

# OSOYOOS SECONDARY

## DECEMBER 2025



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## Message from the Principal

Rattler Families and Friends,

As we move into December, we're now two-thirds of the way through Semester 1, and Winter Break is just around the corner! November was filled with exciting events and activities, and I'm proud of the effort, engagement, and school spirit shown by our Rattler community. Here are some highlights:

- Remembrance Day Service – A heartfelt thank you to the Royal Canadian Legion Colour Party and to our MCs, Radyn and Willow, along with Anshnoor, Becca, and Cohen, for making this service so meaningful.
- Grad 2025 Poinsettia Fundraiser – Proceeds will support graduation activities, including the year-end trip. Poinsettias and festive arrangements will be delivered to the school on December 1.
- OSS Scholarship Foundation – The annual meeting was held on November 25. Thank you to all community members who support the foundation. Our goal remains to award over \$30,000 in scholarships to graduating students this year.
- Report Cards – Term 1 report cards are now available in MyEducation BC (Grades 10–12) and SpacesEDU (Grades 8–9).
- Athletics – Congratulations to our girls' volleyball teams on successful seasons! Basketball season is now underway—come out and cheer on the teams.
- Musical Theatre – We're thrilled to present Frozen from Thursday, December 4 to Sunday, December 7. Tickets are available in the school office.

The holiday spirit is coming alive at OSS! The concourse will soon be decorated with Christmas stockings and trees, and the annual Door Decorating Contest is in full swing. Looking ahead, mark your calendars for these festive events:

- One Hit Wonder – Tuesday, December 16
- Indoor Track Meet & Christmas Dinner – Thursday, December 18
- 20willow Performance – Lunchtime in the theatre on Friday, December 19

Wishing all Rattler students, families, and staff a joyful and safe winter break. Here's to a fantastic start to 2026!

Sincerely,  
Dave Foster

## Dates to Remember :

Monday Dec. 1	First Day of Trimester 3  Poinsettia Pick up 3-5pm
Tuesday Dec. 2	PAC Meeting 3pm OSS Library
Thursday Dec. 4	Opening Night Frozen 7pm (Doors open for 6pm)
Friday Dec. 5	Frozen 7pm Theatre (Doors open at 6pm)
Saturday Dec. 6	Frozen 7pm Theatre (Doors open at 6pm)
Sunday Dec. 7	Frozen 2pm Theatre Matinee (Doors open at 1pm)
Thursday Dec. 11	Grade 12 Capstone Presentations
Friday Dec. 12	Grade 12 Capstone Presentations
Tuesday Dec. 16	One Hit Wonders Volleyball Tourney
Thursday Dec. 18	School-wide Turkey Lunch
Friday Dec. 19	Performance By 20 Willow



## Christmas Holidays



Last Day of School:  
Friday, December 19th  
Break is:  
December 22nd-Jan 2nd  
School reopens:  
January 5th

Osoyoos Secondary School Drama Club

Production Of

# Disney FROZEN JR.

Music and Lyrics by  
Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez

Book by  
Jennifer Lee

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee  
and directed by Chris Buck & Jennifer Lee

Dec 4 - Show 7pm; Doors 6pm  
Dec 5 - Show 7pm; Doors 6pm  
Dec 6 - Show 7pm; Doors 6pm  
Dec 7 - Matinee 2pm; Doors 1pm

Directed by Sarah Gilchrist  
Choreographed by Natalie Campbell  
Stage Manager Anshoor Gill

THE GRAD  
CLASS OF 2026 WILL BE  
HAVING AN  
FACEBOOK ONLINE  
AUCTION

BIDDING ENDS ON  
DECEMBER 7TH

HIGHEST BID WINS!  
ITEMS CAN BE PAID BY  
CASH, CHEQUE  
OR E-TRANSFER

[Grad 2026 Auction Link](#)

**Poinsettia Orders**

Plant Pick Up December 1st  
3:00-5pm

CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM!  
COMPETING IN THE PROVINCIALS  
NOVEMBER 26-29  
GO TEAM GO!



