

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Home of the Hornets!

Our Mission:

At SOSS, we inspire and support individuals to develop their full potential and to demonstrate a respectful, responsible commitment to community and society.

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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe how fast the month of October has gone. It is a great time to be reflective and appreciative of all the positive things we have going on in our lives. I hope all families had the opportunity to be together over the Thanksgiving weekend.

We would like to formally welcome Mr. Glen Heinrichs to SOSS as our second Vice Principal. We are looking forward to working together to support all our staff and students.

It was a busy month here at SOSS. Sports teams are heading towards Valley and Provincial Championships in the next month. A huge thank you to all our coaches for the countless hours they spend with our kids. Without their commitment to athletics, our programs could not run.

Parent Teacher Interviews are next Tuesday, October 22nd. If you are unable to attend, but would still like information on your child's progress, please contact his/her teacher directly. Please note that the end of Term 1 is November 5th

and report cards will be going out shortly thereafter.

If your child is in grade 8 or 9, you will be receiving feedback about their learning using the Proficiency Scale. We have included a copy of Communicating Student Learning K-9 Guide in this newsletter.

We are holding our first Grad Parent Meeting on Tuesday, October 22nd after Parent Teacher Interviews. This meeting will be in the gym. Please make sure to put this date on the calendar as important information will be shared at this time.

Student Voice initiatives are happening around the school. Staff and students are working collaboratively to energize students. Students have created clubs, worked on bulletin boards to inform us about Global Environmental issues, looking at ordering school swag and organizing a mock election for students. Students have also been involved in a community initiative with the Town Council giving them feedback from the students' point of view. We will also be having a Halloween class decorating contest, a costume fashion show and collecting food

donations for "We Scare Hunger".

Another extremely successful initiative is the Breakfast Club which is running Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the atrium. Thanks to Mrs. Gittel, Ms. Ibaraki, Mrs. Dhaliwal, and Ms. Peltier for getting this project off the ground. Students are organizing this and serving other students, and it is free for all students. We are doing a pancake breakfast for everyone on October 31st. We are always looking for more donations to keep this new program running. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

As a reminder, 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. Have a great rest of the week. T. Harrington



OVERDUE STUDENT FEES

Reminder to all students with outstanding/overdue fees to please submit monies to the accounting office asap.

Reminder!

Respect our school zone. The parking lots are for staff & students only. Please use Gala Street to drop off & pick up.

Important Dates to Remember

October 22	Parent Teacher Interviews
	Early Dismissal, 12:45pm
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October 22	Grad Parent Meeting, 7pm, Gym
October 24	Start of Rotation 3 for Grade 8's
October 25	Pro-D Day, No School
October 30	Early Dismissal 11:57, Inquiry
November 6	Beginning of Term 2
November 8	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 11	Remembrance Day Stat (No school)
November 15	Grad Meat and Flower orders Due
November 21	Start of Rotation 4 for Grade 8's
November 21	PAC Meeting 6:30 @ SOSS Library
November 27	Early Dismissal, 11:57 pm— Inquiry
November 28	Grade 9 Immunizations

LOOK FOR AN UPDATED CAFETERIA MENU ON OUR WEBSITE. LUNCH PUNCHCARDS ARE \$30 AND AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE SCHOOL.



RECON

The SOSS RECON group is up and running again, and looking for committed members to take part in this scientific investigation. RECON is an international space research initiative between the US and Canada that gathers data on occultation events for trans-Neptunian objects (otherwise known as objects in the Keiper belt of our solar system). The RECON group goes out on designated nights with a 12" Dobsonian telescope and a telescope camera to record these occultation events. The members involved not only get the opportunity to take part in authentic scientific research, but they may also become published scientific authors on a RECON event publication.

If you are interested, or want more information, please contact Mrs. McIntyre.



This year's school musical will be "Legally Blonde"! Auditions will be getting started in November and we are excited to be filling a number of speaking and singing roles. Performance dates will be held on **March 5th, 6th and 7th at 7:00pm, with a matinee on Saturday the 7th at 2:00pm**. Please watch for more information in the coming months. We are very excited to be presenting this show.

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.



