

OSOYOOS SECONDARY

APRIL 2026



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Message from the Principal

Rattler Families and Friends:

April is shaping up to be an exciting and busy month at OSS. Several of our students will be traveling to Abbotsford on April 15 to participate in the Skills Canada Provincial Championships, competing in Sumo Robots, Gravity Cars, Senior Electronics, and Senior Carpentry. We wish them the very best of luck as they represent our school.

The District Pow Wow will be hosted by SOSS in Oliver on April 17 and 18, an important opportunity to celebrate culture and community. In addition, our Rattler Rookie Basketball Camp is now underway and takes place after school on Tuesdays.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, we encourage you to contact their teacher directly or attend our Family Conferences on Thursday, April 9. Appointments are available from 1:00–3:30 p.m., with drop-in sessions from 4:00–6:00 p.m. A reminder to our graduating students that the deadline to submit both the Scholarship and Bursary Checklist and the Grad Profile is Friday, April 10.

With the arrival of spring weather comes a transition into our spring sports season. We are pleased to offer the following teams and coaches:

- Girls' Soccer – Mr. Farrell, Mr. Robinson, and Mrs. Rosin
- Golf – Mr. Seminoff
- Track and Field – Mrs. Gilchrist and Mr. MacFadden
- Ultimate Frisbee – Mr. Heinrichs

Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

Sincerely,
Dave Foster



Dates to Remember :

April 3rd	GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL
April 6th	EASTER MONDAY NO SCHOOL
April 7th	LITERACY 10 ASSESSMENT
	PAC MEETING 3PM LIBRARY
April 9th	EARLY DISMISSAL 12:05
	FAMILY CONFERENCES: APPOINTMENTS 1PM-3:30PM
	OPEN HOUSE 4PM-6PM
April 10th	GRAD PROFILES & SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST DUE
	EARLY DISMISSAL 12:05
April 15th	SKILLS CANADA PROVINCIALS
April 17th	LAST DAY OF TERM 3
April 17th & 18th	POW WOW AT SOSS
April 20	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
April 29	EARLY DISMISSAL 12:05

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SESS SPARKS FOR WINNING THE SINGLE "A" BASKETBALL PROVINCIALS



FAMILY CONFERENCES

Family Conferences will be held on

Thursday, April 9th.

Appointments are from 1:00pm-3:30pm

Open House is from 4pm-6pm

If you would like to book an appointment with a specific teacher, please use the following link:

[Family Conferences April 9th](#)

To make an appointment:

- select the teacher
- select the time you would prefer
- choose between in person or phone
- enter your student's name

add any additional notes/special requests that we may need to know.

Once you have made your appointment, you will receive an email confirmation.

Please make your selection by
Wednesday, April 8th.

If you are unable to make an appointment
OSS will be hosting an open house from
4pm-6pm

Please feel free to stop in and meet with our teachers.

If you have any technical issues and require help, please contact the school at (250) 485-4433 or email at oss@sd53.bc.ca we will be happy to help.

Spring Flower Order

OSS will be doing its annual flower order to support the OSS 2026 Grads
Please have your orders in by:

April 17th at 3pm

To order online use the link:

[SPRING FLOWER ORDER](#)

Plant Pick Up will be:

May 5th at OSS

between 3pm and 5pm

Order forms are on
Page 6 & 7



"Celebration Of Traditions"

Pow Wow

April 17th & 18th, 2026

Southern Okanagan Secondary School

6140 Gala St, Oliver, BC, V0H 1T0

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Honouring Jemma Louie

Initiation to Jr Girls Category

Special Age 7 - 13

1st Prize \$200, 2nd Prize \$150,

3rd Prize \$100, 4th Prize \$50

All drum groups will receive an Honorarium with a minimum 4 singers and must be registered

Vendors are full - You can unload at the back of school then must move vehicles to the front

Public Parking at the front of SOSS

Elder and handicap parking at the back of school

THIS IS A SMOKE AND VAPE FREE ZONE

Pow Wow Committee members & School District No.53 are not responsible for any injuries, theft, or items lost



YEARBOOKS FOR SALE



We are pleased to be offering a printed soft cover yearbook for the 2025-2026 school year.

