

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

We had an excellent Remembrance Day assembly on Tuesday at the school and would once again like to thank the members of the Royal Canadian Legion for coming out to help us commemorate and remember the sacrifice of those who have served our country. We would also like to thank all our students who emceed, read, sang, and played in the band for our ceremony. This was a student run program and they did an amazing job. The SALTS (Sail and Life Training Society) trip is happening again this year for SOSS students. Mr. Kitt and Ms. Ibaraki will be taking up to 22 students for a four day sailing adventure in and around Victoria and the Gulf Islands on a tall ship. Last year students saw killer whales, seals, sea lions and learned more than they could have ever imagined about sailing a tall ship. The amazing camaraderie, team work, and newly established friendships were only some of the highlights. There will be an upcoming meeting regarding the trip so please listen for announcements. If

you would like more information on the SALTS trip, please visit salts.ca. The trip will take place from March 28th to April 1st. Students will leave Oliver on the morning of the 28th and travel by bus to Victoria. They will board the ship on the morning of the 29th and sail until the 1st. The group will arrive home on the evening of the 1st.

As our administrative system (MyEd) was down for two days this week, our report cards will now be mailed out next Wednesday, November 18th. If you do not receive your child's report card next week, please contact the school and we will ensure you receive a copy. Congratulations to the Field Hockey team that placed 10th at the Provincial Championships in Victoria. A young squad, this group has an incredible amount of potential in the coming years. Also, congratulations to all the volleyball teams on successful seasons. A big thank you to all the coaches of volleyball and field hockey who have put so much time in working with our students. Your time is much appreciated.

Thursday night this week saw

17 of our students perform in the SOSS talent show held in our Venables Theatre. It was exciting to see the wide range of talent our students can demonstrate. About 140 people came out to support the students and were treated to very entertaining evening. Thank you to Mr. Kitt, Mrs. Podmorow and Mr. Baerg for helping to make this event happen.

SOSS strives to create the most respectful learning environment possible for our students. Respect for physical, social, and emotional needs is paramount. Creating an inclusive atmosphere where everyone feels safe and welcome is always our top priority and we continue to make efforts to ensure this. We welcome and appreciate student and parent feedback. Thursday was the first day of Term 2 for our school year and our 3rd rotation for our grade 8 students. May this semester show an increase in all student's curiosity for learning and desire to demonstrate excellence in every area.

-M. Toneatto

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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!

Respect our school zone. The parking lots are for staff & students only. Please use Gala Street to drop off & pick up.

Important Dates to Remember

November 4	Take Your Kids to Work Day (Grade 9's)
November 10	Last day of Term 1
November 11	Remembrance Day (no school)
November 12	SOSS Talent Show
November 12	Term 2 begins; 3rd Rotation begins for Grade 8's
November 18	Report Cards sent home
November 25	Deadline for Grad Fundraiser, meat & flower orders
November 25	Early Dismissal, 12:05 PM– Inquiry Time
Nov 30 & Dec 1	SafeTeen Workshops

Missoula Theater

Missoula Children's Theatre is coming up! This year the production is Sleeping Beauty. The little red missoula truck rolls into town on the 16th of November with auditions at Tuc-el -Nuit Elementary school at 3:00pm-5:00pm. The show will be cast with approximately 50 students from Tuc-el-Nuit and SOSS. The cast will rehearse for five days and then perform a full-scale musical on November 20th. The show is at 7:00pm in the Frank Venables Theatre. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Tickets are available at SOSS, Tuc-el-Nuit as well as at the door. Hope we have tons of student audition on Monday and even more come out to see the show on Friday!

Talent Show

We are having a student talent show on Thursday November 20th. The show is at 7:00pm in the Frank Venables Theatre. Entry is by donation and non-perishable food items for the Oliver Food Bank. Come out and see some awesome talent!!

Leadership Club

Mrs. Podmorow and Mrs. Harrington took 21 students to We Day in Vancouver in October. This is more than a one day event. It is meant to inspire young people to act. It empowers them to find their passion and create change. It is an excellent way for students to become active citizens by selecting one local and one global initiative. Our first local initiative is "We Scare Hunger". Students are collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the local Food Bank. In November, we will do the "We Are Silent" initiative which is a fundraising venture for those without a voice. Students have not yet decided on their global initiative. All funds collected will go to support one of the five pillars which include education, clean water and sanitation, agriculture and food security, health and international development programming and alternate income and livelihood. We are looking forward to supporting some of these worthy initiatives throughout the school year. We are helping to create the next generation of global citizens.

Hornet Pride

Staff and students participated in a Halloween Extravaganza on Friday, October 30th.. All students assembled in the gym according to their Spirit team colour. Points were awarded to all those who dressed up, with Green team earning the most points. Students then had the opportunity to have their costumes judged. Top winners included Rose Tite, as a milk carton, Elle Gustavson-Rich as a recycling bin, Gavin Buttar as a Harlequin, Caitlyn Field as 'raining cats & dogs.' Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to everyone who dressed up and showed some Hornet pride! Our next spirit day is scheduled for November 26th.

Yearbook

Last year's book can still be purchased in the library– see us soon before they sell out! This year's book is a student-led project that will only proceed if 100 books are sold by November 20th. Cost is only \$35!! Pay Ms. Jones asap if you don't want to miss out!

News from your PAC

- News! PAC has a new email address to make it easier to contact an executive member.
- Send all question, or items you would like added to the next meeting agenda to: soss-pac@gmail.com
- Next meeting - Thursday, November 19th at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

Grad Info

Grad fees have been set at \$225. Students wishing to cut their costs down can start fundraising now! Meat and poinsettia order forms are available at the office. The deadline for orders is Wednesday, November 25th and pick up is set for Saturday, December 5th, between 11am-12pm.

