

SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL



HOME OF THE HORNETS



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to another school year at SOSS. September is always a busy and exciting month. I would like to welcome our new staff, including Mr. Kaiser (returning from SESS), Helen Gallagher (District Indigenous Teacher), Katie Anderson (CIT), Shynai Borho (Indigenous Advocate returning from maternity leave) and Brittany Von Burg (Desert Sun counsellor).

Additionally, we would also like to welcome all the new families who have settled into the community. Our enrollment for September is around the same as last year (just over 500 students). Thanks to the hard work of our counsellors, Mr. Willms, Ms. Ibaraki and our Librarian Mrs. Goncalves, we have been able to settle students into their classes with minimal disruption.

Athletic teams are in full swing thanks to the organization of our Athletic Director Mr. Podmorow. This year for fall sports, we have soccer, volleyball, cross country and field hockey with over 130 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 up and running with delicious food being prepared by our students under the guidance of Mr. Dyer. The monthly menu has been posted on our website. Cafeteria \$60 punch cards are available in the office. Our Rycor system is also up and going so if you haven't already paid school fees, please do so as soon as possible. You can pay fees on our website using this link: <https://www.studentquickpay.com/ossd53/>. Debit is also available this year for lunch purchases of \$4.00 or more. Additionally, if there is financial hardship, please let the office know and we will support you.

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. The system will not call if students are late to class, only for missed classes. Please let the office know if your contact information has changed so we can update it in the system.

As a final reminder, student pick up and drop off should not be in the bus lanes as this becomes quite a safety issue. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

We are looking forward to a great year.

Sincerely,

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IMPORTANT DATES

- SEPTEMBER 20 - TERRY FOX RUN AND BBQ LUNCH
- SEPTEMBER 20 - GRADE 8 PARENT MEETING - CAMP BOYLE
- SEPTEMBER 22/23 - JR. BOYS "STINGER" VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
- SEPTEMBER 22/23 - FIELD HOCKEY FALL FESTIVAL TOURNAMENT
- SEPTEMBER 26/27 - EFP TRIP TO CAMP BOYLE
- SEPTEMBER 27 - INQUIRY DAY, CLASSESS OUT AT 11:57AM
- SEPTEMBER 27 - SR. BOYS VOLLEYBALL VS. PMSS @ 4:30PM, SOSS GYM
- SEPTEMBER 29 - SR. BOYS/GIRLS "HORNET" VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
- SEPTEMBER 29 - ORANGE SHIRT DAY
- OCTOBER 2 - NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY - NO SCHOOL
- OCTOBER 4 - GRADE 8 OVERNIGHT TRIP TO CAMP BOYLE



STUDENT VOICE CLUB

The Student Voice Club is planning to have a **BAKE SALE** to fundraise for their club activities on Thursday, Sept. 21st at lunch. We also will be selling School Clothing in October: Hoodies (\$46) and Jackets (\$63) - with the Hornet on the front, left. Colour options will be limited to black/grey. Stay tuned for more info and to order on-line.



Skateboard Club

Skateboard Club is back! We will travel to Osoyoos, Penticton, Summerland and Oliver Skateparks. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you do not have a skateboard or a helmet, please see Mr. McKinnon. Skaters can get permission forms from the desk outside room 206. Signed forms must be returned before students can attend.

This year's schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, September 12 (Osoyoos)
- Thursday, September 21 (Penticton)
- Tuesday, September 26 (Summerland)
- Thursday, October 5 (Oliver)
- Tuesday, October 10 (Osoyoos)
- Tuesday, October 24 (Penticton)
- Thursday, November 2 (Summerland)



SHOUT OUTS

Thank you to Sam Marsel for continuing with the Starfish program, to Seacrest Organic for donating fruits and vegetables to our Breakfast program and to David Machial for providing apples to our Breakfast program. Community Partnerships are super important.

Also, a big shout out to PAC for a hugely successful Welcome Back BBQ. All proceeds go to support PAC Scholarships for our kids.

