

NOVEMBER 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.



Principal's Message

As the short days of November are upon us, the new school year is well under way. "I" reports were sent out last Friday indicating courses students are in jeopardy of failing. Students were made aware of this and hopefully have rectified these situations before parent/teacher interviews on Tuesday Nov. 4th. The two sessions for these interviews are from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm and from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. All teachers will be seated in the gymnasium to meet with parents and their children. We look forward to seeing all of you on the 4th.

The SOSS website soss.sd53.bc.ca/ is full of information that is important for both parents and students. I encourage you to visit our website on a regular basis and feel free to provide feedback if there is anything you think we should be up-

grading or adding. Information regarding our school's "Inquiry" process that was started last year and continues this year is available under the "STAFF" icon. To learn more about how our staff is working towards improving the educational and social emotional experience for our students, please take a few minutes to watch this power point.

Next week our school is thrilled to be hosting the Girls AA Field Hockey Provincial Championships. This championship has not been hosted outside the Lower Mainland for many years. We anticipate this will be a fantastic experience for all the girls and wish our own side the best of luck. A special thank you to our coaches, Ian Gibson and Lesley Nottle for all the incredible hard work they have put into the team and organizing the provincial tournament.

We are now accepting deposits for the SALTS trip which will take place April 6th – 10th 2015. The cost of this trip will be \$800 but there will be fundraising opportunities for students to help off-set this cost. This is a fantastic, once in a life time opportunity to sail a tall ship and participate in some amazing leadership building exercises. For more information, please contact Ms. Ibaraki or Mr. Toneatto. Spaces are now starting to fill up and there are only 23 available.

Don't forget that this weekend we turn our clocks back one hour.

Happy Halloween!

M. Toneatto

Important Dates to Remember

November 4	Early dismissal– 12:45 pm
November 4	Parent/Teacher interviews, 2-4:00 PM & 5-7:00 PM, Main Gym
November 6-8	AA Provincial Field Hockey Tournament @ SOSS
November 7	Remembrance Day Assemblies: Gr 8 & 12: 10-10:50 am Gr 9, 1011: 11:05-11:55am
November 11	Remembrance Day (no school)
November 17-21	Missoula Theater Week
November 20	Last day of Term 1
November 25	Deadline for Grad Fundraiser, meat & flower orders
November 26	Early Dismissal, 12:00 PM– Inquiry Time
November 26	Report Cards sent home
December 1 & 2	SafeTeen Workshops
December 4-6	Okana-Qen Home Basketball Tournament



OVERDUE STUDENT FEES

Reminder to all students with outstanding/overdue fees to please submit monies to Ms. Jones by the end of this week.



Reminder!

Please be sure to update our office if your contact information changes– we like to stay in touch! Phone our office at 250-498-4931.

Grad Info

Fundraising:

Grad fundraising has begun! Please be sure to ask you son/daughter to pick up meat and poinsettia order forms from the office. The deadline for all orders is November 25.

Also, reminder about Super Valu and Buy Low grocery tapes. Please bring in to the office, they are used to help offset some of the food costs for Grad.

Grad Rings:

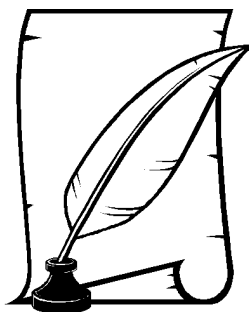
Oslund Jewellers will be here at lunch in the Atrium on November 6th & 7th for those interested in purchasing Grad rings.

Missoula Theater

Missoula Children's Theater is back for another year! This year's production is Rapunzel. Auditions will take place Monday, November 17th after school in the Tuc-el Nuit gymnasium. Successful cast members will rehearse Tuesday, November 18th, to Thursday, November 20th, after school at the Frank Venables Theatre. The final performance will be at the Frank Venables Theatre on Friday, November 21st. Tickets are \$15 for adults.

Writer's Club

The SOSS Writer's club will have its first meeting on Tuesday November 18th. Bring your latest piece of fiction, fan fiction, poetry, spoken word, slam poetry, non-fiction or random napkin scribbles. We will share and critique each other's work with the goal of developing our skills and motivating each other to write more. Everyone is welcome!