Also, reminder about Super Valu and Buy Low gro-

cery tapes. Please bring in to the office, they are used to help offset some of the food costs for Grad.

Congratulations! To 2015 Grad student Lumin Wright. Lumin was awarded the Black Press Business Scholarship in the amount of \$2500 and the University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship worth \$1500. Well done, Lumin!

The cafeteria is looking for apple donations to offer students. Contact the office if you have any you can provide.

Contact Us

Is your son/daughter going to be missing school? Wondering who to contact? Phone our voicemail messaging service at 250-498-4931, press 7 to leave a message. Need to reach your child's teachers? They have emails and voice messaging too. Our staff directory is listed under the Contact Us tab of our website:

<http://soss.sd53.bc.ca/SOSSStaff>

Art Show

Mrs. McVicar's photography classes will be displaying their work this week at the South Okanagan Immigrant Center on Main St. The show is titled "Our Town" and you can check it out on November 16th, from 6-7:00pm.

Examples of what you can expect to see at the show are at right. From top: Kara Hanley, Noah Cardoso, Keiana James, & Marshall Hagel.



*"Appearances are often
deceiving."*

-Aesop

November Fun Facts

The name November comes from the latin for nine (novem), as it was the ninth month in the Roman calendar

Field Hockey

The Senior Girls field hockey team finished up league play with two ties and then competed in Valley Championships. With one key win, they earned themselves a berth to the BC High School AA Provincial Championships in Victoria. The girls had a great time. They played six games, won

two games in which they played extremely well, scored eight goals, attended the tournament banquet where they all wore school colours and watched Mrs. Lang compete for best moves on the catwalk. During their few moments of downtime, they visited the Parliament Buildings at night, attended the university national field hockey championships and cheered for UVic with

cowbells, and generally had a great time. Congratulations to Kali Baptiste, Ishika Gill, Katelyn Wiens, Megan Murray, Tatum Brogan, Sienna Bontorin, Selina Mason, Loveleen Gill, Neha Chahal, Sally Lee, Madelyn Bjornson, Teija Anderson, Riah Podmorow, Rayleen Chyzzy, Hannah Byron, Alicia Schutz, Kenzie Harrington, Sierra Callander and Grace Neily on representing SOSS well.



The Sr Boys Volleyball team will be wrapped up their regular season last week as they head off to Kelowna Christian Secondary School to participate in the South-Central League Championships. Wins have been elusive but the team hopes to be playing their best volleyball in the coming days. However, they lost the first round of playoffs to Maggie on Monday. Next up they play rival Summerland with the winners taking on Maggie in the Zone finals. Go Hornets!

The Jr Boys Volleyball team have had a shaky second half of the season as we have had many injuries some of which have prevented some players from playing any volleyball for the last part of the season. Even with the injuries in our last tournament at UBC Okanagan we did very well winning 4 games, tying one, and losing one, which allowed us to win the B playoffs. The boys have been able to stay strong and do

Volleyball

well in their last set of league games beating PenHi (Gr.9) and Princeton, bumping us from 5th place to 3rd place in our league standings. Now we face Maggie in the zone playoffs and with a win this will put us in the playoff match and one step closer to getting us a spot in Valleys.

The Grade 8 girls volleyball team had a very successful season this year. There was an incredible amount of improvement and skill development by all players. The team ended up finishing 5th in the South Zone Championships losing a very close three set match to Skaha Lake in the quarter finals. The last match saw the girls handily defeat McNicol Park in two straight sets. One of the highlights of the tournament was finally defeating Osoyoos in a closely contested three set match. Such a pleasure to work with this season, the coaching staff anticipates an excellent group for a Jr. Girls team next year.

Thanks for all your hard work and great attitudes girls.

The grade 8 boys finished off their season playing in the South Zone championships. The team finished up the tournament with three wins and three losses which put them in a 3 way tie for fourth place in the tournament.

Unfortunately, they were bumped to a fifth place finish due to the win/loss record with the tied teams.

The team made huge gains in skill level as the season progressed. They started the season with a limited skill set, but by the end of the season, they showed they were ready for the next level in both positional play, and ball handling skills. This group should be able to experience success at the grade 9 level next year. Thank you to the parents who supported the team through this opening season of high school sports for these athletes. A big thank you to Mrs. deVos for creating the really cool photo collage for all the players.

*"Don't walk behind me;
I may not lead. Don't
walk in front of me; I
may not follow. Just
walk beside me and be
my friend."*

-Albert Camus



Fall Athletics



*"Look up at the stars
and not down at your
feet. Try to make sense
of what you see, and
wonder about what
makes the universe ex-
ist. Be curious."
-Stephen Hawking*



Top: Sr Girls Field Hockey
Middle: Sr Boys Volleyball
Lower: Jr Boys Volleyball

Take Our Kids to Work Day



Halloween Fun





• SOSS ABORIGINALS •

What's going on...



R'Native Voice

8 Week After-School Program
Starting October 6th Tuesday's 3:00-6:00pm

Aboriginal Students Grade 9-12 are invited to UBC-Okanagan
Nov 12th to experience;
-University opportunities
-Programs
-Campus Life



OKANAGAN



Osoyoos Indian Band Youth Programs

Archery

Monday's 4:00-6:00 @ Oliver Cadet Hangar

Meet at Youth Centre 3:30

Did you know.... the AbEd room is open before AND after school. Come in any time between 8:00 am and 4:00pm to visit or get extra help.

Grade 8 Boys Volleyball

