

## DECEMBER 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

The holidays are fast approaching and there is excitement and energy as we enter the last two weeks before the break. Last Thursday, Link Crew hosted the Semi-Formal Dance. The students were all "decked out" in their finest attire and many of them danced for the entire time. A big thank you to all the chaperones for volunteering their time and to Mrs. Podmorow for organizing.

The fall sports have wrapped up and the winter sports are in full swing. Thank you to all our coaches for providing these opportunities for our students. Mr. Russo and the Senior Boys Basketball team hosted a tournament last weekend. The boys worked hard and are developing their skills with every game. It was awesome to see them play.

A big thank you to Mrs. Andrews and Mr. Kitt for organizing the Grad Meat and Flower Fundraiser again this year. This event helps our grads to pay off their grad fees. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Mr. Kitt took students to "Accelerate Okanagan" in Kelowna on Wednesday, December 6th. The students visited start up tech companies in the Okanagan such as Hyper Hippo, a game development studio and one other tech company. This was a great opportunity for our students to see what options are right here in our backyard.

Grade 10 students went to the Education and Career Fair in Kelowna on Thursday, December 7th. This event is designed to introduce secondary students to a variety of post-secondary education choices, career and employment options and labor market information to assist with career planning. It is also a great opportunity for students to visit with recruiters from various post-secondary institutions across Western Canada. This is also organized by Mr. Kitt.

Safeteen is coming to SOSS on December 12th & 15th. "Safeteen is a skill-based violence prevention program. It offers gender-specific strategies for managing fear and anger, and gives participants a way of standing up for themselves without violence. These workshops address the roots of violence and expose power dynamics as the underlying factor in harassment, bullying and assault." (for more information go to [www.safeteen.ca](http://www.safeteen.ca).) All students in grades 9 and 11 will participate in these workshops. A big thank you to the Soroptimists for donating \$1,000 to support this program again this year.

Mrs. Illingworth and Ms. Ibaraki are organizing a Grade 8 Health Fair on December 12th. This will be an opportunity for us to work with our community partners in a fun and interactive way. Topics for discussion will include positive decision making, healthy relationships and boundaries, and many others.

Mrs. Podmorow and her Drama class are busily working on Christmas Chaos. This yearly performance is a much loved and highly anticipated tradition at SOSS as you are never truly sure of the final script. There are always many laughs and a few "inside" jokes. Definitely a highlight prior to the holiday break. Christmas Chaos performance will be on Wednesday, December 20th at 9:40am.

We look forward to working with all of you in 2018! Have a happy and safe holiday season.

T. Harrington

## Important Dates to Remember

December 7th	Education & Career Fair Grade 10's—Kelowna
December 12	Health Fair, Grade 8's
December 12 & 15	"Safeteen" Workshops, Grades 9 & 11
December 18-22	Spirit Week
December 20	Christmas Chaos Performance, 9:40am Frank Venables Theatre
December 22	Last day of classes before Winter Break
January 8	First day of classes after Winter Break
January 24-26	Exam Week
January 26	Last day of Semester 1
January 29	Start of Semester 2; start of Rotation 6 (Grade 8's)
January 31	Early Dismissal, 12:05— Inquiry Day
February 12	Family Day (no school)
February 16	Pro D Day (no school)

### Reminder!

All visitors to the school must check in with the office upon arrival.

### Grads

Grads, remember to collect your till tapes from Buy Low. These earn us credit towards groceries. Grad Photos will be scheduled for the new year. Sign up sheets will be available in the office later in January or very early February.



Did you know that SOSS has a twitter account? Find us @SOSSOliver and follow us!

## 8 THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN TODAY'S CLASSROOM

FROM THE INNOVATOR'S MINDSET  
BY GEORGE COUROS



VOICE



CHOICE



TIME FOR  
REFLECTION



OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR  
INNOVATION



CRITICAL  
THINKERS



PROBLEM  
SOLVERS/FINDERS



SELF  
ASSESSMENT



CONNECTED  
LEARNING

### Did you know...

Nobel Prizes are awarded in December every year?