Yearbook

Did you purchase your yearbook for last year? The book will be ready shortly so don't be disappointed. The 2013-2014 yearbook, Tradition Starts Here is selling for \$50. Please pay Ms. Jones.

Leadership Club

This month, students from the Leadership Club attended a province-wide "We Day" event in Vancouver. This week, they are running a "We Scare Hunger" campaign for Halloween–collecting cans rather than candy. Please donate by dropping off canned food items to the boxes in main entry. The group is also organizing a Haunted Photo Booth in the Atrium on Friday, October 31st. Come dressed in your spookiest costume! The Leadership Club will be working on various local and global issues throughout the year. Their next event will be Spirit day on Friday, November 7th, in support of the field hockey girls at the AA Provincial Tournament.

News from your PAC

Everyone attending the PAC meeting held Oct. 30th was pleased to learn more about the staff Inquiry Time sessions that took place on the last Wednesday of most months of the 2013/14 school year. Learning some of what took place on the early dismissal days last year was enlightening to parents. School administrators Marcus Toneatto and Tracy Harrington showed a power point presentation put together by the staff that summarized gains made last year. Staff continues to dig deeper into connecting students to the school community, and to their own learning. Parents at the meeting had the opportunity to ask questions of the process. All present appeared very supportive of the direction staff is heading.

In an effort to be more consistent moving forward, PAC meeting dates have been set for the remainder of the year on the third Thursday of each month with the exceptions of December, March and June when there are no meetings. Meetings are in the school library at **6:30 pm** and are finished by 8:00 pm.

December (no meeting)

January 15th

February 19th

March (no meeting)

April 16th

May 21st

November 20th will be the Annual General meeting and election of officers. Anyone interested in volunteering for a position, or just observing and listening is welcome to attend.



Secondary School Apprenticeship

What is Secondary School Apprenticeship?

Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) is a high school credit program that provides students 15 years of age and over with the opportunity to begin an apprenticeship while still in high school. Students must be employed (paid) in an apprenticeable trade. Please see www.itabc.ca for the list of trades that are recognized in B.C. SSA work can be completed on weekends, evenings, summer holidays, or during the school day if the timetable will permit. This is a wonderful opportunity to get a head start on a trade while completing secondary school graduation.

Benefits:

- Earn money while learning skills valued by employers
- Get a head start in your career - an SSA student can be a "journey person" by the time they are 21.
- Earn 16 credits towards graduation (4 courses worth 4 credits each)
- Be eligible to receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

Are you currently working in a trade? For example, at a restaurant, on a construction site, in an automotive shop, on a dairy farm, or in a hair salon? If so, you may be eligible to enroll in a Secondary School Apprenticeship and earn a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

In an effort to promote the Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) program, School District #53 is searching for "hidden apprentices". If you are a secondary school student working in a trade area, you may already be eligible to become a secondary school apprentice and not know it.

See Mr. Kitt for details

"The future belongs to those who prepare for it today."

-Malcolm X

November Fun Facts

*Birthstone: Topaz & Citrine
Flower: Chrysanthemum
November 14: World
Diabetes Day
National Peanut Butter
Lovers Month*

Provincial Field Hockey Pool Play

Nov. 6th, 10am @ OES
SOSS vs Brentwood
Nov. 6th, 12:30pm @ TEN
SOSS vs Collingwood
Nov. 7th, 8:30am @ SOSS
SOSS vs Southridge



The 28-member SOSS field hockey team has had a great season. The girls have improved greatly, especially last year's grade 8s! SOSS won the Valley Championships on October 25th, defeating Summerland and Okanagan Mis-

This is the first time in several years that SOSS has a grade 8 girls volleyball team. We have 10 enthusiastic grade 8 girls who are doing an amazing job representing our school. The team is undefeated in their first 10 matches in the South Okanagan. We hope this will be the start of an amazing girls volleyball program at SOSS. Team members are: Kendra Leinor, Abby Teigen, Samantha Samson, Renee Chernoff, Ashley Ganzeveld, Jalisa Harris-Louie, Navreet Bajwa, Emma Moon, Mackenzie Kruger, Mercedes Benz, Manager: Harmendeep Dhaliwal, Coach: M. Toneatto.

