

SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

HOME OF THE HORNETS

JUNE 2026

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are on the home stretch of this school year as we have less than one month left. Mid-terms have been posted, and we will work closely as we welcome June, there's a special kind of energy in the air at SOSS—a mix of anticipation, celebration, and a little bit of nostalgia. The last day of classes for students is Friday, June 19. In these final days before exams, our schedule shifts slightly to help students prepare. On Thursday, June 18, we'll run Block B in the morning and Block A in the afternoon. The next day, Friday, June 19, we'll switch to Block C in the morning and Block D in the afternoon. We will be having a small school wide lunch for Indigenous People's Day on Tuesday, June 16.

After that, we move into Final Assessment Days, June 22–24. During this time, students only need to attend school, if they're writing exams, finishing assessments, or completing any "I" work. The full assessment schedule will be posted online and throughout the school. Families will receive an email once report cards are ready. For students who may not have met course expectations, teachers will do their best to reach out before June 25, and counsellors will support course changes for next year. If you are not able to access the portal to see the report card, please reach out help you. Schedules will be available online soon, and students will have a chance to make changes—with parent's approval— before summer break.

While there are a million things to do in June, it is also time to pause and celebrate. On Monday, June 8, we'll gather for the Athletic Awards Banquet, recognizing the dedication and spirit of our student athletes. Tuesday, June 16 brings our Year-End Awards Ceremony—a highlight of the year. On Tuesday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m., we'll host our Scholarship and Bursary Night in the theatre, followed by the Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Our year-end grad trip happens after the ceremony. Grad 12's please make sure you are checking Teams for all the updates.

On June 10, we will be down at the Community Center all day for our Spirit Day. Students will meet at the school and we will be walking down all together and back again at the end of the day. Students need to be prepared to be in the weather all day that day, we have lots of fun activities planned. The concession will be open, but please make sure they have a water bottle and a hat.

I would like to thank everyone in the SOSS community for such a warm welcome. It has been an incredible four months that have flown by so quickly. I truly feel like I am a hornet. From spirit days, to pancake breakfasts, games on the fields and in the gym, the all-star game, the musical, showcases, hello's in the hallways and the classroom, parent nights and PAC meetings, I have enjoyed it all and look forward to next year. I am grateful and so proud to call Oliver and SOSS my new home.

Our fabulous school team will continue to support each other and all the students, and continue to make great memories. June always moves quickly—but between the exams, the ceremonies, and the goodbyes, there's so much to celebrate. See you all in September.

-Susan Beyer

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE 6	PROM
JUNE 10	SPIRIT DAY
JUNE 22-24	EXAMS
JUNE 23	SCHOLARSHIP & AWARD NIGHT
JUNE 24	GRADUATION CEREMONY
JUNE 25	GRAD TRIP

GARDOM LAKE

The Grade 9 students attended a 3 day, 2 night trip to Gardom Lake Camp on May 26-28. 79 students attended this trip. Students had an amazing three days filled with outdoor activities and adventure. Highlights included ziplining, high ropes, laser tag, campfire songs, kayaking, and rock climbing. Students really enjoyed playing Mission Impossible at night. Thanks to Mrs. Splane, Mr. Baptiste, Mr. Gideon, Mr. Breneman, and Mr. Adam for chaperoning.



GOLF CLUB

The SOSS golf program had a successful year with a full competitive golf team and a “learn to golf program”. The golf team worked hard and made it to Valleys in Kamloops where they had a good showing but ultimately did not qualify for Provincials. The “learn to golf” program had a large group of golfers who showed dedication to improving their game. We look forward to seeing their progress next year.



Bus Registration!

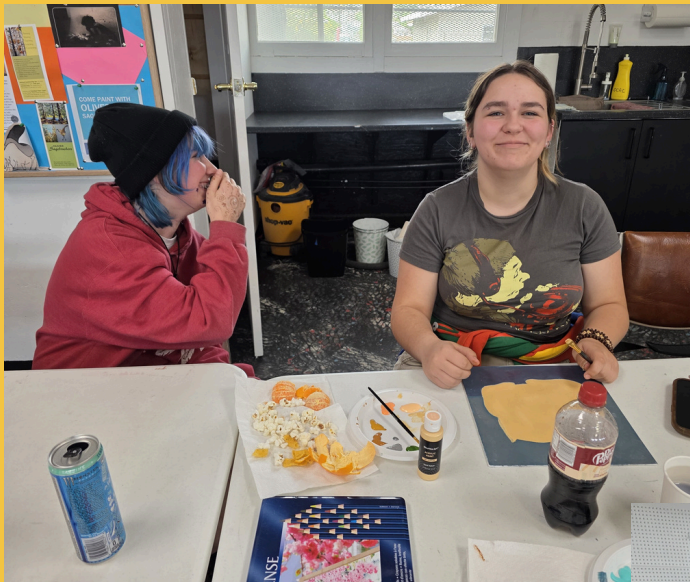
If you have a new student attending SOSS or are moving over the summer be sure to complete the bus registration form at this link:
<https://op.sd53.bc.ca/bus/busreg.html>



Students from grades 8–12 recently had an exciting opportunity to participate in a special art field trip at the Quails Nest Arts Centre alongside local artist collective The Rip Off Artists. Inspired by the group’s annual “Rip Off” challenge, students spent the day creating their own interpretations of artworks by renowned Colombian artist Fernando Botero.

The “Rip Off” challenge invites artists to recreate and reinterpret the work of a famous deceased artist chosen by the group each year. While members of The Rip Off Artists are given one week to complete their pieces, our students challenged themselves to create their artwork in just one day while working side-by-side with local artists in a professional studio environment.

