

FALL NEWSLETTER 2019

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 Ms. Arnason (French), Mrs. Stopa (Socials), Ms. Randhawa (Secretary), Shannon Peltier (Indigenous Advocate) and EA Megan Edwards. I would also like to welcome Carly Russo back from Maternity Leave and Natalie Wolfe as our Library Assistant. We are also extremely excited that Glen Heinrichs will be joining us as a second Vice Principal.

We would like to also welcome all the new families who have settled into the community. Our enrollment for September is hovering around 515 which is up from last year. Thanks to the hard work of our counselors, Mrs. Gabel and Ms. Ibaraki, we have been able to settle students into their classes with minimal disruption.

Mrs. Podmorow and Link Crew have been instrumental in welcoming the grade 8's to SOSS with an action-packed first day of school. Wednesday, September 18 was our Terry Fox Spirit Day. When students participated in the three-kilometer route followed by a barbeque lunch for all staff and students in the "U". Thank you for donating to this worthwhile cause as we raised over \$1,000. Thank you also to Mr. Schulting for "taking a pie for the team" as he was the big "winner".

This year, we are working with students and staff mentors to create a Student Voice group. Fifty students in grades 10-12, along with eight staff members, have volunteered their time to create a positive climate and culture at SOSS. They will be meeting as a large group monthly and have divided into smaller working groups. The three areas of focus are: Athletics & Clubs; Environmental; Cultural as selected by students. The first activity was the Welcome to SOSS lunch which was held this week. We will keep you posted with other initiatives as they roll out.

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 80 students participating on one or more teams. We wish all student athletes a fun and competitive 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 again with delicious food being prepared by our students under the guidance of Ms. Ibaraki. The monthly menu has been posted and can be viewed on our website. We are also doing Pizza Fridays at \$2.50 a slice. Cafeteria \$30 punch cards are available in the office. In addition, Mrs. Adam and her students are not only providing canteen services this year, but they have expanded their business plan to include the Beanie Business. Mrs. Adam's students take orders for weekly coffee delivery for staff. Their entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well at SOSS!

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Principal's Message (continued)

We are pleased to share that we are once again working with Pathways and Desert Sun to provide additional supports for our students. We are very happy to have Tammy Semple from Pathways and Pavan Dhaliwal from Desert Sun in these important roles.

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 contact the office.

Attached to this newsletter is a consent form for Microsoft Office 365 A3 accounts. These need to be signed and returned asap. (We want to ensure we are compliant with all FOIPPA regulations). All students and staff are provided with these tools to complete their work online.

This year, students in Grades 8 & 9 will be assessed using a 4-point proficiency scale (Emerging, Developing, Proficient and Extending) and using descriptive feedback. This move towards a standards-based grading practice is designed to put a greater emphasis on how well students are meeting learning outcomes in their classes. More information can be found at https://www.sd53.bc.ca/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1060696&type=d&pREC_ID=1356332
For further revisions to the curriculum and changes to provincial exams, please visit www.bced.gov.bc.ca

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 front or back of the school and not in the bus lanes. Our next PAC meeting will be October 17 at 6:00pm in the Library. We encourage all parents to come out and be involved. We are looking forward to an awesome year!

Tracy Harrington





OVERDUE STUDENT FEES

Reminder to pay all outstanding school fees and Athletic fees to Ms. Jones as soon as possible.
Thank you!



Follow SOSS on Instagram at [sossoliver](#) to see all the fun and exciting things happening around the school.

Important Dates to Remember

September 27	Rotation 2 begins, Grade 8's
October 2	Interim Reports
October 8	Photo Retake Day
October 14	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
October 17	PAC Meeting, 6:30pm– Library
October	Safeteen, Grade 11s
October 22	Early dismissal Day, 12:45- Parent Teacher Interviews
	Interview Sessions: 2-4pm & 5-7pm
October 24	Early dismissal day, 12:45pm
October 24	Rotation 3 begins, Grade 8's
October 25	Professional Development Day (no school)
October 31	Inquiry—early dismissal 11:57am

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.

