

SEPTEMBER NEWSFLASH 2021

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 Mr. Burns (Vice Principal), Mrs. Setrakov (Culinary, Socials, CLE), Ms. Seymour (Math, Science), Ms. Miller (Tech Ed, Robotics, electives), Ms. Metlewsky (Socials), Elizabeth Knoll (EA), Tara Havig (Indigenous Advocate), and Fanny Sierra (EA). We also welcome Ms. Frank and Mrs. Russo back from Maternity Leave.

Additionally, we would also like to welcome all the new families who have settled into the community. Our enrollment for September is up a little over last year (around 517 students). Thanks to the hard work of our counsellors, Mr. Willms, Ms. Ibaraki and our Librarian Mrs. Goncalves, we have been able to settle students into their classes with minimal disruption.

Interior Health will be having a vaccine clinic at SOSS on September 21 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm in the small gym. This clinic is to provide an opportunity for students to get vaccinated if they have not already and wish to do so. This is optional for all students and their families. All questions regarding vaccines and the clinic should be directed to Interior Health.

Mrs. Podmorow and Link Crew have been instrumental in welcoming the grade 8's to SOSS with an action-packed first day of school. The Terry Fox Run will be held on September 22. We are looking forward to participating in this 25-year tradition. Orange Shirt Day will be on Wednesday September 29. "Every Child Matters" shirts are available for purchase through the Accounts Office for \$18 and buttons are available for \$2. See Ms. Matthews in the office for details. Please be reminded that September 30 is a statutory holiday for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and there will be no school.

Athletic teams are in full swing thanks to the organization of our Athletic Director Mr. Podmorow. This year for fall sports, we have volleyball and field hockey with over 100 students participating on one or more teams. We are required to follow all COVID protocols in order to keep everyone safe. We wish all student athletes a fun and positive 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 with delicious food being prepared by our students under the guidance of Mrs. Setrakov. The monthly menu has been posted on our website. Cafeteria \$30 punch cards are available in the office. Our Rycor system is also up and going so if you haven't already paid school fees, please do so as soon as possible. You can pay fees on our website using this link: <https://www.studentquickpay.com/ossd53/>. Debit is also available this year for lunch purchases of \$4.00 or more.

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. The system will not call if students are late to class, only for missed classes. Please let the office know if your contact information has changed so we can update it in the system.

Our first PAC meeting will be Thursday, September 16 at 6:30pm via Zoom. Please use this link: <https://sd53-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/67893409490> to join us for some great discussion.

We are looking forward to a great year.

Sincerely,

T. Harrington

Important Dates to Remember

September 21	COVID 19 Immunization Clinic 1-4 pm
September 22	Terry Fox Run
September 29	Early Dismissal 11:57 (Inquiry Day)
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (No School)



Student Voice Club

The Student Voice Club welcomes all new members. They will be meeting in person on Mondays at lunch and sometimes virtually on TEAMS to set up projects. See Ms. Scott or Mrs. Laver for more information.

Skateboard Club

Skateboard Club is back every Wednesday! See Mr. McKinnon in room 206 with any questions and to pick up permission forms.

Student Fees

All students must pay a \$30 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 (including Grade 8's) 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.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, interac, credit card or online using our new Student Quick Pay. Click this link <https://www.studentquickpay.com/ossd53/> to create an account. Set up the account with your own email address and password. You will also need the Student ID and last name of each student you wish to add to your account.

Student Drop off/Pick-up

Reminder that drop off and pick up must happen in the back of the school or on Gala Street. **ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING/PICKING UP/DROPING OFF IN THE BUS LANES IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL WILL BE PERMITTED.**

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.

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). Our next meeting is this Thursday at 6:30pm, use link to get involved and join us: <https://sd53-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/67893409490>

Looking to get more involved?

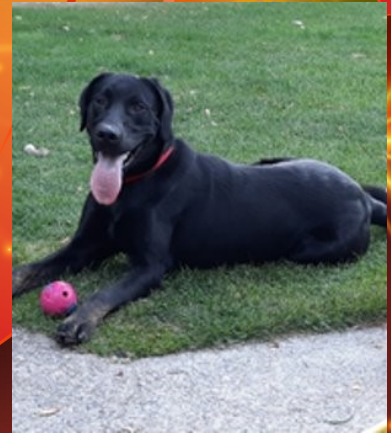
Join the Board - Annual General Meeting and elections are in November.



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Furry Friends

SOSS is excited to be welcoming some Furry Friends to our school! There will be 3 therapy dogs available for the Students and Staff in the Counselling Centre, Library and Science Lab. Welcome to Axton, Oakley and Boone! Please connect with us if you have any questions.



Cafeteria September Menu

	7 First Day Back No Service	8 Day 1 Students in Training No Service	9 Day 2 Students in Training No Service	10 Day 1 Students in Training No Service
13 Day 2 Cold Service Grab and Go Snacks Baked Goods	14 Day 1 Broccoli Cheddar Soup 🌿 Chili & Biscuits	15 Day 2 Cold Service Grab and Go Snacks Baked Goods	16 Day 1 Chicken Tortilla Soup Quesadillas (beef or veggie) 🌿	17 Day 2 Pizza Day 🌿
20 Day 1 Spiced Chickpea Soup 🌿 Butter Chicken & Naan	21 Day 2 Cold Service Grab and Go Snacks Baked Goods	22 Day 1 Red Pepper Corn Chowder 🌿 Greek Wraps (Veg or Donair) 🌿	23 Day 2 Pizza Day 🌿	24 Day 1 Tomato Basil Soup 🌿 Macaroni and Cheese 🌿
27 Day 2 Cold Service Grab and Go Snacks Baked Goods	28 Day 1 Bannock Tacos 🌿	29 Day 2 Inquiry Day No Service	30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation No School	1 Day 1 Borscht 🌿 Perogies and Bacon
SEPTEMBER 2021			Entrée	\$4.00
			Small Soup	\$3.00
			Large Soup	\$4.00
			*soup served with fresh bread	
			Desserts	\$0.50-\$1.00
			Juice	\$1.00

🌿 = vegetarian option available

**menu subject to change – check cafeteria TV😊