If you would like to purchase a copy, please bring \$30.00 to the office, or pay online before April 15th at:

[2025-2026 Yearbook](https://www.sdsd53.com/YEARBOOKSALE)

RATTLER ROOKIE CAMP



EVERY TUESDAY STARTING APRIL 1ST, GRADES 6-7 OSOYOOS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE TRAVELLING TO OSS TO ATTEND OUR RATTLER ROOKIE CAMP. THE CAMP BEGINS WITH 7 WEEKS OF BASKETBALL.

GRAD 2026 REMINDERS

Applications as well as checklist for Scholarships and Bursary's are to be handed into the office for

Friday, April 10th

Please make sure to double check the Scholarship and Bursary Package to see what **EACH** donor requires you to complete.

District Authority applications need to be handed in to Mrs. Browning or Mrs. Grob by:

Friday, May 22nd at 3pm

District Authority Presentations will be on:

**Tuesday, June 2nd
9:00am-12:30pm**

Baby pictures are due by end of April to Mrs. Ruck at nruck@sd53.bc.ca

Information regarding the grad trip to follow

GOLF TEAM SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MARCH 31
PENTICTON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH
OSOYOOS

MONDAY, APRIL 13TH
SUMMERLAND

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND
TWIN LAKES GOLF
COURSE

TUESDAY APRIL 28TH
PRINCETON

NKMIP-SOUTH ZONES
TUESDAY MAY 5TH

WEDNESDAY MAY 20TH
VALLEYS
(DATE TO BE
DETERMINED)

PROVINCIALS
JUNE 2ND- JUNE 4TH



APRIL SPORTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 -Girls Soccer HOST SOSS @ 4:00 -Ultimate 3-4:30 -Gurshan Basketball 6:30-8:30 -Golf Team @ Osoyoos @ 1:00	2 -Girls Soccer 3-4:30 -Harper Basketball 5-6:30	3 NO SCHOOL	
5	6 NO SCHOOL	7 -Rookie Camp 3-4:30 -Track and Field 3:00-4:30 -Ultimate HOST @ 4 & 5 -Harper Basketball 5-6:30	8 -Girls Soccer HOST PMSS @ 4:00 -Ultimate 3-4:30 -Gurshan Basketball 6:30-8:30	9 P/T INTERVIEWS – EARLY DISMISS -Girls Soccer 3-4:30 -Harper Basketball 5-6:30	10 P/T INTERVIEWS – EARLY DISMISS -SOSS Ultimate Tournament -Track and Field 3:00-4:30	11 -SOSS Ultimate Tournament
12 -STORM Vball 12-2	13 -Girls Soccer @ SESS @ 4:00 -SOVC U14 4:30-6:30 -Gurshan Basketball 6:30-8:30 -Golf Team @ Summerland @ 1:30	14 -Rookie Camp 3-4:30 -Track and Field 3:00-4:30 -Ultimate @ PMSS @ 4:00 -Harper Basketball 5-6:30	15 -Ultimate 3-4:30 -Gurshan Basketball 6:30-8:30	16 -Girls Soccer 3-4:30 -Harper Basketball 5-6:30	17 GIRLS SOCCER HOME TOURNAMENT -Ultimate Play Day @ SSS	18 GIRLS SOCCER HOME TOURNAMENT
19 -STORM Vball 12-2	20 -Girls Soccer @ SSS @ 4:00 -SOVC U14 4:30-6:30 -Gurshan Basketball 6:30-8:30	21 -Rookie Camp 3-4:30 -Track and Field 3:00-4:30 -Ultimate @ SOSS @ 4:00 -Harper Basketball 5-6:30	22 -Girls Soccer HOST SESS @ 4:00 -Ultimate 3-4:30 -Gurshan Basketball 6:30-8:30 -Golf Team @ Twin Lakes @ 1:00	23 -Girls Soccer 3-4:30 -Harper Basketball 5-6:30	24 -Girls Soccer @ SOSS tournament -Track and Field 3:00-4:30	25 -Girls Soccer @ SOSS tournament
26	27 -Girls Soccer 3-4:30 -Gurshan Basketball 6:30-8:30	28 -Rookie Camp 3-4:30 -Track and Field 3:00-4:30 -Ultimate @ Pen Hi @ 4:00 -Harper Basketball 5-6:30 -Golf Team @ Princeton @ 12:30	29 EARLY DISMISS -Gurshan Basketball 6:30-8:30	30 -Girls Soccer 3-4:30 -Ultimate play day at Maggie / Pen Hi	 	

