

# OSOYOOS SECONDARY

## FEBRUARY 2026

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### Message from the Principal

Rattler Families and Friends,

As January comes to a close, our students have been busy writing and presenting their final assessments. As a result, report cards will be available during the week of February 9. Families and students in Grades 10–12 can access reports through their MyEducationBC portal, while Grades 8–9 reports will be available in SpacesEDU. An email notification will be sent once reports are ready to be viewed.

We are pleased to welcome several new and returning staff members to our Rattler community. Please join me in welcoming Brett Dupuis, who will be teaching Science 9, Math 9, and Earth Science 11 this semester, and Trish Tavender, a highly experienced Education Assistant, joining our team. We are also delighted to welcome back Glen Heinrichs out of retirement. Mr. Heinrichs will be teaching Math 8 and Science 10 this semester.

February is shaping up to be an exciting month at OSS, with a variety of activities and events for students and staff. Highlights include Winter Activity Day on February 26, the Skills Canada, Mathletes and Spaghetti Bridge Competitions, the Hoops for Heart basketball tournament, basketball playoffs, Pink Shirt Day, and Valentine's Day celebrations.

Thank you to our Rattler families for your continued support and partnership. We truly value the positive role you play in our school community.

Sincerely,  
Dave Foster

**Leadership Spreading Kindness & Appreciation**  
 **Schoolwide Pizza Lunch–February 25th**



**REPORT CARDS  
WILL BE  
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WEEK OF FEB.  
10TH**



**Pink Shirt Day  
February 25th**



### Dates to Remember:

Tuesday Feb. 3	PAC Meeting 3pm Library
Tuesday Feb. 10	Report Cards Published
	<b><u>Family Day Weekend</u></b>
Friday Feb. 13	Pro D-Day No Classes
Monday Feb. 16	 Family Day No Classes
Wednesday Feb. 18	Grad Photos
Thursday Feb. 19	Grad Photos & Grade 9 Immunizations
Friday Feb. 20	Grad Photos
Wednesday Feb. 25	Pink Shirt Day & Early Dismissal
Thursday Feb. 26	Winter Activity Day
Tuesday Mar. 10	Grad Picture Retakes

### Spring Break Dates:

**March 16th-27th  
Day School Re-Opens is:  
Monday, March 30th**

## GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATION

CONSENT FORMS SHOULD HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THE OFFICE FOR IMMUNIZATIONS BY JAN. 26th

IMMUNIZATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON FEBRUARY 19TH

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

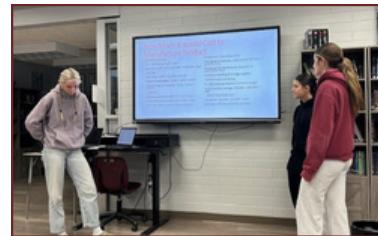
AMY SPROULE,  
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE  
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## Socials Studies 11 Shark Tank



Mr. Seminoff's Grade 11 Social Studies Class participated in their very own Shark Tank. Groups or solo inventors pitched their inventions to 6 Osoyoos business owners. The class project consisted of an invention, budget and presentation. The audience was impressed with the creative apps, products and imagination.



## Grad 2026 Photo Info:



Grad cap and gown photo sessions will take place:

February 18th, 19th & 20th at the school.

in order for you to appear in the yearbook, it is important that you have your photo taken by Mountain West Studios.

Sign up for grad photo appointments will be using the online link:



## OSS Grad Photo Session



Secondary: 2D Animation, Automotive Service, Cabinetmaking, Cooking, Electronics, IT Office Software, Public Speaking & Welding

Jr. Skills: Spaghetti Bridge, Gravity Vehicle, Sumo Robots & Carpentry

Okanagan College, Kelowna Campus

## Scholarships & Bursaries

An updated Bursary & Scholarship Booklet will be posted on our website by March.

We are waiting to get a finalized list from local donors.

## WINTER ACTIVITY DAY!!!

Schoolwide Winter Activity Day is scheduled for Thursday, February 26th. Details will follow of what options are available for students.

## HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE AWARDS

Planning to attend Okanagan College next fall? You may be eligible for an entrance award.

