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"To enable learners to achieve their individual potentials and to become healthy productive citizens of a global society."



JUNE 2010

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2010!

As the year draws to a close, and this our final newsletter of the year, it is time to bid farewell to the Graduates of 2010. Our students, staff and community wish you nothing but the best as you move into the next phase of your life. Whatever you choose to pursue, do it with all the heart, soul and passion, and do it well! On behalf of our entire school community, best wishes for happiness and fulfillment in your future endeavors.

PRINCIPAL'S SCHOOL YEAR SUMMARY

On May 19, our staff and students presented next year's School Plan to trustees, parents, the assistant superintendent and superintendent. In preparation for the meeting, I was reviewing the many school events we hold on an annual basis and the numerous academic interventions in place to assist our students. I was astounded by the commitment of our staff and students to make OSS a strong, vibrant community. As well, we conducted a survey of the students in grades 10 and 12 and found that students are, in general, very positive about school life. Osoyoos Secondary is a great school that continues to improve. Congratulations to staff and students on a successful year at OSS.

EXPECTATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE ON EXAM DAYS

- All students must attend to write their provincial exams.
- All students must attend to write school based exams in core subjects—English, Socials, Math, French, Sciences and Humanities.

Where a course does not have a final exam, students are not obligated to come in. Several teachers will run tutorials to help students prepare for the final exam. Students must attend if they have been assigned an "I" or have incomplete assignments!

GRADUATION CEREMONY



This year's graduation ceremony takes place on **Saturday, June 12 at 11:00 am** in the OSS Gymnasium.



SEMESTER 2 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

In this newsletter is the exam schedule for the end of the year. Most of the exams are scheduled in the morning. Students who need assistance preparing for an exam or have outstanding assignments to complete, may come into the school in the afternoons. Note: Monday to Friday afternoons are times for tutorials and completion of "I"s. Buses will run at 11:30 am on exam days with no buses in the afternoon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 10 & 11	Graduation Practices after school
June 12	Graduation Ceremony 11:00 am
June 14	Grade 12 Transitions Fair
June 16	Day Awards Ceremony for students
June 17	Athletic Awards Night 7:00 pm, OSS Theatre
June 18	Last full day of classes for students
June 21-25	"I" Completion Days for students
June 29	Academic Awards Ceremony 7:00 pm, OSS Theatre for students and parents
June 30	Administrative Day



STATIC BLOCK

The three high schools in School District No. 53 are trying something new next year. It is called a static block and it will occur at the end of the day. In this block, students will have the same class everyday. It will not rotate. We are running this model for the next year and will re-evaluate its benefits at the end of the year.

GRADE 12 TRANSITIONS

Grade 12 students are reminded that their Grade 12 Transitions assignments are **PAST DUE**. These assignments must be completed before our Grad Transitions Fair which will take place in the OSS Gym on the evening of **Monday, June 14**. All grade 12 students wishing to graduate must attend the Grad Transitions Fair and showcase their transitions portfolio. Any questions about this may be directed to Mr. Schulting.

INFORMATION FOR 2010-2011

In early July, we will mail to each parent the following in preparation for September 2010:

- Semester 2 final report card
- 2010-2011 student timetables
- Opening day procedures
- OSS Code of Conduct
- September 2010 block rotation calendar
- Fridge magnet

UBC-OKANAGAN MATH CONTEST

On Friday May7, Brock Pendergraft and Tyler Costa competed in a UBC-Okanagan Math Contest. Each school from the Okanagan (Kamloops to Osoyoos) was allowed to enter their top two students in each category: senior (grades 11-12) and junior (grades 8-10) contest. Our students did very well considering that the students they were competing against were the best of the best. Brock entered in the senior math contest where he placed 6th out of approximately 35 students. Considering he is in Grade 11, he did very well. Tyson entered the junior competition where he placed 5 out of approximately 45 contestants. They each won a book for their effort. Congratulations boys!



BETWEEN THE BOOK ENDS



It's that time of year again when we must have all library material returned. Books and magazines **MUST** be returned to the Library before **June 7, 2010**. Failure to return or pay for lost material means that students **will not have Library privileges when they return to school in September, and they will have their internet privileges withheld until the books are either returned or the library is compensated with the replacement cost.** Students can see Mr. Heinrichs if there are any questions.