Glee Club— Mondays at lunch, Mrs. Gittle

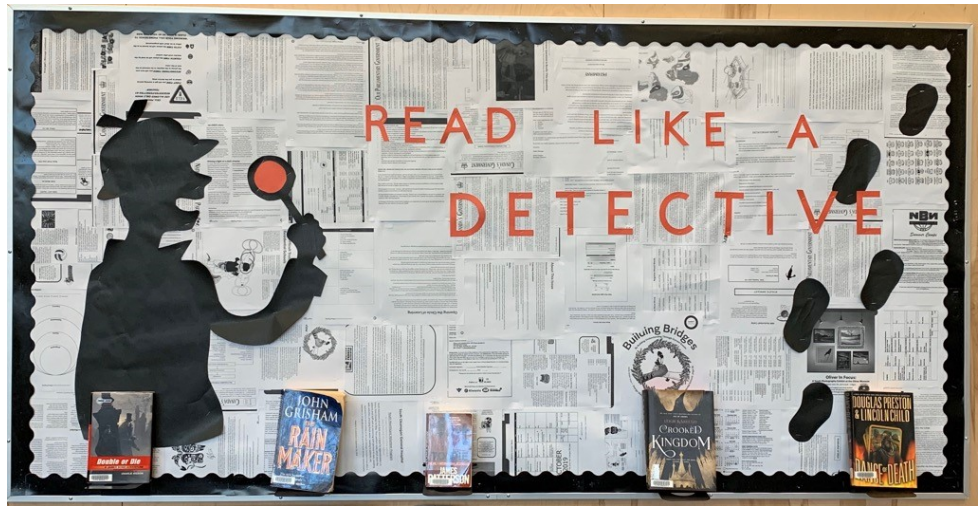
Art Club— Tuesdays at 3pm, Mrs. McVicar

SAGA Club—Wednesdays at lunch—Ms. Shionne

Girls Can Talk — Thursdays from 3-4—Ms. Shionne

*Believe you can and
you're halfway there.*
-Theodore Roosevelt

The Library is celebrating the month of October with a mystery theme. Discover this genre with suggestions on the bulletin board and take home a new read. The month of November will shift our focus to Indigenous authors that we celebrate in Canada



Student Voice

On Monday, September 23rd, our School Culture group of Student Voice organized a free lunch for some of the new students this year. We had pizza, drinks, and yummy cookies provided by Ms. Ibaraki! During the lunch, we sat around the table and got to know each other a little better. We asked our new students about their likes, dislikes, and how school is going so far for them. Our hope is that we were able to make our new students a little more comfortable in our school, and that we've made ourselves approachable for any questions or concerns they have in the future.

Grad Fundraising

Grad Fundraising forms are now available in the office. SOSS will once again be selling SYSCO meat products and Christmas floral products supplied by DeVry Greenhouses. Grads will receive credits towards their grad fees for each product they sell. Please be sure to stop by the office to pick up forms. The deadline for orders is November 15. Buy-Low Grocery till tapes can be turned into the office. They are redeemed for Buy-Low gift cards that are used for various events throughout the year.



*Is your son/daughter going
to be missing school?*
Phone our voicemail
messaging service at
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News from PAC

With two meetings behind us, the SOSS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) has started off the year by providing funding to SOSS's student-led "Breakfast Club" and other projects by our "Student Voice". We are proud of the creativity and enthusiasm the students are showing for these volunteer initiatives and look forward to seeing what's in store for the balance of 2019/20. PAC is also assisting with funding a joint Art Club and Retro Games Club endeavor.



Students together with teaching staff are encouraged to apply for PAC funding which comes from our Provincial Gaming Grant. Applications are reviewed every meeting. Past PAC initiatives include, but are not limited to, funding for special field trips and transportation, team gear (field hockey and Ultimate), club supplies, tech, and PAC Scholarships.

We've had lots of discussion about teen vaping, school safety, new courses offered, updates on District programs, and the new grading assessments for Grades 8 and 9.

