

SOSS FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Home of the Hornets!

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Special Points of Interest:

- Safeteen Parent Workshop: February 22nd, 7:00—8:00 pm SOSS Atrium
- Pink Shirt Day— February 29th, 2012
- Spring Break Starts Saturday, March 17th and back to school on Monday, April 2nd

Principal's Message

The second semester was kicked off with our first assembly of the year. All students met in our beautiful new gym. We celebrated the great things about SOSS, including our fall sports teams, and thanked the community for all their support over the last few months. The highlight for the students was most likely the locker lottery! We also

had a chance to introduce new and returning teachers. Ms. Petrick returns to us from OSS and Mr. Woollard joins us in the math department. He is replacing Mr. Kereliuk, who retired after many years of teaching in the district. Soon we will be starting course selection and planning for next year. I wanted to thank all the stu-

dents, staff and parents for pulling together so well during these interesting times. Your support is much appreciated.

Cate Turner, Principal

SafeTeen Parent Workshop

SAFETEEN workshops are coming to SOSS on February 22, for all Grade 10 students. On February 24th, Grade 8 girls will also have a workshop.

About SAFETEEN

It is becoming evident that more and more adolescents, including girls, are resorting to violence as a method of solving disputes. As concerned educators and parents, we need to be able to teach our children how to negotiate these potentially life-altering moments - themselves. Teens desperately need a way of standing up for themselves and for what they believe in that is effective, non-violent and powerful.

With a focus on gender esteem building, the SAFETEEN programs teach a unique, youth-based assertiveness model which has been integrated into curricula in many schools locally, nationally and internationally. This model, embraced by teens and praised by educators and parents, provides a violence prevention "language" that can be integrated into school and family culture.

The process is designed to provide youth with tools to identify their own voice of wisdom and to speak their truth from a wise and solid place. When our daughters and sons are faced with

conflict and they feel they must choose between violence and victimization, these skills offer them another choice: *a powerful alternative to violence.*

" Teaching our children how to make choices from a place of inner wisdom can be the best prevention strategy of all." - Anita Roberts, SAFETEEN Program Founder

**HOLD YOUR POWER.
SPEAK YOUR TRUTH.
BE A SAFE TEEN.**

SAFETEEN

Parent Workshop

February 22nd, 2012

Wednesday, 7-8pm

SOSS Atrium

Career Education

On Wednesday, February 15, Grade 10 and 11 students from our school will be attending the 15th annual Education and Career Fair in Kelowna. Students will have the opportunity to investigate many educational and career oriented providers as they all gather under one roof at The Grand hotel in



Kelowna. This is the largest education and career fair in western Canada. Students will be departing SOSS at 8:45 am and will be returning by 2:45 pm.

Yearbook 2011/2012

Grad Write Up

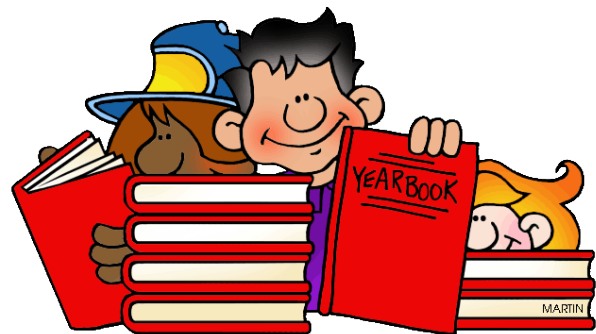
Grads of 2012 – It is time to start thinking about your Grad Write Up. An information letter will be distributed to all grads soon to outline the process. Please make your appointment to have your grad photos taken so that we can include it in your last yearbook.

Still time to order your yearbook!

Students can bring their orders to room 124 at lunch with their payment or there is an online order option. The link to order online is:

www.yearbookordercenter.com

The cost of the yearbook is now \$50.00 . There are optional



purchase add-ons as well. Students can order:

- a world events supplement (\$5),
- personalization which is the student's name printed on the front of the book (\$5)
- and for grads an autograph supplement which is delivered in June (\$5).

If students have purchased a yearbook, please check the list of books purchased for this year to make sure your name is on it. If you have paid for a book and your name is not listed, please bring in a copy of your receipt so we can add you to the list.

If you want to access E-share (see last page for details) our school code is **3007242**.

**SD 53
Jazz Band Concert**

When:

February 15, 2012

Time: 6:30 PM

Where:

SESS Elementary Gym,
Keremeos

SD 53 Jazz Band Concert—February 15, 2012

You are invited to attend an exciting evening of big band jazz music put on by the members of the SOSS, OSS and SESS jazz bands, directed by Jonnie Bridgman and Lisa Ante. These students are attending an overnight retreat at Rockridge Canyon to meet with the other music students in the district and prepare for this concert. This concert is also a warm up for these students before they travel to Moscow, Idaho to attend the



Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival the following week. The South Okanagan Big Band from Penticton will also perform to close out the evening. Admission is by donation and there will be bake sale goodies available. Proceeds from this event will help to support the trip to Idaho and the Music Under the K music scholarships.

**Thank you for supporting our
young
musicians!**

LinkCrew

Link Crew has been off to a busy start in semester two. We have lots of plans and ideas for this semester.