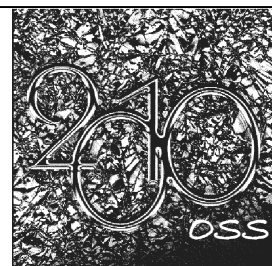
School District No. 53 Okanagan Similkameen
HOCKEY CANADA SKILLS ACADEMY
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Osoyoos Secondary School is now accepting applications for the 2010-2011, Hockey Canada Skills Academy.

For information and applications, please visit the Osoyoos Secondary School website at www.sd53.bc.ca/oss or contact Mr. Dave Foster, Vice-Principal, at Osoyoos Secondary School, 250-495-6559.

OSS YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW !!!

2009-2010 OSS Yearbooks are being pre-sold now! Look for the Yearbook Sales Team at lunch to order yours. Yearbooks are \$40.00 each and cheques should be made out to Osoyoos Secondary School. Don't miss out on this once in a lifetime opportunity to own a souvenir of your school life. Order yours during the lunch break from a Yearbook Team Member in the Concourse, or from Mr. Short in Room 102.





CAMP Y.E.S. LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Congratulations to Mykaela Coty-Scholl, Shelby Schroeter, Dakota Hood and Connor Quintal who will be attending a week-long leadership camp hosted by the Youth Excellence Society this summer at Lake Cowichan on Vancouver Island. We would like to

thank the Osoyoos Credit Union for their generous sponsorship and the wonderful opportunity they offer to several of our students annually. The Camp is open to students between the ages of 14 and 16 every summer. The cost without sponsorship is \$625. To learn more about this highly recommended camp go to www.theyes.ca

MESSAGE FROM THE OSS PAC CHAIR, MRS. KATHY HIEBERT

PAC's are a way for parents to support their children and their school. Parental involvement results in greater success for students, better attitudes towards school and a higher graduation rate. The OSS Parent Advisory Council strives to be a positive partner in the educational process and hopes our role has and will continue to have a positive impact on our school and students. The 2009/2010 school year is almost over and the PAC is winding down after another successful year. We have very much enjoyed working alongside the

school staff, students, administrators Glen Heinrichs, Principal, David Foster, Vice-Principal, school board trustees June Harrington and Marieze Tarr.

We appreciate the support shown us over the course of the year and feel our "parent voice" was heard and well received. I would personally like to thank my fellow PAC and SPC members for their support over the last year - it has been a pleasure working with you. We wish our entire school community a safe summer

vacation and look forward to seeing those returning in the fall. We hope to see some new faces at our PAC meetings next year so be sure to watch the newsletters for dates and time.

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2010, I leave you with this quote:

*"To our children:
There are only two lasting
bequests we can hope to give
you...
One is roots, the other is wings".*

****SUMMER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 8 TO 10****

KVR Middle School in Penticton is offering a Summer School Program for students in Grades 8—11, July 12 to 23, from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm.

Courses offered are:

- Grade 8: English, Math, Social Studies, Science
- Grade 9-10: English, Social Studies, Math (Applications/Principles), Science
- Grade 11: Socials 11

Who can attend Summer School?

- Students with grades of 40-49% are eligible.
- Students that successfully complete Summer School would be eligible to go into the next year lower level course. For example: a student who had 42% in Math 10 Principles and successfully completes summer school, would be allowed to go into Math 11 Applications.
- Student/Parent must apply in person at the School Board Office of **School District No. 67 in Penticton**, by **July 5th**.
- Students will be required to complete 40 hours (2 weeks) of instruction in order to receive credit for Summer School (as per Ministry Requirements).



PSYCHOS MAKE IT 3 IN A ROW FOR OUTDOOR TRACK MEETS!!!

The call has been made to break up the Psycho Salamanders!!! The Black and White House continued on their winning ways and defended their "Outdoor Track Meet" Championship once again with a convincing win over the remaining three Houses at the "Fun in the Sun" event held on May 14.

The weather was perfect on Track Meet Day... those that participated did so in such an awesome way... they ran, they jumped, they hit and they slid... and when the track meet ended... those that played did, and those that did not take part... hid. At the end of the day Mr. Heinrichs, the play by play announcer, let the word be known that in fourth place the Taunting Tarantulas were, in third place did the Screech Owls finish, while the runner

-ups to the best were the Wiley Coyotes.

The Psycho Salamanders were full measure of the 30 foot trophy left for them to devour. As usual, the winners of the Outdoor Track Meet were able to step up to the world's largest sundae and reward themselves to an ice cream lovers' dream. Many thanks go out to the Leadership 11 Class for their tremendous hosting of this year's meet; to the teachers who manned and womanned the judges' positions at the events; and to all of the participants who made the "Fun in the Sun" Outdoor Track Meet a most enjoyable ever!!!

