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Hello RSS Community,

November is a busy and exciting month at our school. The Ministry has cancelled the November Literacy and Numeracy assessments. The next session for assessments will begin January 12, 2026. Our unique Remembrance Day Experience will offer a meaningful way to honour those who served. Additionally, the experience will be connected to the story of someone at our school. Our Fall athletic teams are in full swing right now, with some of the winter teams getting started with tryouts in the coming days and weeks. We will also take part in the Grade 9 National "Take Your Kid to Work Day." Graduation photos begin for our Grade 12's, and COBSS (Central Okanagan Bursary & Scholarship Society) applications will open for bursaries, awards, and scholarships. Lastly, thank you to our PAC who volunteer their time to support our students in a variety of ways.

RSS Admin

- ★ **November 5 is "Take Our Kids to Work Day"** for Grade 9 students. All grade 9 students are expected to participate in this opportunity. Consent forms were sent home and must be signed by students, parent/guardian and then returned to their Block D teacher. Grade 9's will not have regular classes that day because they are expected to participate in "Take Our Kids to Work Day." Please contact jennifer.skogstad@sd23.bc.ca if you have any questions.
- ★ **Remembrance Day Recognition:** On the afternoon of **Monday, November 10**, RSS will honour those who have served — and continue to serve — our country in times of war, conflict, and peace. In recent years, we have transitioned from a traditional assembly to a **Remembrance Day Experience** centred on a meaningful story. During this experience, classes will move through various areas of the school, engaging with both live and recorded presentations designed to help students connect with and reflect on the importance of this day. This year's story will honour **Loc Nguyen**, one of our dedicated custodians, who fled a war-torn country in search of safety and a better life. His story reminds us of the human impact of conflict and the strength it takes to rebuild and begin anew. 
- ★ **Term 1 Written Learning Updates** will be published **ONLINE** on **Monday, November 24**. Students will be able to access in the MyEd Student Portal and Parents/Guardians can access in the Parent Portal. Click on the [link](#) to find out how to login to Student MyEd Account. Located on our website under the Students tab. [Parent Portal information Link.](#)
- ★ **Reminder: Attendance Reporting:** Due to the increased student population we are encouraging families to use the [SchoolMessenger App](#) or [SchoolMessenger Website](#) to report your student's absence. If you choose to phone the school number, press "1" to reach the attendance line, or your call will be **transferred to this line**. Please refer to the email message that was sent out on Sept. 22 with steps on how to set up the App or log into the School Messenger Parent Portal. We appreciate your assistance and thank you in advance! For more information - RSS website—[Parents Tab.](#)
- ★ **Reminder: Student Fees** are due and payable on-line. Please visit: Centralokanagan.Schoolcashonline.com

Important Dates

Nov. 5—Nov 22	Grad Photos
Nov. 2	Fall Back—Time change
Nov. 5	Gr. 9 Take Your Kids to Work Day
Nov. 7	Term 1 Ends
Nov. 7	Last day to drop Sem. 1 Courses
Nov. 10	Term 2 Begins
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Recognition—pm
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Holiday
Nov. 18	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Nov. 20	Harmony Day
Nov. 24	Written Learning Updates Issued
Nov. 26	COBSS Applications Open
Dec. 3	Gr. 12 Capstone Day



GRAD NEWS:

- ★ **IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE:** Kelowna has been awarded the Memorial Cup in 2026 which directly conflicts with our requested Grad Walk and Prom date. After surveying our Grad Council members who indicated overwhelmingly they would prefer to keep the historic route of the Grad Walk, we have changed our Grad Walk and Prom bookings to **FRIDAY JUNE 5TH, 2026**. We apologize to our Grads, families and extended community for the confusion and inconvenience this might cause.



CRYSTAL BALL is coming soon with a "Night In Old Hollywood"! This is an **RSS GRAD ONLY EVENT**

Date: Wednesday December 10, 2025

Doors Open: 6:00p.m.

