

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Home of the Hornets!

Principal's Message

Welcome to March! Hopefully, the wintry weather is behind us now. A big shout out to Mr. Kitt, Mr. Baptiste and Mr. Hofman for organizing and participating in the Women in the Trades Bootcamp which was held last week. It was a fantastic opportunity for some of our grade 10 girls to explore a variety of trades. Another shout out to Mr. Russo for organizing the two Ski trips in February. It is always great when we can provide opportunities for our kids to be active outside.

Grad Scholarship and Bursary applications are due today (March 1 by 2:45pm). The grads have been doing a wonderful job completing their Capstone presentations. We are down to our last couple. Grad photos are this week, and the sign-up sheet is in the office. The grad breakfast has been postponed but we are looking to reschedule it as soon as possible.

Parent Teacher Conferences are right around the corner. They will be held virtually by phone or Teams video chat on Tuesday, March 9th from 2:00pm-4:00pm and 5:00pm-7:00pm. Parents must sign up online to book a time. A reminder that teachers are available in ten-minute increments. If more time is required, please schedule a time at a later date with your child's teacher. (please note early dismissal March 9th and 11th) Please use this [LINK](#) to schedule an appointment.

Course selections should be in the computer by now. Please check with your child to make sure this has been completed. Immediately following Spring Break, we will be reviewing each student's request in order to start the scheduling and staffing process for next year. If for any reason your child has not submitted their request, please have them see Mrs. Goncalves right away.

SOSS is partnering with the Foundry of Penticton. We are organizing a Zoom call for the whole school this Wednesday to provide information about the services that they can provide for our students. Subsequently, they will be providing more in-depth services as needed. (see flyer for details)

Grade 8 "Day on the Land" will be held on Thursday, March 11th. This is organized by our counsellors and supported by our community partners. This is a fantastic way for staff and students to connect, be active and learn on the land in traditional ways. We are really looking forward to it!

Spring Break begins March 13th. Please encourage your child to bring home any outstanding work they may have. Student Learning Surveys will occur following the March Break. This is valuable information that we use to support students. More information to be provided.

Have a great Spring Break!

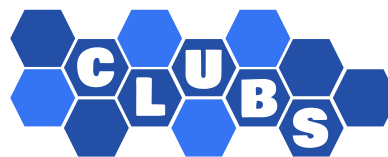
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Important Dates

March 1—5	Grad Photos
March 9	Early Dismissal— 12:00pm
March 9	Parent Teacher Interviews
March 10	Grade 9 Immunizations
March 11	Early Dismissal— 12:00pm
March 12	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
March 15-26	Spring Break
March 29	First Day back after Spring Break
March 31	Grad photo re-takes
April 2	Good Friday, no school
April 5	Easter Monday, no school

Grad Fundraising

Spring fundraising opportunities are coming. These help reduce the cost of your Grad fees by selling meat products and flower baskets for Mother's Day. Order forms should be ready by Spring Break. See Mrs. Koffler in the office to pick up your order forms. Don't forget to bring in your grocery receipts. These are used to buy gift cards for Buy Low, which are then used to purchase supplies for Grad events.



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.

Math Club—Mondays at lunch

Yoga Club—Mondays at 3pm

Student Voice Club—Monday at lunch

Chess Club—Wednesdays at lunch

WE Can Talk Club—Wednesdays at lunch

SAGA Club—Fridays at lunch

Course Planning for Next Year

Thank you to all students and parents who have submitted their course requests for next year in the Family Portal. All requests should have been entered into the Family Portal by now. If you have not entered your requests into the Family Portal these must be done immediately. Please see Mrs. Goncalves in the library for any help. Our goal is to have timetables to students in June.

Parent Teacher Conferences

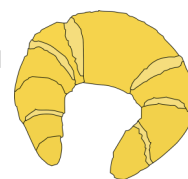
Parent Teacher Conferences are March 9th from 2-4pm or 5-7pm. They will be via video or phone in 10 minute increments. Please use the following link to book your appointments.

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/SOSS6@my53.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Breakfast Program



Thank you to Cobb's bakery in Penticton for generously donating delicious bread and pastries for our breakfast program. A big Thank you to the Rotary Club of Oliver who provides us with Milk, Juice and Granola bars for our program as well.



News from your PAC

PAC meets via Zoom, and strives to meet on the third Thursday of each month (except for Dec, March, and June). If you would like to join in the conversation and hear from the School Administration and School Board Trustee, please reach out to us at sossnac53@gmail.com. To be added to the Zoom e-vite or contact Karen by phone 250-689-0130.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 15th at 6:30pm.

Indigenous Department News

The start of Semester 2 has been busy for the gathering room. Shannon took part in a field trip to Osoyoos point with the EFP 10 students. The students told Chaptik stories around the fire with students from Osoyoos Elementary school and made bannock on the fire as well. We have also been helping out in the cafeteria making grilled cheese sandwiches for the school on Friday's as part of the breakfast club. Here are some photos of the events we have been doing.



SOSS 2021 YEARBOOK

The SOSS Yearbook construction is still in motion! Please remember that you can continue submitting all your fun school appropriate photos through the yearbook page on our school website. Let's make this year's yearbook memorable!

Athletics

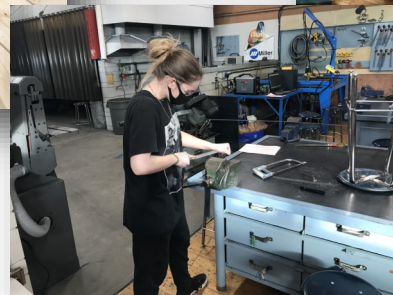
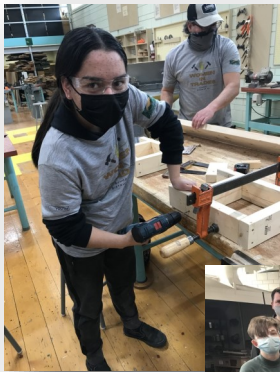
Students and coaches involved in SOSS Basketball this season have continued to make the best of their atypical seasons. We are very fortunate to have staff and community members who have generously volunteered to ensure that our student-athletes did not miss out on their basketball season in their entirety. Unfortunately, this season has not allowed for interschool competition; Covid safety protocols have impacted the activities that teams have been able to take part in. However, we hope that the time, dedication, and perseverance of athletes and their coaches will translate into success once SOSS Hornet basketball teams take to the court in formal competitions.

As we move into March, the Spring Season is approaching. Students are asked to listen to school announcements related to seasons of play for sports like Golf, Sr Girls' Soccer, Tennis, and Ultimate. Go Hornets!



Women in Trades

SOSS hosted a "Women in Trades" Bootcamp on Thursday and Friday. We had 16 students from grade 10 attend this hands-on experience where they had a chance to try their hands at carpentry, welding, plumbing, and electrical. Mr. Turnbull from OSS was the main instructor with assistance from Mr. Baptiste, Mr. Hofman, and Mr. Toth from SESS. Please see the video posted on the SOSS webpage.



SHE-DRIVE



**DONATE (NEW) SUPPLIES A WOMAN
WOULD NEED:** sanitary products,
undergarments, shampoos, soaps, toothpaste, etc.

**DONATION BIN AVAILABLE IN
SOSS FOYER FROM MARCH 1ST
TO MARCH 11TH**

ALL DONATIONS GOING TOWARDS THE SOUTHERN
OKANAGAN WOMEN IN NEED SOCIETY (SOWINS) IN
PENTICTON