

# SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

**MAY 2025**

**HOME OF THE HORNETS**



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



We are on the home stretch of this school year as we have less than two months left. Report cards have been posted, and we will work closely with students who still need to complete outstanding coursework. If you have not seen your child's report card, please check the Parent Portal on MyEd and/or Spaces or contact the office for more information.

We are currently designing the 2025-26 timetable. Counsellors will be having discussions with parents and students regarding appropriate placements for next year.

For the Grads, this is an exciting time. District Dogwood Authority presentations were held on Monday, May 5th, and the Francis Family Scholarship application is due May 9th. Please check in the office for additional information. Grad fees are due May 9th. Please pay as soon as possible. (check with Mrs. Cachola if you have done fundraising). A reminder that meat and flower pick up is Friday May 9th between 3:30pm – 6:00pm. The prom will be on Saturday, May 24th. Check the notice in the counselling center to make sure you are on the Grad List and Teams for the most up-to-date information. The Grad Scholarship night will be on Tuesday, June 24th and the Grad Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 25th. More details to follow.

Mr. Turnbull and Ms. Ibaraki are taking all grade 10's to Experience OC on Thursday, May 8th. This is an excellent opportunity for students to start thinking about their future plans.

Please don't forget to come out to the PAC meeting on Thursday, May 15th at 6:30pm in the library. This will be the final meeting for the year, as well as their AGM where they will be nominating PAC Executive members. The grade 7 transition meetings will be held this month. This is an opportunity for us to plan accordingly for our new Hornets. We are excited to be welcoming our new Grade 8 students next year!

Our Indigenous Advocates organized Red Dress Day for Monday, May 5th. This was organized to bring awareness to the missing and murdered Indigenous women. Information was provided to classes and staff, and students were encouraged to wear red.

Mr. Adam and Mr. Willms are taking the grade 9 students to Gardom Lake May 27-29. This three-day trip is going to be amazing. If you need more information, please contact us as there is still plenty of planning to do.

Finally, thank you to our coaches who dedicate so much time and effort into our athletic programs. Wishing you all the best as you head into your playoffs.

So many positive opportunities for our students thanks to our staff's hard work and dedication! Thank you to everyone for putting students first.

T. Harrington

## IMPORTANT DATES

|           |                                     |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| MAY 8     | EXPERIENCE OC, GRADE 10             |
| MAY 9     | GRAD FEES DUE                       |
| MAY 9     | GRAD MEAT/ FLOWER PICK UP, 3:30-6PM |
| MAY 15    | PAC MEETING, 6:30 LIBRARY           |
| MAY 16    | HOOPS FOR HOPE                      |
| MAY 19    | VICTORIA DAY, NO SCHOOL             |
| MAY 21    | INDIGENOUS GRAD, 5PM                |
| MAY 24    | PROM 5PM, COMMUNITY CENTRE          |
| MAY 27-29 | GARDOM LAKE TRIP, GRADE 9           |
| MAY 28    | INQUIRY, EARLY DISMISSAL @ 11:55    |

## Grade 9 Gardom Lake trip May 27-29, 2025

Please pay fees for grade 9s planning to attend the Gardom Lake trip on Student Quickpay or at the SOSS office.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Grade 9s through the Tickleberry's fundraiser.

## THE MATHEMATICS PASSIONS CLUB

On March 14th, the Mathematic Passions Club hosted an unforgettable celebration of all things Pi. Our Pie Eating Contest featured teams of two, with one teammate blindfolded and the other with their hands tied behind their back, working together to eat an entire pie. It was a hilarious and messy display of teamwork! In addition, we had a Pi Digit Contest, where participants competed to memorize as many digits of Pi as possible. Alya Irwin was the winner of the pi digit contest and Ari Kendrick and Zephyr pickell won the pie eating contest! The winners of each contest walked away with a \$15 Tim Hortons gift card.

Pi is approximately 3.14 and has been calculated to over 62.8 trillion digits. Pi Day is celebrated on March 14th (3/14), the same day Albert Einstein was born! Thanks to everyone who joined us for these fun and challenging activities.



As a school community, we would like to send out a GIANT Hornet thank you to President's Choice Children's Charity and COBS Bread (Penticton) for their generous support of our school's breakfast program, as well as to Sam Marsel with the Starfish Program, Linda Larson from Kiwanis for milk and muffins and to BUY-LOW Foods for supporting the Grad BBQ!





# HORNETS TAKE EUROPE 2026



## SOSS TRIP TO FRANCE & ITALY

For students in grades 9, 10 and 11 this year!

