

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Where does the time go? It has been a busy few months here at SOSS. They may look a little different, but sports teams and clubs are up and running and students have settled into a routine. Mrs. Podmorow and Link Crew have been organizing many cohort activities to help build community and connect with each other.

Parent Teacher Interviews were held recently. If you didn't get a chance to connect with your child's teacher, please email them directly. The end of the term is November 10th and report cards will be available online the week after. We will send out a notification email to let you know when they are posted.

The Remembrance Day assembly will be organized by the Social Studies department and done virtually. Thank you to Mrs. Stopa and Ms. Riordan for taking the lead on this very important assembly.

The Breakfast Club is operating again this year, but in a different manner. We are greeting students in the morning at the front door with music, smiles and pre-packaged goodies. Thank you to Mrs. Gittel, Mrs. Dhaliwal, Ms. Ibaraki, Mr. Willms and Shan Peltier for organizing this. It is a great way to help students start their day.

Mr. Kitt, Mr. Baerg and Mrs. Podmorow are organizing the first Talent Show of the year which is being held in the third week of November. This will be done on a cohort basis. We are hoping to have a great turn out.

Thanks to Shan Peltier, one of our Indigenous Advocates for reconnecting with the Sherriff's Department on the BC Sheriff's Indigenous Community (BCSIC) Engagement Program. The Medicine Pouch Project will be returning to SOSS shortly. They will be collaborating with many of our students in various classes including Law, Social Justice, EFP/Art and EPIC. More information to follow.

Mr. Kitt, Ms. Smith and I had our first virtual grad meeting last week. If you missed it, please see the information posted on TEAMS and on our website. On Sunday, November 8, Okanagan College will host an Open House online from 11:00am – 2:30pm. If you need more information, see one of us.

We have had a great "Halloweek" with different dress up days every day! Don't forget picture retake day is on Monday, November 2nd. Take care and stay safe.

T. Harrington



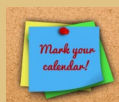
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Dates to Remember

November 2-6	Numeracy & Literacy Assessments for Grade 11
November 2	Picture re-takes
November 5	Grade 8 Day on the Land
November 10	Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly
November 11	Remembrance Day, No School
November 12	Start of Quarter 2
November 19	SOSS Cohort Talent Show
November 19	PAC Meeting, ZOOM



GOT TALENT

Students in Grades 8-12 are encouraged to showcase their talents in this year's version of SOSS's Got Talent. The talent show will be organized by cohort. Students who sing, dance, act, play music or have another creative talent are encouraged to sign up for this event. This is another opportunity for us all to have some fun, enjoy some great entertainment, and build school spirit. Students who want to take part are asked to please sign up on the list outside the Drama Studio. For more information please see Mrs. Podmorow.



Student Fees

Any Students who still have outstanding fees are asked to pay them as soon as possible either to the School Accounting Clerk or on-line. The on-line link is [here](#) or on the SOSS Website. Just Create an account with student number to get started!

Picture Re-takes

Picture re-takes are scheduled for Monday November 2. Only students who were absent on Picture Day or who have something wrong with their original picture can get picture re-takes.

Student Drop-off

Please remember that student drop off is to happen on Gala Street or in the back of the **school**. DO NOT drop off in front of the school along the bus lanes.

Clubs & Activities

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.

SAGA Club—Fridays at lunch

Student Voice—Wednesdays at 7pm via Teams

Kilometer CKub—Most Days afterschool

Chess Club—Wednesday's at lunch

Join
a Club!

Student Voice Club

The SOSS Student Voice Club began meeting in October. This club is open to student leaders in grades 10, 11 or 12, who wish to discuss school issues and explore ways to support fellow students at SOSS this year. The club meets on-line with TEAMS on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. New members may see Ms. Scott or Ms. Laver to join.

Kilometer Klub

October has been a busy month for the Hornets. Teachers at SOSS have started a Kilometer Klub that runs after school Monday - Thursday. This socially distant club is perfect for students who want to improve their health and fitness, get in shape for sports/conditioning or just want to feel healthy in their bodies. There is no team commitment and no athletic fees, so student can participate as frequently as they want. The Kilometer Klub has seen its numbers increase each week with more students showing interest and telling their friends. If you are interested in joining us, bring a comfortable pair of sneakers and dress for the colder weather as winter approaches! Students wanting more information, please see Mr. Hall or Mr. Johnson.