Event: 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Tickets: *Tickets will be sold November 24th-28th at lunch in the Seminar Room (1264)*

Grads with Careers 12 in the first semester must be in "good standing" for their Capstone or made arrangement with Jennifer Skogs and/or Lindsay Robb to purchase*

- ★ **GRAD WEAR** is currently in the second round of ordering! In order to have orders available before Winter Vacation hoodie orders must be paid for (online at [School cash Online](#) or by seeing Ms. Banka in the office) **BEFORE NOVEMBER 22ND!** Should you be ordering a gift for your student (and therefore don't want the item distributed to your Grad), please email Mr. Werry directly to make arrangements for pickup at chris.werry@sd23.bc.ca *please indicate that the hoodie is a gift in your e-mail request/ subject line*
- ★ **GRAD PHOTO sign-up** is now available on the Grad website or by going to www.artona.com. Photo sessions are available November 5th -November 23rd , with sessions from 2:00-9:00p.m on weekdays (no sessions on Mondays) and 10:00am-5:00pm for Saturday sessions. Please arrive 20 minutes BEFORE your assigned sessions to complete paperwork. Also, please be aware that there is a **\$60 REFUNDABLE deposit** for the photo session—the deposit will be applied to the student's account for ordering packages and may be refunded. It is important that we get photos for each graduating student-- please sign up early as dates will only be added as they are needed!



FAQ re: Grad Photos:

Q: I have booked an appointment but need to change the date or time. How do I do that?

A: You must contact Artona directly (via the website live-chat or phone) in order to make any changes to your appointment.

Q: I had school photos taken. Can I use this photo for the yearbook/composite?

A: No. We hope to have all our Grads photographed so that they can appear in the yearbook and on the composite (photo collection on the wall). ONLY GRAD PHOTOS taken with Artona can be used for these purposes (you may borrow a cap and gown elsewhere but they cannot be substituted).

Q: What should I wear?

A: Students are encouraged to wear dress clothes—people who identify as male may wear a dress shirt, with or without a tie; people who identify as female may wear either a simple blouse or dress, either with a collar or a v-neck. Please be aware that the collar of the shirt will be visible in photos. A limited number of dress shirts are in the studio should you need to borrow one.

Q: What do I need to bring with me?

A:Artona will supply a cap, gown and various commemorative items for photos (these will be sterilized between sittings). You may bring a small keepsake (sports memorabilia, etc) and, if you wish, your parents/guardians or a friend (due to space, a max 2 additional people may be accommodated).

Q: Can I bring a pet with me?

A: Yes, this year you may bring one pet with you but someone must be able to watch the animal during the rest of the appointment time.

Q: Where are the photos taken?

A: There is a mobile studio (portable) set up on the east/arena side of the building. (see photo for approximate location)

Q: How and when do I pay the deposit?

A: Please bring the \$60 sitting fee with you to your appointment. You can pay your deposit by debit/credit, or by bringing cash (exact change is required please).

Q: If I choose not to order, how do I get my deposit refunded?

A: On the proof package that is mailed to your home there will be full instructions and a timeline for refund. Please be aware that you must **RETURN THE PROOF PACKAGE** and follow the deadline in order to receive your refund. **This is part of the Artona policy, not RSS.**



Rcafé

R CAFÉ NEWS

R Cafe, (run by RSS Culinary Arts classes), is excited to once again be enrolled in a program called **"Take A Bite of B.C.!"** Every month or so we receive a variety of local, fresh & delicious products directly from B.C. farmers. This program is sponsored by **BC Agriculture in the Classroom**, and it enables our students to gain an appreciation of the value of local farms and farmland to their communities, builds awareness within schools of the variety of local products available from BC farmers, and it supports the BC Ministry of Education's directive of providing healthy food to students. Some of the products will be unfamiliar to our Culinary Arts students so it will also allow them to develop new skills. We are especially looking forward to the shipment of live oysters this month and duck in the spring, in addition to many different fruits, vegetables, cheeses and meats throughout the year. R Cafe is open Tuesday to Friday, before school, at morning break and at lunch. The weekly menu is posted on Mondays at rss.sd23.bc.ca under Services and then Cafeteria Menu. We accept cash, debit, credit or prepaid \$20 punch cards which are available for purchase from R Café.



ATHLETIC NEWS:



Sr Girls Volleyball Team at the tournament in Chilliwack!



Cross Country Team

Congratulations to the RSS Cross Country team for participating at the Zone Championships on October 21 and qualifying for Provincials!

CAREER CENTER NEWS:

Volunteer Opportunities: Please visit the career center for information and applications. Posters are attached.

