

Principal's Message

Welcome Back Everyone! Each new year brings optimism and new beginnings. December was certainly full of fun and excitement including our schoolwide lunch (partly sponsored by our PAC), our Indigenous sponsored schoolwide lunch, Holiday Family Feud, classroom decorating contests, dress up days and daily holiday challenges. We also must give a big shout out to Gina Houle who went above and beyond to decorate the halls, library, and atrium of SOSS and to the grads who got our huge Christmas tree for our front foyer. Additionally, Ms. Ibaraki and Ms. Seymour spent countless hours shopping and organizing the Christmas Store for our Priority Families. This year, we were able to support around fifty families. Thanks to everyone who donated to this worthwhile cause as it makes an enormous difference to our students.

Semester 1 is winding down with exams running Friday, January 27 to Tuesday, January 31st. Students are only required to attend exam days when they are writing. Semester 2 begins February 1st. Buses will run at regular times during exams. (exam schedule included in this newsletter) Best of luck to all students with their final assessments.

Course selection for the 2020-21 school year will begin this week. Information will be posted on our website. Counsellors will be working with students to assist in course selections. Please make sure your child can access their portal. If you need assistance, please see Mrs. Goncalves.

Our Counsellors, EA's and Admin will continue with the breakfast program in the New Year. Thanks to PAC and all our local community members for supporting this initiative.

A reminder to grads that your CLC requirements will be due very soon. Please see Mrs. Burns if you have questions. Information sheets regarding Scholarship Applications and the Francis Family Scholarship are posted on the website, teams and paper copies are available in the office. Dates for grad photos are Tuesday February 28-March 2. Please note that there is a \$20 sitting fee and students must register online. More information to follow.

The Camosun College Culinary program is in its fifth year and offers incredible opportunities for students with a passion for cooking. This will be starting in the second semester! There are multiple ski trips planned for January and February. Thank you to Mr. Russo for planning these fun opportunities for our students!

The Counselling and Admin teams are working together on a new initiative we are calling Parent/Guardian University. This is a chance for parents to learn about topics relevant to their children's education. More information to follow.

Finally, we are extremely excited to host the return of our Celebration of Learning on Wednesday, January 18 from 5:30-7:00pm. Everyone is welcome, and this is a great opportunity to view student work before the semester ends. Thanks to Ms. Kingsfield for organizing this huge event.

Thanks to all of you for your ongoing support. Happy New Year and all the best in 2023!

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Basketball Athletic Schedule

January 10	Grade 8 Boys vs. OSS @ 4pm
January 10	Grade 8 Girls vs. SMS @ 5:30pm
January 13 & 14	Grade 8 Girls & Boys Hoop-Fest Tournament
January 18	Senior Girls vs. SESS @ 5pm
January 18	Senior Boys vs. GESS @ 6:30pm
January 20 & 21	Junior Boys Sagebrush Shootout Tournament
January 24	Grade 8 Girls vs SLMS @ 4pm
January 24	Junior Boys vs Unisus @ 5:30pm
January 31	Grade 8 Girls vs PSS @ 4pm
January 31	Grade 8 Boys vs SLMS @ 5:30pm
February 2	Junior Girls vs PMSS @ 4pm
February 2	Junior Boys vs PSS @ 5:30pm



Important Dates to Remember

January 10	Ski Trip to Apex
January 18	Celebration of Student Learning, 5:30-7:00pm
January 19	PAC Meeting, 6:30pm Library
January 25	Inquiry Time Early Dismissal, 11:57am
January 26	End of Semester 1/Term 2
January 27, 30 & 31	Exam Days (See attached Schedule)
February 1	First day of Semester 2/Term 3 classes

Ski Trip



We have 3 Ski Trips happening in January and February. The first one is January 10th to Apex, which is now full, and the other two are February 16th to either Apex or Mt. Baldy (students can choose) and one February 23rd to Mt. Baldy. These trips are open to all students. A form must be filled out and returned with payment. Forms can be picked up from the P.E. office and payment can be made at the Accounting Office. Spots will fill up fast so, let's get out and have some fun up on the hill!!

Gr. 8 Basketball

The Grade 8 girls and boys basketball teams are hosting a basketball tournament at SOSS January 13th and 14th. Come on out to Hoop Fest 2023 to cheer on your Hornets as they play teams from Penticton, Vernon, Fulton and Merritt! Girls play Friday at 8:30am and 8:30pm. Boys play Friday at 10:00am and 4:00pm. Games run from 8:30am - 8:30pm on Saturday as well.

