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Happy New Year to our RSS Community!!

We hope you enjoyed the winter break and are ready to finish Semester One strong! Here are some important dates and reminders for January that will take us to the Midpoint of the school year.

Key Dates

- **Classes Resume: Monday, January 5**
- **Ministry Assessments: Week of January 12 (required for graduation)**
- **Semester 1 Ends: Friday, January 23**
- **Turnaround Day: Monday, January 26 No regular classes. Only students invited by teachers to complete Semester 1 work will attend.**
- **Semester 2 Begins: Tuesday, January 27**



For Families of 2026 Graduates:

The **Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society** application window will close on January 19th. Please note there are **no extensions**, as this is an external organization supporting multiple schools and we are grateful for their ongoing financial support for our graduating students looking to pursue their education at post-secondary institutions.

We look forward to continuing our learning journey together in 2026. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education!

★ **Term 2** is quickly coming to an end. Friday, January 24 will be the final day of the semester/term. Please note that our **turn around day** is **Monday, January 26**, students will not attend on this day unless requested to complete school work by their teacher. **Tuesday, January 27** is the beginning of **Semester 2 / Term 3. Course change requests are placed on-line only**. Visit the counselling website to complete the request.

★ **Literacy/Numeracy Assessments:** As a part of the BC Ministry of Education graduation requirements, Students in the BC Graduation Program are required to write the following graduation assessments: Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment (NME 10), Grade 10 Literacy Assessment (LTE 10) and Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment (LTE12). The assessments will be scheduled again during the week of January 12-30, 2026, as well as follow up assessments in April and June for students that will have missed or are needing to rewrite. **We will be in communication with these students who are affected, and they will be provided advanced notice.** For more information, please see <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/assessment>

★ **Student Fees & Textbooks:** As we quickly approach the end of the semester, please remind your son or daughter to return all textbooks and novels so that they are available for students in second semester classes. Students may be charged for missing books. School fees are now due, please pay on-line at: [SchoolCashOnline](https://www.schoolcashonline.com)

★ **COBSS: Online Application deadline is January 19 at 11:59pm.** COBSS is strictly done online and ALL steps of the application process MUST be completed by the deadline. Applicants will no longer have access to edit their application after the deadline. Please note: All information & instructions pertaining to COBSS, scholarships, bursaries & financial aid is available in the form of a PowerPoint titled "PSP #2" which is posted in the Grad Google classroom. Please email jennifer.skogstad@sd23.bc.ca if you have any questions.

PARKING LOT REMINDERS! Please drive slowly and carefully through the parking lot. We recently have had near misses due to speed and inattentiveness. Thank you!



Important Dates

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| Jan 5..... | Classes Resume C : D Blocks |
| Jan. 12-30 .. | Numeracy/Literacy Assessments Gr. 10/12 |
| Jan. 14..... | Dance Shows 6:30 & 8:30 pm |
| Jan. 19..... | COBSS Applications Due |
| Jan. 20..... | PAC Meeting 7:00 pm |
| Jan. 23..... | Semester 1—Term 2 Ends |
| Jan. 26..... | Semester Turn Around Day-No Classes |
| Jan. 27..... | Semester 2 / Term 3 Begins |
| Feb. 3 | Sem. 2 Course Change deadline 4:00 |
| Feb. 4 | Next year Gr. 8/9-11 Course Selection -
..... Parent Info night |
| Feb. 12 | Music Concert 6:00 pm |
| Feb. 13 | Pro D Day |
| Feb. 16 | Family Day Holiday |

GRAD NEWS:

★ **2026 CRYSTAL BALL: A Night in Old Hollywood was a tremendous success!** We are so grateful for the Admin and staff for their volunteering their evening, and DJ Invizible who generously shared his time and talents to make this possible for our Grads.

★ **GRAD WALK AND PROM:** Although we are still waiting on official approval from the City of Kelowna, the 2026 Grad Walk and Prom will take place on **Friday June 5, 2026**. Additional information will be released closer to the date, but for your planning purposes we would like Grads and their families to know:

- Grads may begin gathering at the Dolphins for photos at 3:30p.m.
- We will begin marshaling Grads and moving guests into position for the Grad Walk at 4:15p.m.
- We anticipate the Grad Walk will begin at 4:30 p.m.



The Grad Walk and Prom are school sanctioned events and the School Code of Conduct applies at both events.

★ For Grads who have not been photographed by **Artona** for the yearbook and/or composite there will be a photo catchup day on Thursday February 26th. These photos are not available for purchase. If you are hoping to arrange a full photo session with Artona on that date you must contact Artona directly (their contact information is available on their website-- <https://artona.com/>). People who wish to have photos taken with an outside photographer are welcome to borrow a cap, gown and stole from Ms Harvie after Spring Break—these photos may NOT be used for the yearbook or composite.

