

SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL



HOME OF THE HORNETS



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to March! Hopefully, the wintry weather is behind us now. A big shout out to Mr. Podmorow and Mr. Russo for organizing the Winter Active Living Day. It is always great when we can provide opportunities for our kids to be active.

Grad Scholarship and Bursary applications are due March 1st by 2:45pm. The grads have been doing a good job completing their Capstone presentations. Grad photos are this week, and the sign-up sheet is in the office.

Course selections should be in the computer by now. Please check the portal if you want to see what classes have been selected. 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 Ms. Goncalves asap.

YDI (Youth Development Index) surveys for grade 11's will be March 2nd and 9th. Student Learning Surveys will occur after the March Break for grade 10 and 12 students. This is valuable information that we use to support students. We are really looking forward to spring break which begins March 18th.

Take care,
T. Harrington

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 9-11	A-WOP-BOP A LOO-BOP (SEE PG 3)
MARCH 15	FAMILY CONFERENCES
	2-4PM AND 5-7PM
MARCH 16	EARLY DISMISSAL - 11:57 AM
MARCH 17	LAST DAY BEFORE SPRING BREAK
APRIL 3	FIRST DAY BACK AFTER SPRING BREAK
APRIL 5	GRAD PHOTO RE-TAKES
JUNE 28	GRAD CEREMONY

FAMILY CONFERENCES

Family Conferences are right around the corner. They will be held in person or by telephone on Wednesday, March 15th 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 15th and 16th)

Use the following link to book your appointment:
<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/SOSS6@my53.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>



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GRAD INFORMATION

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

We need all Grad 2023 Crossing the Stage Write Up details for the grad ceremony! Click on this link to complete the Crossing the Stage: Grad 2023 Write Up questionnaire by March 17th!

<https://forms.office.com/r/yFZb5K4jUr>



Hornet University
Anxiety in Teens - Chad Teigen
Wednesday March 8. 6PM



Our first formal session is planned for next Wednesday, March 8th here in the SOSS library starting at 6:00pm. Refreshments will be provided.

Chad Teigen, a therapist with Child and Youth Mental Health will present a workshop for parents on Anxiety in Teens. Mr. Teigen will give current information on the issue and also give strategies on how to help students deal with anxious feelings.

As these activities take significant planning and commitment on the part of the presenter and the school, we need a minimum number of participants to make this worthwhile.

If you are interested and are committed to attending next week's session, please click this [LINK](#) and complete the RSVP form.

Thank you!

Mike Willms
Counsellor

CELEBRATION OF STUDENT LEARNING

The Semester 2 "Celebration of Student Learning" will be taking place on June 21st. All students, parents and community members are welcome to attend this free event and help us in celebrating our student's achievements. The evening's events will include live student performances, displays of students projects and artwork, interactive displays of student learning and informational booths about some of the services and clubs we offer at our school. We especially encourage any of our grade 6 and 7 friends from Tuc el Nuit, Oliver Elementary School, Senpokchin and OK Falls Elementary School to attend as a way to learn more about all the fun programs we offer here at SOSS and get them more prepared for their transition to SOSS! Please join us for this fun event.

South Okanagan Secondary School

Semester 2

"Celebration of Student Achievement"

Date: Wednesday June 21st

Time: 5:30-7:00pm

Location: SOSS library, front entrance, and cafeteria

Please join us in celebrating our student's achievements from their semester 2 studies. The evening will include a variety of student displays, performances, food and fun!



A-WOP BOP A-LOO BOP

Presented by Southern Okanagan Secondary School

March 9, 10 @ 7:00

March 11 @ 2:00 & 7:00

SOSS presents

A-WOP BOP A-LOO BOP



A-Wop Bop A-Loo Bop takes us back to the late 1950's as Rock & Roll is taking the airwaves by storm. Roberta "Ruby" Lester and her friends are spunky teenagers with dreams of making it big in the music business. But sometimes dreams don't go as planned. When the local radio station announces that "Rock'n'Roll has got to go", the kids take a stand for the music they love.

