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

With the recent School District #53 board announcement of plans to close Osoyoos Secondary School and transfer students to Southern Okanagan Secondary, we have much planning to do in a relatively short time. We understand this is a difficult and upsetting time for the staff, students, parents, and community in Osoyoos. Throughout this transition period we will try and be as respectful and sensitive to all our Osoyoos partners while attempting to make OSS student's transitions to SOSS as seamless as possible. This combination of the two schools will change the culture for everyone, and our goal will be to make this new culture a combination of all of the positive attributes of the two schools. We will look for leadership from both staff and students to come up with ideas to make all students, staff members, and parents feel comfortable and excited about moving forward.

Course verification sheets for next year will be sent out this week for current SOSS students. On these sheets we will be adding four new courses as a result of the upcoming amalgamation. Golf Academy, Hockey Academy, Electronics, and Computer Drafting (CAD), will be added course selections. If students wish to change any of their selections and replace them with these or other courses, please do so within the week by handing in a corrected form to the office. Student course selections drive what courses are offered at our school. Osoyoos students will have the opportunity to do course selections within the next couple of weeks. Staffing and building of the timetable will be done once the course selection process is completed for both schools.

A huge thank you to all who came out to support the annual SOSS Enrichment Fund golf tournament at Fairview golf course. We had 115 players participate with much fun had by all. The weather could not have been better for April and the course was in great shape for early season play. Thank you again to Fairview for offering the course for this worthy cause and putting on a fantastic meal. Finally, a huge thank you to our directors of the society who put countless hours into making this such an amazing event.

The cast and crew of Footloose are in high gear as they prepare for the April 21st to 23rd productions here at the Frank Venables Theatre. If you haven't already purchased your tickets, you might want to get them quickly as we often have sell-out crowds. Tickets can be purchased at our school library during the day.

Term 3 ends April 15th so students still have a few days to hand in past due assignments. Interim reports were sent out in March for students who were at risk of failing classes and a number of them had discussions with counsellors and other support staff to help students succeed. Feel free to contact teachers or administrators if you have any questions regarding your child's progress.

Our school cafeteria coordinator will be away for the next few weeks. In her absence Ms. Ibaraki and her Sr. Foods class is stepping up to fill in for most days. We will be advertising to students the upcoming lunch menu later this week.

A reminder to all students that with the warmer weather often comes a change in dress with teenagers. Please be reminded that there is a school dress code and school is a place of business.

Thank you,
-M. Toneatto

Important Dates to Remember

April 12	Prom Parent meeting, 6:30pm-Atrium
April 18	Pro-D Day– new curriculum review, NO CLASSES
April 19	First day of Term 4
April 21-23	Footloose, the Musical performance, 7:00pm, Venables Theatre *matinee performance at 2pm on Saturday, April 23rd.*
April 27	Early Dismissal Day– 12:05pm, Inquiry Time
May 14	Prom, Watermark Resort, Osoyoos
May 16	Pro-Day– new curriculum review, NO CLASSES
May 23	Victoria Day– School closed
May 25	Early Dismissal Day– 12:05pm, Inquiry time
June 14	Grad Dinner and Scholarship & Bursary night, 5:30pm
June 24	Grad Ceremony, 7:00pm

Reminder!

Please call the school voicemail if your son/ daughter is sick, going to be absent, or will be missing school for an appointment. Phone 250-498-4931 and press 7.

Grad Information & Scholarships

Please remember to be checking our grad page on the school website regularly to learn about important dates and scholarship opportunities, http://soss.sd53.bc.ca/graduates. Deadlines are approaching quickly.

Provincial scholarships have been redesigned as of this year. Just search B.C. Provincial Scholarship Program and read about the following scholarship opportunities:

- B.C. Excellence Scholarships
- BC. Achievement Scholarships
- District/Authority Scholarships
- Graduation Program examinations Scholarships
- Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship
- Passport to Education
- Secondary Apprenticeship Scholarships

If you have applied to any post secondary institutions please be sure to check your email account regularly. The information they send is very important and often time sensitive. Don't forget to check each institution's Financial Aid section as there may be awards you can be applying for.

There are several new bursaries being offered by the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan offering a combined **$37,000 in awards**.

The following endowment funds will be offering awards:

- Sharon Amos Legacy Fund for the Arts
- Dr. John & Kathy Scarfo Bursary Fund
- Thea Haubrich Legacy Fund
- South Okanagan First Aboriginal Education Fund
- Okanagan Fest-of-Ale Bursary Fund

Visit http://www.cfso.net/grants/apply-for-a-bursary/ for more information. The application deadline for these awards is April 18th.