For Valentine's Day we have organized a Valentine's Celebration for grade eights. Also, we organized and sold flower and candy-o-grams to be delivered on February 14th. Thank you to all students who participated in this. The flower and candy-o-grams are a long standing tradition at SOSS and this year, in particular, it is awesome to continue some of these traditions.

Also, Link Crew is organizing and anti-bullying week for the

end of February. This anti-bullying week will coincide with the national PINK SHIRT DAY. On February 29th all students are asked to wear pink to help raise an awareness to stop bullying.

Another plan in the works is a Coffee House Style Talent Show. We are hoping to hold this show in the atrium. It will be a relaxed evening with desserts and some fine SOSS Talent. We have not set the exact date, but it will be in early March. Keep your eye on the bulletin board in the tech ed. hallway - all the information will be posted there.



Senior Girls Basketball

The Senior Girls Basketball team as of Valentines Day has a record of 22-5 , 4-0 in league play and will host the zone championship game on February 15, at 5:00 pm..

The Hornets hope to enter the Valley Championships in Kamloops as the zone champs to obtain a favorable seeding and from there vie for an entry in the Provincial Tournament held in March.

Go Hornets Go!

Junior Girls Basketball

The Juniors Girls Basketball team has been working hard, showing improvements throughout the season. The girls show a lot of heart during games and are coming together as a team. We need to continue working on our execution and look forward to doing this in our last few games.

Good luck girls, lets finish the season strong!



Junior Boys Basketball

The grade 9 boys' basketball team had a very good season. They travelled to Vernon early in the year to get some experience outside the district. For some of the boys, it was their first year of playing. They finished with a three way tie for second place, splitting with Pen- Hi and Summerland. This past weekend, they travelled to Grand Forks

and played in their final tourney- winning one and losing two.

Congratulations on a good season.



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Senior Boys Basketball

The Senior Boys Basketball team has had an interesting and eventful year thus far. An injury to Greet Gill forced him to miss our home tournament in December where the boys lost all three of their games, the month of January faired no better as Greet reinjured his shoulder, and with him out of the line-up the team went a dismal 2-9. However all the losses aside from two were decided by six or fewer points and the team actually were able to get quality minutes from Jashan Khela, Bablu Brar and Jivan Gill.

Since Greet's return to the line up the Hornets have reeled off a 9-1 record as they were able to win the league for the fifth year in a row, the shoe for the sixth year in a row and they retained the zone championship for the fifth year in a row with a convincing 84-60 victory over Maggie. The team has place third in three tournaments this year – Enver Creek, GW Graham, and the Sahali Tournaments. Greet Gill, Parm Sidhu, Gurkamal Dhaliwal and Amit Chahal have all been named players of the game. Greet has been and



all star in every tournament that we have played in and at the Sahali Tournament he was named best defensive player.

- Sukh Gill, Assistant Coach
- Mr. Basso, Head Coach

The team consist of the following players:

- Gurkamal Dhaliwal
- Parm Sidhu
- Jivan Gill
- Jaspinder Grewal
- Amit Chahal
- Jashan Khela
- Harman Bahniwal
- Arshdeep Sandhu
- Charnpreet Buttar
- Bablu Brar
- Raj Sidhu
- Greet Gill
- Megan Basso, Manager

The teams honorary captain is Josh Tester. Josh was able to get into the shoe game this year and he was able to hit two free throw shots in a row that brought the crowd to its feet.

The team is now preparing for the valleys with the pursuit of advancing and then fighting to recapture the provincial title for the third time in four years. I really believe that this is possible if they focus in for the next two weeks.

Thanks to the fans for their support and let's go Hornets.

Important Reminders

- ◆ Due to heavy congestion in the staff parking lot, we ask that parents please drop their students off on 107/ Spartan Ave.
- ◆ Also, students are reminded to please not park in the maintenance staff parking lot. Please use the designated areas for student parking.
- ◆ Spring Break—last day of school is Friday, March 16
- ◆ Return after Spring Break is Monday, April 2
- ◆ Block Rotation for week of April 2 will be Week 4—D, C, B, A

eShare

want your photos in the yearbook?

Last day to submit photos: _____

We're on the web!

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soss/](http://sd53.bc.ca/soss/)



Go Hornets!

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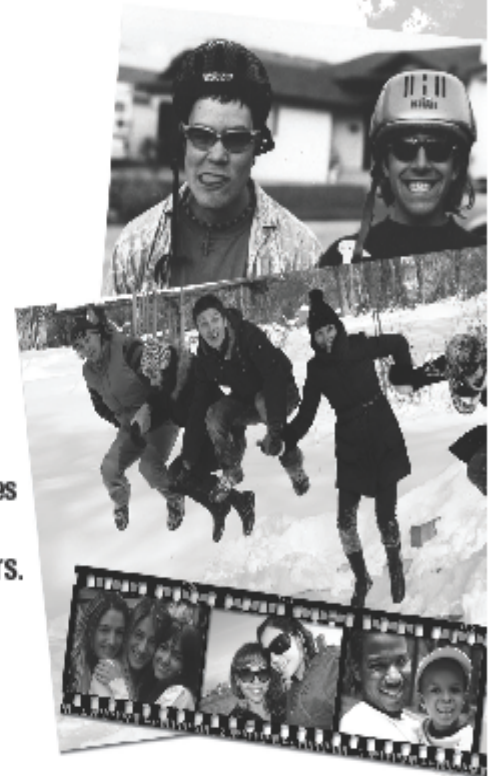
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