Students graduating from a secondary school within the Okanagan College region (Revelstoke to Princeton) entering Okanagan College in September 2026 may be eligible for the following awards. Link below with the QR code



### HOW TO APPLY:

Eligibility criteria and details about how to apply online are available by visiting [okanagancollege.ca/awards](http://okanagancollege.ca/awards)

### APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Online Applications will be accepted until January 1, 2026.

Students and school staff will have until March 15, 2026 to provide required documentation of transcripts and reference letters.

### Questions? Contact

250-762-5445 | 1-877-755-2266 (toll-free)

**OC** Okanagan  
COLLEGE

## OSS will be Competing in:

Mathletes Competition  
Thursday, February 19th at Okanagan College in Kelowna.

Spaghetti Bridge Competition  
Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> in Kelowna as at Okanagan College

# Fitness & Conditioning Camp Out



At the beginning of January, Mrs. Wiebe's Grade 11/12 Fitness and Conditioning class had an overnight campout at Apex. The ladies had an 4km snowshoe, skated on the Adventure Loop in the dark and spent the night in the Scouts Canada Cabin. Lots of laughs, fitness and adventure. 

## OSS Sports

The OSS basketball season is in full swing! Teams have been travelling and competing all over the valley with lots of success. Jr. Girls are currently in first place and headed to playoffs. Senior Boys are hosting their home tournament February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Come out and cheer on the boys!!!



## February Sports Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 -STORM Vball 9-4	2 -Sr Boys Bball 6:30-8 -Jr Boys Bball @ PEN B @ 4:00 -Jr Girls Bball Playoffs HOST	3 -Gr 8 Girls & Boys Playoffs -Jr Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Sr Boys Bball 6-8	4 -Jr Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Gr 8 Boys Bball 4:30-6 -Sr Boys Bball 6-8 -Jr Boy Bball Playoffs	5 -Gr 8 Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Gr 8 Boys Bball 4:30-6 -Jr Boy Bball Playoffs	6 SR BOYS BBALL HOME TOURNAMENT -JR GIRLS BBALL VALLEYS in Kamloops	7 SR BOYS BBALL HOME TOURNAMENT -JR GIRLS BBALL VALLEYS in Kamloops
8 -Jr Boys Bball 9:30-11 -STORM Vball 12-2	9 -Gr 8 Girls Bball 3-4:30 -Sr Boys Bball 6:30-8 -Jr Boy Bball Playoffs	10 -Gr 8 Girls & Boys Playoffs -Sr Boys Bball 6-8	11 -Sr Boys Bball 6-8	12 -Jr Boy Bball Valleys -Sr Boys Bball 6-8	13 PRO D DAY -Jr Boy Bball Valleys	14
15 -STORM Vball 12-2	16 NO SCHOOL	17 -Sr Boys Bball 6-8	18 --Sr Boys Bball 6-8	19 -Sr Boys Bball Valleys @ SESS	20 -Sr Boys Bball Valleys @ SESS	21 -Sr Boys Bball Valleys @ SESS
22 -STORM Vball 12-2	23	24	25 EARLY DISMISS.	26	27	28



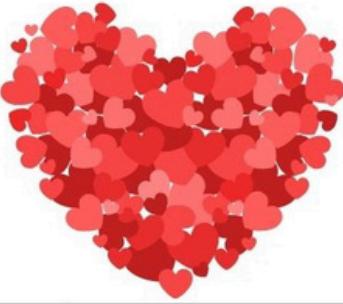
Senior Boys are hosting their home tournament February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

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# Concession Calendar

## February 2026



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Tim Hortons Veggie Cilantro Bowl & Muffin	3 Subway Ham & White Cheddar Sub	4 Mami's Pizza	5 Smitty's Macaroni & Cheese	6 Tim Hortons Chili, Bun & Muffin
9 Tim Hortons Chicken Cilantro Bowl & Muffin	10 Subway Turkey & White Cheddar 6' Sub	11 Mami's Pizza	12 Smitty's Burgers and Chunky Potatoes	13 Non-Instructional Day No School
16 Family Day No School	17 Subway Cold Cut & White Cheddar Sub	18 Mami's Pizza	19 Smitty's Chicken Nuggets & Chunky Potatoes	20 Tim Hortons Chili, Bun & Muffin
23 Tim Hortons Chicken Cilantro Bowl & Muffin	24 Subway Pepperoni with White Cheddar Sub	25 Early Dismissal No Lunch	26 Winter Activity Day No Restaurant	27 Tim Hortons Turkey Bacon Club With Muffin
02 Tim Hortons Veggie Cilantro Bowl & Muffin	03 Subway Ham & White Cheddar Sub	04 Mami's Pizza	05 Smitty's Burgers and Chunky Potatoes	06 Chili, Bun & Muffin

