



## 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. Basso (returning from overseas), Mr. Deyer (Culinary, English, Learning Centre), and Mrs. Burns (CLC).

Additionally, we would also like to welcome all the new families who have settled into the community. Our enrollment for September is around the same as last year (around 522 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.

Don't forget that the Welcome Back BBQ is Wednesday, September 14 in the atrium from 5:00pm-7:00pm. We will also have live music. The barbecue is by donation as this is a PAC fundraiser and all donated funds will go to support PAC scholarships.

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 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 Mr. Deyer. The monthly menu has been posted on our website. Cafeteria \$60 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. Additionally, if there is financial hardship, please let the office know and we will support you.

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.

We are looking forward to a great year.

Sincerely,

T. Harrington



### Important Dates to Remember

|              |                                                         |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| September 14 | Welcome Back BBQ, 5-7pm                                 |
| September 22 | Terry Fox Run                                           |
| September 28 | Early Dismissal 11:57 (Inquiry Day)                     |
| September 29 | Orange Shirt Day                                        |
| September 30 | National Day of Truth and Reconciliation<br>(No School) |



## Student Voice Club

The Student Voice Club welcomes all new members. They will be meeting on Tuesdays at lunch in room 207. See Ms. Scott or Ms. Laver for more information.

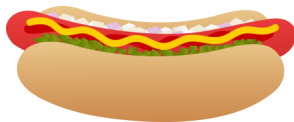
## Skateboard Club

Skateboard club is up and running each week on Tuesday. We will travel to South Okanagan area skateparks for skate sessions. Bring a helmet, skateboard or scooter, and a permission form. Beginners welcome! See Mr. McKinnon for more information.



## WELCOME BACK BBQ

**Come join us for our very first Welcome Back BBQ on Wednesday, September 14th! There will be a chance to meet some of your child's teachers and have a look around the school! Hot Dogs and drinks will be provided, and donations are welcome. Hope to see you all there!**



## 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. If your Family is experiencing financial hardship and you need support with fees, please contact an Administrator.

## 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/DROPPING 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 child 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.



## SAGA

SAGA club is starting up again this year! The gay-straight-alliance club offers a place for students who identify with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and allies. The club is meant to serve as a safe space that welcomes and celebrates students' individuality. We had the opportunity to attend Kelowna Pride last June and hope to make this an annual event.

We meet every Friday at lunch in Ms. Shione's room (room 205)! Everyone is welcome to join the club. Here's to a year of supporting and encouraging everyone to be who they are and love who they want.

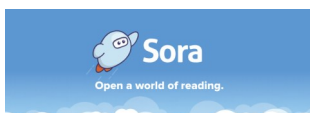


## Field Hockey



The Junior Girls field hockey team is up and running! With a crew of 16 players, including three brave and enthusiastic Grade 8's, we are excited for the upcoming season. Players this year include: Maia Bellingan, Harnoor Brar, Ishmeet Dhaliwal, Kismet Dhaliwal, Olivia Goncalves, Meredith Lester, Hargun Mann, Hugo Pickell, Sarah Saysomsack, Lilah Smith, Rowan Stopa, Esha Tung, Olivia Veenendaal, Audrey Nofle, Vienna von Burg and Nicole Le Boutillier. The team will be playing in our annual Fall Festival September 23 & 24.

## From the Library



Sora is an online platform for our students and staff to enjoy e-books and audiobooks. Use your district login information to get access and start enjoying the titles they offer. You can access Sora from our school website at:

[https://soss.sd53.bc.ca/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=1060903&type=d&pREC\\_ID=1356716](https://soss.sd53.bc.ca/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1060903&type=d&pREC_ID=1356716)

Do you have a book that you want to read that we don't have in the library? Come and talk to Mrs. Goncalves or Mrs. Wolfe to let us know what titles you want us to order. We love bringing in books that our students want to read!



Instagram



### Are you following the school on social media?

We can be found on:

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SouthernOkanaganSecondarySchool>

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/sossoliver/>

Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDhm4BMJLLtno4Pn1UA4agA/playlists>

# SOGI 123 @ SOSS

**SOGI 123** stands for **S**exual **O**rientation and **G**ender **I**ntity. 1 2 3 stands for the three prong approach of Policies and Procedures, Inclusive Environments, and Teaching Resources.

**WHY SOGI?** Because **everyone** has a Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. Homophobia and transphobia affect all students whether they identify as 2SLGBTQIA+ or not. What the heck does 2SLGBTQIA+ stand for? Here's a great definition that comes from UBC's Equity and Inclusion Office - [Equity & Inclusion Glossary of Terms](#)

**2SLGBTQIA+** - Two Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer (or Questioning), Intersex, Asexual. The placement of the Two Spirit (2S) first is to recognize that Indigenous people are the first peoples of this land and their understanding of gender and sexuality precedes colonization. The '+' is for all the new and growing ways we become aware of sexual orientations and gender diversity.

If you have questions about SOGI 123 @ SOSS please contact Ms. Smith or Ms. Shione.

For more information please visit the SOGI 123 page for parents.  
<https://www.sogieducation.org/parents>



## CAFETERIA

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| 5                                                                                     | 6<br>First Day of School<br><br>No Service                                       | 7<br>Students Training<br><br>No Service                                                                             | 8<br>FOOD SAFE<br>LVL 1<br><br>No service                                            | 9<br>Kitchen<br>Orientation<br><br>Knife Skills and<br>biscuit demo<br>No service |
| 12<br><br>Grilled Cheese with<br>Ceasar Salad<br>Tomato Basil Soup<br>Cheddar Biscuit | 13<br><br>Chili<br>Cheddar Biscuit<br>Chocolate chip<br>brownies                 | 14<br><br>Tortilla Soup<br>Quesadilla (beef)<br>Cheddar Biscuit<br><br>Welcome Back BBQ<br>5-7pm<br>Hot dogs and pop | 15<br><br>PIZZA DAY                                                                  | 16<br><br>Greek Donair<br>lemon Tart<br>Greek Salad                               |
| 19<br><br>Crispy Chicken<br>Wrap with<br>French Fries<br>Cheddar Biscuit              | 20<br><br>Red Pepper<br>Corn Chowder<br>Italian sausage penne<br>Cheddar Biscuit | 21<br><br>Perogies w/ bacon<br>Borscht<br>Cheddar Biscuit                                                            | 22<br><br>PIZZA DAY                                                                  | 23<br><br>Tomato Basil<br>Soup<br>Mac and<br>Cheese                               |
| 26<br><br>Chicken Ranch<br>Wrap<br>Cheddar Biscuit<br>Brownies                        | 27<br><br>Bannock Tacos<br>Corn Salad<br>Chocolate Chip Cookies                  | 28<br><br>Hamburger Soup<br>Poutine light<br>Lemon Squares                                                           | 29<br><br>PIZZA DAY                                                                  | 30<br><br>National Truth<br>and<br>Reconciliation<br>Day<br><br>No service        |
| SEPTEMBER<br>2022                                                                     | Entrée \$5.00<br><br>Small Soup \$3.00<br><br>Large Soup \$5.00                  | Desserts \$1.00<br><br><br>Juice \$1.00                                                                              |  |                                                                                   |



Cafeteria has begun! PLEASE NOTE THAT PRICES HAVE CHANGED. Entrees and large soups are \$5.00, small soups are \$3.00 and biscuits, drinks and desserts will be \$1.00. Cafeteria cards are available to purchase from the office or online for \$60.00.