## Christmas Chaos

For over 20 years, the SOSS Drama department has been bringing holiday cheer to the school and the community by the form of "Christmas Chaos". "Christmas Chaos" is an ever-changing play full of silliness, glee, and the general merriment that comes along with the holiday season. This year's rendition is a bit of a take on the movie Step-Brothers. Our Theatre Performance class is working hard on it and it should be another fun filled Christmas comedy. The show will be performed Wednesday, December 20th at The Frank Venables Theatre **at 9:40am.**

*"Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great."*  
- John D. Rockefeller



## Holiday Spirit

Link Crew is once again organizing a fantastic week of dress-up days before the holiday break.

Monday, Dec 18th	–	PJ Day and Crazy Socks
Tuesday, Dec 19th	–	Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
Wednesday, Dec 20th	–	Jersey Day
Thursday, Dec 21st	–	Twin Day
Friday, Dec 22nd	–	Christmas Dress-up Day



Rock of Ages rehearsals are now under way. We have some new faces in the cast as well as some returning veterans. The show features iconic eighties rock songs and is set in a decade us adults can remember well. The following students are playing roles in the Musical: Cooper Seminoff, Aidan Kitt, Joel Desjardins, Freya Ware, Glynne Hopkins, Sarah Stanley, Kael Koteles, Riah Podmorow, Connor Kitt, Tristan Duursma, Mackenzie Gale, Lauren Summers and Noorat Gill. We also have students in various supporting roles. We could still use a few more male extras if there is anyone out there looking for some amazing fun and memories!!

## 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.*

**Art Club**— Monday's at 3pm, Mrs. McVicar

**Film Club**—Monday's at 3pm, Mrs. McVicar

**Writing Club**— Tuesday's at lunch, Mr. McKinnon

**Alliance Club**—Wednesday's at lunch—Mrs. Illingworth

**Skateboarding Club**— Continuing in the Spring—Mr. McKinnon

**Gardening Club**— Thursday's at lunch—Mrs. McVicar

**Games Club**—Wednesday's at lunch—Mrs. Windley

**JOIN A CLUB**

*"Nothing is impossible,  
the word itself says I'm  
possible!"*

*Audrey Hepburn*

## Basketball

### Grade 8 Boys

The Grade 8 boys have been going strong for the past two weeks. This past weekend they played 2 games in Penticton at the Referee clinic. Although the boys lost both games they were educated in just how much they need to work if they are to compete with other teams. After just one practice the boys made huge gains as they lost to SMS 46-22. Now that may not seem like much, but given that the team lost by 48 to SMS just two days earlier really showed that good hard practicing can help you make gains. The boys next home game is December 18 vs KVR.

### Junior Boys

The Jr Boys' basketball season has started and community coach Kevin Meyer is very excited to be a part of it. He loves the game of basketball and has been a high school basketball coach for 6 years. After moving to Oliver, Kevin was hopeful to get involved with the basketball program at SOSS and is excited that he was able to make that connection so soon after arriving. 14 boys have joined the team and they are showing a lot of excitement about the game. The first few practices have involved lots of conditioning to get the boys into running shape for the season, shifting to skill development as they prepare for their first games. The plan is to practice 3 times a week and have 1 game a week

through the season for a total of 8 games. The team had their first game of the season on November 30. It was a home game that finished with a win over Pen Hi grade 9 team.

### Grade 8 Girls

The grade 8 girls have lost one and won one game so far this season. Every time they step on the court they are eager, willing to learn and are showing great improvement. We can't wait to see what they bring for the rest of the season!



## Basketball Coaches

Grade 8 Boys	Mr. Basso
Grade 8 Girls	Mrs. Russo/Mrs. McIntyre
Junior Boys	Kevin Meyer
Junior Girls	Rob Summers/Miss Baptistes
Senior Boys	Mr. Russo/Mr. Baptiste