Prom 2016

Prom is coming! A small group of students and parents have been working with Mrs. Harrington to put together this year's event which will be held at the Watermark in Osoyoos on Saturday, May 14th. Space is limited, with only 150 tickets available on a first come, first served basis. Tickets are $55/per person and will be on sale April 11-20th for grade 12's only. After April 20th, tickets will be opened up to grade 11 students.

If you would like to participate in the planning process, come to the parent meeting on Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30pm in the Atrium.

Grad Fundraising

We are still collecting grocery receipts! These are used to buy gift cards for Buy Low, which are then used to purchase supplies for grad events.

If you placed a meat or flower order during the spring fundraising event, your items will be available for pick up on Saturday, May 7th between 11-12pm at SOSS.

Did you know…

April's birthstone is the diamond and it's flower is the daisy or sweetpea

"If you think you can do a thing or think you can't to a thing, you're right."
-Henry Ford

Foster Families Needed

The Ministry of Children and Family Development is experiencing a chronic shortage of foster homes in the Okanagan. In the South Okanagan we need many families to come forward, especially those with the time and energy to parent teens and young people with disabilities. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a foster parent, please call now for more information. **250 770 7524**

News from your PAC

The next Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting will be Thursday, April 21st at **5:30** pm.
The earlier time is so that we can operate the concession for the opening night performance of Footloose - this year's school musical. Proceeds from the concession will go towards the PAC Bursary, which will be awarded to a deserving grad in June.
Concession volunteers are needed for all four performances on April 21, 22 and 23, including Saturday's matinee. If you are interested and are able to help, please contact an executive member at sosspac@gmail.com, or contact secretary Audrey Silbernagel at silbma@telus.net

Note: the last PAC meeting of the year will be May 19th at the usual time of 6:30 pm.

Footloose, the Musical

Forty students and about a dozen staff members have been very busy putting together this year's musical production, Footloose. This a musical adaptation of the classic eighties movie starring Kevin Bacon. It is a lively show with amazing acting, singing and dancing.
Our show features Tony Abellan as Ren McCormack. Ren is a fun-loving kid who's world is turned upside down when his father deserts him and he has to move from Chicago to a small hick town in the middle of nowhere. The other lead actor is Alicia Schutz, who plays the role of Ariel Moore. Ariel is the preacher's daughter and she knows how to exist in the fun loving world of a teenager as well as the strict rules of her household.
The students have been rehearsing since early January and they are very excited about how the show is coming together. It is a ton of hard work and a great time commitment.
Footloose will be presented in the Frank Venables Theatre April 21 - 23 at 7:00pm, with a Saturday matinee at 2:00pm. Tickets are $15.00 for adults and $10.00 for students. Tickets can be purchased in the library at SOSS.

"Be brave. Take risks. Nothing can substitute experience."
-Paulo Coelho

Music Trip

There are still a few spots open for the spring music trip to Vancouver. For $150, students will have the opportunity to see the musical Billy Elliot, watch a Vancouver Symphony concert, tour the Sarah McLachlan School of Music, and spend a day at Grouse Mountain. If you're interested, you need to pay a deposit of $75 to the office asap. Talk to Ms. Ante or Mrs. Podmorow for more information.

Pictured: Musical Futures 8 class from 1st semester

Writer's Club

SOSS now has a writers club! Are you currently writing fiction or poetry for your own or online enjoyment? Would you like to meet with a group of other writers to share your work? Then join the Writer's Club! Meetings are Tuesday's at lunch in Mr.McKinnon's room 206. If you are interested or have any questions, talk to Mr.McKinnon.

Intramurals

Floor hockey intramurals start next week at lunchtime. Be changed and ready to go by 12:55. You must have gym strip to play. Intramurals will run on April 12, 14, 20 & 21st. Students should see Ms. Ibaraki if they have any questions.

Athletics Calendar

April 12	Sr Girls soccer vs. Princeton, 4pm– top field
April 21	Sr Girls soccer vs. Maggie, 4pm, top field
April 28	Sr Girls soccer vs. Summerland, 4pm, top field
May 3	Sr Girls soccer vs. Keremeos, 4pm, top field

Senior Girls Soccer

The Senior Girls Soccer season is under way at SOSS. This year's team is a great mix of girls from grade eight to twelve. The girls have played a league match against Summerland, a league rival, beating them 3-0, while the score in an exhibition match against Osoyoos Secondary was not in our favour. They are looking forward to their first tournament next weekend in the Osoyoos Desert Classic, facing many teams from the Coast and Kootenay regions. It will be a great test against teams that they do not see often until playoffs commence. There are many home games coming up, so come out and cheer on the team!

Tennis

A group of enthusiastic girls have been playing tennis with Mrs. Windley and Mrs. McIntyre. Unfortunately, there are not enough boys interested to form a league team this year. Many thanks to Brandt Leinor for lending his expertise this year as the girls work on their skills.