APRIL IS A BUSY MONTH: GIRLS SOCCER, ULTIMATE FRISBEE, TRACK AND FIELD AND GOLF!

Concession Calendar

April 2026



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
30 Tim Hortons Veggie Cilantro Bowl with Muffin	31 Subway Cold Cut with White Cheddar 6' Sub	1 Mami's Pizza	2 Smitty's Burgers and Chunky Potatoes	3 Good Friday No School
6 Easter Monday No School	7 Subway Turkey with White Cheddar 6' Sub	8 Mami's Pizza	9 No Lunch Early Dismissal	10 No Lunch Early Dismissal
13 Tim Hortons Chicken Cilantro Bowl & Muffin	14 Subway Ham & White Cheddar Sub	15 Mami's Pizza	16 Smitty's Chicken Nuggets & Chunky Potatoes	17 Tim Hortons Chili, Bun & Muffin
20 Tim Hortons Veggie Cilantro Bowl with Muffin	21 Subway Pepperoni with White Cheddar 6' Sub	22 Mami's Pizza	23 Smitty's Chicken Caesar Wrap	24 Tim Hortons Chicken Strips & Potato Wedges
27 Tim Hortons Chicken Cilantro Bowl & Muffin	28 Subway Cold Cut with White Cheddar 6' Sub	29 No Lunch Early Dismissal	30 Smitty's Burgers and Chunky Potatoes	01 Tim Hortons Turkey Bacon Club With Muffin

Blooming Spring Fundraiser

Grown with farm fresh goodness



Mixes, Duplicates and Substitutions

Duplicates and substitutions may occur. Availability is based on what is in the greenhouse.

Mixes may vary from plant to plant.

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Mixes Vary

12" Premium Hanging Basket

Perfect for sunny spots, overflowing with beautiful blooms and trailing plants. You may receive a mix of lovely varieties, depending on greenhouse availability.

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Mixes Vary

12" Outdoor Patio Planter

A blend of our top-performing plant collections, all designed to thrive in full sun and brighten your backyard. You may receive a mix of lovely varieties.

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New Arrival

8" Bee Happy Perennial - Lavender 2-pack

A famous, much-loved perennial with soft purple blooms and a calming fragrance. This easy-care lavender brings a sense of calm to your garden.

30

10" Boston Fern Hanging Basket

Full, flowing fronds create a lush hanging look that adds classic greenery and fresh charm indoors or outdoors.

28

11" Strawberry Hanging Basket

A treat for kids & strawberry lovers, all season long! With charming blossoms in white or pink.

42

Colours

10-pack 4" Zonal Geraniums

Easy-care bedding plants in red, white, or pink that bring lasting color to gardens and planters. One color only per flat.

42

Colours

10-pack 4" Easy Wave Petunias

Cascading blooms that look beautiful in gardens, planters, and hanging baskets. Available in purple, white, or pink. One color only per flat.

35

10-pack 4" Marigolds

Bright orange blooms that add cheerful color and make great companions in veggie gardens.

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Assortment Varies

10-pack 4" Assorted Herbs

A flavorful assortment of kitchen favorites for everyday cooking. Varieties may include basil, thyme, chives, mint, oregano, parsley, and rosemary.