# Career Ed. Newsletter- February 2026

## Career Ed. Report

As we wind down semester one, WEX students and Youth Work in Trades students are finishing hours and completing final assignments. While Train in Trades students continue to work in their programs at OC.

With Semester 2 approaching School District 53, has 21 students starting trade programs at Okanagan College, Camosun College and UFV, as well as 5 students starting academic dual credit programs for the winter semester at OC, TRU and College of the Rockies. The success that SD53 students are having in post-secondary dual credit courses can be attributed to having support through their transition from secondary to post-secondary.

Trades programs throughout the province fill up quickly so if the school district needs to secure more than our priority seats it is important that students interested in dual credit programs apply when applications open.

Skills Canada Regionals is just around the corner on February 20, 2026. All three secondary schools have students competing in a variety of skills.

Finally, our dedicated careers team and CLE and CLC teachers will be attending the Career Educator Society's interior mini conference.

## Up Coming Events :

Interior Health Career Exploration  
February 10th

Career Education Society Interior Conference  
February 13th

Skills Canada Regionals  
February 20th

Check out this link for more information about the ECE program:  
**Early Childhood Education-Okanagan College**

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Work Experience prepares students transitioning from secondary school to the world of work. It consists of 100 hours of work at a work site, combined with 20 hours of related career and work experience assignments.

### The Goals of Work Experience

- Students have the opportunity to observe and practice generic employability skills required in the workplace, as well as technical and applied skills relating to occupations or industries.
- Connect what they learn in the classroom with the skills, knowledge and attitudes needed in the workplace to be successful
- Develop job readiness skills for specific occupations and careers
- Understand the similarities and differences in behavior standards between the workplace and school



### What does the course consist of?

- Unpaid work meant to gain employability skills, many students turn their placements into paid jobs.
- Provide work to an employer with a Placement Agreement in place, ensuring that students are covered by the Ministry of Education's Workers Compensation plan- The School District will handle any WCB claim.
- Students must complete all safety assignments and provide documentation prior to commencing work experience at the placement

## READY TO EXPLORE CAREER EDUCATION WORK EXPERIENCE 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 at: bturnbul@sd53.bc.ca

## Current Offerings

### SEATS ARE AVAILABLE FOR 26/27

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



# WE ARE HIRING!

## EDUCATION ASSISTANTS

### "EARN AND LEARN" EMPLOYMENT PATHWAY



We are seeking caring, motivated individuals interested in supporting students in inclusive school settings. This is an excellent opportunity to join our team as an Education Assistant.



For more information, email [employment@sd53.bc.ca](mailto:employment@sd53.bc.ca) or visit [www.sd53.bc.ca](http://www.sd53.bc.ca)

**Education Assistants**

- 27.5 hours per week
- \$28.29 per hour
- Paid work and training opportunity

*All required training, mentorship, and skill development will be provided by the district. Previous coursework, certification, or work/volunteer experience will be considered. Successful candidates will demonstrate a commitment to working with students and a willingness to learn.*

#### APPLICATION PACKAGE SHOULD INCLUDE:

- COVER LETTER (WITH WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS OPPORTUNITY)
- RESUME
- APPLICATION FORM (AVAILABLE ON SD53 WEBSITE)
- PROOF OF GRADE 12 GRADUATION
- POST-SECONDARY TRANSCRIPTS/CERTIFICATES (IF AVAILABLE)
- THREE WORK SUPERVISOR REFERENCES

PACKAGES DUE BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>

SEND YOUR PACKAGE TO  
[employment@sd53.bc.ca](mailto:employment@sd53.bc.ca)