

FEBRUARY 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 second semester is well underway and parents should have received their child's report card by now. If you haven't, please contact the office. We are working towards electronic reporting by the end of the year. We would appreciate it if all parents accessed the digital portal following the third term reporting. If you are unable to access your child's file, please contact the office for support.

Final preparations are in place for the production of Rock of Ages which will run March 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The students have been working very hard and are excited to perform. There are also a number of staff and community members that put in a lot of time to ensure the success of this huge project. Please come to the library for tickets. (\$15 for adults and \$10 for children) Come out and see the show! It's going to be awesome!

Congratulations to all of our basketball teams for their hard work and determination throughout their seasons. Coaches have included their updates in this newsletter. A huge thank you to all our coaches for the time and en-

ergy they have spent with our students. It is greatly appreciated because without you, our teams could not compete.

A reminder to all parents and students that the courses they select during course selection is the information that we use in building our timetable and staffing the school for next year. It is important that courses are thoughtfully selected. Your child should be bringing home a copy of their course selection this week for you to sign.

Teachers will be working on the core competencies with students throughout the semester. *"Core competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning"* (Ministry of Education). A Communication Self-Assessment should have been attached to the January report card. The focus for the third term will be Personal and Social Responsibility.

Parent Teacher Interviews are Tuesday, March 13 from 2:00pm- 4:00pm and from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. These will be held in the atrium, super lab and library. Please note that these are meant to be short,

ten minute interviews. If more time is necessary, please arrange this with teachers for a later date.

Congratulations to all our Honour Roll and Work Ethic recipients. It was awesome to see so many students celebrated at the Recognition Assembly last week. The lists are attached to this newsletter. Spring is right around the corner so we are encouraging students to continue to work hard and get assignments and projects handed in prior to the March Break. Well done, everyone!

This is a final reminder that SAFERS SCHOOLS BC is hosting a Parent Information Session Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30 on the SOSS Library. The focus is on "Raising Digitally Responsible Youth." Come out for this free event.

T. Harrington

Reminder!

Students please remember to be safe when leaving school at 2:45. Do not stand between vehicles or cross in front of buses. Make eye contact with drivers and use the crosswalk. Also Parents please DO NOT drop your children off at the Main doors, please drop them off on Gala or Spartan Street. Thank you.

Important Dates to Remember

Feb 26– Mar 1	Grad Photos
February 26	Grade 8 Rotation 7 begins
February 27	Digital Parent Workshop, 6:30pm
February 28	Pink Shirt Day
February 28	Inquiry Day, Early Dismissal– 12:05pm
March 1-3	Rock of Ages Frank Venables Theatre, 7pm & Saturday Matinee @ 2pm
March 2	Course Selections are due
March 13	Early Dismissal– 12:45pm Parent Teacher Conferences, 2-4pm & 5-7pm
March 15	Early Dismissal– 12:45pm
March 16	Last Day of School before Spring Break
March 17-Apr 3	Spring Break, school closed



Grads

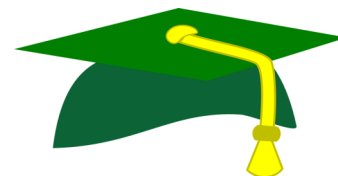
Please remember to be checking our grad page on the school website regularly to learn about important dates and scholarship opportunities. Deadlines are approaching quickly.



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. Grad Photo's are scheduled to begin this Monday February 26th. Please check in with the office if you have forgotten your time.



Did you know...

The Welsh call February "y mis bach" which means "little month."

Course Selection

At this point we are surveying students to determine which courses will be offered next year. Please note that not all courses on this selection form may be offered and an alternate choice will be used in its place. If you have questions about your course selections please see Mrs. Illingworth, Ms. Ibaraki or Mrs. Goncalves.

In order to finalize this process please have this summary signed by a parent/guardian and returned to Mrs. Goncalves in the library by **March 2nd**.

Finalized timetables will be sent out once courses have been established for next year and students have been registered for their courses.

Hornets Athletics

Grade 8 Girls

The grade 8 girls basketball team overcame many hard games this season and they never let it bring them down. They are a positive bunch of girls who want to learn and keep growing as basketball players. In the playoffs, we lost both games, but our last game against Keremeos showed the character these girls have. They only lost by 10 points and worked hard to play as a team, remember skills and tactics they had been shown, and they never gave up. These girls should be very proud of themselves. Arsh Ghadu, received the Team All-star Award for our team based on her commitment, leading by example, and consistent play all season. Well done girls!