## Athletics Calendar

December 8-9	Jr Boys tournament @ Fulton Highschool, Vernon
December 12	Gr 8 Boys vs SLMS @ 4:00pm, Main Gym
December 13	Sr Boys vs GESS @ 6:30pm, Main Gym
December 18	Gr 8 Boys vs KVR @ 4:00pm, Main Gym
December 18	Gr 8 Girls vs KVR @ 5:30pm, Main Gym
December 19	Jr Girls vs PenHi @ 4:00pm, Main Gym
December 19	Jr Boys vs PenHi @ 5:30pm, Main Gym
December 21-22	Sr Boys tournament @ PenHi
December 23	Sr Boys Alumni Game @ 3:00pm, Main Gym
January 11	Jr Boys vs SSS @ 5:30pm, Main Gym
January 11-13	Sr Boys tournament @ Fulton Highschool, Vernon
January 16	Gr 8 Boys vs OSS @ 4:00pm, Main Gym
January 19-20	Gr 8 Boys @ SOSS tournament

## Grateful Board

*"Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened.*

*Happiness never decreases by being shared."*

*Buddha*

For the months of October and November, we asked students to tell us what they are grateful for. We created an "I am Grateful for" bulletin board in the Library. As you can see the students really enjoyed this and are grateful for so much in their lives.



## SOSS Art Class Winter White

Dec 1 to Dec 24  
Meet the Artists Dec 7 4 - 6 pm



Photo by Kara Hanley

6250 Main St. Oliver BC

**LezaMACDONALDartGALLERY**

## Photography

During December 4-15th the Photography 9/10 class will be partnering with a variety of local businesses to create a series of pictures that represent each of the locations.

Students will be visiting the various locations and taking pictures that capture interesting colours, textures, patterns and framing. Afterwards the best pictures from each session will be printed and displayed at the businesses.

We encourage parents and students to go and check out all of the student work at the various locations starting Dec.18th.

A huge thank you to all our community partners including: No Frills, Hair Friends/ Coffee and Creations, Big Al's Bakery, Flower Fantasy and Gifts, ACE Hardware, Oliver



## PAC News

What a fantastic PAC/AGM we had on November 30th! Thank you to all who came out!

Our Board Trustee, Rob Zandee had so many positive updates on items such as the implementation guidelines for the new curriculum, a new Career Curriculum and revised Graduation program. He gave us Career Preparation updates which include our Youth Train in Trades program. Our District is leading the way in many initiatives such as our Professional Cook program and preparing our students for opportunities that are arising in the Tech Industry. Enrolment in our school continues to increase. For more information on school board meetings, please go to [www.sd53.bc.ca](http://www.sd53.bc.ca).

Thank you to Principal Tracy Harrington and Vice Principal Stacey Smith who tirelessly serve our school community with innovative ideas and positive energy! They are always open to hear what the parents are saying and we have great discussions at our PAC meetings. Our school is on the cutting edge of sound educational practices. Our staff is part of a district wide Deeper Learning Network which provides cross curricular classes for kids based on our core competencies. Our school is looking at ways to help the grade 8 students feel connected and grow in relevant topics such as sexuality, drugs and nutrition, in order to be excellent critical thinkers and responsible decision makers.

SOSS PAC is excited to provide \$1000 toward our Safeteen program which is expanding to include over 200 grade 9 and 11 students.

We are currently looking for our Co-Chair position to be filled. If you would like to get involved, please contact us at [sosspac@gmail.com](mailto:sosspac@gmail.com).

PAC meetings are a great place not only to be informed, but to ask questions and share your views on any matter relating to the school including, but not limited to: programs, policies, services, facilities, plans and activities. Come be a voice, lend a hand, have an impact!

Our next meeting will be **January 25th at 6:30** in the SOSS library.

### Legion Poem, Essay and Poster Contest

The following students have won an award from the Legion for the Remembrance Day Poem, Essay and Poster Contest:

Aydan Fraser  
 Carolyn Johnson  
 Emily Brock  
 Manvir Ghadu  
 Brittany Audet  
 Kyra Burden  
 Joel Desjardins  
 Mercedes Benz  
 Sophia Bontorin



Back Row: Joel Desjardins, Sophia Bontorin, Manvir Ghadu  
 Front Row: Emily Brock, Mercedes Benz, Carolyn Johnson

