOW has supported the candy and jar items. The club will also be collecting essential items for women in transition:

- Women's Socks
- Women's Underwear (all sizes)
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Journals
- Small Gift Packages
- Art Supplies

We respectfully request that all donated items are new, unopened, and untested.

CAFETERIA MENU

	1 Day 2 Cold Service Cold Service Cobb Salad 🍷 Biscuits/Pretzels	2 Day 1 Chicken Gnocchi Soup Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap 🍷	3 Day 2 Pizza Day 🍷	4 Day 1 Wonton Soup Pulled Pork Deep Fried Macaroni 🍷
7 Day 2 Cold Service Cold Service Cobb Salad 🍷 Biscuits/Pretzels	8 Day 1 Butternut Squash Soup 🍷 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce	9 Day 2 Cold Service Cold Service Cobb Salad 🍷 Biscuits/Pretzels	10 Day 1 Thai Pumpkin Soup 🍷 Korean Beef w/ veggies	11 Day 2 Pizza Day 🍷
14 Day 1 Spiced Fries 🍷 Hummus W/ <u>Naan</u> 🍷 Piri Piri chicken	15 Day 2 Cold Service Cold Service Cobb Salad 🍷 Biscuits/Pretzels	16 Day 1 No Service-Early dismissal Parent Teacher Interviews	17 Day 2 Cold Service Cobb Salad 🍷 Biscuits/Pretzels	18 Day 1 Pizza Day 🍷
21 Spring Break-No School	22 Spring Break-No School	23 Spring Break-No School	24 Spring Break-No School	25 Spring Break-No School
28 Spring Break-No School	29 Spring Break-No School	30 Spring Break-No School	31 Spring Break-No School	1 Spring Break-No School
March 2022			Entrée \$4.00 Large Soup \$4.00 Small Soup \$3.00 Dessert \$1.00 Juice \$1.00 * <u>soup</u> served with fresh bread	

🍷 = vegetarian option available

**menu subject to change – check cafeteria TV📺

Foods 9/10



In the Culinary Department, Foods 9/10 is off to a great start this semester! In Ms. Frank's class, students have already designed their own food trucks, made Chai Tea from scratch with some lovely White Chocolate and Cranberry cookies and next week they will be tackling pasta from scratch with a variety of sauces! Here you can see students making the winning food truck's signature dish of Tandoori Chicken Tacos on homemade Roti. A big thank you to Iesha Dhillon for leading this lab!

PINK SHIRT DAY