We are incredibly proud of the creativity, focus, and enthusiasm our students demonstrated throughout this unique experience. Student artwork will be displayed alongside the pre-pieces created by The Rip Off Artists during the “Rip Off Artist” challenge week from July 6–11. Families, students, and members of the public are warmly invited to attend the opening reception on the evening of July 6th or visit the exhibit during gallery hours from July 7–11 to celebrate the amazing work our students created.



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SKATEBOARD CLUB

Our Spring Session was dogged with some delays, but we saw some huge growth this season. Darcy Munro has been showing up with some monster ollies on the Penticton 5 set. He's been working on his bag of tricks with some shuvs, 180s and kickflips in the mix. We look forward to seeing more of this young ripper in the coming seasons. Ethan Metz has been getting into the mix with his 180s on the ledge in Penticton. Teoh Ransinangue-Novak took time off his trades program to meet up with us in Penticton and throw down some heavy ollies and Frontside boardslides on the rail (check out the video with Teoh and Eden back-to-back frontside and backside boardslides on our club instagram: @sossskateboardclub). Finally, a highlight of this season.... Eden Martinez has been ripping it up with a series of monster ollies. First he hit the big 3 block in Pen. 4-5 makes just to prove he didn't get lucky! Next he moved to the 9 set and landed a few on that side as well. He's been figuring out how to keep speed in the bowls and dropping in on the vert sections in Penticton and Summerland. Huge transfers, boardslides, transition.... he's a well-rounded skater and always has a fun session!

We have our upcoming full day trip to Kelowna for the outdoor halfpipe, Ben Lee, and West Kelowna skateparks. It's going to be an amazing day!

One more thing: Check out this year's Go Skate Day! event. We'll be starting things off at noon on Sunday, June 21st (Happy Father's Day!). Bring your old man out and see if he can still kickflip 😊 Check out the poster on the club instagram. See you there!





SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL CLASS OF 2026



MS. SEVER
PRINCIPAL
MR. ADAM
VICE PRINCIPAL

ALSO GRADUATED
JOSHUA ALLEN
CHAYTON FREDRICK WILA
RYLAN GABRIEL BAPTISTE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SOSS GRADUATING CLASS OF 2026

STUDENTS ARE ALLOTTED 10 TICKETS FOR THE GRAD CEREMONY AND ARE TO PICK THEM UP FROM THE LIBRARY. FAMILY MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT IF THEY DO NOT HAVE A TICKET THEY WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO THE CEREMONY.

Congratulations Class of 2026

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

7:00 PM	Scholarship Ceremony	Venables
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Wednesday, June 24, 2026

12:30 PM	Grad Rehearsal	SOSS Gym
2:15 PM	Class Rockery Photo	Rockery
6:15 PM	Gymnasium Doors Open	SOSS Gym
7:00 PM	Grad Ceremony	SOSS Gym
9:15 PM	Refreshments/Photos	SOSS Atrium
10:00 PM	Class Historian/ Slide Show	SOSS Gym
11:15 PM	Dry Grad Trip Departure	SOSS Gym

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PROM

2026

WALK PARADE

The community is invited to come
and watch the grads walk along the
path to prom

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH

5:30-6PM

PARKS AND REC FIELD @ 1ST

BASEBALL DIAMOND



Tuc el Nuit Elementary
GARDEN
SUMMER VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED



No commitment or
experience necessary .



All ages welcome



Drop in weekly, bi-weekly,
monthly, or even just once.



For more info
CALL 250-498-3415

or
Scan the QR code
or

Email Lisa at
lante@sd53.bc.ca



TEN Garden Volunteer Info



Community nsyilxcn Language Space

Language Guides: Sonya Jensen, Trenton Manossa-Gabriel



BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LANGUAGE

- Community centred language learning
- For adults and older youth (ages 12 and up to 100)
- Child care available (must let us know ahead of time to pre-arrange)
- Contact Shan: edu@oib.ca or 250-498-7147 for more information.

SUMMER EVENINGS

- Tuesday and Thursday Evenings 5pm - 6:30/7
- Start date: July 7th
- Flexible end time. Our first meeting we will come to a consensus for an end time that works for people
- Light dinner included (build your own sandwiches with veggies and fruit)
- Located in the downstairs meeting space at the Health Building (enter through the back door)



OPPORTUNITIES

- Youth who are currently in grades 9-11 (going into grades 10, 11, 12) - EARN CREDITS.
- Adults and youth not looking for credits - drop-in's welcome. No need to commit to each class! Come when you can!
- Language learning will be interactive and engaging. We will cook, gather, canoe, etc.
- Flexible! Learn at your own pace, all levels of language learners are welcome.



OSOYOOS INDIAN BAND



GRADUATION

CLASS OF
2026

TUESDAY JUNE 30 AT 5PM

“UNDER THE HAT” 1155 SEN POK CHIN BLVD

Back up location - SPC Gym - if weather is bad.

Please join us in celebrating the
OIB 2026 Secondary
and Post Secondary Graduates

Dinner at 5pm - Ceremony to follow

Special Presentation
Attendance Incentive Recognition
K4-Grade 12



Contact Shan Peltier for more information: 250-498-7147 or edu@oib.ca

All the Best to All of Our Graduates



Tell your graduate how proud you are of their accomplishments by publishing your Congratulations in the 2026 Grad Supplement. Send a photo and a few words to commemorate the occasion.

To support future graduates, \$25 from your Ad will go towards the SOSS Enrichment Fund.

Contact Sherani

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