*"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."*

-George Bernard Shaw



## • SOSS INDIGENOUS •

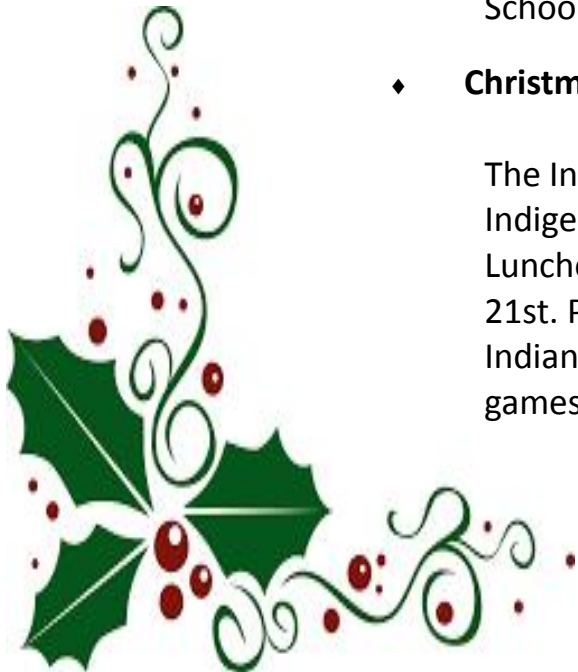
### What's going on...

- ♦ **SD#53 Annual Powwo Fundraiser  
Dinner & Loonie Auction:**

This year the annual powwow Dinner and Loonie Auction will be on December 13, 2017 at the Osoyoos Indian Bank Hall at 5:30pm. Please come out and support this wonderful annual event and enjoy some authentic Indian Tacos. This year's Powwow will be held at Osoyoos Secondary School April 13th and 14th, 2018.

- ♦ **Christmas Luncheon:**

The Indigenous Team invites all Indigenous Students to a Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 21st. Please come and enjoy an Indian Taco meal and play some games to win some prizes.



*SD# 53 Annual Powwow Fundraiser Dinner  
& Loonie Auction*

*Come out and enjoy an Indian Taco Meal*

*Loonie Auction & 50/50 Draws*

*Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2017*

*Location: Osoyoos Indian Band Hall  
(6046 Sandpoint Drive Oliver, BC)*

*Time: 5:30p.m.*

*Cost: \$7 per person or \$25 per family of 4 or more*



*Organized by  
Tuc-El-Nuit Elementary School  
OK Falls Elementary School  
Southern Okanagan Secondary School*

*All proceeds go to our SD 53 Annual Powwow Event  
Held April 13 & 14, 2018 at OSS*

# News from the Library



**Library Christmas Bulletin Board**

**Library Book Tree**



What is overdrive? It is new to SOSS and is a great way for all students and staff to borrow books and read them on their electronic devices. You can download the app onto your phone or tablet or go to [overdrive.com](http://overdrive.com) on your computer. Below are detailed instructions on how to use Overdrive!

If accessing the materials through the internet the link is <http://bcnsdc.lib.overdrive.com>. On mobile devices (Phones or Tablets) download the Overdrive app from the store.

Select 'School District 53 Okanagan Similkameen' as the library and use your school login information to login. (Username: lastnamefirstname@sd53.bc.ca and Pass-word: student number).

Once you have accessed your book it will show how many days left you have it borrowed for, at which point the book will be pulled from your device.



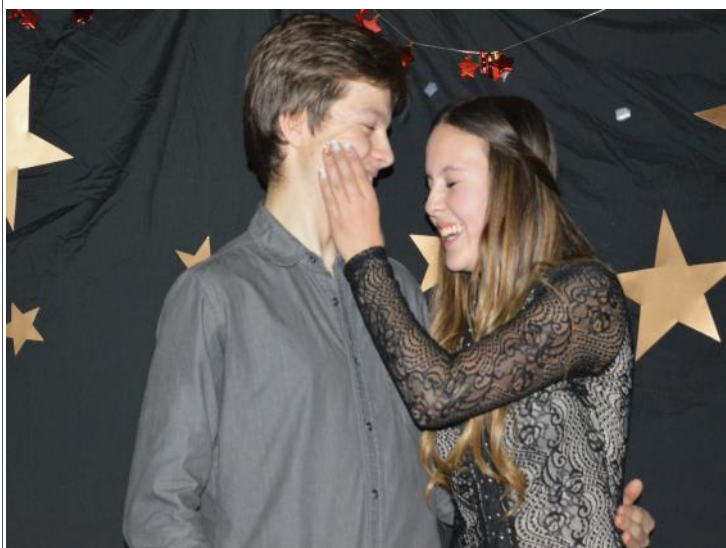
**ANY STUDENTS WHO BORROW AND READ A BOOK USING OVERDRIVE WILL BE ENTERED IN A DRAW FOR**