School 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. 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.

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Late Bus/OIB Bus

The Late Bus will run again this year on Mondays. The bus arrives at 4:45pm and will be travelling north to Okanagan Falls. This service is for any students who wish to stay late for after school activities or to study. There is also a bus picking up on the OIB reserve every morning and dropping off after school.



Glee Club

Monday's at lunch please join us starting September 30th in the Drama Room for a fun, singing group. All students are welcome to come and join others who have an interest in singing together. We

hope to sing at assemblies and community events and bring a little glee wherever it is needed:) Contact Mrs. Gittel if you have any questions.

Skateboard Club

Skateboard Club is back! Skateboard club is open to all students who are interested in learning to skate or practicing their skills. We take trips to skateparks in Osoyoos, Penticton, and Summerland. All students interested must have their permission forms signed before getting on the bus, and safety training before they can skate. Skaters should have their own skateboard. Helmets can be provided if needed and must be worn at all times when skating. Skills are self-taught, but Mr. McKinnon can help with tips and pointers. Bring a positive attitude and have fun!

Did you know....

When leaves change colour in the fall, they are actually becoming their true colour. In the summer, the chlorophyll takes over and causes them to turn green and hide their colour.



"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."
-Aristotle

Volleyball

Junior Girls

The junior girls volleyball team will be busy this season with 4 tournaments and their league play. One of these tournaments will be a home tournament on Friday, Oct. 25th and Saturday, Oct. 26th, and we hope to see lots of fans out to support them. League games will be on Thursdays. Stay tuned for home games details.



Field Hockey

SOSS Junior and Senior field hockey teams have been practicing since the second day of school, preparing to host season-opening festivals on September 20th and 21st for the Seniors and the 27th and 28th for the Juniors. There is a lot of experience on the team this year, as well as a lot of new young talent. Coaches Mrs. Russo, Mrs. Noftle, Mrs. Lang and Mrs. Stopa are looking forward to watching this group grow! After the home Festivals, the teams will be gearing up for a trip to Chilliwack. The Senior Team won their first league game against Summerland on a gorgeous goal by Madison Boen-Shekula. Go Hornets!



Athletics Calendar

Sept 25	Sr Boys Volleyball home game vs Summerland, 5:30pm
Sept 27 & 28	Sr Girls Field Hockey Junior Fall Festival, times TBD
Oct 2	Jr. & Sr Girls Field Hockey home game 4pm
Oct 4 & 5	Sr Volleyball Invitational Home Tournament (Boys & Girls)
Oct 7	Sr. Field Hockey home game, 4pm
Oct 9	Sr Boys Volleyball home game vs KSS, 5:30pm
Oct 10 & 11	Field Hockey Tournament in Chilliwack
Oct 16	Sr Girls Volleyball home game vs AH & SSS, 5:00pm
Oct 17	Jr Field Hockey home game 4pm
Oct 23	Sr Boys Volleyball home game vs PMSS, 5:30pm
Oct 25/26	Jr. Volleyball Hornet Invitational

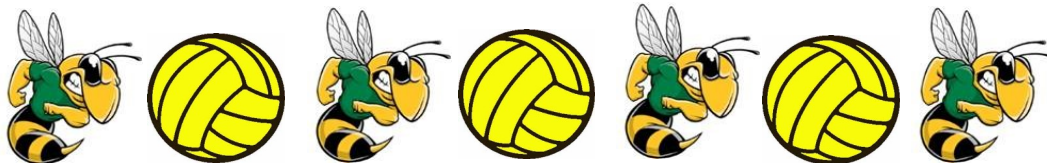




Photo Order deadline is September 30. Also photo retakes are scheduled for October 8th. Payment must be made to photographer on day of retakes.

SOSS GOT TALENT

Save the date! November 6th is the SOSS Got Talent Show. Auditions are taking place in the next couple of weeks and a show of amazing student talent will be shown at 7:00pm, November 6 in the Frank Venables Theatre. Tickets are just \$5.00 and will be available soon.

