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

EXAM DAYS

The exam schedule for the end of semester one has been set. All students in an academic class will have a final exam in their course. The exams run from 9:00 - 11:00 am in the morning, and 1:00—3:00 pm in the afternoon. Please note the times of all exams on the schedule. Any student with incomplete work is expected to come to school both morning and afternoon until the work is completed. The buses will run at the regular time throughout exam week.

The required provincial exams occur in English 10, Science 10, Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 10, Math Foundations 10, Social Studies 11 and English 12. As we mentioned earlier in the year, all optional provincial exams have been discontinued.

Exams account for 20 - 40% of the students final mark depending on the course. Therefore, it is important that students adequately prepare for exams. Many teachers run tutorials during exam week to assist students in this regard. Please ensure your son or daughter takes the time to fully prepare for their exams. Please see the exam schedule on Page 3 of this newsletter for dates and times of exams.

LEARNING ASSISTANCE

Learning Assistance at Osoyoos Secondary supports teachers and their students. This may be on a short term or a longer term basis. The Learning Assistance teacher, Greg Gendron, works with those students with identified learning disabilities, and with students who require shorter term interventions.

In addition, he can provide the following services:

- Develop Individual Education Plans and develop instructional strategies appropriate for individual needs.
- Consults with teachers about how to best meet student individual needs and instructional goals.
- Consults with parents regarding student learning needs.
- Evaluates student progress in collaboration with teachers.
- Coordinates with outside agency services as necessary.
- Teaches students to develop learning strategies to learn independently and apply these for use in classroom settings.
- Instructs in specific skill development.
- Assists students to develop skills that will minimize the effect of a learning disability.
- Formally and informally assesses students for program design.
- Collects information from a variety of sources to aid the assessment process.

OSS PAC MEETING

A reminder that the January PAC Meeting takes place on **Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at 7:00 pm** in the OSS Library.



A NEW CHAMPION REIGNS! WILEY COYOTES RUN WILD AT BEACH PARTY 2011!

The sun and sand of the Rattlers' Pit was the site of this year's Indoor Track Meet. Despite the grey skies and cold temperatures outside the gym, the climate inside was hot and boiling over with excitement as the four School Houses met to kick sand at each other. When the dust had settled there were champions to crown and the Wiley Coyotes laid claim to the much coveted and sought after **Golden Shoe**. The Coyotes were 800 points better than the second place Screech Owls, 1000 points better than the Taunting Tarantulas and almost 2000 points better than last year's Beach Party-Indoor Track Meet Champions... the Psycho Salamanders. A special thank you goes out to Mr. Heinrichs and Mrs. Miller for their support in hosting the 20th Annual Indoor Track Meet. Also special recognition goes out to the Leadership 11 Class of 2011/12 for their active ownership and hosting of the Beach Party. The screams and cheers have now cleared from the desert air, but even greater chants will go up in the year 2012 at the next Indoor Track Meet Beach Party.

STUDENT PARLIAMENT NEWS

The club members were busy all of December preparing for the season of sharing and caring. The crew of twenty members began by organizing a food bank collection of non-perishable items. Next, they held a Cake Auction and sold Candy-O-Grams, which together brought in over \$300. Club members also collected Christmas gifts for two disadvantaged families in our community. On the last day of school before the holidays, the club ran their annual Variety Show. The lively and interactive show was a great way to end 2011. Between segments of talented musicians, dancers and singers, the enthusiastic audience competed in a trivia contest, and were entertained by two videos produced by club advisor, Ms. Scott. The club would like to thank the following participants who made the show a success:

- Jenna Riznek and Manvir Gill - the hosts
- Marta Ceia, Alaina Davreux - technical assistants
- Catie Gordon and Lily Lu - backstage assistants
- Mme. Nazaroff's French 8 class ("Je Suis une Pizza")
- Mme. Nazaroff's French 12 class (two French Christmas Carols)
- Kianna Carvalho ("Imagine")
- Kayla Turnbull (her own original song)
- Amara Leeson (Belly Dance)
- Kurtis Kelle ("Bald Eagle")
- Cameron Kelm (Guitar Solo)
- Kirk Vieira (Rap "Can't Live Without")

This event exposed some of the school's many talented individuals to Janis St. Louis, who attended the show to scout talent for Town of Osoyoos events. Thank you also goes out to the various students and volunteers who agreed to be in the Student Parliament video, as well as to the staff of OSS for performing in their DVD, "Happy Feet". Last but not least, thank you to Mr. Heinrichs for his continued support of the club, as well as his efforts toward renovating the school theatre. The club members wish everyone a warm and happy 2012.