**EITHER AN ITUNES CARD OR GOOGLE PLAY CARD. THE WINNER WILL CHOOSE THEIR PRIZE!**

**COME TO THE LIBRARY AND SHOW EITHER MRS. GONCALVES OR MRS. WOLFE WHAT YOU ARE READING ON OVERDRIVE TO BE ENTERED.**

**ONE ENTRY FOR EVERY BOOK YOU READ FROM NOW UNTIL THE CONTEST ENDS ON DECEMBER 22ND GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY READING!**

# *Semi Formal Dance*



# CAFETERIA MENU

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri		
27 Broccoli Cheddar Soup 🥕  Chicken Bacon Ranch Wraps 🥕	28 Thai Coconut Curry 🥕  Chili & 3 Cheese Bread 🥕	29 Roasted Butternut Squash Soup 🥕  Donairs (aka Greek Wraps) 🥕	30 Potato Bacon Soup  Chicken Caesar Salad 🥕	1  Pizza		
4 Chicken Noodle Soup  BLTs	5 Curried Beet Soup 🥕  Chicken Alfredo 🥕	6 French Onion  Perogies 🥕 & Bacon	7 Wonton Soup Gyoza (\$1.00) Chop Suey 🥕 & Chow Mein 🥕	8  Pizza		
11 \$3.00 Combo Small Soup & Sandwich  Tomato Basil Soup 🥕 or Potato Bacon Grilled Cheese 🥕	12 Cream of Mushroom 🥕  Beef Stew & Cheese Biscuits	13 Breakfast Sandwiches  Bacon or Sausage with Egg & Cheese Hashbrowns	14 Tortellini Tomato Spinach Soup 🥕  Spanakopita & Tzatziki 🥕	15  Pizza		
18 Hamburger Soup  Macaroni & Cheese 🥕 with Hot Dogs	19 Black Bean Soup 🥕  Pizza Subs	20 Chicken Wild Rice Soup  Roasted Chicken Stuffing 🥕 Steamed Veggies 🥕	21 Corn Bacon Chowder  Tacos (Beef & Bean) 🥕	22  Pizza		
DECEMBER 2017			Entrée	\$3.00	Dessert	\$0.50-1.00
			Soup + Fresh Focaccia	Small \$2.50 Large \$3.00	Juice	\$1.00
			Veggie + Dip	\$0.75	Pizza	\$2.50/slice



= vegetarian option available

\*\*menu subject to change – check cafeteria TV ☺



Interior Health  
Every matters

## Integrated Tobacco Program

### Vapour Products In and On School Property

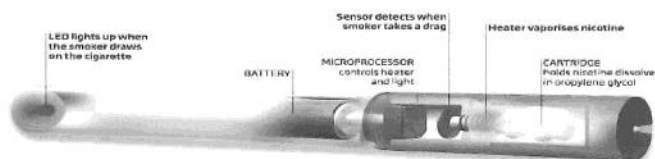
New provincial laws regulating tobacco and vapour products came into force September 1, 2016. This legislation is designed to help stop the growing use of vapour products by young people and protect them from the unknown effects of e-cigarette vapour. One in five youth in Canada has tried an e-cigarette<sup>1</sup>.

#### 1. Did you know?

- Vapour products (e-cigarettes) now have the same restrictions as tobacco products in B.C.
- The use of vapour and tobacco products is prohibited on public and private school grounds.
- It is illegal to sell or provide any vapour or tobacco products to someone under the age of 19.
- The use of vapour products is prohibited in a vehicle when someone under 16 is present.
- These measures apply to all vapour devices and e-liquids, whether or not they contain nicotine.