SOSS MUSICAL

This year's musical is Legally Blonde. The musical is based on the popular movie starring Reese Witherspoon. There are fun characters and a terrific story. Auditions will start in October. The musical will take place the first week of March.

News from your PAC



The SOSS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is here to ensure that parents and caregivers have an organized voice in their child's education. PAC offers an opportunity to be involved in the student experience (eg. by providing funding for some extracurricular activities, field trips, clubs); while providing parents with a place to voice concerns and issues, and receive direct feedback from the school administration and School Board Trustee. Regular meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month (no meetings in Dec, Jan, March, June).
Next meeting: October, 17th, 6pm in the library.
Looking to get more involved? Join the Board - Annual General Meeting and elections are on November, 21st.



Fall Fun Fact

Americans typically refer to this time of year as "fall," while the British use the word "autumn." Both terms date back to the 16th century but before that it was called "harvest"

Office 365 A3

Please note that all students, teachers and staff need to sign this form for Office 365. Even if you have previously signed these permissions there is an updated version that must be signed and kept on file. This platform provides access to online tools including Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Outlook for email. These permissions acknowledge the fact that although the data stored in these accounts is stored in Canada there is a brief period of transit, and certain apps, that do cross into the United States. These tools are important in teaching students how to manage their work in the digital space.

News from the Library

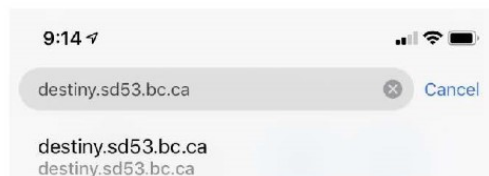
WiFi login has changed this year. Students who are bringing phones or devices for school work will need to join the 53BYOD network. This is done using their school login information and all students have 2 devices that they can have attached to their account. If you need help this graphic shows the steps, or see Mrs. Goncalves in the library.

This month the Library is featuring "I'm a Movie" Titles for students to check out. If there are titles that you want to read and we don't have the book in the library please ask and we will put it on our 'To Order' list. We are excited to bring you the books you want to read, so please let us know!

Clear Pass Login Instructions



Go to a browser and head to this page...



This login page will pop up, please fill in with your computer login details.

9:40

< Login – ClearPass >

Login

Please login to the network using your username and password.

Username:

lastnamefirstname

Password:

Student Number

Log In

Contact a staff member if you are experiencing difficulty logging in.

Cafeteria October Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu		Fri	
30 Red Pepper Corn Chowder Gourmet Hotdogs	1 Pho Donairs	2 Wonton Soup Perogies & Bacon	3 Clam Chowder Chicken Alfredo		4 Pizza	
7 Chicken Rice soup Spaghetti 🥕	8 Corn Bacon Chowder Shepherd's Pie	9 Italian Sausage & Gnocchi Soup Shawarma Wraps	10 Black Bean Soup Tacos 🥕		11 Pizza	
14 Thanksgiving No School	15 Potato Bacon Soup Macaroni & Cheese	16 Butternut Squash Soup 🥕 Roasted Veggie Panini 🥕	17 Potato Leek Soup 🥕 Thanksgiving Wraps 🥕 Fries and Gravy		18 Pizza	
21 Tomato Basil Chicken Pot Pie	22 No Lunch Early Dismissal Parent Teacher Interviews	23 California Prawn Salad (avocado, prawns, bacon, corn, peppers, etc.)	24 Early Dismissal		25 Pro-D Day No School	
OCTOBER 2019 Please note that entrée price has changed this year to \$4.00			Entrée	\$4.00	Dessert	\$0.50-1.00
			Soup + Fresh Focaccia	Small \$2.50 Large \$3.00	Juice	\$1.00
					Pizza	\$2.50/slice



= vegetarian option available

**menu subject to change – check cafeteria TV

SOSS – 2019/20 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

This code is designed to provide guidelines for appropriate student conduct while under the jurisdiction of the school while:

- travelling to and from school
- at school
- at any school function whenever and wherever held

Consistent with the BC Human Rights Code the Student Code of Conduct is intended to ensure that all students regardless of age, race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, family status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and mental or physical disability have equal access, status and acceptance and safety within the school setting.