Grade 8 Boys

The grade 8 boys made some huge strides as the year went on. The team finished 4th in league with a record of 2-6. They had a great showing at the KVR tournament as they placed 2nd with a record of 3-1. The boys entered the playoff winning 3 straight games, and in their first play off game they defeated KVR for the first time after having lost to them 3 times in the year. The boys then played a very good Summerland team who were undefeated throughout the year. The Hornets tried their best, but Summerland was just too strong as the team lost in the final thus placing second overall. This was an excellent outcome: Joey

Khangura, Braydon Lee, Braedon Nemeth and Phat Thai were named to league/playoff all stars. All in all it was a great year and the boys are looking forward to getting better as they push to regain provincial glory for SOSS again.

Junior Boys

The Junior Boys played well in the playoffs to secure their chance to play in the Valley Championship. The regular season had its ups and downs, but they finished with a 50% win to loss record which placed us in 5th place. They had to play a qualifying game against Summerland and it turned out to be the most thrilling game of the season! The game was tied at the end of regular time, but after the 3rd overtime, they scored the winning shot! The game put the team in the position of 4th going into playoff weekend at Princess Margaret. Although they defeated the first ranked Maggie, they ultimately lost to PenHi in the end of the tournament but that still left them in 2nd rank going into the Valley Championship. The boys really made all the teams at the Valleys work for their wins! Although we did not produce any wins ourselves, we had a great time. The season has been very productive and all the boys skills improved and they grew together as a team. Good luck to all the grade 10's that move up to

the senior level.

Junior Girls

This year's Junior Girls Basketball team was an even mix of grade nine and grade ten girls. For some of the girls, this was their first year playing basketball. Right from the first practice, the girls really came together as a team both on and off the court. They were consistently supporting one another, encouraging each other, and helping each other develop their skills. The team always had a great attitude and tons of enthusiasm going into each game. Although the team had a tough season, their defense, rebounds, and shooting improved immensely! We are looking forward to next year's Junior and Senior Girls Basketball Teams!

Senior Boys

The Senior Boys team had a tough season this year with low numbers and injuries. However, they finished the year with two very good games against Summerland and Pen Hi showing a lot of character competing the whole way with 6 players. Congratulations to our graduating players and we are looking forward to next season with our returning players.

*"Discipline is the bridge
between goals and
Accomplishment."
-Jim Rohn*

*"If you haven't found it yet, keep looking."
-Steve Jobs*



Junior Girls Back Row: Coach Rob Summers. Grace Neily, Kimran Gill, Japleen, Aujla, Bridget Miller, Keira Gaudet, Kara High, Aydan Fraser, Coach Taylor Baptiste. Bottom Row: Nikki Baban, Sukhman Brar, Lauren Summers, Amy Tite.



Grade 8 Girls Back Row: Coach Carly Russo, Paloma Villa, Arshveer Ghadu, Serenoa Deol, Sharleen Brar, Coach Sabra McIntyre Bottom row: Gabby Campen, Sydney Meyer, Khushddep Gill Navroop Brar.

February Fun Facts:

February's birthstone is the amethyst. The flower is the violet or iris.

*"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all love of what you are doing or learning to do."
-Pele*

SOSS Parent Portal

SOSS has set up the Parent/Family Portal part of the BC SI (Student Information) System MyEducation BC. This Portal empowers both students and parents by providing access to the various components of the educational package delivered by the school system (ie. Student schedules, attendance, report cards, transcript information, etc)

Some of you may have already logged into your account and have been checking the information available in the family portal. A user account was created previously and an email was been sent to you that gave you your login information, login ID and a temporary password to your family portal.

Please visit the SOSS Home page and click on the MyEducation BC Family Portal link for more information and instructions regarding the use of this portal.

SOSS Art Department gets a boost

Last month, the Art Department at South Okanagan Secondary School got quite a boost! In memory of her late husband (celebrated local wildlife artist John Salsnek) Stephanie Salsnek contacted the school and sold the art department a sizable collection of paints, brushes, markers, matt board and art magazines at an incredibly reduced price. One of John's last wishes was that his art supplies not go to waste. Stephanie knows that John would be really happy that his art supplies are going to be used by the next generation of emerging artists. As part of the art departments "Visiting Artist" series, Stephanie plans on visiting the school in the next couple of months to show the students some of John's artwork and talk to them about what it takes to own and operate your own gallery. On behalf of Lindsey McVicar, art teacher at South Okanagan Secondary School, and all of her students, we would like to thank Stephanie for her contribution.



