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Message from the Principal

Rattler Families and Friends,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2026! I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating Winter Break surrounded by loved ones. As we reflect on the close of 2025, I'm proud of the many memorable events and accomplishments that brought our school community together. Highlights included the incredible musical theatre performance of Frozen, Grade 12 Capstone Presentations, the Grad online auction and poinsettia fundraiser, festive Christmas activities such as the One Hit Wonders volleyball tournament, the 20Willow performance, our annual Rattler Christmas Dinner, and the Indoor Track Meet—congratulations to the Green Team for taking home the win!

January is a busy month as we dive into Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, and Literacy 12 Provincial Assessments, prepare for final exams, and continue with basketball league play, tournaments, and playoffs. We'll also begin planning for Semester 2. A special best wish goes out to Mr. Spelley, who will be heading to Saskatchewan to teach starting in February.

As we wrap up Semester 1, I encourage all students to stay focused, work hard, and finish strong. I also want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, coaches, PAC, and community members for their ongoing support and commitment to student success.

Wishing you all the best in 2026—Go Rattlers!

Sincerely,
Dave Foster

Dates to Remember :

Monday Jan. 5	First Day of School after Winter Break
Monday Jan. 12	Literacy 10 Assessment
Tuesday Jan. 13	Literacy 12 Assessment
Wednesday Jan. 14	Numeracy 10 Assessment
Thursday Jan. 22	Last day of Semester 1

Exam Days

Friday, January 23rd
Monday, January 26th
Tuesday, January 27th

Please see the back page
for the exam schedule.

Wednesday
Jan. 28

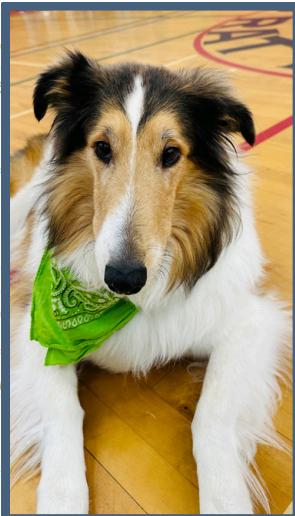
First Day of
Semester 2
Early Dismissal
12:05

Grad Parent Meeting
6:30pm

 Family Day
February 16th

Schoolwide Turkey Lunch and Indoor Trackmeet on December 18





Indoor Track meet

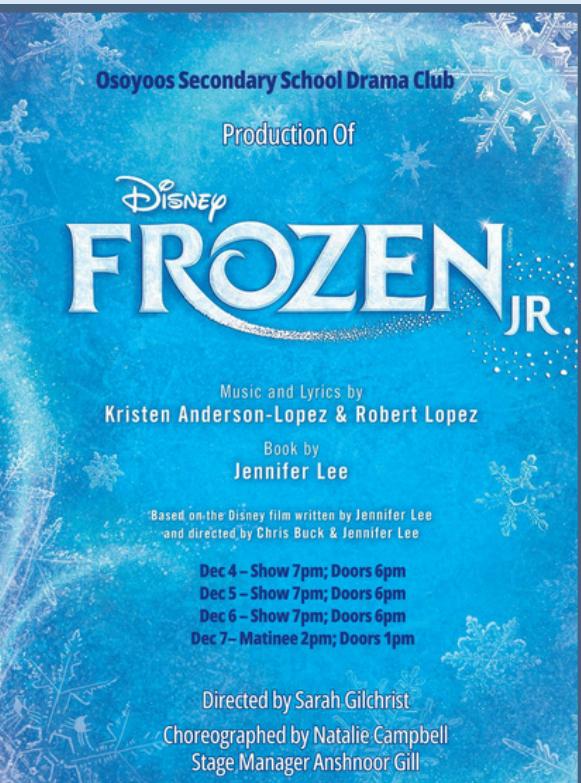


Semester 1 Exams

Semester 1 is almost finished. Exams will take place on January 23, 26 and 27th. Please see the back page for our Exam Schedule. This schedule is a draft, an email will be sent home closer to the date with a final copy.



On the last day of school before the holiday break, 20 Willow performed in the Theatre at Lunch. Students and staff got to hear their newest hit "Mr. Man" by Nohl Dragseth and Ethan Pearl, both on electric guitar, Anthony Pearl on bass and Cohen Hesketh on drums. The band plays all over the South Okanagan and we were lucky enough to have them put on our own private show!