Golf

The SOSS golf team had it's first play day at Penticton Golf and Country club last week. We had only 6 players as many players on the team are completing the finishing touches to Footloose.
Madison Boen-Shekula was the only player to bring home any prizes as she was the second lowest scoring female in the field.
This week, the team heads to Summerland.

"Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will."
-Suzy Kassem

Legion Poster Contest

Congratulations to: Christina Raposo, Brendan Ancheta, Kyra Burden, Harleen Dhillon, Neha Chahal, Samantha Sampson and Naomi Lebeuf, this year's Legion Poster contest winners. Pictured are: Naomi Lebeuf, Brendan Ancheta, Christina Raposo, Kyra Burden & Harleen Dhillon.

GREEN ROOM

Students enjoyed mixed micro-greens courtesy of the Green Room. Mr. Fuller's Environmental Studies class have converted a small office space into a growing room, where they are experimenting with a variety of plants including arugula, spinach and

"Life is the art of drawing without an eraser."
-John W. Gardner

Science Field Trip

Students from Ms. Marcy's Grade 4 class at Tuc-el Nuit's were treated to a variety of science demonstrations by Mrs.McIntyre's Chemistry 11 class last month.

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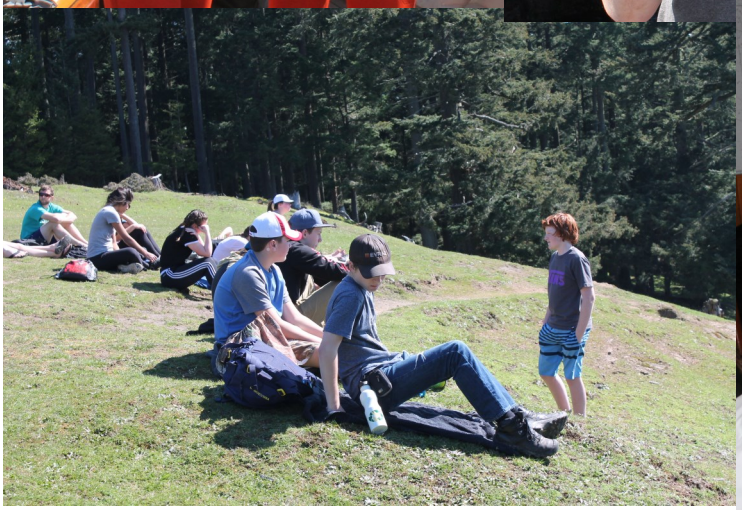

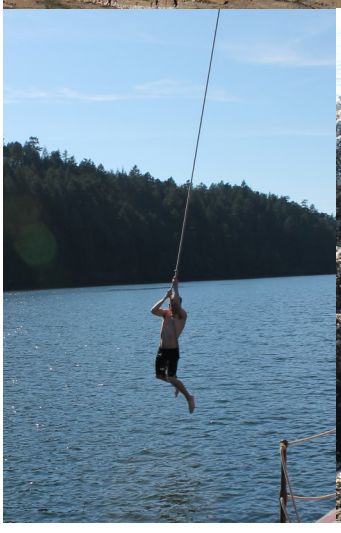

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SOSS Aboriginal Education

Upcoming Events

- First Nation Students Grades 10 to 12 are invited to a One-Of-A-Kind Event!! The Okanagan Nation want YOU to be part of **the Westbank First Career Fair** that is being held on April 29, from 10am to 2pm at the Westbank First Nation Pine Pavilion. We will be leaving the school promptly at 8:30am. Permission slips need to be in the day before.

- **Signup sheets and permission slips for the above events will be available in the Aboriginal room. Students will not go if their permission slip is not signed by a parent or guardian.

- We have a **Parent Education Night** coming up on April 27 from 5-7pm. This is an excellent opportunity for parents and students to learn about grad requirements, post-secondary information and other programs that are offered to assist students with their future. We will have various speakers who may provide students with information on how to achieve their academic goals post-secondary. This is a perfect opportunity for parents to find out what supports there are for their child. Dinner will be provided and parents are encouraged to come with their child.

- **After School Support-**Time is flying by! The end of the school year is quickly approaching and students are encouraged to get the support they need before exams. The Aboriginal is open every day from 8:00-8:30am and 2:45-3:30pm if you need additional support to complete your assignments or study for tests.

- **UBC Updates-Award Extension**-The Lindsay and Elizabeth Gordon Entrance Award for Community Health Scholars is an entrance award for Aboriginal students who have not yet pursued formal post-secondary education, or who are returning to post-secondary education. Deadline: April 8, 2016.

Young Artists!

Gatherings Water Anthology Call for submissions EXTENDED to APRIL 30, 2015
Indigenous Youth in the Province of British Columbia ~ 30 years of age and younger. Submissions can be prose, poetry, nonfiction, rap songs or based teachings with the theme of Water.
Submissions should not exceed 3,000 words.