*"A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures for anything."
-Irish Proverb*

What's Happening at SOSS

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 and Thursday's at 3pm—Mr. McKinnon
Jam Session—Monday's afterschool—Mr. Baerg
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— Tuesday's afterschool—Mrs. McVicar
Games Club—Wednesday's at lunch—Mrs. Windley
Yoga—Wednesday's at lunch—Mrs. Ibaraki Miss Leah
Retro Video Game Club— Tuesday's and Thursday's at lunch—Mr. Hofman
Journalism Club— Wednesday's at lunch—Mr. McKinnon
Computer & Tech club—Monday's at lunch—Mr. McKinnon

**JOIN A
CLUB**



Rock of Ages

The cast and crew of Rock of Ages have been very busy building an amazing production. Tickets are now on sale in the SOSS library. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students for all evening performances and \$10 for adults and \$5 for students for the Matinee. The show will run March 1st, 2nd and 3rd at 7:00pm with a Saturday matinee at 2:00pm. Get your tickets soon to avoid disappointment.



SOSS Indigenous Department



Sign Up in the Gathering Room for:

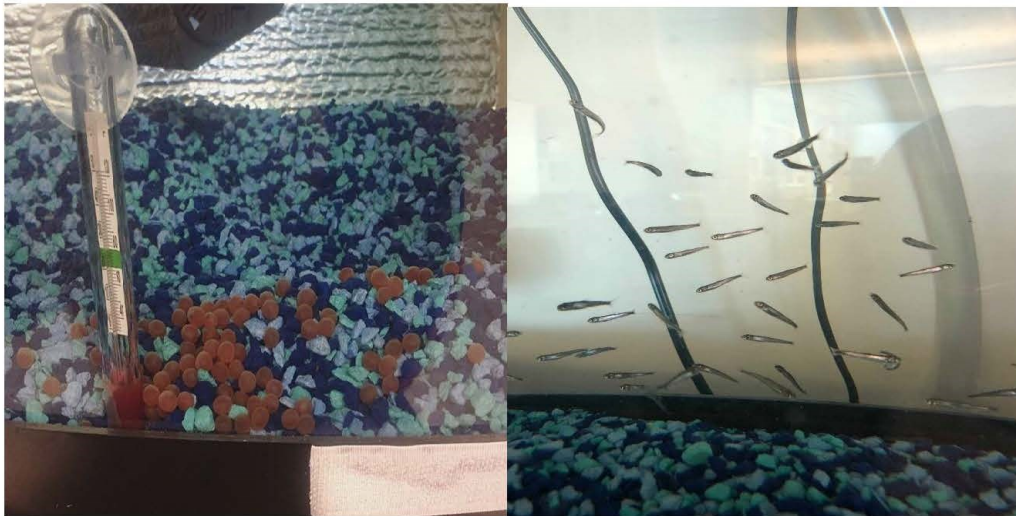
Hand Drum making – Date TBD

Nylintn/McIntyre Bluff Hike on
March 8th

SD#53's Celebration of Traditions Annual Pow-Wow

April 13th-14th @ Osoyoos Secondary

High school students are invited April 13th for an afternoon session. Any and all are welcome to support the event throughout the weekend!



Come check out the Sockeye
Salmon in the Gathering Room!



Raising Digitally Responsible Youth



**Southern Okanagan
Secondary School, Library
6:30pm
Tuesday February 27
For Parents of School-Aged
Children**

With society heading in a direction of being constantly connected to technology, what do we need to know as parents to protect our kids and teach them responsible and appropriate use of technology? The parameters of rules and expectations that you put in place at home will undoubtedly guide their behaviour in the years to come. Please join us for an informative presentation which will cover the following topics and more! **PARENTS: Do not miss this free event!**

- **Social Media Update** – The most current apps & trends in their social media lives
- **Pick Your Battles!** – You will have to balance the yin with the yang, promote independence whilst taking a strong stance on certain subjects
- **Current Research** – Brain development & technology, violent video games
- **Digital Footprint and Reputation** – With their future approaching, recruiters and employers are taking note – what will they find?
- **Tips & Tricks to Use at Home**

Please RSVP by email to
twalsh@sd53.bc.ca
to reserve your seat!