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Assortment Varies

10-pack 4" Assorted Veggies

Enjoy the simple joy of homegrown veggies. Varieties may include tomatoes, cucumber, zucchini, peppers, kale, and lettuce.

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Indoor Foliage Trio

A handpicked trio featuring trailing Pothos, colorful Tradescantia, and classic Dieffenbachia to bring easy, feel-good greenery indoors.

15

30L Premium Organic Potting Soil

A rich potting soil blend made to support strong, healthy plant growth. Made with a blend of compost, kelp, fish meal, peat moss, glacial rock dust, & rice hull.

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1.8kg Fertilizer Shaker

An easy-to-use shaker that feeds flowers and veggies for steady growth. Crafted with organic granular kelp, this 10-15-19 blend is a game-changer for plants.

Career Ed. Newsletter- April 2026

Career Ed. Report

As we return from spring break our spring programs are well underway. We have a few students that did not get break as they started programs all over the province. As part of the Dual Credit Health Care Program initiative, four students have started programs related to the health care field. One student began the Healthcare Assistant program at Okanagan College, another started the Medical Office Assistant program at the College of the Rockies, one began a Psychology degree at Thompson Rivers University, and another started coursework for the Dental Assistant program at Okanagan College

Three of our Youth Work in Trades Apprenticeship students have accumulated enough hours to start their level 1 technical training. These students transitioned to Youth Train in Trades program and will be completing Level 1 trades programs at different institutions. The Welder is at Okanagan College, the Carpenter is at University of the Fraser Valley, and the Electrician is at Camosun.

In late February, the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology did a tour for all the CLE 10 classes in School District 53. Our Skills Canada Regional winners have all been registered for provincials taking place April 15 at Tradex in Abbotsford. We are looking for female students interested in trades to go to OC for the Jill of Trades event April 28 in Kelowna.

Finally Dual Credit programs for the 26/27 year are being promoted and are starting to fill up. Grade 10 and 11 students and parents are encouraged to contact Mr. Turnbull or Mr. Toth to learn how to get your post-secondary tuition paid!!

Up Coming Events :

Skills Canada Provincials-Tradex	April 15th
OC Jill of Trades Female Trade Event	April 28th
Youth RCMP Academy	April 25-29
ExperienceOkanaganCollege Pentiction	May 4th
SD53 Wilderness Career Fair Camp Boyle	May 7th



TECHNOLOGY SAMPLER AT OC

Sept - Feb



A 22 week program delving into the rapidly advancing world of information technology and computer science. Hone your digital literacy and technical proficiency with practical training and industry-relevant learning in two key areas: IT Essentials and Introduction to Coding. This program is one night online and one night at OC and gives students the opportunity to explore:

- Hardware/Software/
- Coding & Programming
- IT Systems & Networks
- Cybersecurity/ Data Protection
- Ethics in Technology
- Industry Demands & Career Pathways

Ready to Explore Information Technology?

Scan the QR Code and a staff member from the SD53 Careers Department will get in touch with you

Have a question? Email Mr. Turnbull at: bturnbul@sd53.bc.ca



Current Offerings

SEATS ARE AVAILABLE FOR 26/27

Early Childhood Educator,
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning,
Welding,
Automotive Service Technician,
Heavy Duty Mechanics,
Health Care Aid,
Business Administration,
Technology Sampler,
Carpentry
Plumbing
Aircraft Maintenance Engineering
Structures,
Professional Cook,
Trades Sampler,
Health Sampler,
Engineering Sampler,
Academic Dual Credit,
Office Administration,
Nail Technician,
Hairdressing,
Leadership in Action,

Please use the link to view information on the Health Care Sampler:

[Health Care Sampler](#)



Apply for free
Enter to win a \$500
tuition voucher

OC Spring Open House

Vernon: Wednesday, March 11 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.