We look forward to pounding the pavement with all newcomers!

Yoga Club

Yoga Club with Mrs. Stopa will be starting in November. Yoga is ideal for youth who are having difficulty coping with both daily and elevated stress levels or trauma. The aim of Yoga Club is to explore different facets of yoga, mindfulness and reflection so that students have tools to manage challenges that come their way. Interested students should listen to the announcements for more information. Come and see Mrs. Stopa if you have any questions.

French 11/12

Ms. Arnason's French 11/12 class has found a fun way to meet various curricular competencies such as identifying and exploring opportunities requiring proficiency in French that will allow students to continue language acquisition beyond graduation. Students have also been developing the core competencies of social awareness and responsibility, as well as positive personal and cultural identity by spending time out in the Southern Okanagan gaining pride in our community by learning about one of our biggest local industries: the wine industry. Students (along with Mr. Heinrichs, our wonderful driver) were treated to a French language tour at Le Vieux Pin winery in Oliver, where they learned all about the winemaking process, the importance of the wine industry in the Southern Okanagan, the various careers in the wine industry, and the educational background one needs to work in the industry. Students then ventured out to Elephant Island winery in Naramata where they had the opportunity to pick grapes - in the snow! There they also learned how their language skills (and knowing how to pick grapes) can be used to travel the world.



News from the Indigenous Department

Way' families!

We were busy in October in the Indigenous department. We went to the Penticton Art Gallery and the Residential School Monument for English First Peoples 10. We also went to Nk'mip Cultural Centre in Osoyoos with our English First Peoples 12 class, where we did a tour around the grounds and learned about Syilx Culture. For Foods 8 we went to Inkaneep Provincial Park and cooked bannock on the fire and learned about cultural protocols around food. November is proving to be a busy month also with plans to make medicine pouches in a few classes as well as dream catchers in another class. Every school morning from 8:00-8:25 we are in the Gathering Room to help all students with their work and after school from 2:45-4:00pm in our program The Homework Club.

We hope you are all doing well and keeping warm this fall!

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Shannon Peltier and Shynai Borho
Indigenous Education Advocates



SOSS Athletics

As we quickly move through October, SOSS student athletes in Grade 8 - 12 continue to work with their respective cohorts to develop skills, explore strategies, and build a sense of team. It is encouraging to see the interest and participation among students involved in our programs. There is no doubt that athletes playing both Field Hockey and Volleyball miss inter-school competition. Coaches and athletes alike hope that all the hard work and dedication that everyone is putting in now will result in success for our Hornet Athletic programs down the road. Not much has changed with regards to the Return to Play Plan and schools are currently restricted to Stage 2.

However, a recent BC School Sports decision has resulted in an extension of fall season to December 18th. Reasons for an extension include:

1. A continued hope and lobbying of Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health officials by BC School Sports representatives to see a move to Stage 3 of a Return to Play Plan which would allow for local competition among schools.
2. A shortened season as a result of a delayed start of the fall season by many schools around the province.

Fall season sports will continue until the end of November where appropriate. Winter Season officially kicks off on January 4th and the end of Winter Break. Time will tell what basketball season will look like but as of now the plan will be to follow the same cohort specific model that exists in volleyball where students of a specific grade will practice at similar times.



Thank you

Our un-sung heroes the Custodians Mr. Lesmeister and Mr. Hamilton working hard to keep our school clean and safe.