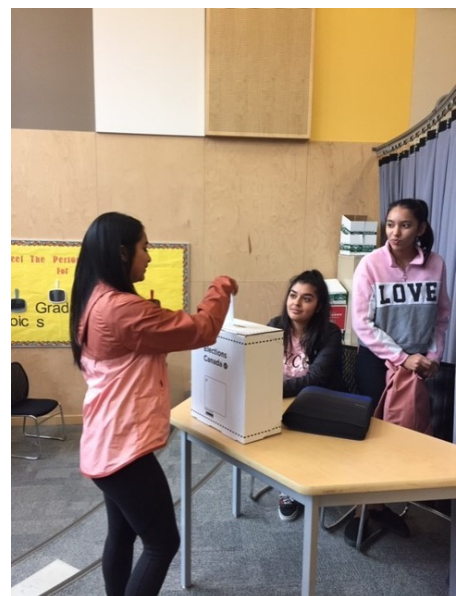
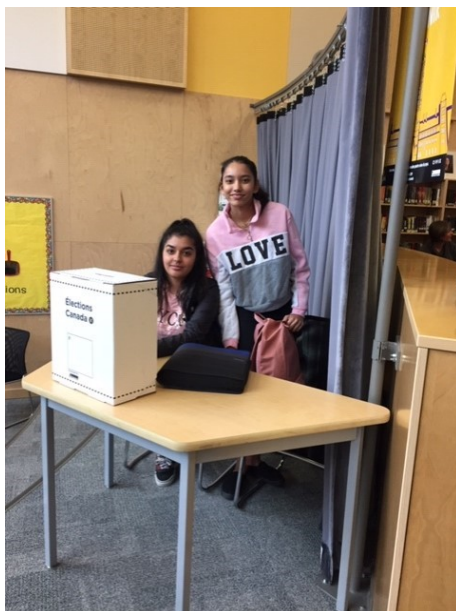
PAC offers an opportunity to be involved in the student experience (eg. by providing funding for some extracurricular activities, field trips, clubs); while providing parents with a place to voice concerns and issues, and receive direct feedback from the school administration and School Board Trustee. Regular meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month (no meetings in Dec, Jan, March, June).

Next meeting and AGM: November 21st, 6pm in the library.

Looking to get more involved and share your ideas? Join the Council or Board. Have some questions? Look for our booth in the foyer at the Parent-Teacher meetings next week!

SOSS Student Vote

On October 17th, Students in Grades 9-12 had the opportunity to participate in a mock election. This is a great opportunity for the students to learn to voting process and they seemed to enjoy themselves as well.



Skateboard Club

Skateboard club has had a few sessions this fall. We have been to Osoyoos, Penticton, and will be off to Summerland Park soon. We're super excited about the upcoming Skatepark Demolition. Thanks to the generous support of BCAA Play Here, the Regional District of the Okanagan-Similkameen, the Kiwanis Club of Oliver and the Oliver and Area "C" community, construction of the revitalized park facility by New Line Skateparks is set to begin on October 22. Thanks to everyone who supported our project. The dream is about to become a reality! Hope to see you for the demolition ceremony on October 22nd. See Parks and Rec for more information.



Greece and Italy Trip 2021

Any Students in Grade's 9-11 who are interested in going to Greece and Italy in 2021, please see Mrs. Seminoff, or contact her by e-mail at jseminof@sd53.bc.ca.

Strength doesn't come from what you can do, it comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't.

March 11 - March 20, 2021

Day 1 Start tour

Day 2 Ciao Milan

Meet your tour director, travel to Florence & check into hotel
Traditional Italian pizza dinner

Day 3 Florence--Rome

Florence guided walking sightseeing tour with Whisper headsets:
Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria, Chiesa di Santa Croce, Ponte Vecchio, Duomo visit, leather workshop, Gates of Paradise, Giotto's Bell Tower, Dante's House
Travel to Rome

Day 4 Rome landmarks

Rome guided walking sightseeing tour with Whisper headsets: Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel visit, St. Peter's Basilica visit, Colosseum visit, Piazza Venezia, Forum Romanum visit
Rome city walk: Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Piazza Navona
Authentic trattoria dinner

Day 5 Rome--Sorrento

Travel to Sorrento
Capri & Blue Grotto excursion

Day 6 Sorrento--Patras

Travel to the port
Pompeii guided visit
Overnight ferry to Patras

Day 7 Patras--Delphi

Travel to Delphi

Day 8 Delphi--Athens

Delphi guided sightseeing tour : Visit Delphi site, Temple of Apollo
Travel to Athens
Greek dinner in Plaka
Plaka treasure hunt

Day 9 Athens landmarks

Athens guided sightseeing tour: Parthenon, Visit Acropolis, Temple of Athena Nike, Omonoia Square, Syntagma Square, 2004 Olympic site
Athens city walk: Plaka district, Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch

Day 10 End tour



Field Hockey

With winter weather creeping up on us, the field hockey teams are enjoying the last weeks of their season. Having hosted successful Junior and Senior Fall Festivals, the teams headed to Chilliwack last week to play against Fraser Valley teams and a familiar old foe, J.L. Crowe Secondary from Trail. SOSS's results were varied, but the trip was a success as it involved lots of good field hockey play, bright sunshine, and everyone emerging successfully from the huge Chilliwack Corn Maze.