## OSS HOLIDAY COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

OSS LEADERSHIP STUDENTS ARE  
COLLECTING  
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS.  
STUDENTS WILL BE DRIVING AROUND  
OSOYOOS PICKING UP ITEMS ON  
DECEMBER 17TH  
3-7PM

LET'S HELP THE  
FOOD BANK FEED  
LOCAL FAMILIES  
AND PEOPLE IN  
NEED



OSS  
*Christmas*  
SCHOOLWIDE LUNCH

Thursday, December 18





# DECEMBER SPORTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 -Gr 8 Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Jr Boys Bball 5-6:30 -Sr Boys Bball 6:30-8	2 -Gr 8 Girls Bball @ SESS @ 4:00 -Gr 8 Boys Bball @ SESS @ 5:30 -Jr Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Sr Girls Bball 4:30-6 -Sr Boys Bball 6-8	3 -Jr Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Gr 8 Boys Bball 4:30-6 -Jr Boys Bball 6-8	4 -Jr Boys Bball HOST SESS @ 5:30 -Gr 8 Girls 3-4:30	5 - SR BOYS BBALL @ SOSS -Jr Boys Bball 5-6:30	6 - SR BOYS BBALL @ SOSS
7 -Jr Boys Bball 9:30-11	8 -Gr 8 Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Jr Boys Bball 5-6:30 -Sr Boys Bball 6:30-8	9 -Gr 8 Girls Bball HOST SOSS @ 4:00 -Gr 8 Boys Bball HOST SSS @ 5:30	10 -Sr Boys Bball HOST SESS @ 4:00 - Sr Girls Bball HOST SESS @ 5:45	11 -Jr Girls Bball @ SSS @ 4:00 -Jr Boys Bball @ SSS @ 5:30 -Gr 8 Girls Bball 3-4:30 - Gr 8 Boys Bball 4:30-6 -Sr Girls Bball 6-7:30	12 - JR BOYS BBALL HOME TOURNAMENT - JR GIRLS BBALL @ PRINCETON - SR GIRLS BBALL @ AB HALL	13 - JR BOYS BBALL HOME TOURNAMENT - JR GIRLS BBALL @ PRINCETON - SR GIRLS BBALL @ AB HALL
14 -Jr Boys Bball 9:30-11	15 -Jr Girls Bball HOST PSS 9 @ 4:00 -Jr Boys Bball HOST PSS @ 5:30	16 Gr 8 Girls Bball HOST Pen Gold @ 4:00 -Gr 8 Boys Bball HOST MAGGIE @ 5:30	17 -Sr Boys Bball @ PSS @ 4:00 - Sr Girls Bball @ PSS @ 5:45 -Jr Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Gr 8 Boys Bball 4:30-6 -Jr Boys Bball 6-8	18 -Gr 8 Girls Bball 3-4:30 - Gr 8 Boys Bball 4:30-6 -Sr Girls Bball 6-7:30	19 LAST DAY OF CLASSES -Jr Boys Bball 5-6:30	20