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Work Ethic Recipients

(students with Good or Excellent Work Ethic marks in all classes)

Chace Alaric	Jasleen Dhillon	Ben Koenig	Anya Nazaroff	Freya Ware
Brendan Ancheta	Rachel Dunlop	Kael Koteles	Devon Nemeth	Larissa Watt
Sam Anderson	Zack Edwards	Ali Lantz	Kaitlyn Nemeth	Miles Whittall
Japleen Aujla	Dylan Faulkner	Ethan Larose	Melody Oldfield	Dillon Wiens
Nikki Baban	Kaylee Fortunato	Sarah Launier	Brody Pister	Katelyn Wiens
Eiktaran Bahniwal	Jack Fortune	Nadia Lee	Camryn Pister	Sabrina Wooley
Gurleen Bajwa	Aydan Fraser	Kendra Leinor	Ava Podmorow	Dayna Zandvliet
Jordan Bayda	Ashley Gagnon	Mataya Leinor	Riah Podmorow	Kahlin Zeniuk
Brody Beacon	MacKenzie Gale	Kira MacFayden	Bret Rollison	
Mercedes Benz	Kiera Gaudet	Madison MacKenzie	Samantha Sampson	
Owen Berukoff	Kaylan Gerrard	Caitlin Mackintosh	Ansh Sharma	
Madelyn Bjornson	Arshveer Ghadu	Sydney Malmberg	Avnit Sidhu	
Madison Boen-Shekula	Ashreet Gill	Simrdeep Mann	Harjun Sidhu	
Sophia Bontorin	Harnoorat Gill	Abigayle Mantua	Jassimran Sidhu	
Bhavnpreet Brar	Jasmeen Gill	Ariana Mantua	Muskann Sidhu	
Harveer Brar	Khushdeep Gill	Tyson Marsel	Riley Somerville	
Navroop Brar	Kimran Gill	Stephanie Matevia	Sarah Stanley	
Tanmeet Brar	Simi Gill	Angeles Mayorga	Oliver Strong	
Zaiden Burke	Sharon Grewal	Jordan McConnell	Lauren Summers	
Manisha Buttar	Sebastian Habberjam	Aaron McElveny	Markus Swift	
Charles Cairns	Ethan Hagel	Graham McKee	Kelsey Szoke	
Sarah Cairns	Kara Hanley	Dylan Methven	Andrew Talbot	
Ireland Campbell	Lexis Hartle	Sydney Meyer	Abby Teigen	
Jacob Campol	Kelan Harty	Bridget Miller	Phat Thai	
Neha Chahal	Allison Herbert	Enola Mills	Amy Tite	
Katie Cleave	Glynne Hopkins	Nathan Millward	Jeremy Tite	
Jonah Cook	Dayna Ingbritson-Hunt	Nataliya Morezewich	Nya Trakalo	
Sahil Deol	Jayanna Johnston	Jasleen Morneau	Marlysse Trampf	
Serena Deol	Avrey Kane	Rabbjot Mundahar	Ashley Venables	
Joel Desjardins	Joey Khangura	Megan Murray	Denilson Ventura	
Manmeet Dhaliwal	Phillip Klein			

HONOUR ROLL

Honor List Recipients, 3.5-4.0 GPA

Tony Abellan	Julian Duursma	Abby Kamann	Enola Mills	Abby Teigen
Tyler Antunes	Zack Edwards	Avrey Kane	Nathan Millward	Phat Thai
Jordan Bayda	Aydan Fraser	Aidan Kitt	Jasleen Morneau	Amy Tite
Madelyn Bjornson	MacKenzie Gale	Phillip Klein	Rabbjot Mundahar	Nya Trakalo
Madison Boen-Shekula	Arshveer Gill	Ben Koenig	Anya Nazaroff	Marlysse Trampf
Tim Boonstra	Ashreet Gill	Ali Lantz	Devon Nemeth	Ashley Venables
Bhavnpreet Brar	Harnoorat Gill	Ethan Larose	Ava Podmorow	Freya Ware
Navroop Brar	Jasmeen Gill	Nadia Lee	Bret Rollison	Giselle Weisheit
Zaiden Burke	Khushdeep Gill	Kendra Leinor	Samantha Sampson	Dayna Zandvliet
Sarah Cairns	Simi Gill	Mataya Leinor	Ansh Sharma	
Ireland Campbell	Sharon Grewal	Kira LcFayden	Jassimran Sidhu	
Jacob Campol	Elle Gustavson-Rich	Madison MacKenzie	Muskann Sidhu	
Neha Chahal	Ethan Hagel	Caitlin Mackintosh	Nimrit Sidhu	
Jonah Cook	Lexis Hartle	Sydney Malmberg	Jordan Smith	
Sahil Deol	Kelan Harty	Abigayle Mantua	Riley Somerville	
Joel Desjardins	Cole Hentzelt	Tyson Marsel	Sarah Stanley	
Sasha Desjardins	Glynne Hopkins	Stephanie Matevia	Oliver Strong	
Jasleen Dhillon	Maxine Houle	Angeles Mayorga	Marus Swift	
Rachel Dunlop	Dayna Ingbritson-Hunt		Andrew Talbot	