ALL INCLUDED  
**\$6157**  
PER PERSON

Paris - Cote d'Azur - Monaco - Eze - Nice  
Florence - Rome - Pompeii

### PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 11 Days and 9 Nights Tour
- Full European Breakfast Daily
- Dinner Daily
- Local Transportation
- Professional Tour Guide & Tips
- Airfare from Kelowna



**DEPARTURE: 15 MARCH 2026**

**TRIP ITINERARY: [WWW.EXPLORICA/STOPA-6189](http://WWW.EXPLORICA/STOPA-6189)**

### Contact us:

Mrs. Goncalves  
Mrs. Stopa

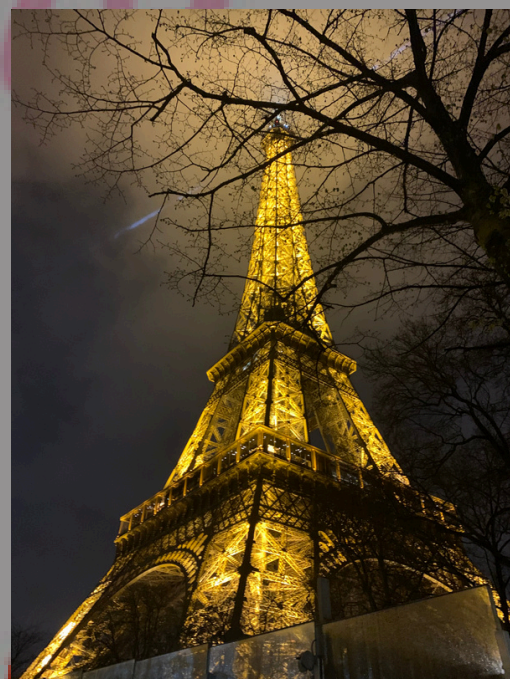


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Attention SOSS families of Grade 9 students, the Europe trip has now been opened up to Grade 9's! Current Grade 9, 10 and 11 students are welcome to sign up for this exciting 11 day trip happening next Spring Break. The group will be visiting Paris, Nice, Florence, Rome and Pompeii. Please contact Mrs. Stopa or Mrs. Goncalves if you have any questions at [hstopa@sd53.bc.ca](mailto:hstopa@sd53.bc.ca) or [rgoncalv@sd53.bc.ca](mailto:rgoncalv@sd53.bc.ca).



## PAC INFORMATION

The next meeting is on Thursday, May 15 at 6:30 in the SOSS Library. This is the AGM meeting.

Call out for PAC executive members. We are in need of a new PAC treasurer heading into next year and possibly a Chair, Vice President, and Secretary.

We have a Microgreens fundraiser that's ongoing. Please help spread the word about these amazing, tasty little greens! The donated profit PAC receives from Backyard Microgreens goes back into the general PAC account to continue funding the PAC scholarships.

## GREEN FUNDRAISER



South Okanagan Secondary  
School



Backyard Microgreens is a small Canadian Owned 'direct to community' Microgreens Farm in Oliver that delivers right to most doorsteps, (home or work) in the South Okanagan, within 24 hours of harvesting. They aim at helping our community by offering fresh, local produce!

Backyard Microgreens is donating a part of the proceeds of their "Micro Variety 4 Pack" sold, to the South Okanagan Secondary School PAC

### ORDER ONLINE AT:

[www.backyardmicrogreens.com](http://www.backyardmicrogreens.com)  
**SPECIFY FUNDRAISING FOR: SOSS  
DELIVERY TO YOUR DOORSTEP  
WEDNESDAY,  
2 WEEKS FROM  
THE TIME OF YOUR ORDER**

Questions: [grow@backyardmicrogreens.com](mailto:grow@backyardmicrogreens.com)

Class Of  
**2025**

# GRAD INFORMATION

Class Of  
**2025**

There are some upcoming Scholarship Application Deadlines:

Francis Family Portfolio due May 9th  
South Okanagan Amateur Players Bursary May 9th

## GRAD FEES

\$350 due May 9th

## PROM

May 24 5:30 at the Community Centre  
Pictures 4-5pm at Fairview Mountain Golf Course

## GRAD TRIP CULTUS LAKE ADVENTURE PARK

Saturday, June 14

Arrive at SOSS @ 5:30am

Back to SOSS by @ 8:30pm

Permission forms ready to be signed. Paper forms in the office

## SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY NIGHT

Tuesday, June 24 @ 7:00pm, Venables Theatre

## CAP & GOWN CEREMONY

Wednesday, June 25 @ 7:00pm

**Soss Grad Car Wash Fundraiser**

Get Your Car Sparkling Clean & Support Our Grads!

**When & Where|**  
Saturday, June 7th  
10am-2pm

Location: Hosted by Oliver Fire Hall, by donation  
All proceeds go toward Grad 2025 celebrations!