DISNEY JR. FROZEN

This past December, OSS Musical Theatre students presented Disney's Frozen Jr. With its fantastic, diverse, talented, as well as largest cast ever of 52 students.

The fabulous production took over 200 hours of dedicated, collaborative, creative and sometimes grueling work to bring to life. Each night the cast got stronger, finishing with a sold out- (not one seat left in the theatre) matinee. How awesome!

Thank you to all that supported the production, from Mr. MacFadden's woodworking students who help build sets, Mr. Mocci who spent hours painting, parents who helped and the countless others who helped raise money. Congratulations to all the students who worked so hard and Mrs. Gilchrist for another amazing show!



JANUARY SPORTS CALENDAR



Grade 12 Capstone Presentations

At the end of December, grade 12 students presented their Capstone Projects. The Project is a graduation requirement and is really a celebration of 12 years of learning and experience. It is designed to encourage students to think critically, solve challenging problems, and show that they have learned skills to go on to further their education. This final Grade 12 presentation is a fantastic way for students to show a completion of all their years of learning.



This year our audience was amazed by diversity, courage, and skills. Students shared experience and knowledge in lesser-known careers and activities and showed off hidden creative talents. Adjudicators were impressed with the quieter students who were not only great public speakers but showed courage in sharing themselves in a public way. Presentations were viewed by staff members, parents, community members, board office staff and trustees.

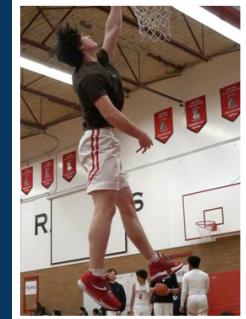
Congratulations to the Senior Girls Volleyball team on a very successful season. The Team made it to Single "A" Provincials in Castlegar and placed 7th overall. The girls fought hard and did well all season, placing 2nd overall in the South Zone.

We would like to sincerely thank all the generous donors for their support, parents who travelled to watch and cheer on the girls, and classmates who watched from afar. Cheers to Coach John Seminoff for another successful season, and Coaching assistants Jada Gaudet and Paige Kaminski for all their hours of volunteering.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
FIRST DAY BACK -Gr 8 Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Jr Boys Bball 5-6:30 -Sr Boys Bball 6:30-8	-Gr 8 Girls Bball HOST PEN Gold @ 4:00 -Gr 8 Boys Bball HOST PEN @ 5:30	-Sr Girls Bball @ SESS @ 4:00 -Sr Boys Bball @ SESS @ 5:45 -Jr Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Gr 8 Boys Bball 4:30-6 -Jr Boys Bball 6-8	- SR BOYS BBALL @ IMMAC -Jr Girls Bball HOST PEN HI @ 4:00 -Gr 8 Boys Bball HOST PEN HI @ 5:30	- JR GIRLS BBALL @ SUMMERLAND - SR BOYS BBALL @ IMMAC - SR GIRLS BBALL @ PLEASANT VALLEY -Jr Boys Bball 5-6:30	- JR GIRLS BBALL @ SUMMERLAND - SR BOYS BBALL @ IMMAC - SR GIRLS BBALL @ PLEASANT VALLEY	
-Jr Boys Bball 9:30-11	-Gr 8 Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Jr Boys Bball 5-6:30 -Sr Boys Bball 6:30-8	-Gr 8 Girls Bball HOST SESS @ 4:00 -Gr 8 Boys Bball HOST PEN @ 5:30	-Sr Girls Bball HOST PSS @ 4:00 -Sr Boys Bball HOST PSS @ 5:45	-Jr Girls Bball HOST MAGGIE @ 4:00 -Jr Boys Bball HOST MAGGIE @ 5:30	- JR BOYS BBALL @ AB HALL - SR BOYS BBALL @ GRAND FORKS	- JR BOYS BBALL @ AB HALL - SR BOYS BBALL @ GRAND FORKS
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OSS Sports