In the tradition of Hairspray, A-Wop Bop A-Loo Bop tells an original story based around real events in the late '50's and early '60's Rock & Roll era. This show features hit songs like "Rock Around The Clock", "Jailhouse Rock", "Tutti Frutti", "Up On the Roof", "The Loco-Motion", "I'm Sorry" and "Land Of 1000 Dances". This new jukebox musical will get a whole new generation rockin' around the clock!

TICKETS

Adults - \$18, Students \$13

Available at the Frank Venables Theatre
on-line or at the box office

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

In April, the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 10 and 12, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section.

The e-survey site will be open until April 29th.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-498-4931.

SKATEBOARD CLUB

Our Logo Design Contest submission deadline is March 3rd. The selected design will win a super rad prize package from Respect Record and Skate. Huge thanks to Darren Tokaryk and the Respect Family for sponsoring our club. Our logo will be featured on club swag, including t-shirts for skate club members. Respect has also donated 4 brand new completes so if you've always wanted to learn to skate but don't have the gear, come try it out!

Spring Session starts in April. All you need is a permission form, a skateboard, and a helmet. Don't have a helmet or skateboard? You can borrow one if you want to try skateboarding. Listen to announcements for more information, or email Mr. McKinnon for details: jmckinno@sd53.bc.ca.



GRADE 8 GIRLS BASKETBALL

The SOSS Grade 8 girls Basketball Team had an excellent season! They finished the league with a 5-3 record and came in 2nd place overall after play-offs. They also attended tournaments in Oliver, Penticton and Trail. Highlights of the season included travelling to Trail in the mini-bus, staying at a hotel and dressing up for game days and even for shopping trips to Orchard Park Mall. The girls played with a lot of heart and hustle this season and should be proud of all their hard work. Well done Hornets!



SPACES EDU REPORTING LEARNING

WHO?

- Some classes starting this semester
- September 2023 all reporting will be in Spaces for Grade 8 & 9 students

WHAT?

Evidence of Student Learning

- Work, Comments, Student Reflections

Student Progress

- Proficiency Scale, Comments, Attendance

Communication

- Messaging with students, families and teachers.
- Group and private messages.

FAMILIES

- All families are emailed an invitation to join the class.
- Once you join you have access to a glimpse of your student's learning

SOSS MERCHANDISE

We have Hornet Socks in stock. There are two colours to choose from. Order on-line using Student Quick Pay or see Mrs. Wilkie in the Accounting office. Each pair is \$20.00. It's Hornet spirit for your feet!



March 2023 Cafeteria Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
27	28	1	2	3
*Menu is subject to change Prices: Juice 1.00 Entree 5.00 Soup sm 3.00 lrg 5.00 Biscuit / dessert 1.00		Chicken Tacos Chipotle Tortilla Soup Chocolate Ganache tart Cheese Biscuit	Pizza Day	Mac and Cheese Chili Lemon loaf Cake Focaccia Bread
6	7	8	9	10
Chicken Dinner Corn Chowder Oreo Truffles	Palak Paneer curry Pumpkin Soup Boston Cream Cupcake	Honey Soy Chicken Veggie Stir Fry Minestrone Soup	Pizza Day	Lemon Pesto Pasta Potato Leek Soup Strawberry Loaf Cake
13	14	15	16	17
Cauliflower Parmesan Ham and Barley Soup Carrot Cupcakes	BBQ Chicken Flatbread Roasted Red Pepper Soup Caesar Salad Brownies	Kung Pao Tofu Schezwan Noodles Wonton Soup Strawberry Shortcake	Pizza Day	Honey Garlic Pork Sliders Roasted Carrot Soup Cake Pops
20	21	22	23	24
Spring Break No service	Spring Break No Service	Spring Break No Service	Spring Break No Service	Spring Break No Service
27	28	29	30	
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