# OSS BASKET BALL

# JANUARY SPORTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 FIRST DAY BACK -Gr 8 Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Jr Boys Bball 5-6:30 -Sr Boys Bball 6:30-8	5 -Gr 8 Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Jr Boys Bball 5-6:30 -Sr Boys Bball 6:30-8	6 -Gr 8 Girls Bball HOST PEN Gold @ 4:00 -Gr 8 Boys Bball HOST PEN @ 5:30	7 -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	8 - SR BOYS BBALL @ IMMAC -Jr Girls Bball HOST PEN HI @ 4:00 -Jr Boys Bball HOST PEN HI @ 5:30	9 - JR GIRLS BBALL @ SUMMERLAND - SR BOYS BBALL @ IMMAC - SR GIRLS BBALL @ PLEASANT VALLEY -Jr Boys Bball 5-6:30	10 - JR GIRLS BBALL @ SUMMERLAND - SR BOYS BBALL @ IMMAC - SR GIRLS BBALL @ PLEASANT VALLEY
11 -Jr Boys Bball 9:30-11	12 -Gr 8 Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Jr Boys Bball 5-6:30 -Sr Boys Bball 6:30-8	13 -Gr 8 Girls Bball HOST SESS @ 4:00 -Gr 8 Boys Bball HOST PEN @ 5:30	14 -Sr Girls Bball HOST PSS @ 4:00 - Sr Boys Bball HOST PSS @ 5:45	15 -Jr Girls Bball HOST MAGGIE @ 4:00 -Jr Boys Bball HOST MAGGIE @ 5:30	16 - JR BOYS BBALL @ AB HALL - SR BOYS BBALL @ GRAND FORKS	17 - JR BOYS BBALL @ AB HALL - SR BOYS BBALL @ GRAND FORKS
18 -Jr Boys Bball 9:30-11	19 -Jr Girls Bball @ SOSS @ 4:00 -Jr Boys Bball @ SOSS @ 5:30 -Gr 8 Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Jr Boys Bball 5-6:30 -Sr Boys Bball 6:30-8	20 -Gr 8 Girls Bball @ SSS @ 4:00 -Jr Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Sr Girls Bball 4:30-6 -Sr Boys Bball 6-8	21 -Jr Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Gr 8 Boys Bball 4:30-6 -Jr Boys Bball 6-8	22 -Gr 8 Girls Bball 3-4:30 - Gr 8 Boys Bball 4:30-6 -Sr Girls Bball 6-7:30	23 EXAM DAYS	24
25 -Jr Boys Bball 9:30-11	26 EXAM DAYS -Gr 8 Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Jr Boys Bball 5-6:30 -Sr Boys Bball 6:30-8	27 EXAM DAYS -Gr 8 Girls Playoffs -Gr 8 Boys @ SOSS @ 5:30 -Jr Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Sr Girls Bball 4:30-6 -Sr Boys Bball 6-8	28 EARLY DISMISS -Jr Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Gr 8 Boys Bball 4:30-6 -Jr Boys Bball 6-8	29 - JR BOYS BBALL @ IMMAC -Gr 8 Girls Bball 3-4:30 - Gr 8 Boys Bball 4:30-6 -Sr Girls Bball 6-7:30	30 - JR BOYS BBALL @ IMMAC - SR BOYS BBALL @ MAGGIE	31 - JR BOYS BBALL @ IMMAC - SR BOYS BBALL @ MAGGIE





# Ugly Sweater Day

Wear your **UGLIEST** sweater!

**Monday**  
**December 15th**

Leadership students will  
be coming around 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Block delivering hot  
chocolate to all  
participating students!

## WINTER DOOR DECORATING

### CRITERIA:

- MUST BE WINTER THEMED
  - RELATE TO SUBJECT
  - ONE SIDE OF DOOR
  - 1ST BLOCK CLASSES
- JUDGED MONDAY DEC.15TH!

WINNING CLASS GETS A PIZZA PARTY DEC 18TH



## Spirit Week- December 15-19th

Merry  
Christmas

## One Hit Wonders

Sign up sheets are in the Library

**TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 2025**

**TIME: 12:45 PM**

**LOCATION: THE GYM**

Dress up theme: The holidays

## Anything But a Backpack Day Holiday Edition

On wednesday Dec. 17th







**OKANAGAN The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual SHORT STORY CONTEST**

Proudly sponsored by the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies at UBC Okanagan, and the Central Okanagan Foundation.

**1<sup>st</sup> prize: \$1,000**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$400**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> prize: \$200**  
**High school category: \$200**

Prizes are awarded for the best new short stories in the Southern Interior.  
 Entries will be judged by Joanna Cockerline.