The call has been made to those who will carry the Salamander colors next school year to do so proudly and to go for 4 Suns in a Row!!!



BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We have had another successful year of Tuesday and Thursday morning muffins and juice breakfasts thanks to our group of volunteers. There are many great people who form the team that keeps the Breakfast Program running successfully, and we would like to thank them. A

special thank you goes to Jim and June Harrington who are at the school every Tuesday and Thursday morning serving juice, muffins, and smiles to our students. Jim also does the books for the program and helps collect the donations. Bakers and shoppers include Joe Troskey, Marj Troskey, Derek Poucher, Maureen Poucher, Monika Snowwhite, Hank Snowwhite, Lynne Hesketh, Kathie Westphal, Brian Duncan, Jim Harrington, June Harrington, Joyce Zaruk, and Vera Hilario. Bev Forbes also helps with phoning to organize the muffin makers. We are certainly appreciative of the service you all provide to our school and the positive relationships you have built with our students. We wish you a restful summer and look forward to seeing you again in September.

GOLF AND SOCCER TEAMS HEAD OFF TO PROVINCIALS

Both the OSS Golf Team and the Senior Girls Soccer Team will be competing at Provincials this year. The Golf Team is competing at Gallagher's Canyon in Kelowna, May 31 and June 1, while the Senior Girls Soccer Team head to Abbotsford on Wednesday, June 2, to compete June 3, 4, and 5, 2010. Good luck to both teams! We know you will represent OSS well!

Go Rattlers Go!

TEEN READING CLUB

Looking for a way to keep your children reading this summer? The Teen Reading Club (Teen RC) could be just the thing! The TeenRC, sponsored by BC Ministry of Education, is a safe, online reading club designed to encourage teens to read, post their own reviews, participate in online chats, and discuss books with peers from all over Canada. The TeenRC runs regular, BC-wide prize draws where teens can win some awesome TeenRC-themed prizes for participating. This year's theme is "Get Into Character". Check out the site at www.teenrc.ca.



June 2010 Exam Schedule

Monday, June 21

Morning (9:00 - 11:00)

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
English 8	106	Bossio
Math 8	109	Gajda
French 9	104	Scott
French 9	103	Nazaroff
Social Studies 10	102	Short
Calculus 12	105	Ward

Afternoon (1:00 - 3:00)

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
Applied Math 12	112	Haamers

Tuesday, June 22

Morning (9:00 - 11:00)

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
Science 8	112	Khodarahmi
Science 9	109	Haamers
Math 9	105	Ward
English 11	102	Short
English 12	103	Langley

Afternoon (1:00 - 3:00)

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
Social Studies 11	113	Coutu

Wednesday, June 23

Morning (9:00 - 11:00)

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
French 8	104	Scott
French 8	103	Nazaroff
English 9	102	Short
Biology 11	107	Gajda
Principles of Math 11	105	Ward
English Literature 12	106	Coutu
Chemistry 12	107	Haamers

Afternoon (1:00 - 3:00)

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
English 10	104	Seminoff
Entrepreneurship 12	102	Short





June 2010 Exam Schedule

Thursday, June 24

Morning (9:00 - 11:00)

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
Accounting 11	114	Schulting
Physics 11	107	Bonnett
French 12	106	Seminoff
Socials 8	205	Mocci

Afternoon (1:00 - 3:00)

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
No Exams		

Friday, June 25

Morning (9:00 - 11:00)

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
Science 10	107	Gajda
Info Technology 11	114	Schulting
Info Technnology 12	114	Schulting
Socials 9	205	Mocci

Afternoon (1:00 - 3:00)

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
No Exams		

Monday, June 28

Morning (9:00 - 11:00)

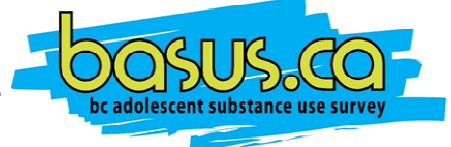
<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
Principles of Math 10	112	Coutu

Afternoon (1:00 - 3:00)

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
Geography 12	113	Langley

BC ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE USE SURVEY

We have extended the deadline for The BC Adolescent Substance Use Survey! You have until midnight on June 15th to participate in our study!!



If you completed the first wave of BASUS (The BC Adolescent Substance Use Survey), you can do another survey any time up until June 15th, receive a \$25 Amazon Canada voucher, AND be automatically entered into our raffle for an iPod. Just use your username and password from the first wave-if you forget, email Myra Percy (myra.percy@ubc.ca) and tell her you need a reminder.