Merit List Recipients, 3.00-3.49 GPA

Josh Agostinho	Andrew DeVos	Keianna James	Melody Oldfield	Denilson Ventura
Brittany Audet	Komal Dhaliwal	Jayanna Johnston	Edgar Oliveira	Larissa Watt
Japleen Auja	Manmeet Dhaliwal	Will Kamann	Eugenio Oliveira	Miles Whittall
Nikki Baban	Minraj Dhillon	Jagjit Khaira	Trevor Paul	Dillon Wiens
Eiktaran Bahniwal	Jaydan Encina	Joey Khangura	Riah Podmorow	Katelyn Wiens
Eman Bajwa	Dylan Faulkner	Connor Kitt	Stella Quaadvlieg	Ethan Williams
Jimmy Baptiste	Adrianna Froese	Kael Koteles	Kyra Schafer	Sabrina Wooley
Owen Berukoff	Ashley Gagnon	Danielle Larose	Emmitt Shorty	Kahlin Zeniuk
Harveer Brar	Tyreese Gibb	Cassidy Mackintosh	Avnit Sidhu	
Sharleen Brar	Harsh Gill	Simrdeep Mann	Harjun Sidhu	
Sohan Brar	Jeevan Gill	Aaron McElveny	Lake Stelzner	
Harman Brar	Sahij Gill	Dylan Methven	Lauren Summers	
Manisha Buttar	Shan Gill	Kelly-Lynn Methven	Kelsey Szoke	
Charles Cairns	Sebastian Habberjam	Sydney Malmberg	Ethan Teigen	
Nathan Christian	Kara Hanley	Bridget Miller	Jeremy Tite	
Katie Cleave	Jared Hartle	Nataliya Morezewich	Rose Tite	
Jesse Cline	Dayton Hayes	Hayden Murphy	Harmeet Tung	
Karlee Crampton	Alyssa Hug-Willburn	Davis Noakes	Xavier Ventura-Becker	
Serena Deol				

CAFETERIA MENU

G 26 Tomato Basil Soup Chicken Pesto Penne	27 Butternut Squash Soup Roasted Veggie Paninis	28 No Service Inquiry Day Early Dismissal	1 Broccoli Cheese Soup Donairs (Greek wraps)	2 Pizza		
5 Potato Bacon Soup Quesadillas	6 Thai Coconut Curry Soup Beef & Broccoli	7 Cream of Mushroom Chicken Pot Pie	8 Tortellini Tomato Soup Perogies & Bacon	9		
12 Chicken Wild Rice Soup Chicken Bacon Ranch Wraps	13 No Service Parent Teacher Interviews Early Dismissal	14 Corn Bacon Chowder Tacos (chicken, beef, and veggie)	15 No Service Early Dismissal	16		
MARCH 2018			Entrée	\$3.00	Dessert	\$0.50-1.00
			Soup + Fresh Focaccia	Small \$2.50 Large \$3.00	Juice	\$1.00
					Pizza	\$2.50/slice



News for PAC

Thank you to all who came out to our PAC meeting this month! Welcome to Sheila McKee! Our Board Trustee, Rob Zandee brings us updates from the most recent Board of Education meeting. Here are a few highlights:

- Two additional trades programs are set to run in the second semester in the district:
 - o Culinary Program at SOSS – in partnership with Camosun College for 6 students.
 - o Gateway to Trades Program at OSS with 16 students.
- There are new Career Education courses and curriculum being planned as well as conversation with Interior Health regarding offering a dual credit Health Care Assistant Program for the Spring of 2019.
- Our administrators and senior staff are attending a Leyton Schnellert Learning Series, “Innovating and Inquiring Together”. The focus is on innovative practices that move schools forward.
- The recent Find Your Fit Tour was very successful at SOSS with more than 400 students going through the interactive displays.

For the full Board of Education report, please see: <http://sd53.bc.ca/district/meetings>

Staff and administration here at SOSS are always searching for how to be proactive in the education and well-being of our students. We are excited to have “Take a Risk” grants that allow our teachers collaborative time to create interdisciplinary learning for the students. Other professionals such as Sam Dunlop and George Couros will be instructing staff and administration on issues around healthy living, decision making, having a growth mindset and how to engage students!

We are excited to provide the SOSS PAC scholarship of \$500 again this year! Fundraising for this initiative happens every year, through volunteers helping at our concession during the SOSS school drama. If you are interested in helping this year, or in years to come, please contact us at the email below. Rock of Ages tickets are currently on sale. Performances are March 1st, 2nd and 3rd at 7:00 pm, with a matinee at 2:00 on Saturday the 3rd .

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.

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 last 2 meetings of the year are on the 3rd Thursday of April (the 19th) and May (the 17th) at 6:30 in the SOSS library.**