#### 2. What is a vapour product?

Vapour products have two main components: a battery-operated delivery system with micro-chip and atomiser that vaporizes a propylene glycol liquid solution to mimic the appearance of smoke, and a cartridge containing a liquid solution. Some, but not all, cartridges contain nicotine. Newer tank systems may be modified to use other substances, including other drugs.



Source: Health Canada

#### 3. Are vapour products safe?

The health impact of repeatedly inhaling e-cigarette chemicals is unknown, and students or staff exposed to vapour may be at risk of lung irritation or asthma attacks. Nicotine is highly addictive and propylene glycol is a known irritant when inhaled. Flavours such as chocolate, candy and fruit appeal to children and youth, making vapour products a potential gateway to smoking. Vapour products may also undermine the efforts of youth who are trying to quit by making smoking seem normal and accepted.

#### 4. Will vapour products help young people quit?

It is unknown whether vapour products help people quit or if they are safe to use as a quit-smoking aid. Nicotine gums, patches, lozenges and inhalers, as well as the prescription medications bupropion (Zyban) and varenicline (Champix) have been proven to be safe and effective. Interior Health does not recommend using e-cigarettes as a tobacco cessation aid. Free quit aids are available through the BC Smoking Cessation Program. See your pharmacist for details.

<sup>1</sup> \* Czoli CD, Reid JL, Rynard VL, Hammond D. E-cigarettes in Canada - Tobacco Use in Canada: Patterns and Trends, 2015 Edition, Special Supplement. Waterloo, ON: Propel Centre for Population Health Impact, University of Waterloo.



November 3, 2017

Ref: 196911

Dear Parents and Guardians:

**Re: Changes to the New Curriculum Implementation Schedule for Grades 10–12**

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Our government would like to do everything we can to ensure children are ready for the challenges of tomorrow, and that students develop the collaboration, critical thinking and communication skills that post-secondary institutions and employers are looking for. To that end, the Ministry of Education is in the midst of rolling out a new curriculum that benefits students by preparing them with new knowledge, skills and abilities that will be needed in a rapidly changing world.

British Columbia is already a world leader in education—our students regularly rank among the best in international assessments. The new curriculum is ensuring they remain at the top of the class and are fully prepared for the challenges and opportunities of the future. Kindergarten to Grade 9 teachers are already using the new curriculum, and Grade 10-12 teachers are currently trialing it in their classrooms.

In my first three months as Minister, I engaged with many partners in the education sector, and continue to hear overwhelmingly positive feedback on the new curriculum and how it is working in classrooms for students of all ages. At the same time, teachers, parents and educational leaders have expressed the need for more time to ensure the transition to the new curriculum goes smoothly for the critically important graduation years.

As Minister of Education, it is one of my top priorities to ensure all students experience a seamless transition to the new curriculum. That is why we are adding an additional year of transition time to bring in the Grade 11-12 curriculum—now all students will be using it starting in September 2019. The Grade 10 curriculum will be implemented as planned in September 2018.

I am confident teachers, administrators, post-secondary institutions and education leaders all across the province will use this extra time to make sure everyone is ready, including students and parents. Teachers will now have more time to prepare and organize classroom supports and resources, and the new curriculum will be well-aligned with post-secondary admission requirements so students have the best possible chance for future success.

The curriculum and graduation requirements have been, and continue to be, thoughtfully designed and reviewed by hundreds of teachers and in collaboration with education partners across the province.

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With this extra year, we will ensure teachers have what they need to support students as they develop the skills they need to transition smoothly to the post-secondary institutions and jobs of their choice.

Below you will find details on exactly how this change will affect students, including information on the provincial graduation assessments. If students or parents have specific concerns about the new curriculum, the graduation program or post-secondary requirements, I encourage them to get in touch with their teacher or school principal.

Sincerely,



Rob Fleming  
Minister

#### **When is it changing?**

Grade 11–12 curriculum will be fully implemented in September 2019, one year later than previously planned.

The Grade 10 curriculum will be implemented as planned in September 2018.

