

OSOYOOS SECONDARY SCHOOL

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



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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2011!

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 2011. 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

As we look back on the 2010/2011 school year, it has been an interesting adventure. The closure of OSS was one of the recommendations presented to the Board for cost-saving measures earlier this year. At the January Board meeting, the support for our school proved to be overwhelming. Parents, staff, town councillors, PAC members and administration all gathered to show their support for Osoyoos Secondary. In the end, the Board spoke very favourably about the role OSS plays in the Osoyoos community and closure was not pursued. We are grateful for this reprieve. However, it did highlight the tremendous support our school enjoys from the community. Thank you!

Looking over the year, it is once again evident that OSS is a strong and vibrant community. Thanks to the commitment of staff and students, there are events every month of the school year at OSS. Also, we made some changes to our PIT (Positive Interventions and Tutoring) that have resulted in greater completion of homework. Our students are cooperative, positive citizens of OSS and discipline issues are rare. We still have work to do, but OSS is definitely headed in the right direction. As we finish the school year, my challenge is for all students to finish strong. Study diligently for your exams and complete the year with your head held high knowing you gave your best effort to the very end. And, on behalf of the staff at OSS, we wish all of you a relaxing, safe and enjoyable summer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 9 & 10 Graduation Practices after school
- June 11 Graduation Ceremony 11:00 am
- June 14 Grade 12 Transitions Fair
- June 15 Day Awards Ceremony for students
- June 16 Athletic Awards Night, 7:00 pm, OSS Theatre
- June 20 Last full day of classes for students
- June 21-24 "I" Completion Days for students
- June 29 Academic Awards Evening: Bar B Que 6:00 pm, Awards Ceremony 7:00 pm, OSS Theatre for students and parents
- June 30 Administrative Day

GRADUATION CEREMONY

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





STAFF CHANGES AT OSS

Our congratulations goes out to Mr. David Foster, current vice-principal of Osoyoos Secondary, on his appointment to Principal of Tuc-El-Nuit Elementary. Mr. Foster began teaching at Osoyoos Secondary in October of 2004 and has served the school as vice-principal since 2007. He was instrumental in starting Hockey Academy and Homework Club and has "Fostered" strong relationships with students, staff and parents. He will be sorely missed. Our loss is Tuc-El-Nuit's gain. We wish him all the best in his new role and new school!

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Shannon Miller as vice-principal of Osoyoos Secondary. Mrs. Miller began teaching in the district in 2008 at SOSS and was then appointed vice-principal of Oliver Elementary in 2009. She took a brief maternity leave and returned to serve as acting principal at Tuc-El-Nuit for the past four months. Mrs. Miller looks forward to her new role as vice-principal. Welcome to OSS!

In addition, our itinerant Band teacher, Mr. Thompson, will be teaching music in the fall at Glenlyon Norfolk School on Vancouver Island. Mr. Thompson joined School District in 2004 and has served our band students in five different schools - at the same time! He has longed to return to his roots and we wish him well in his new position.

Ms. Harstone, our English/Foods teacher, will be leaving us this year as well. She started a very successful running club at OSS this year and has been an enthusiastic, energetic addition to our staff. We wish her all the best in the future.

SEMESTER 2 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

In this newsletter is the exam schedule for the end of the year. Exams are scheduled in the morning and afternoon. Students who need assistance preparing for an exam or have outstanding assignments to complete, may come into the school anytime. There will be bus service in the morning and at the end of the day.

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, and Sciences.

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!

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, 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 would also like to thank those community people who occasionally show up to help make the muffins. 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.



TIMETABLE AND COURSE SELECTION

As our student population decreases, and staffing is reduced, we have had to be creative in our timetabling. As a result, we have started to run some option courses in alternating years. Students need to plan ahead when selecting courses, particularly next year's Grade 11 students. Please take note of the following courses:

Courses that will be offered in 2011/2012 but not 2012/2013

Earth Science 11

Physics 12

Accounting 11

Entrepreneurship 12

Courses that will be offered in 2012/2013 but not 2011/2012

Science & Technology 11

Economics 12

Tourism 11

We will continue to offer as many courses as we can to give our students a variety of course selections. Rotating courses serves this purpose.

GOLF TEAM NEWS

The OSS golf team wrapped up another successful season on Tuesday, May 30 with a third place finish at the A Provincial Championships held at Northview Golf and Country Club in Surrey. The season was a giant step for the team as it marked the first time in school history the team medaled in golf at the Provincial Championships. The team dominated league play winning all five events by an average of 30 strokes. These victories were not only over fellow single A schools but over all AA and AAA schools in the South zone as well. The team carried this momentum into the South Zone Championships placing first by an astounding 44 strokes. At the Valley Championships in Chase, (Talking Rock Golf Course) the team continued to impress. They finished second by five strokes to the team from Immaculata (Kelowna). However, with a second place finish, the team still earned a spot in the Provincial Championship. The team's solid play continued at the provincials with Ryley Ball shooting an impressive one over par 73 on the opening day. The boys however found themselves in third place after day one and faced a daunting task of chasing down West Point Grey Academy and Immaculata. Day two saw more solid play from all members of the team with David Montrieul shooting 75, while Dylan Holz and Mitchell Kelly each shot 77. Despite a strong effort the boys just couldn't catch the two leaders. With all members of the team returning next year with the exception of Ryley Ball, 2012 looks to be another great year. Congratulations to all members of the team on a great season and the promise of even greater things to come. Zone, Valley, and Provincial Team members are Mitchell Kelly, Nik Dos Santos, Dylan Holz, Ryley Ball and David Montrieul. Thank you to the Osoyoos Credit Union, Osoyoos Golf & Country Club Senior Men's Club, Tuesday Men's Club, Desert Invitational Pro-Am, Ladies Club and Business Ladies Club for helping to make the trip to Provincials possible.