Field Hockey

sion 2-0 each game. Now SOSS is hosting the provincial championships here on home grass for the first time since 1999. 12 teams, including SOSS, will compete on Thursday, Friday and Saturday (November 6, 7 and 8) for the provincial title.

Check the SOSS website Provincial Championships page at <http://soss.sd53.bc.ca/#/AAProvincialFieldHockey/> for a schedule and come cheer on the home team!

Volleyball

The Sr Boys Volleyball team has been part of a South Central league that has included 6 teams from Penticton, Summerland, Kelowna, and Winfield. The Hornets have wrapped up league play for the season finishing in a tie for 5th place. The Hornets have struggled to find their identity as a team but have continued to work to improve their team play. The Sr Boys are gearing up for South Zone playoffs beginning with a 5 set

match Monday, November 3rd at Summerland Secondary School. A win on Monday will see the Hornets play at Princess Margaret for the South Zone Championship on Wednesday November 5th. The winner of the South Zone championships and possibly the runner up will represent our region at Okanagan championships November 14-15 in Kelowna. Good luck Hornets!



The Athletics Department is looking for basketball coaches for the Gr. 8 Boys, Gr. 8 Girls, and Jr. Girls teams. People who are interested in helping should contact Mr. Podmorow at 250-498-4931 ext 80659.

Athletics Calendar

November 5	Sr Boys Volleyball, Zone playoff
November 6-8	Field Hockey Provincial tournament @ SOSS
November 14-15	Sr Boys Volleyball Valley championships
November 29-30	Sr Boys Basketball @ Westsyde Tournament, Kamloops
December 4-6	Sr Boys Basketball, Okana-Qen Tournament, Main Gym
December 15	Sr Boys Basketball League Game, Main Gym
December 16-24	Sr Boys Basketball @ Pete Smith Classic, Hawaii

Fall Athletics

Right: Girls Field Hockey team

Below: Brett McMillan in action for
Sr Boys Volleyball



Get Involved!

"We are all born with a certain degree of power. The key to success is discovering this innate power and using it daily to deal with whatever challenges come our way."