Submissions Information:
GREGORY YOUNGING 250-493-7181 Ext. 215
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Email: [mailto:publisher@theytus.com]publisher@theytus.com
website [http://www.theytus.com/]www.theytus.com

Students with 90%+ in Semester 1 courses

Abellan, Antonio
Alaric, Chace
Allenbrand, Joshua
Baptiste, Justice
Becker, Daytan
Benz, Mercedes
Boen-Shekula, Madison
Bontorin, Sienna
Boonstra, Timothy
Braich, Gursharan
Brar, Anmolpreet
Brar, Harmeet
Brar, Kuwarjot
Brar, Manveer
Brar, Sharnpreet
Brogan, Tatum
Buttar, Gurpinder
Cairns, Charles
Cairns, Sarah
Callander, Sierra
Chahal, Neha
Cook, Aiden
Cook, Jonah
Deol, Sahil
Desjardins, Joel
deVos, Andrew
Dhaliwal, Harkomal
Dhaliwal, Harmendeep
Dhaliwal, Jayden
Dhaliwal, Kanwarpreet
Dhaliwal, Navneet
Dhaliwal, Pravin
Dhillon, Harleen
Dhillon, Jessica
Dhillon, Sabrina
Dhillon, Simrin
Duursma, Tristan
Ellis, Megan
Fortunato, Patricia
Fortunato, Sabrina
Gale, Braden
Gale, Mackenzie
Gaspar, Emily
Ghadu, Manvir
Gill, Arshan
Gill, Harnoorat
Gill, Ishika
Gill, Jeevan
Gill, Loveleen
Gill, Sahijveer
Gill, Sukhdeep
Hanley, Kara
Hopkins, Glynne-David
Houle, Maxine
James, Keianna
James, Laatya
Jones, Kamila
Kailay, Amrit
Kane, Avery
Kane, William
Kang, Kamil
Karwasra, Gurjashan
Khaira, Harjeet
Khangura, Harshbir
Khawaja, Mohamad
Khela, Amritdeep
Kitt, Aidan
Koenig, Molly
Lantz, Ali
Larose, Ethan
Lee, Nadia
Leinor, Kendra
MacAhonic, Raymond
MacFayden, Kira
Marsel, Tyson
Mason, Selina
Matias, Hannah
McGibbon, Lauren
McLean, Brianna
Methven, Kelly-Lynn
Mills, Michaela
Mosimann, Heather-Marie
Nazaroff, Anya
Neily, Grace
Oberg, Chayce
O'Reilly, Logan
Pendlington, Michael
Podmorow, Mikayla
Podmorow, Riah
Preston, Selina
Pylatuk, Austin
Raposo, Christina
Ratte, Vishal
Riley, Paige
Rollison, Bret
Sampson, Samantha
Sandhu, Jagdeep
Sandhu, Saanpreet
Sandhu, Sumeet
Schafer, Jesse
Schutz, Alicia
Seminoff, Cooper
Shorty, Emmitt
Sidhu, Anmol
Simpson, Kelsey
Somerville, Benjamin
Somerville, Brendon
Somerville, Josiah
Somerville, Rebecka
Stanley, Sarah
Teigen, Abby
Thomas, Rebekah
Tite, Rose
Toor, Kiranjit
Townsend, Bradon
Trampf, Marlysse
Ventura Becker, Tristan
Ventura, Denilson
Ventura-Becker, Xavier
Volberg, Devon
Wilson, Chelsea
Wilson, Matthew
Wise, Delaney
Woolley, Sabrina

PARENTING ANXIOUS KIDS- OLIVER

A 3-Session program for parents of anxious children

Some anxiety is normal but if your child's anxiety seems to be worse than other kids, or stops them from enjoying their day to day life, we can give you some tools to help them cope.

Program Information:

Tuesdays:	6:30 – 8:30 pm
Start Date:	**April 12th**, 2016 (Tues)
End Date:	April 26, 2016 (Tues)
Where:	SOSS Library
	6140 Gala Street, Oliver, BC

To Register: Contact Shannon - 250-487-4422

WE DO ASK THAT YOU COMMIT TO ALL SESSIONS

SOUTHERN OKANAGAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

PRESENTS

Footloose

The Musical

WRITTEN BY
DEAN PITCHFORD
&
WALTER BOBBIE

FRANK VENABLES THEATRE

APRIL 21, 22, 23

7:00PM

(SATURDAY MATINEE 2:00PM)

TICKETS: ADULTS - $15.00
STUDENTS - $10.00

AVAILABLE AT SOSS

Music By
Tom Snow
Lyrics By
Dean Pitchford

RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN

Additional Music By
Eric Carmen, Sammy Hagar,
Kenny Loggins, *and*
Jim Steinment