Students who do not meet the expectations of the Code of Conduct can expect that there will be consequences from the school. These consequences will be consistent with the seriousness of the issue and appropriate for the students' age, maturity, and cognitive level. Furthermore, the school will notify parents, RCMP, social service agencies, counselors or school board when deemed appropriate and/or necessary. As much as possible consequences will be of a restorative and progressive nature rather than punitive and may include restitution, repair, mediation, conferencing, counseling, service or assistance.

Link to Okanagan Similkameen School District

Student Conduct and Discipline Policy F3 & F14 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

<http://www.sd53.bc.ca/district/pols/PolicyF-3.pdf>

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Keeping Our Schools Safe

The Okanagan Similkameen School District is committed to providing safe and caring environments in which all learners can achieve academic excellence, personal growth and responsible citizenship. Safe and caring school environments are free from acts of:

- bullying, harassment, threat and intimidation
- violence in any form
- verbal, physical or sexual abuse/exploitation
- discrimination
- theft and vandalism

Safe and caring schools do not tolerate the presence of:

- intoxicating substances
- weapons, explosives, intruders or trespassers

It is expected that students will:

- neither take part in, nor condone (provoke, encourage or make a spectacle of) any form of violence
- seek to prevent violence and potentially violent situations
- not use, possess or display any weapon, replica weapon or toy weapon on any school property or at any event that is organized or sponsored by a school
- not use, possess or sell any intoxicating or controlled substances
- demonstrate appropriate digital stewardship
- show respect for the property of others by refraining from theft, vandalism, graffiti and other inappropriate behaviours
- abstain from smoking/vaping on school and all other District property.
- attend daily and on time at the appointed hours
- use respectful language and refrain from using obscenity or profanity while in a school building, on school or District property and at school-sponsored activities
- demonstrate commitment to learning by coming to school prepared to learn and by contributing to a positive, orderly, and peaceful environment
- practice academic and personal integrity by not participating in or encouraging plagiarism, cheating, theft of evaluation instruments, use of unauthorized aids, or false representation of identity
- maintain appropriate standards of dress and hygiene
- maintain healthy lifestyle and attitude

**SMOKE-FREE, SMOKELESS TOBACCO-FREE AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING PRODUCTS-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Policy D-1)**

In the interest of the health of students, staff and all others who use or visit schools and school district facilities, B.C.'s Tobacco Control Act, makes it illegal to use tobacco on school property at any time. As per section 2.2(2) "a person must not smoke or use tobacco, or electronic smoking products, or hold lighted tobacco, in or on school property".

Ban in effect at all times: The law makes tobacco or smokeless products prohibited on school property illegal both during and outside of regular classroom hours.

The law applies to everyone: Students, staff, parents and the general public (including groups that rent school facilities outside of school hours) are affected by the law.

All school district facilities are included in the ban: Tobacco use is not permitted on any part of a property that is owned, leased or operated by a school board, or any property that is used for the purpose of delivering educational or other learning programs.

All Okanagan Similkameen School District employees are responsible for ensuring the law and board policy are followed in the best interests of everyone's health



**CELL PHONE
USE ALLOWED ONLY WHEN
REQUESTED/PERMITTED BY
TEACHER***



FIRST TIME you will get a warning and be asked to put the device away



SECOND/THIRD TIMES you will turn over the phone to the teacher to be returned at the end of the class



FOURTH TIME the phone will be held by the teacher until after school



FIFTH TIME the phone will be turned in to the office to be dealt with progressively

***BRINGING YOUR CELL PHONE/DEVICE TO
CLASS IS DONE SO AT YOUR OWN RISK**

Terry Fox Run/Spirit Day



Our Annual Terry Fox Day/Spirit Day was held on September 18th. It was a day full of games followed by the Terry Fox Run and then a Hot Dog lunch. We have raised over \$1,000 for this worthwhile cause with our Pie a Teacher contest!