★ The 3rd Round of **GradWear** orders will open January 5th 2026 and will remain open until February 6th. Hoodies are \$50 (with classic color options of black or white) and a signature color of navy, which can be paid for on-line at <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/>

IMPORTANT The last round of Grad Wear orders will be open until just before Spring Break—there will be **ABSOLUTELY no orders taken after Spring Break** without exception!

CENTRAL OKANAGAN SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SANCTUARY SCHOOLS POLICY

Board Policy 421—Sanctuary Schools (see sd23.bc.ca) upholds the Board's commitment to providing educational opportunities for all students who are ordinarily residents in the Central Okanagan, including those with precarious immigration status or no immigration status. Student registrations that pertain to Policy 421—Sanctuary Schools will be processed through the Welcome Centre. Links: [Policy 421-Sanctuary Schools](#) [International Education & Welcome Centre](#)

CAREER PROGRAMS:

Please visit the Career Center to register for the following upcoming Spotlight Sessions:

- Insurance Brokers Association—Jan. 9—10:30—Library
- Beem Credit Union—Financial Literacy: Jan 21 10:30—Library
- Accounting MNP: Jan 22 10:30 - Library



ATHLETICS:

Basketball season is well underway!

Our teams have been participating in many games and tournaments. Special thank you to all the coaches!





ART EXHIBITION AT UBCO

The art works of 5 RSS students were showcased in a pop up high school art exhibition at UBCO from December 15 to December 19, 2025.

Each high school in the district submitted five works of student art for the UBCO-curated show. The ceramic sculptures of Teyah and Takara, the paintings of Hailey and Felicity, and a photograph of Elliot were the RSS art works featured in this first-ever art event. There was an opening event where students, families, teachers, and UBCO faculty mingled and celebrated the cool, creative achievements of artists across the district.



New Year, New Yearbook!
Presales Close February 17th!

ORDER BY FEBRUARY 17TH TO GUARANTEE
YOU GET YOUR 2026 YEARBOOK!

\$55 SCHOOL CASH ONLINE OR CASH/CHEQUE AT THE OFFICE

NOT SURE IF YOU HAVE BOUGHT YOUR YEARBOOK?
CHECK OUR WEBSITE: RSSYEARBOOK.WEEBLY.COM
OR CHECK THE HISTORY TOP TAB IN SCHOOLCASH

RSS DANCE PRESENTS

TIMELESS

WED.
JANUARY
14TH

6:30 AND 8:30
@ THE RSS GYM

\$5 IN ADVANCE
\$10 AT THE DOOR



THE MOSAIC

Culture Club

The Mosaic Culture Club is a place to learn, share, and experience traditions from around the globe.

Whether you're exploring your own heritage or discovering someone else's, you belong here.



Cultural Heritage
Celebrations



New Year & Seasonal
Traditions



Festivals of Colour, Joy
& Community



Unity Days &
Independence Days

**JOIN US
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**Mrs Pakkar's Classroom
(Room 2033)**



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

French Immersion Kindergarten
Informational Session: Tuesday, January 13, 2026
@ 6:00-7:00 pm Zoom Link: sd23.ora/french
This meeting will be recorded and posted on the
District website

ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 7:00 am for 2026 - 2027 School Year (for kindergarten, new students, and school of choice for K – 12)

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide support to parents that require assistance.

Documentation Submission Deadline: **Friday, March 13, 2026**

If you are new to Canada, please contact the Welcome Centre for enrollment information at (250)870-5155

HOW TO APPLY

PLEASE NOTE: The application process is online only. You are required to have a valid email account.

In your web browser type: <https://www.sd23.bc.ca/school-enrollment>

No internet access? Please contact your school for assistance.

Online applications begin on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7:00 am. Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school in by email or in person by **Friday, March 13, 2026**.

1. Student's Birth Certificate or other government issued proof of age and citizenship.
2. Proof of Parent/Guardian B.C. Residency
 - a. Combination BC Driver's License and Services Card (copy of both sides); or,
 - b. BC Services Card (copy of both sides) **and** one item from the list of Supporting Documentation (3.) below; or,
 - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of Supporting Documentation below.
3. Supporting Documentation/Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address
 - Ownership of a dwelling or long-term lease or rental of a dwelling;
 - Documentation indicating British Columbia residence (i.e. utility bill);
 - British Columbia registration of an automobile;
 - British Columbia Driver's License (copy of both sides); or,
 - A current income tax return filed as a British Columbia resident.

AFTER Thursday, September 3, 2026

New in-catchment area enrollments: Parents will be notified by a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

New out-of-catchment area enrollments: Parents will not be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

Qualifying age: The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2026, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2026. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website www.sd23.bc.ca or call (250) 860-8888.