You haven't done a survey? No problem. You can join our second wave, receive the \$25 Amazon Canada voucher, AND be automatically entered into our iPod raffle. Email Myra Percy (myra.percy@ubc.ca) and let her know that you are new to BASUS.

Remember, the survey is completely confidential. Your teachers and parents can never find out your answers, and you will be helping us learn more about being a high school student.

Questions? Have a look at www.basus.ca. Let us know if there is anything we should add.



June 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 (2) <i>Golf Provincials</i>	2 (1)	3 (2) <i>Girls Soccer Provincials</i>	4 (1)	5 →
6 ABCD	7 (2)	8 (1)	9 (2)	10 (1) <i>Grad Practice</i>	11 (2) <i>Grad Practice</i>	12 <i>Graduation Ceremony</i>
13 CDBA	14 (1) <i>Grad Transition Fair</i>	15 (2)	16 (1) <i>Day Awards Assembly</i>	17 (2) <i>Athletic Awards 7pm</i>	18 (1) <i>Last Day of Semester Two Classes</i>	19
20	21 <i>AMath 12 1-3 pm</i>	22 <i>English 12 9-11 am Social Studies 11 1-3 pm</i>	23 <i>Chemistry 12 9-11am Eng Lit 12 9-11 am (elec) English 10 1-3 pm</i>	24 <i>French 12 9-11 am</i>	25 <i>Science 10 9-11 am</i>	26
27	28 <i>PMath 10 9-11 am Geography 12 1-3 pm</i>	29 <i>Academic Awards Night</i>	30 <i>Year-End Administrative Day</i>			



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May 10, 2010

To All Parents and Guardians:

The Board of Education is required to make available a school calendar for the following school year before the end of May. Accordingly, please find the **District School Calendar** for 2010-2011 on the back of this letter.

Osoyoos Secondary School will open on *Tuesday, September 7th* with a half-day of instruction for all students beginning at 8:30 a.m. and dismissal at 11:30 am. Buses will depart as close to that time as possible.

Monday to Friday

Length of School Day	8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
School Office Hours	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Minutes of Instruction	315 minutes per day
Two Breaks	20 minutes per day (1-5 min & 1-15 min)

SEMESTER SYSTEM – 2010/2011

Semester 1 Tuesday, September 7, 2010 – Friday, January 28, 2011

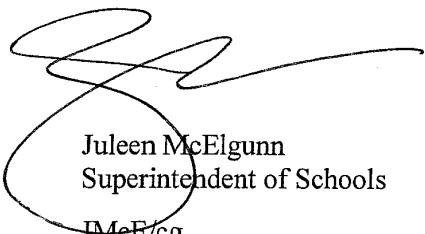
Semester 2 Monday, January 31, 2011 – Wednesday, June 29, 2011

Report Card Conference Dates for 2010-2011 (early closure, with dismissal at 12:45 p.m.)

Tuesday,	October	26
Thursday,	October	28
Tuesday,	April	12
Thursday,	April	14

If you have any questions about the calendar, please contact your school's principal, Mr. Heinrichs.

Sincerely,



Juleen McElgunn
Superintendent of Schools

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School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010-2011

Days in Session	-	192
Minimum Number of School Weeks	-	40
Minimum Number of Instructional Days	-	185
Maximum Number of Non-Instructional Days	-	6

Schools Open	Tuesday, September 7
<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	<i>Monday, October 11</i>
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, October 22
<i>Remembrance Day</i>	<i>Thursday, November 11</i>
Schools Close for Students for Winter Vacation	Friday, December 17
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 20 to Monday, January 3
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	Tuesday, January 4
Secondary Exam Days	Monday, January 24 to Friday, January 28
Semester II Begins	Monday, January 31
Schools Close for Students for Spring Vacation	Friday, March 18
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 21 to Friday, March 25
Non-Instructional Day	Monday, March 28
Non-Instructional Day	Tuesday, March 29
Non-Instructional Day	Wednesday, March 30
Non-Instructional Day	Thursday, March 31
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, April 1
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation	Monday, April 4
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday, April 22</i>
<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>Monday, April 25</i>
<i>Victoria Day</i>	<i>Monday, May 23</i>
Secondary Exam Days	Tuesday, June 21 to Wednesday, June 29
Last Day for Students	Wednesday, June 29
Year-end Administrative Day	Thursday, June 30
Schools Close	Thursday, June 30

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Date: April 14, 2010

Approved: April 21, 2010