**Who:** Open to all residents of BC's southern interior, east of Hope, west of Alberta border, north of the US border and south of Williams Lake. All ages welcome.

**What:** Must be original, unpublished works of fiction, 1,000 to 4,000 words.

**Adult Entry fee:** \$20. No fee for high school student entries.

**Deadline:** February 6, 2026

**fccs.ok.ubc.ca/short-story**

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**20 WILLOW**

**PERFORMING:**

**DECEMBER 19TH, 2025**

**OSS THEATRE**

**12:00PM**

**NOHL DRAGSETH**  
 VOCALS & GUITAR

**ETHAN PEARLE**  
 VOCALS & GUITAR

**PHOENIX BATYKA-MICHAS**  
 BASS GUITAR

**COHEN HESKETH**  
 DRUMS



# Concession Calendar

## December 2025



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>1</b> <b>Tim Hortons</b> Chicken Cilantro Bowl with Muffin	<b>2</b> <b>Subway</b> Turkey & White Cheddar Sub	<b>3</b> <b>Mami's Pizza</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Smitty's</b> Burgers and Chunky Potatoes	<b>5</b> <b>Tim Hortons</b> Chicken Bacon Wrap with Muffin
<b>8</b> <b>Tim Hortons</b> Veggie Habanero Bowl with Muffin	<b>9</b> <b>Subway</b> Pepperoni with White Cheddar Sub	<b>10</b> <b>Mami's Pizza</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Smitty's</b> Pepperoni Pizza Rollups	<b>12</b> <b>Tim Hortons</b> Chili, Bun & Muffin
<b>15</b> <b>Tim Hortons</b> Chicken Cilantro Bowl with Muffin	<b>16</b> <b>Subway</b> Ham & White Cheddar Sub	<b>17</b> <b>Mami's Pizza</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Schoolwide Turkey Dinner</b> 	<b>19</b> <b>Tim Hortons</b> Turkey Bacon Club with Muffin
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Christmas Break</b>				
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Christmas Break</b>				



# Why Student Attendance Matters



In the Okanagan Similkameen School District, we all share the responsibility - educators, families, and community members - to help every student not only succeed but thrive. A key part of that success is **being at school every day**. When students miss school they:

- Miss valuable learning that cannot be replaced with homework
- Fall behind in reading, especially by Grade 3
- Struggle more in later grades
- Are less likely to graduate from high school
- Are less engaged in school. Group work, hands-on activities, and daily social experiences can't be recreated. Teachers must adjust plans and spend time helping absent students catch up, which impacts the whole class. Every missed day affects learning.

## What is Chronic Absence?

- Missing **20% of the school year** (about 3-4 days per month)
- Includes **excused absences, unexcused absences, late arrivals, early pick-ups, and suspensions**

## What Parents Can Do

You play a key role in building strong attendance habits. Here's how you can help:

- **Communicate** with the school about any lateness, early pick-ups, or absences
- **Schedule appointments** after school or on non-school days
- **Plan vacations** during school breaks
- **Have a backup plan** for getting your child to school if something unexpected happens
- **Build healthy routines:**
  - Create regular bedtimes to ensure enough sleep. Cell phone & electronic usage should end before bedtime.
  - Have clothes & backpacks ready the night before.
- **Address anxiety early—**  
if your child is worried about school, talk to their teacher or school counsellor

## SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS

- Students are expected to **arrive on time and stay for the entire school day**
- If your child is absent, you **must notify the school office**
- Review school calendars as days off & breaks are posted on each school's website

**Every Day Matters – Together, we can help all students learn, grow, and succeed!**



Osoyoos Secondary School Drama Club  
Production:

# Disney Frozen 3



**Dec 4, 5, 6 - Show at 7pm -  
Doors Open at 6pm  
Dec 7 - Matinee at 2pm -  
Doors Open at 1pm**

Directed By: Sarah Gilchrist  
Choreographed By: Natalie Campbell  
StageManager: AnshnoorGill

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