The new Provincial Literacy Graduation Assessment will be moved to align with the new Grade 11 and 12 curriculum implementation, with the first assessment scheduled for January 2020.

As previously planned, the Provincial Numeracy Graduation Assessment will be taken for the first time in January 2018 as part of a staged roll-out, with another session in June 2018.

For more detailed information, please visit <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/graduation>.

#### **How will this change affect me?**

**Students currently in Grade 9 and younger** will continue their learning with the new curriculum throughout their graduation years. Students in this group will participate in the 2018 Graduation Program, and take the new graduation assessments.

**Students currently in Grade 10** may take the Provincial Numeracy Assessment starting in January 2018, and they will take the Provincial Literacy Assessment in January, June or August 2020.

**Students currently in Grade 11** will continue on the current curriculum and will take the new Numeracy Assessment prior to graduation.

**Students currently in Grade 12** will not be affected by these changes, and will continue to work towards completion using the 2004 Graduation Program requirements.



### SOGI 1 2 3 Backgrounder

SOGI 1 2 3 was created by ARC Foundation, a private foundation based in Vancouver, BC with virtual teams in other provinces. The Executive Director of ARC Foundation is Brad Beattie.

#### ***What does SOGI mean?***

SOGI stands for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. It is an inclusive term that encompasses all individuals regardless of where they identify on the sexual orientation or gender identity spectrums, as every person has a sexual orientation and every person has a gender identity. It includes lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit, heterosexual, cisgender and more. SOGI is pronounced "so-gee."

#### ***What is SOGI 1 2 3?***

SOGI 1 2 3 shares proven SOGI-inclusive tools and resources in three key areas: SOGI 1 policies and procedures, SOGI 2 inclusive environments, SOGI 3 curriculum resources. When all three pillars of SOGI-inclusive education are implemented, students have the opportunity to flourish.

Inclusive learning involves every part of the education system; SOGI 1 2 3 supports educators in building inclusive classrooms as all students deserve to feel safe, included and empowered.

#### ***Who is behind SOGI 1 2 3?***

SOGI 1 2 3 is led by ARC Foundation in collaboration with the BC Ministry of Education, BC Teachers' Federation, school districts across BC, UBC Faculty of Education, education partners and various local, national and international LGBTQ community organizations.

#### ***What is SOGleducation.org?***

SOGleducation.org removes barriers to SOGI-inclusive education by providing readily accessible resources such as grade-level appropriate lesson plans, customizable templates and professional development. The tools and resources on SOGleducation.org are intended for educators, but can be utilized as a resource by parents and other members of the community.

#### ***What are SOGI 1 2 3 Learning Modules?***

SOGI 1 2 3 Learning Modules are customizable and engaging resources for educators which move the 'why' of SOGI-inclusive education to the 'how'. SOGI 1 2 3 Learning Modules are 40 minutes in length and include discussion topics, videos and workshops for educators to present at staff meetings, lunch and learns or professional development days.

#### ***How does SOGI 1 2 3 work with the BC curriculum?***

The Ministry of Education is responsible for the creation of BC curriculum. SOGI 1 2 3 provides ready to use, grade-level SOGI-inclusive lesson plans that align with the curriculum. Teachers can differentiate SOGI 1 2 3 lesson plans to meet the needs of their classroom.

#### ***What is the SOGI Educator Network?***

ARC Foundation launched the BC SOGI Educator Network as a pilot project with nine school districts at the beginning of the 2016/2017 school year. The Network enables BC educators interested in SOGI-inclusive education to meet, share resources, celebrate successes and collectively overcome obstacles within and across districts. In one year, the BC SOGI Educator Network has grown from 9 school districts to 49 out of 60.

SOGI 1 2 3 launched in Alberta in 2017/18. The Alberta SOGI Educator Network includes three school districts. Resources for Alberta educators will grow and evolve as participation and support increases.

#### ***Additional Information***

For further information about the work of ARC Foundation, please visit our website at [www.arcfoundation.ca](http://www.arcfoundation.ca). Further information about SOGI 1 2 3 and the Alberta and BC SOGI Educator Network can be found at [www.sogieducation.org](http://www.sogieducation.org).