Indigenous Department

Way' families!

Happy New year to all of you! We are busy helping students finish up assignments and getting ready for exams. We have our homework club open to all students every Monday and Wednesday from 2:45 pm-4 pm. Additionally, the gathering room is open from 8 am-8:30 am for students to relax, study, and get caught up on homework. English First Peoples is wrapping up the semester with a trip to the land to do an oral exam and eat bannock hot dogs. Also, January 4th marked the first-ever annual National Ribbon Skirt day to bring awareness to the traditional regalia of Indigenous peoples across Turtle Island. Lastly, today our Salmon eggs have just arrived we will grow these eggs into Salmon Fry and they will be released into Skaha Lake in May of 2023, students are welcome to come into the gathering room and watch them grow. Happy end of 2022 and Happy beginning of 2023 from your Indigenous Advocates, Shan, Tara, and Nick.

Celebration of Student Learning

The Semester End Celebration of Student Learning is coming up soon! Please join us for an evening of student entertainment, food and fun Wednesday January 18th from 5:30-7pm. Many student projects will be on display from a variety of grades and classes, all students, families and community members are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

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.

Art Club—Mondays afterschool

Student Voice Club— Tuesdays at lunch

SAGA Club— Fridays at lunch

Join
a Club!

Course Selections

It is time to start thinking about course planning and selections for next year already. Students in grade 8 will be visited by the scheduling team next week to go over the process and options for next year. Students in grade 8 are able to prioritize their elective choices and their academic courses are automatically chosen for them with the exception of Math.

Students in grades 9-11 are asked to login to MyBlueprint to explore the courses that are being offered and the courses they need to complete for graduation. [These are the instructions for logging in and completing the Grad Planner for course selections for next year.](#) The scheduling team will be visiting students in classes over the next few weeks to advise students on options and selections. If you have questions please see Mrs. G in the Library.



2023 Grad Information



Capstone

CLC 12 and the Capstone Project are requirements for graduation in British Columbia. In order to complete this graduation requirement, all students must complete the following:

- 30 hours of Work/Volunteer/Work Experience Hours. 15 hours can be carried forward from summer and the remainder of the hours must be dated from September onward.
- Reflection Response on the impact of the work/volunteer experience
- Health & Wellness Plan
- Budgeting Assignment
- Core Competency Reflection
- Capstone proposal, project and presentation

Students can find all of this information in **Microsoft Teams: SOSS Grad 2023 - Assignments and the CLC channel** to complete and submit the work. Time slots will be available for students to sign up for the Capstone Presentation in Mrs. Burns' room.

Bursary and Scholarship Application Form - The application form for school-based bursary and scholarships are available in the office now. All 2023 Grads are encouraged to complete the application as soon as possible. The deadline for return of completed applications is March 1st.

Grad Photos

Grad 2023 photos are scheduled for the week of February 28th to March 2nd. Sign-up sheets will be available in the office beginning February 1st and there is a \$20 sitting fee.



January Cafeteria Menu

2023

Prices

Entrée: \$5.00 Soup Lrg \$5.00 Sm \$3.00 Baked Good \$1.00 Juice \$1.00

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
	Butter Chicken Roti Potato Leek Soup	Pirogues Roasted veggies Cream of Mushroom soup	Pizza Day	Pasta Bolognese Garlic Bread Minestrone soup
9	10	11	12	13
Grilled Cheese Tomato Basil soup Green Salad	Burritos Corn Salad Broccoli Cheddar Soup	Chicken Casserole Mashed Potatoes Minestrone Soup	Pizza Day	Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo Garlic Bread Corn Chowder
16	17	18	19	20
Beef Quesadillas Green Salad Cream of mushroom soup	Moroccan Chicken Skewers Pita Bread and Greek salad Cream of Broccoli Soup	Meatball subs Green Salad Chicken Noodle Soup Reminder: No tables in the caf due to art exhibit	Pizza Day	Mac and Cheese Butternut Squash Soup
23	24	25	26	27
Chicken Caesar Wrap Corn Salad Minestrone soup	Teriyaki Chicken Bowls Rice Cream of mushroom soup	Inquiry Day No service	Pizza day	Exams no service
30	31			
Exams No service	Exams No service			Menu is subject to change <u>Prices</u> Entrée: \$5.00 Soup Lrg \$5.00 Sm \$3.00 Baked Good \$1.00 Juice \$1.00

SOSS PAC

SOSS PAC Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, January, 19 @ 6:30pm

WHERE: SOSS Library

Open to all parents, we look forward to seeing you on January 19th as we all build our school community.