MUSIC CLUB

We're excited to announce that students will now have a new opportunity to be involved with music. The Music Club, run by Graeme Baerg and community volunteer Tony Munday, offers two different approaches to learning and playing music.

Tuesdays, from 3:00 to 4:30pm, Tony Munday leads band and choral singing. Grade 7 students from OES and Tuc el Nuit join in to participate in this enriched form of a traditional band program.

On Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:30, Graeme Baerg facilitates students who wish to learn contemporary music (such as rock and pop) on guitar, piano, bass or drums. There will be an emphasis on collaboration and performance, with opportunities to learn about recording music as well. New students are always welcome, no matter their experience.

GRADE 8 FIELD TRIP - CAMP BOYLE

October 4th & 5th



We are very excited to announce the upcoming trip for all grade 8 students to CAMP BOYLE in Summerland on October 4th and 5th. All grade 8 parents and guardians were sent an email outlining the details of this adventure! For our planning, we need the adults attached to our new grade 8 students to respond to the very short survey attached to the email.

An important parent meeting will take place this coming Wednesday (September 20) at 5:30pm in the SOSS Library pertaining directly to Grade 8 student's transition to SOSS and to this trip. If you have questions before that meeting, please email Mike Willms (Gr. 8/9 Counsellor) at mwillms@sd53.bc.ca.



Reporting on student learning for our grade 8 and 9 students will be shared through Spaces starting this year. This digital space provides an opportunity for students to share what they have been working on in their classes with family including samples of work, student reflections, teacher comments and an overview of the proficiency scale. Please check your email for invitations to the course spaces to begin sharing in the learning process.

FIELD HOCKEY

The SOSS field hockey season is underway! The program includes 23 returning players, and welcomes seven new players including two from Grade 8, four from Grade 9 and one from Grade 10. The Senior Team travelled to Victoria Sept 14-16th where they had a chance to play on artificial turf. This reminder of how fast the game will be great preparation for the rest of the season. Both Junior and Senior Teams will host and play in our annual Fall Festival September 22-23rd, with Juniors playing a 5-aside format. Come out and cheer the teams on!!



MENTAL HEALTH BOOST

Mental Health Boost groups will be starting again soon. This program is offered to any student interested in learning and practicing skills and strategies to improve their mental health and overall wellbeing. Topics covered include: Brain / Body Connection, Happiness Hormones, Growth Mindset, Affirmations, Breathing Techniques, Yoga, Emotions and more! Students can sign up using the QR code on posters around the school, or speak with Mrs. Stopa to learn more. Groups will take place in D Block approximately every two weeks. If you think this is a good fit for your child, please encourage them to sign up or email Mrs. Stopa at hstopa@sd53.bc.ca.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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SEPTEMBER CAFETERIA MENU				
4 Lunch: Labour Day No Service	5 Lunch: First Day of School No Service	6 Lunch: Kitchen Orientation No Service	7 Lunch: Food Safe Certification No Service	8 Lunch: Pizza Day / Kitchen orientation
11 Lunch: Honey Garlic Chicken wings Caesar Salad Potato Leek Soup	12 Lunch: Butter Chicken Red Lentil Dahl Roti	13 Lunch: Tacos Black Bean Soup Corn Salad	14 Lunch: Pizza Day	15 Lunch: Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo Minestrone Garlic Bread
18 Lunch: Veggie Lo Mein Won Ton Soup Rice	19 Lunch: Pork Schnitzel German Golash Soup Mashed Potatoes	20 Lunch: Terry Fox Run No service	21 Lunch: Pizza Day Student Voice Bake Sale (Bring Cash)	22 Lunch: Mac and Cheese Balsamic Bruschetta Italian Wedding Soup
25 Lunch: Tofu Soba Noodles Veggie Gyoza Miso Soup	26 Lunch: Croque Monsieur (ham sandwich) Roasted Potatoes French Onion Soup	27 Lunch: Inquiry Day No service	28 Lunch: Pizza Day	29 Lunch: Pizza Day