- Seniors Activities Volunteer at Vineyards Residence Retirement Home—Applications due by Friday, Nov 7
- Tree of Hope Light Up and Festival - Event Date November 22, 2025

Job Shadows—Please visit Ms. Momney in the Career Center to sign up for Job Shadows

Upcoming **November Spotlight Sessions**—Register with Ms. Momney in the Career Center

University of Calgary	Y	Indigenous Student Recruitment	November 6th, 2025	12:30	A	Library
Anthony Lindsay		Electrician - Entec	November 12th, 2025	12:30	D	Library
Emil Anderson	Y	Construction pathways	November 14th, 2025	12:30	D	Library
OC College		OC College Culinary	November 20th, 2025	14:00	C	Library
University of Saskatchewan	Y	Post Secondary Information Session	November 21st, 2025	10:30	B	Library
Craig Arsenaault	Y	Medical Program - Selkirk College	November 21st, 2025	12:30	A	Library
Ok Student Heath		Promote health Ok Student Heath	November 27th, 2025	10:30	A	Library



Work Experience (WEX)

Any students that would like to sign up for Work Experience (WEX) can sign up now If you have a job and/or do volunteering. WEX is a course that looks good on your academic resume when applying to post-secondary, gives you 4 grade 12 credits, and is a great gpa booster. . If you have already done WEX once (WEX A) you can sign up a second time and get 4 more credits (WEX B). If you have any other questions you can talk to Mr Werry or Ms Robinson in the counseling office. Or sign up in the WEX Google Classroom on your own by doing the 'intent to complete assignment' in the Google Classroom. (WEX A code: 4553bwd.....WEX B code: hqrs2eur)

RSS LEADERSHIP

October 23rd-26th, RSS Leadership students and advisors attended the British Columbia Student Leadership Conference. The students consistently brought light, energy, and community spirit to the event. They participated in a number of inspiring keynotes, empowering workshops, and community building / service initiatives. The event brought powerful opportunities to connect with both youth and adult leaders across the province and strengthen the leaders' sense of belonging, community, and meaningful engagement. We are extremely proud of these awesome students!



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Ruck n' Roll

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IMPACT EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2025 TREE OF HOPE FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 22nd

at the Landmark District

1700 Dickson Avenue

**Shifts are available
from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Deadline to apply is Friday, November 14th

SEE YOUR CAREER CENTRE TO SIGN UP!



is looking for

SENIORS ACTIVITIES VOLUNTEERS

to spend time with senior residents
visiting, playing games, doing crafts,
helping with computers, phones, tablets or
doing "helping tasks" like mail delivery etc.
4 hours per month - Saturdays or Sundays

(1 hour every week or 2 hours two times per month)

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

**For more information and an application package,
please visit your School Career Centre**

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

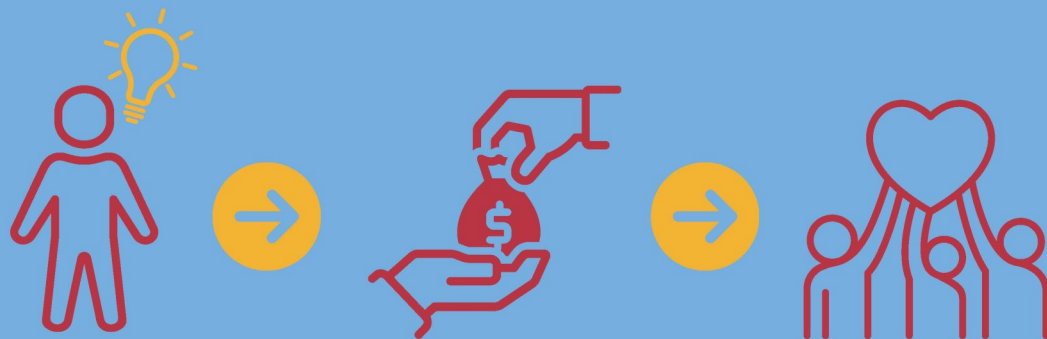
- Leo Buscaglia

Strong Neighbourhoods **YOUTH** Development & Engagement Grant

Be a leader. Build connection in your community.

The City of Kelowna offers up to **\$1,000** in matching grant funds for youth-led community projects or events.

Have an idea that will improve your neighbourhood or build relationships? Team up with fellow youth aged **13-24** in your community to get creative and take the lead. Rack up volunteer hours, boost your resume, hone your leadership skills, and build friendships while improving your community.



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