Volleyball

Junior Boys

The Junior Boys volleyball team is having another exciting fun year. We have seen much improvement and the boys are playing well. We expect to only get better as the season progresses.

Junior Girls

The Junior Girls volleyball team is learning lots this season. We are working on playing as a team and increasing our communication on the floor. The team will be playing in the Maggie Tournament this weekend, followed by their home tournament the following weekend on Friday, Oct. 25th and Saturday, Oct. 26th. The team also had a home game on Thursday, Oct. 17th and has another one on Monday, Oct. 28th. Come out and cheer on our Hornets!



Senior Boys

The Senior Boys Volleyball team is entering the busy portion of their schedule. They will be travelling to the "Best of the West" tournament on October 18th and 19th in Kelowna, and will also be travelling to Kamloops for the TRU tournament on October 25th and 26th.

The team won some matches at our home tournament last week and is starting to play more competitively as the season goes on. They are playing some great team defense and if they can generate a little more offense, they will be in the thick of things at the Valley Championships which will be held in Kamloops on November 15th and 16th.

The team is led by veterans Bret Rollison, Aidan Kitt, Andrew DeVos, Kyton MacFadden, and Ty Baptiste. The grade 11 students are adjusting to the Sr. game and are more competitive every week; they are: Edgar and Eugene Oliviera, Connor Kitt, Vikrum Toor, Sam Koenig, and Jayden LeClerc.

Good Luck in the rest of the season.



Shoot for the moon...even if you miss, you'll land among the stars



Grade 8 Girls



Athletics Calendar

November 4-7
Senior Boys South Zone
Volleyball Championships

November 4-7
Senior Girls South Zone
Championships

November 7-9
Senior Girls Field Hockey
Provincials

November 15-16 Senior Girls
Volleyball Valley
Championships

The Grade 8 Girls Volleyball Team has enjoyed a great start to the season. In September, the girls competed in a tournament at Okanagan Mission School in Kelowna. The girls finished 8th out of 16 teams in their first time playing together against the strongest teams around the Okanagan. League action began October 1st with the Hornets hosting KVR and Holy Cross Middle Schools and Princeton Secondary School. The girls won both matches against KVR and Princeton while splitting sets with Holy Cross. The team travelled to Summerland on October 8th to compete against Skaha Lake, Holy Cross and Summerland middle schools. The girls split their first two matches against Skaha and Holy Cross then came out strong winning both sets against the host Summerland. Next week the girls are travelling to KVR for games against KVR and Skaha Lake. The Hornets Nest Challenge Grade 8 Invitational Tournament for both boys and girls grade 8 teams are also being held on October 18/19th. 12 teams from around British Columbia are coming to SOSS to compete against our Hornets Squad and parent and fan support would be much appreciated to support our athletes. Go Hornets!

Senior Girls

The Senior Girls Volleyball team has had a busy first month to their season. This keen group of girls continue to work hard and take strides to consistently bring forth their competitive spirit. The Hornets began their South-Central League schedule September 18th. This league includes one team from Lake Country, three from Kelowna, and three from the South Okanagan. This is a highly competitive league featuring some of the top A and AA teams in the province. The Hornets have had their hands full but have had some success defeating both Princess Margaret and Immaculata regional School in recent weeks.

The Senior Girl's Volleyball team have played in two tournaments so far this season finishing 5th in the Kootenay Classic and 4th in their Hornet Invitational. This coming weekend, October 18th and 19th, the Sr Girls Volleyball team will compete in the annual KSS Best of the West tournament in Kelowna. Good luck Hornets!!

What is right is not always popular and what is popular is not always right.

-Albert Einstein



GRAD PARENT DINNER

FOR ALL INDIGENOUS STUDENTS FAMILIES

**Please come and join the Indigenous Education
Support Team for dinner, dessert and discussion.**

Open to all immediate family members.

October 23rd, 2019

5:30pm -6:30pm

SOSS Cafeteria

Topics of discussion:

- **Grad information- fundraising, meetings, applications to post secondary, scholarship application, academic planning, required courses for graduation (DVR's), Grad List, You Learn courses,**
- **Available supports – Grad Coaching, mentoring, tutoring**
- **Planning for life after high school**
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FROM THE INDIGENOUS DEPARTMENT