INFORMATION FOR 2011-2012

In early July, we will mail to each parent the following in preparation for September 2011:

- Semester 2 final report card
- 2011-2012 student timetables
- Opening day procedures
- OSS Code of Conduct
- September 2011 block rotation calendar
- Fridge magnet



OSS YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW !!!

2010-2011 OSS Yearbooks have arrived and are being sold now! Look for the Yearbook Sales Team at lunch to order yours. Yearbooks are \$60. 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. Yearbooks will be handed out this week.

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 2010/2011 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 2011, 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".*

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, 2011**. 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.



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HOCKEY CANADA SKILLS ACADEMY
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Osoyoos Secondary School is now accepting applications for the 2011-2012, Hockey Canada Skills Academy. For information and applications, please visit the Osoyoos Secondary School website at www.sd53.bc.ca/oss or contact Mr. Glen Heinrichs, Principal, at Osoyoos Secondary School, 250-495-6559.

OSOYOOS COYOTES NEEDING BILLOTS FOR 2011-2012 SEASON

As the Osoyoos Coyotes Hockey Team will be a younger team next year, potentially 12 players could be attending Osoyoos Secondary School. Nancy Kaiser, coordinator for the billets, is looking for host families. As a billet family, you will receive \$600 per month for food allowance, as well as tickets to the games. If you are interested in hosting a player, please phone Nancy at 495-4291 or email nkaiser86@hotmail.com.





June 2011 Exam Schedule

Tuesday, June 21

Morning (9:00 - 11:00)		Afternoon (1:00 - 3:00)	
<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>
Science 8	Gym	Math 9	Gym
Math 8	Gym	Social Studies 9	Gym
English 11	Gym		
Social Studies 11	Gym		
 <u>Tutorials</u>		 <u>Tutorials</u>	
Geography 12	113	Principles of Math 11	109
		English 12	106

Wednesday, June 22

Morning (9:00 - 11:00)		Afternoon (1:00 - 3:00)	
<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>
English 8	Gym	Social Studies 10	Gym
Social Studies 8	Gym	Auto 11	Gym
English 12	Gym	Chemistry 11	Gym
French 9	104	Accounting 11	Gym
 <u>Tutorials</u>		 <u>Tutorials</u>	
Geography 12	113	Principles of Math 11	109
Chemistry 11	107	Geography 12	113
Social Studies 10	102	English 10	104

Thursday, June 23

Morning (9:00 - 11:00)		Afternoon (1:00 - 3:00)	
<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>
English 10	Gym	English 9	Gym
Prin Math 11	Gym	Science 9	Gym
Ess Math 11	Gym	Law 12	Gym
French 8	104		
 <u>Tutorials</u>		 <u>Tutorials</u>	
Biology 12	109	Biology 12	109
Law 12	113	Geography 12	113
		Science 10	107



June 2011 Exam Schedule

Friday, June 24

Morning (9:00 - 11:00)		Afternoon (1:00 - 3:00)	
<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>
Tourism 11	102	Geography 12	113
<u>Tutorials</u>		<u>Tutorials</u>	
Biology 12	109	Biology 12	109
Geography 12	113		

Monday, June 27

Morning (9:00 - 11:00)		Afternoon (1:00 - 3:00)	
<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>
Science 10	107	No Exams	
<u>Tutorials</u>		<u>Tutorials</u>	
Biology 12	109	Biology 12	109

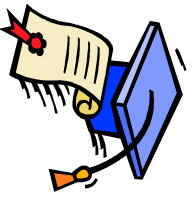
Tuesday, June 28

Morning (9:00 - 11:00)		Afternoon (1:00 - 3:00)	
<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>
Found Math 10	105	No Exams	
<u>Tutorials</u>		<u>Tutorials</u>	
Biology 12	109	Biology 12	109

Wednesday, June 29

Morning (9:00 - 11:00)		Afternoon (1:00 - 3:00)	
<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>
Biology 12	109	No Exams	





June 2011



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ABCD				1	2	3	4
5 CABD	6 <i>Outdoor Track Meet</i>	7	8	9 <i>Grad Practice</i>	10 <i>Grad Practice</i>	11 <i>Grad @ 11:00</i>	
12 BCAD	13	14 <i>Grad Transition Fair</i>	15 <i>Day Awards Assembly</i>	16 <i>Athletic Awards 7pm</i>	17	18	
19 ABCD	20 <i>Last Day of Semester Two Classes</i>	21 <i>Provincial Exams SS 11 9-11</i>	22 <i>Eng 12 9-11</i>	23 <i>Eng 10 9-11</i>	24 <i>Geo 12 1-3</i>	25	
26	27 <i>Science 10 9-11</i>	28 <i>Math Found 10 9-11</i>	29 <i>Bi 12 9-11</i> → <i>Academic Awards Evening, 6:00 BBQ 7:00 pm Ceremony</i>	30 <i>Year-End Administrative Day</i>			