NEW \$25 PAC Optional Donation – Student Quick Pay

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) would like to introduce SOSS parents to this new annual contribution that supports your children in both the classroom and in extra-curricular and sporting activities. The 2022/2023 PAC \$25 voluntary contribution is available now on the **Student Quick Pay** <https://www.studentquickpay.com/ossd53/>. Your donations enhance your child's school experience in so many ways. Your \$25 PAC donation works alongside the BC Gaming Grant funds that the PAC applies for each year. Please see the attached for more info or email us at soss53@gmail.com.



HOLIDAY FUN

*Classroom Decorating Contest, Family Feud, Schoolwide
Holiday Feast and Christmas Chaos*



SOSS Final Exams - January 27, 30 & 31, 2023

Friday, January 27

8:45 - 10:45			12:15 - 2:15		
Exam	Class/Teacher	Test Room	Exam	Class/Teacher	Test Room
Science 8	Wurflinger	202	Math 9 (Block A)	Cruickshank	203
Math 8	Johnson	210	Math 9 D (Block D)	Cruickshank	202
Science 10 (Block A)	Lang	207	French 10	Scott	207
Science 10 (Block B)	Lang	208	Math 10 B	Schulting	206
Socials 10	Stopa	202	Math 11 A & W	Cruickshank	210
Math 11 PC	Seminoff	105	EFP 11 (Block B)	Shione	205
Math 11 Foundations	Seminoff	105	EFP 11 (Block D)	Shione	204
Physics 11	McIntyre	206	Lit Studies 12	Laver	208
Physics 12	Khodarhami	205			
Psychology 12	Scott	203			

Monday, January 30

8:45 - 10:45			12:15 - 2:15		
Exam	Class/Teacher	Test Room	Exam	Class/Teacher	Test Room
Math 8	Seminoff	105	French 9	Scott	207
Science 9	McIntyre	lab	Science 9	McIntyre	Lab
Science 10	Wurflinger	206	Socials 10	Basso	202
Math 10	Schulting	202	Math 11 PC	Cruickshank	105
Earth Science 11	Russo	209	Life Science	Wurflinger	206
Pre-Calc 12 (Block B)	Khodarhami	207	Anatomy & Physiology 12	Russo	210
Pre-Calc 12 (Block D)	Khodarhami	208	English 12	Shione	208

Tuesday, January 31 - I Day, Conflict Exams & Re-Writes (as permitted)

8:45 - 10:45			12:15 - 2:15		
Conflict Exams			Conflict Exams		
Exam	Class/Teacher	Room	Exam	Class/Teacher	Room
Please See Mrs. Koffler in the Office with any Conflicts		202	Please See Mrs. Koffler in the Office with any Conflicts		202

Tuesday, January 24— Numeracy/Literacy Cath-up Exams

8:30—11:11	Numeracy Exam in B Block	NAMES AND ROOM NUMBER
12:04-2:45	Literacy Exam in A Block	WILL BE POSTED ON THE FISHBOWL

Information for Students - January 2023 Final Exams

Report any exam conflicts to Mrs. Koffler in the office immediately. All conflict exams will be written on Tuesday morning in room 202 unless you arrange something different directly with your teacher

All students must arrive to exams 15 minutes before the starting time

Students must stay in the exam room for a minimum of one hour after the start of their exam

Please leave bags and backpacks in your lockers as no bags will be allowed in the exam rooms

No phones or other electronic devices in the exam rooms except for calculators which will be checked by the supervising teacher

Busses will run at the regular times during exam week

Bring all writing utensils needed for exam (pencils, pens, erasers)

Students can bring a water bottle into the exam. Please do not bring food into an exam as it can be a distraction for peers.

When exams are in session, please remain quiet in the upstairs hallways and the main floor hallway near the drama room

Student may use the library for quiet study

Students only need to be present for their exams and are expected to be off of school grounds when they are not writing or studying in the library