-Les Brown

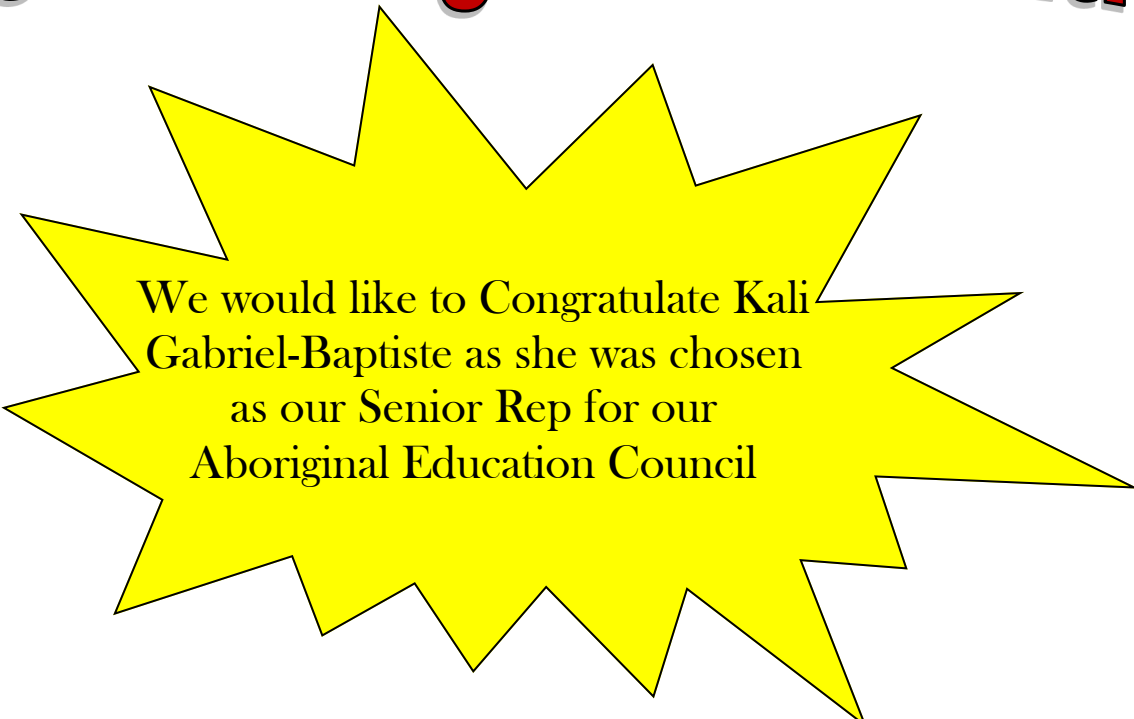
Study Tips for Parents

Parents, are you and your child wondering why his/her marks aren't as high as you thought they should be? It often comes down to one thing: organization. It's hard to know which is more important for a student, an organized binder or a planner, and don't forget that transition to high school can be very difficult for students. Here are a few tips:

- 1) Your child should have only one binder that houses all his/her courses. An organized binder improves a student's success in school, so be sure s/he has dividers for each course, dates all notes and handouts, has a system of keeping work in chronological order (newest on top or bottom, but keep it consistent), and most importantly, that all papers are IN the rings - nothing stuffed into binder pockets or backpacks.
- 2) Work that doesn't get handed in or tests that were forgotten about ("What! We have a test today?") can cause marks to plummet. A planner is a best friend, even to the student who claims to remember everything. Have your child record the topic of each class (eg. Math - multiplying and dividing fractions) and write down any work that is assigned. If the work gets done in class, have him/her check it off. If not, it needs to be finished at home or in the library after school. It's also extremely important to write down when tests are or when projects are due. Write these on a calendar at home! A variety of planner styles is available from Mrs. Carlson. Just ask!
- 3) One last tip, the Daily 10. Insist that your child reviews each respective day's notes for 10 minutes each evening. Set a timer if needed. Not only does this practice help to improve retention and comprehension, there's no room for the I-don't-have-any-homework excuse.

For more study skill tips or to discuss concerns you may have about your child's learning, please contact Mrs. Carlson at ncarlson@sd53.bc.ca or drop by the Learning Support Room.

SOSS Aboriginal Education



We would like to Congratulate Kali
Gabriel-Baptiste as she was chosen
as our Senior Rep for our
Aboriginal Education Council

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ♦ After School Program - Everyday 3:00pm-4:00pm
- ♦ Archery -Every Monday 3:00-5:00pm @ Oliver Cadet Hagar
- ♦ Drumming Lunch Hours—check in to our calendar for days
- ♦ Crafts Lunch Hour once a month with Raylene
- ♦ We will be rescheduling our Parent Dinner
- ♦ We have a few cultural activities in the works for November and December please contact us or check in on our facebook page to keep informed.
- ♦ Also R'Native Voice will be starting this winter.

Archery Program Every Monday

Youth meet at the youth centre after school 3:30pm to pick up gear, then bused to the Cadet Hangar 4:00pm—6:00pm

Parent pick up from the Youth Centre



Questions Contact
Matthew Baran 250.689.0508
Sonya Jensen 250.488.6961



Annual Town Light-Up



Rediscover downtown Oliver's Main Street at our annual Christmas Light Up from 5:00 PM–7:00 PM on Friday, November 28th! It's a great opportunity to visit the local business and take part in all the activities being offered in town. The Christmas Light Up is family friendly and we hope to see all of you out and enjoying what Oliver has to offer. Take time to enjoy the fun filled activities such as:

- Pictures with Santa at Royal Lepage South Country from 3:30-5:30 PM
- Free face painting at Medici's from 4:30 - 6:00 PM
- Roasted chestnuts at Amos Realty from 5:00 –7:00 PM
- Christmas music at Town Hall at 5:30 PM and Official Light – Up ceremony at 6:00 PM
- Hot drinks, popcorn, and snacks at various businesses on down main street
- Wreath contest
- Mrs. Clause's Kid's Corner at 6222 Main Street (Old Alberto's building) from 5:00 – 7:00 PM; Kids crafts, bouncy house, colouring contest
- Entertainment and fireworks at the Community Center from 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- **FREE** children's movie on Saturday, November 29th at 2:00PM



Interior Health

Influenza Clinics

Free influenza vaccine available for:

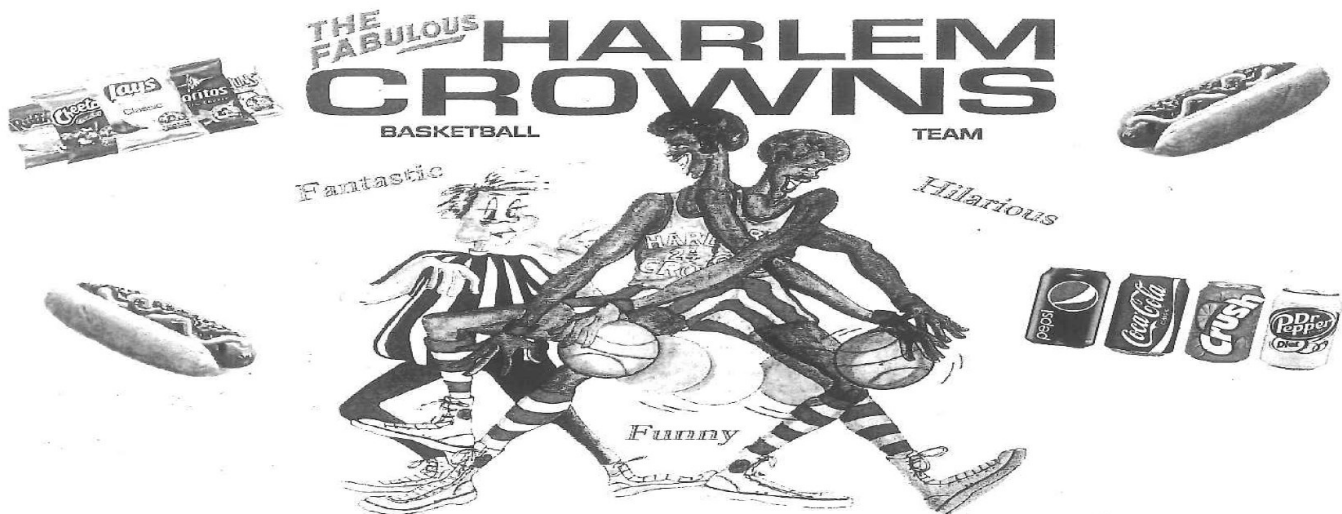
- Children and adults with chronic health conditions, and their household contacts
- Healthy children 6 - 59 months
- Household contacts and caregivers of children 0 - 59 months
- Visitors to Health care facilities

- Drop-in clinic Nov. 3 at the Senior Citizens Center, 5876 Airport St., Oliver, **behind RCMP station**, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Appointments for families will be held at the Oliver Health Unit November 17, Phone 250-498-5080. 930 Spillway Rd. **Behind SOGH**
- Drop-in December 15th 2:pm -4:pm Oliver Health Unit

- **For further information please call:**
Enquiry BC 1-800-663-7867
Flu Info Line: Ask For 250-493-7109
Or call HealthLinkBC 811



Osoyoos Indian Band YOUTH Fundraiser



WHEN: Saturday November 15th 2014

WHERE: Sen Pok Chin Elementary School, Oliver B.C.

4:00- 5:30pm ~ Youth Prevention and Awareness Clinic

6:30pm ~ Basketball Game and Comedy Act

CONCESSION AVAILABLE!!

**TICKETS : BY DONATION AT THE
DOOR**

All money raised will support Osoyoos Indian Band youth programs!