**PARENT/CAREGIVER SUPPORT at FOUNDRY**

*What's Coming Up*

**Tuesday Nights Out**

April 8  
Sparkling Solutions - to parenting challenges!

April 15 (Registration requested)  
Canvas Creations - An Introduction to Acrylic Painting

April 22  
Video and Discussion

April 29  
Join Us for Dinner!

May 6  
Movie Night

May 13 (Registration required)  
Breath Workshop with Tanis McCrae

May 20  
Family Advisory Committee

May 27 (Registration required)  
Yoga Workshop with Celeste Sataya

**Workshops**

Saturday May 31, 1:00 - 3:00  
Understanding Neurodiversity with Marsha Healey, RTC, RPC-C

**One on One Peer Support**

Available at Foundry, by phone, or even at a coffee shop!

**Tuesday Nights Out (every Tuesday at 6:30)**

A place where you can share experiences, seek advice, and connect with others who truly understand

**Book Club (every Thursday at 6:30)**

Books are chosen by the group and include titles on parenting, personal growth, and fiction

**Workshops**

Trainings on parenting and youth mental health

There is no cost for Foundry programs

**(250) 462-2714**

501 MAIN STREET

After a gold medal win at Skills Canada regionals in February Carson Clarke represented SOSS and the Okanagan Valley at Skills Canada provincials in Abbotsford on April 16th. Carson was one of nine competitors vying for to represent British Columbia at the national championship in Regina. Carson's performance was outstanding, being one of the few competitors that were able to complete the challenge in the allotted time. Carson impressed the judges with his skills but was not selected in the closely judged competition. Great Job Carson!!!!







**INDIVIDUAL  
AND TEAM  
REGISTRATION  
IS OUT!**



**\$50 ENTRY FEE  
PER TEAM  
(\$10 PER PERSON)**

# HOPPS FOR HOPE MAY 16

**3V3 10-MINUTE GAMES • JR & SR DIVISIONS  
5 PLAYERS PER TEAM • 3:2 GENDER RATIO  
TEAM COSTUME THEME GETS YOU BONUS POINTS  
FUNDRAISING MORE MONEY ALSO STARTS  
YOU WITH BONUS POINTS  
ALL BASKETS ARE 1-POINT, FEMALE BASKETS  
COUNT DOUBLE  
THIS EVENT IS FOCUSED ON HAVING FUN!!!**

**NBN  
BASKETBALL**



**CAMP DAYS JULY 7-10, 2025  
SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL  
9AM-NOON (ROOKIE CAMP)  
1PM - 4PM (PRO CAMP)**

**CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION FORM**

**ALSO ATTACHED TO THE NEWSLETTER E-MAIL**

## PARENT / CAREGIVER SUPPORT

**UNDERSTANDING  
NEURODIVERSITY  
IN YOUTH/YOUNG  
ADULTS**



**PARENT/CAREGIVER WORKSHOP For more information 250.462.2714**

**With  
Marsha Healey  
RTC, RPC-C  
Dandelion Counselling  
Services**

**SATURDAY  
MAY 31, 2025  
1:00 - 3:00 PM  
501 MAIN STREET, PENTICTON**

**TO REGISTER:**



**·FOUNDRY·  
PENTICTON**

## PARENT / CAREGIVER SUPPORT AT FOUNDRY



### TUESDAY NIGHTS OUT

with **Tanis McRae**  
Teacher, Healer and Emotional  
Health Advocate

**TO REGISTER CALL/TEXT  
250.462.2714**

**TUESDAY  
MAY 13  
6:30 - 8:00  
501 MAIN STREET, PENTICTON**

TUESDAY NIGHTS OUT IS A PROGRAM FOR  
PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 12 - 24  
(250) 462-2714

**·FOUNDRY·  
PENTICTON**



Southern Okanagan Secondary School Enrichment Fund Society

## ANNUAL MIXED GOLF SCRAMBLE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025 at



Join us for this one day mixed scramble that includes 18 holes of golf at beautiful Fairview Mountain Golf Course, contests, live auction, ball draw, skill and draw prizes, a dinner and great fun, all for a good cause—scholarships for SOSS graduating students.

**When:** Saturday, August 9, 2025  
**Where:** Fairview Mountain Golf Course,  
Oliver BC  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m. Shotgun

*The play will be 6 players per team (3 men, 3 women).*

*You choose your own team! Or we can add you to a team if you prefer.*

*Registration is limited to the first 132 players.*

**Sponsorship opportunities are available**

We can be contacted via email at

[sossenrichmentfundsociety@gmail.com](mailto:sossenrichmentfundsociety@gmail.com)

or call 250-498-9407.

Please visit our website at

<https://sossenrichmentfundsociety.com> for more information and registration forms to follow.

