

# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2021

*Home of the Hornets!*

## Principal's Message

Welcome fall! Thank you to our Indigenous Advocates for organizing our Truth & Reconciliation assembly on Wednesday. It was heartfelt and informative.

Mrs. Podmorow and Link Crew organized our Terry Fox Run last week. Together, staff and students raised over \$2,500 for cancer research. Congratulations everyone for your generous support.!

Athletic teams are in full swing thanks to the organization of our Athletic Director, Mr. Podmorow. This year for the fall sports, we have volleyball and field hockey with over 100 students participating on one or more teams. We wish all student athletes a fun and positive season and a huge thank you to all the coaches who are volunteering their time to work with our kids.

The cafeteria is again up and running with delicious food being prepared by our students under the guidance of Mrs. Setrakov. The monthly menu has been posted on our website. Cafeteria \$30 punch cards are available in the office. Our online Rycor payment system is also up and running, more information on page 2. If you haven't already paid school fees, please do so as soon as possible.

The Auto-Dialer system is in place again this year. If your child has missed a block during the day and we have not been notified, the system will phone and email you. Please let the office know if your contact information has changed so we can update it in the system. If your child is going to be away, please let us know.

Thanks to the support of Sam Marsel, the Rotary Club and numerous business partners we are pleased to announce that the Starfish Backpack program is back for the second year. This program ensures that children in need have food to take home every weekend. These generous donations can support up to ten children, every weekend, for the full year. We are extremely grateful.

On a different note, please be advised that in accordance to Policy D-1 there is no smoking or vaping on school grounds. If students are in breach of this, parents will be contacted, and appropriate consequences will be assigned. For more information, check out the following link. (<https://video.edweek.org/detail/videos/popular-videos/video/5816269412001/are-students-juuling-in-your-classroom?autoStart=true>)

As a safety reminder, please remember that student pick up and drop off is in the back of the school or in front on Gala Street and not in the bus lanes. Safety is our number one priority and bus lanes are busy enough without adding more vehicles. Thanks for your cooperation on this.

October 20<sup>th</sup> is Parent Teacher Interviews. These will be held virtually or by phone. We will be sending out more information shortly. Please be reminded this is an early dismissal day as is October 21. Pro D is October 22.

Picture Retakes are on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Our next PAC meeting will be October 28 at 6:30pm via Zoom. We encourage all parents to come out and be involved. We are looking forward to an awesome year! Please email the office if you would like access to the Zoom link.

Please don't hesitate to check out our website. Take care and stay healthy.

T. Harrington

## Important Dates to Remember

|            |                                                  |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| October 8  | Grade 8 Day on the Land                          |
| October 11 | Thanksgiving Day (no school)                     |
| October 20 | Early dismissal Day, 11:55am                     |
| October 20 | Parent Teacher Interviews 2-4 pm & 5-7pm         |
| October 20 | Photo re-takes                                   |
| October 20 | COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic, 12pm-3pm, Small Gym |
| October 21 | Early dismissal day, 11:55am                     |
| October 22 | Professional Development Day (no school)         |
| October 27 | Inquiry—early dismissal 11:57am                  |
| November 9 | End of Term 1                                    |



## Overdue Student Fees

All students must pay a \$25 student activity fee. This covers locker costs, and activities throughout the year. Even if your child does not want a locker, they still must pay the activity fee. New students are required to pay a \$35 textbook deposit in addition to student fees. This will be returned at the end of their tenure at SOSS once all books have been returned in good condition. Math students may be required to purchase a workbook; cost varies by class.

All outstanding student fees are now due! Payments can be made by cash, cheque, interac, credit card or online using our new Student Quick Pay. Click this link <https://www.studentquickpay.com/ossd53/> to create an account. Set up the account with your own email address and password. You will also need the Student ID and last name of each student you wish to add to your account.

## Student Drop off/Pick-up

Reminder that drop off and pick up must happen in the back of the school or on Gala Street.

**ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING/PICKING UP/DROPING OFF IN THE BUS LANES IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE PERMITTED.**

## Office Info

**Absences:** Please advise the office (not just classroom teachers) if your son/daughter is going to be absent for any reason or duration of time.

**Contact info:** Please let us know of any changes to your address, phone number or email address.

**Consent Forms:** Please return the Parent/Guardian consent form to the office as soon as possible. These forms give permission for students to use technology, go on walking trips etc.

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews are October 20th. The booking page will be available to book appointments on Friday October 8th.

## Interior Health COVID School Exposures Information link

See this link for information on exposures in our schools. [School exposures - COVID-19 | Interior Health](#)

Reminder that masks must worn by all students, staff and visitors when in the building in all areas except while eating and engaging in intense physical activity. Please remind you children to bring their mask to school every day.

## News from your PAC



October PAC Meeting has been changed to Thursday, OCTOBER 28th at 6pm via Zoom (not the 3rd Thursday).

November's PAC Meeting + AGM is Thursday, Nov 18th starting at 6pm via Zoom

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to get involved at Board level. Parents wishing to join the Board are welcome to contact Karen for more information, in advance, at 250-689-0130.



## Field Hockey

The Hornets field hockey teams have been swinging their sticks for almost 4 weeks now, and both Junior and Senior squads have hosted their first home games. The Juniors just hosted 10 teams in a beginner playday, and the Seniors returned from two hard-fought games in Kelowna. There are over 40 kids playing on the teams this fall, so they're keeping the coaches busy! We're so thankful for the beautiful September weather and the gorgeous, well-maintained field we get to play on.



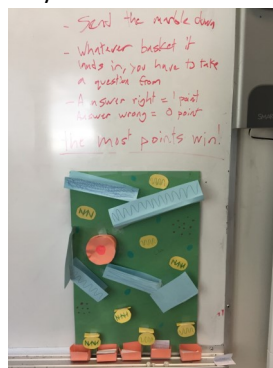
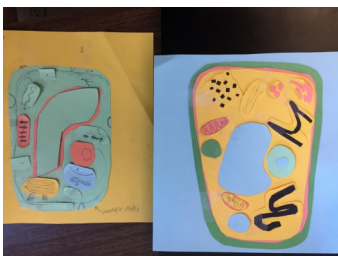
## Junior Girls Volleyball

The Junior Girls Volleyball team kicked off their season participating in the Best of the West tournament in Kelowna. The girls played against some pretty tough competition but gained valuable playing experience after COVID-19 eliminated the 2019/20 season. The girls begin competing in league action starting Thursday October 7th at home against Summerland Secondary and Princess Margaret Secondary. October will be a busy month for the girls as they will travel for many games and host our own home tournament October 22/23. Let's go Hornets!



## Grade 8 Science—Learning through Games

All the changes afoot for grade 8 students as they transition to life at SOSS can be daunting. In Science we have been inquiring into the question: How does structure impact function? Our focus has been in a Biology context, however, we are not only working on Biology learning, but also learning how to learn. This included an introduction to Cornell Notetaking and the benefits of games as a learning tool. Students created a variety of games to help revise and study plant and animal organelle names and their functions. The games varied from memory and matching games to a marble run, online learning tools and modified Jenga! It was an energetic classroom to say the least.





## INDIGENOUS DEPARTMENT

September has been a busy month for the Advocates, as we have been working on getting our students schedules sorted out and organizing the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Commission Day assembly. Our school made orange shirts with messages that they put outside our school along the bus lane out front. We also held an assembly on September 29th. Indigenous students led the drumming and singing of the Okanagan Song, for the whole school. Some of our students presented during the assembly; Danielle Larose read Phyllis Webstad's story, Tennessee Patzer read a piece of writing that she wrote and Kaxwtikn Hall ended our Assembly by singing an honour song.



SOSS Students "sailing" away



Grade 8 Foods class cooking up yummy stuff!