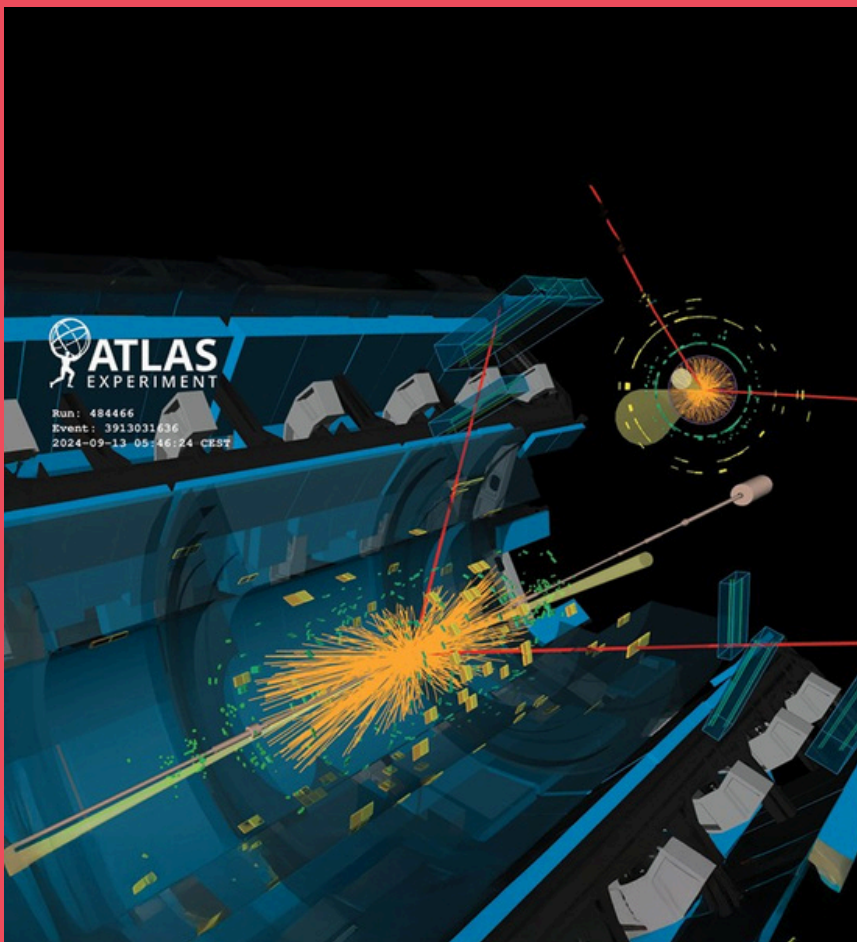
Salmon Arm: Tuesday, March 31 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Kelowna: Wednesday, April 1 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Penticton: Thursday, April 9 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.



**OC Okanagan
COLLEGE**



Explore the Universe at Okanagan College

A Full-Day Particle Physics
Experience for Grades 11 & 12

What if you could analyze real data from one of the world's largest scientific experiments?

Join us at Okanagan College for an immersive day exploring high energy particle physics using real data from the ATLAS experiment at CERN, which is located on the Large Hadron Collider.

What you'll do:

- Learn about research topics and methods that are fundamental to particle physics
- Meet virtually with a physicist located at CERN and tour the ATLAS control room
- Analyze measurements on real data from the ATLAS particle physics experiment at CERN to look for evidence of the Higgs Boson
- Virtually meet with other high school students and researchers across North America, present your results, and collaborate to create a combined result

Okanagan College, Vernon
Campus, 7000 College Way

Saturday, May 2
8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Lunch provided!

Reserve your spot:
[OCVernonPhysics.eventbrite.ca](https://www.okanagancollege.ca/OCVernonPhysics.eventbrite.ca)



Intended for grade 11 & 12 students and teachers. Students are encouraged to be enrolled in or have completed Physics 11.

**ATLAS
EXPERIMENT**

**OC Okanagan
COLLEGE**

Apply for a Bursary!

More than
\$80,000
available



Open to newly graduating and returning
students of all ages from the
South Okanagan Similkameen

Applications accepted from April 1 to May 1, 2026

LEARN MORE AND APPLY ONLINE:
www.cfso.net/apply-for-a-bursary



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