Concession Calendar

January 2026



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
No School- Winter Break				
5 Tim Hortons Chicken Cilantro Bowl with Muffin	6 Subway Ham & White Cheddar Sub	7 Mami's Pizza	8 Smitty's Chicken Quesadilla	9 Tim Hortons Chili, Bun & Muffin
12 Tim Hortons Veggie Cilantro Bowl with Muffin	13 Subway Turkey with White Cheddar 6' Sub	14 Mami's Pizza	15 Smitty's Chicken Nuggets & Chunky Potatoes	16 Tim Hortons Grilled Cheese with Chicken Noodle Soup
19 Tim Hortons Chicken Cilantro Bowl & Muffin	20 Subway Cold Cut with White Cheddar 6' Sub	21 Mami's Pizza	22 Smitty's French Toast with Sausage	23 No Lunch Exam Day
26 No Lunch Exam Day	27 No Lunch Exam Day	28 No Lunch Early Dismissal	29 Smitty's Chicken Drumsticks and Mashed Potatoes	30 Tim Hortons Turkey Bacon Club With Muffin

DUAL CREDIT

Dual Credit allows students to complete post-secondary courses, while earning dual credits that count towards both their high school diploma and their post-secondary diploma, degree or apprenticeship certification.



What is Dual Credit?

Students participate in apprenticeship training and postsecondary courses, earning dual credits that count towards both their high school diploma and their postsecondary diploma, degree or apprenticeship certification.

Who is it for?

Students in Grades 10, 11 & 12 that would like to get a jump start on their post-secondary education.

How it helps?

Students have the opportunity to:

- Earn high school credits and post-secondary credentials at the same time
- Get a head start on learning and training for their future careers.



READY TO EXPLORE CAREER EDUCATION DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM?

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
bturnbul@sd53.bc.ca



OSS- January 2026 Exam Schedule Draft (updated Jan. 6)

Instructions for students for exam days:

1. All students must be in the classroom 10 minutes before the start of exam and can stay an extra hour after exam.
2. Students not attending classes MUST be in the library. The Gym is closed.
3. Buses will run as per normal on all exam days. Plus, students must hand in all textbooks.

Friday, January 23

EXAM	ROOM	TIME	Supervisor
English 12	103	10:45am 8:45am –	Mrs. Gilchrist
Literature 11	106	10:45am 8:45am –	Mr. Foster
Chemistry 11	109	10:45am 8:45am –	Mr. Spelay
EFP 10	102	10:45am 8:45am –	Mrs. Kern
Socials 9	112	10:45am 8:45am –	Mr. Mocci
Math 9	113	10:45am 8:45am –	Mrs. Wiebe
Socials 8 (Period 2)	104	10:45am 8:45am –	Ms. Craig
Socials 8 (Period 4)	107	10:45am	Ms. Moore

Supervision - Library, 8:45am-10:45am - Mrs. Ruck

Invigilation Support Teachers – Mrs. Bureau, Mrs. Quintal

EXAM	ROOM	TIME	Supervisor
Chemistry 12	109 107	2:15pm 12:15pm –	Mr. Spelay
Physics 11	113	2:15pm 12:15pm –	Mrs. Chora
Pre-calc 10 (Conibear)	107/113	2:15pm 12:15pm –	Mrs. Browning
Pre-calc 10 (Chora)	106 102	2:15pm 12:15pm –	Ms. Craig
WPM 10	103	2:15pm 12:15pm –	Mr. Seminoff
English 9 (Kern)		2:15pm 12:15pm –	Mrs. Kern
English 9 (Gilchrist)		2:15pm	Mrs. Gilchrist

Supervision - Library, 12:15pm-2:15pm - Mrs. Wiebe

Invigilation Support Teachers – Mr. Georges, Ms. Moore

Monday, January 26

EXAM	ROOM	TIME	Supervisor
Pre-calc 12	113	10:45am 8:45am –	Mr. Conibear
Socials 11	106	10:45am 8:45am –	Mr. Seminoff
Science 9	107	10:45am 8:45am –	Mrs. Chora
Socials 10	112	10:45am 8:45am –	Mr. Mocci
Science 8 (Chora)	104	10:45am 8:45am –	Mrs. Bureau
Science 8 (Foster)	109	10:45am	Mr. Foster

Supervision - Library, 8:45am-10:45am - Mrs. Ruck

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Pre-calc 11	113	12:15pm – 2:15pm	Mr. Conibear

Supervision - Library, 8:45am-10:45am - Mrs. Ruck

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