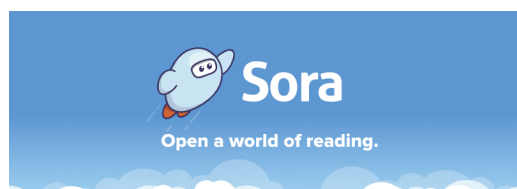
## News from the Library

Ebooks and Audiobooks are at SOSS! We are excited to continue with SORA for our students to access books and audiobooks on their mobile devices.

If accessing the materials through the internet the link is <https://soraapp.com/library/bcnsdcca> and on mobile devices (Phones or Tablets) download the SORA app from the store.

Select 'School District 53 Okanagan Similkameen' as the library and use your school login information to login. (Username: lastnamefirstname and Password: student number). Once you have accessed your book it will show how many days left you have it borrowed for, at which point the book will be pulled from your device.

And as always, if there are books that you would like to read but are currently not in our Library, please let Mrs. Goncalves or Mrs. Wolfe know and we will add them to our book order list.



## Terry Fox



We had our annual Terry Fox Run and fundraiser BBQ on September 29th! A huge thank you to Buy-Low Foods and Kevin's No Frills for donating food for our BBQ. Together we raised close to over \$2,500.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Way to go SOSS!



## October Cafeteria Menu

|                                                                     |                                                                      |                                                                      |                                                                                                   |                                                            |          |               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| 4<br>Day 2<br>Cold Service<br><br>Grab and Go Snacks<br>Baked Goods | 5<br>Day 1<br><br>Wonton Soup 🍁<br>Teriyaki Bowls (Beef or Veg) 🍁    | 6<br>Day 2<br>Cold Service<br><br>Grab and Go Snacks<br>Baked Goods  | 7<br>Day 1<br><br>Tomato Basil Soup 🍁 or<br>Chicken Noodle Soup plus<br>Grilled Cheese Sandwich 🍁 | 8<br>Day 2<br><br>Pizza Day                                |          |               |
| 11<br><br>Thanksgiving<br>No School                                 | 12<br>Day 1<br><br>Hamburger Soup<br>Poutine 🍁                       | 13<br>Day 2<br>Cold Service<br><br>Grab and Go Snacks<br>Baked Goods | 14<br>Day 1<br><br>Thai Coconut Curry 🍁<br>Shwarma Wraps 🍁                                        | 15<br>Day 2<br><br>Pizza Day                               |          |               |
| 18<br>Day 1<br><br>Tortellini Soup 🍁<br><br>Chicken Caesar Wraps 🍁  | 19<br>Day 2<br>Cold Service<br><br>Grab and Go Snacks<br>Baked Goods | 20<br>Day 1<br><br>Parent Teacher Interviews<br>No Service           | 21<br>Day 2<br><br>Parent Teacher Interviews<br>No Service                                        | 22<br><br>Pro D Day<br>No School                           |          |               |
| 25<br>Day 1<br><br>Black Bean Soup 🍁<br>Tacos (Beef and Veg) 🍁      | 26<br>Day 2<br>Cold Service<br><br>Grab and Go Snacks<br>Baked Goods | 27<br>Day 1<br><br>Inquiry Day<br><br>No Service                     | 28<br>Day 2<br><br>Pizza Day                                                                      | 29<br>Day 1<br><br>Cream of Mushroom Soup 🍁<br>Pulled Pork |          |               |
| OCTOBER 2021                                                        |                                                                      |                                                                      | Entrée                                                                                            | \$4.00                                                     | Desserts | \$0.50-\$1.00 |
|                                                                     |                                                                      |                                                                      | Small Soup                                                                                        | \$3.00                                                     | Juice    | \$1.00        |
|                                                                     |                                                                      |                                                                      | Large Soup                                                                                        | \$4.00                                                     |          |               |
|                                                                     |                                                                      |                                                                      | *soup served with fresh bread                                                                     |                                                            |          |               |

🍁 = vegetarian option available

\*\*menu subject to change – check cafeteria TV©