HOT LUNCH/SALAD BAR MENU FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 2012

January 4	Macaroni & Cheese	February 8	Chili
January 11	Beef Burrito	February 15	Penne Alfredo
January 18	Rotini & Tomato Sauce	February 22	Lasagne
January 25	Chicken Quesadilla	February 29	Beef Burrito



January 2012 Exam Schedule

Monday, January 23

Morning (9:00 - 11:00 am)		Afternoon (1:00 - 3:00 pm)	
<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>
Science 8	Gym	Math 8	Gym
Social Studies 9	Gym	Math 9	Gym
Physics 11	Gym	Accounting 11	Gym
		History 12	Gym

Tuesday, January 24

Morning (9:00 - 11:00 am)		Afternoon (1:00 - 3:00 pm)	
<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>
English 8	Gym	Foundations of Math 10*	Gym
Social Studies 8	Gym	AW Math 10*	Gym
Science 9	Gym	French 11	104
English 9	Gym	Chemistry 12	Gym

Wednesday, January 25

Morning (9:00 - 11:00 am)		Afternoon (1:00 - 3:00 pm)	
<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>
French 8	104	French 9	104
English 10*	Gym	Social Studies 11*	Gym
Principles of Math 12	Gym	English 11	Gym

Thursday, January 26

Morning (9:00 - 11:00 am)		Afternoon (1:00 - 3:00 pm)	
<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Exam</u>	<u>Room</u>
French 12	Gym	Social Studies 10	Gym
English 12*	Gym	Science 10*	Gym
		Biology 11	Gym
		Earth Science 11	Gym

***Provincial Exams**



January 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 DCBA Happy New Year!	2 New Year's Holiday	3 School Re-opens	4	5	6 French 12 Baldy Trip	7
8 ABCD	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 CDAB	16	17	18	19	20 Last Day of Classes	21
22	23	24 A&W Math 10 1-3 pm Math Found 10 1-3 pm	25 English 10 9-11 Socials 11 1-3	26 English 12 9-11 Science 10 1-3	27	28
29 ABCD	30 Semester Two Begins	31				



January 2012 Athletic Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 OSS @ Princeton Jr. Girls @5:30 OSS @ Princeton Jr. Boys @4:00 OSS @ KVR Gr.8 Girls @5:30 OSS @ KVR Gr.8 Boys@4:00	6Jr. Girls Tournament Sr. Girls Tournament	7 @ KLO @ St. Ann's
8	9	10	11 OSS @ Keremeos Sr. Girls@6:00 OSS @ Keremeos Sr. Boys@4:15	12 Maggie B @ OSS Jr. Girls@5:30 SSS @ OSS Jr. Boys@4:00 OSS @ SLMS B Gr.8 Girls @5:30 OSS @ SLMS B Gr.8 @4:00Boys	13Jr. Boys Tournament Sr. Girls Tournament	14 @ Trail @ GFSS
15	16	17 OSS @ SLMS Gr.8 Girls@4:00 OSS @ SLMS Gr.8 Boys @5:30	18 OSS @ Princeton Sr. Girls@6:00 OSS @ Princeton Sr. Boys@4:15	19 OSS @ Pen High Jr Jr. Girls@4:00 OSS @ KVR B Gr.8 Girls @5:30 OSS @ KVR B Gr.8 Boys@4:00	20 Jr. Girls Tournament Sr. Boys Tournament	21 @ GFSS @ Heritage Christian
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 OSS @ SSS Jr. Boys@4:00 SESS @ OSS Gr.8 Girls@4:00 SESS @ OSS Gr.8 Boys@5:30				