**Thank
You**

CAFETERIA MENU

26	27 Day 2 Chicken Tortilla Soup Chili & Biscuits	28	29 Day 2 Tomato Basil Soup Meatball Subs	30		
November 2 Day 2 Curried Butternut Squash Soup Butter Chicken	3	4 Day 2 Wonton Soup Chow Mein, Sesame Chicken, and Rice	5	6 Day 2 Chicken Rice Soup Macaroni & Cheese		
9	10 Day 2 Black Bean Soup Tacos	11 Remembrance Day No School	12 Day 2	13 Day 2 Broccoli Cheddar Soup Souvlaki		
16	17 Day 2 Thai Chicken Laksa Teriyaki Bowls	18	19 Day 2 Potato Bacon Chowder Chicken Pot Pie	20		
OCT/NOV 2020			Entrée	\$4.00	Desserts	\$0.50-\$1.00
			Small Soup	\$2.50	Juice	\$1.00
			Large Soup	\$3.00		
			*soup served with fresh bread			

 = vegetarian option available

**menu subject to change – check cafeteria TV☺

Youth Work in Trades- Hidden Apprenticeship

Are you currently working in a job that is considered a “Trade”? (The ITA website is a place to check on what’s a trade) If you are..... you might be a “Hidden Apprenticeship” that could get you some credits towards your graduation, get a “jump start” on your work based training in a trade while still in high school and possibly get you \$1000 after you graduate. See Mr. Kitt for details.



Youth Train in Trades/ Dual Credit

Any students looking to go into the Trades next year for a Foundation program? Youth Train in Trades is a program that allows high school students to attend Trades programs at college and earn credits towards graduation. The best part is that tuition is paid by the school district. Programs for next year are already filling up, so if you are interested, please see Mr. Kitt for details.

SOSS - Counsellor's Corner

Greetings from the SOSS Counselling Centre!

To start the year, let's begin with a few introductions to our team members!

Rod Kitt

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Career Education Coordinator... and Disseminator of Knowledge

Hi, my primary role is working in Career programs such as Work Experience, Work in Trades, Train in Trades, and various other career programs with Post-Secondary partners. I can help answer questions about transitioning into Post-Secondary... and if you are interested in Trades... I may be able to PAY(\$\$\$) your tuition. If I'm not in my office... ask Ibby "Where is Mr. Kitt?"... she is sure to help!

Pavan Dhaliwal

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Desert Sun Counsellor

My office is open Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 2:30pm and I am here to provide support for all students in grades 8 -12. However, I do not do course changes!

Lauren Ibaraki

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Counsellor and Academic Advisor

Hello! I am Ms Ibaraki, or more commonly known as Ibby. I will be primarily working with students with the last names N-Z, however, my door is open to anyone. I am excited for what this year may bring. I am not available in block C because I teach the culinary program. Also, I cannot answer the question, "Where is Mr. Kitt?" Have a great year!

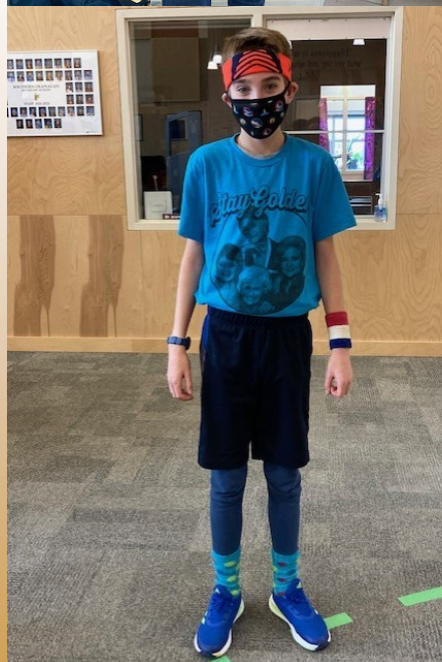
Mike Willms

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Counsellor and Academic Advisor

Hi – I'm Mr. Willms. I'm new to SOSS but have been a school counsellor for many years. I feel very lucky to be part of the student support team here at SOSS. My primary responsibility is students with last name starting with A – M, but students are welcome to see any of the counsellors in the office. I'm happy to answer many questions including, "Mr. Willms, why are you so handsome?"

Hallo"week" Fun



Mrs. Podmorow and Link Crew planned a very fun Hallo'week' for Halloween and there was a dress-up theme for all five days. Monday was Halloween colours, Tuesday was Hornet Day, Wednesday was Western Day, Thursday was Throwback Day and Friday was the Annual Halloween Costume Contest. Classes also were challenged to decorate their A Block Classrooms with spooky Halloween decorations! Congratulations to Mrs. Seminoff's class for winning the Pizza Lunch.

Halloween Fun

