

Sept. 17 – 21st, 2018



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IMPORTANT DATES

THIS WEEK

Sept. 17	2143 10:00 am – Aboriginal leadership @ Black Mtn. 11:50 am – Diversity club 11:50 am – Pachos for sale 5:45 pm – PAC meeting @ library
Sept. 18	6587
Sept. 19	2143 9:15 am – Aboriginal leadership @ Black Mtn 11:50 am – Board club meeting @ rm. 007
Sept. 20	6587 Okanagan College Pow Wow SCHOOL PHOTOS
Sept. 21	2143 9:05 am – International/Leadership students hike Mt. Boucherie

NEXT WEEK

Sept. 24	8765 Canadian Student Leadership Conference 11:50 am – Diversity club
Sept. 25	4321 11:50 – ALL Peer counsellors meeting @ Counselling office
Sept. 26	8765 11:50 am – Board club 5:45 pm – Gr. 11 & 12 Parent information session
Sept. 27	4321 Orange Shirt Day Ceremony 7:00 pm – Band parent meeting
Sept. 28	8765 12:50 pm – Sewing 9 @ Fabricland

PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION

Congratulations to Ms. McIntosh who has been nominated as a Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education Finalist. These awards honour the efforts of those who go above and beyond to make life better for students in British Columbia. Ms. McIntosh is a finalist for the Technology and Innovation Award and will be attending the awards ceremony on World Teacher's Day on October 5th.

Pachos for sale on Monday, Sept. 17th. The Senior Girls Field Hockey Team will be selling Pachos at lunch for \$5.00 on September 17th and September 26th. Please come out and support your Senior Girls Field Hockey Team.

All Grade 11 and 12 Peer Counsellors in both semesters have an introductory meeting on September 25, 2018 in the Counselling Centre at lunchtime.

Students, are you interested in travelling abroad for one year and learning a second language? **The Westside Rotary Youth Exchange Program** will be holding an **INFO SESSION** for Westside students at *Mount Boucherie Secondary* on **September 25th**. As well, the **Kelowna Rotary Exchange Program** will be holding their **INFO SESSION** on **September 19th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Kelowna Secondary School**. More information is available in the Counselling Centre!

Aboriginal Education Program will be taking students to the Annual Okanagan College-KLO Campus Pow Wow on September 20/2018. Space is limited. Please see Advocates for sign up and Field Trip forms.

ATTENTION Grade 11 & 12 Students & Parents: Mount Boucherie Secondary will be hosting a **BC Post Secondary Evening** on **Wednesday, Sept. 26th from 7:05 to 8:50 pm**. The evening will begin with a mini-fair in the MPR followed by presentations by each of the visiting universities & colleges, to be held in the various classrooms. A map outlining the room numbers for the presentations will be provided. Students should choose their top two university/college presentations that they wish to attend.

Parent Advisory Council Meeting

The first MBS Parent Advisory Council meeting is scheduled at 5:45 pm on Monday, September 17th in the school library.

School Fees

Startup fees (activity fee, yearbook (optional) and academy fees) are assigned to students. Payment can be made online by credit card or debit. If you have not signed up already, please register at <https://Centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com> to make your payment. **The student activity fee for the 2018/2019 school year is \$30.** Students are also able to purchase a yearbook for \$45 (optional). All activity, academy, extra-curricular, and graduation fees can be paid on-line. If your son/daughter is registered in an academy, the academy fee will appear in the account as fees owing. Throughout the year, fees for athletics and other extra-curricular events may be added to your student's account. You will receive an email communicating any additions. If for some reason you are unable to pay online, please pay by cheque or cash at the main office. Our school office is open weekdays 8:00 am - 4:00 pm beginning August 28th. **Bring your receipt in if you paid online in order to get your locker.** If you are paying at the school, we **only accept cash or cheques** (payable to Mount Boucherie Secondary School or MBSS).

Financial Hardship Clause (Central Okanagan School District)

Within School District Regulation 425R – Student Fees (see www.sd23.bc.ca), the Board of Education has indicated "that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship". This clause in the Regulations provides for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families, while preserving the dignity of families who may be unable to pay. Please contact the school principal if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to would like to access a school program.

Attendance & School Messenger

Last year our school was part of a pilot project called School Messenger. Report your student's absences, using your smartphone, a computer or telephone. For those new to our school, please follow this link to learn about School Messenger: <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/schoolmessenger>

Photos

Student photos will be taken on September 20th by Mountain West Photography. ALL students must have their picture taken. Students missing this sitting will be given the opportunity for re-takes if necessary on October 25th. Students receive their ID cards free of charge, and families can choose to purchase a photo package. To receive proofs via email please ensure that the *permission to release email address to Mountain West Photography* portion on the School Information Verification Form (yellow form) is completed. The verification form will be distributed to students on the first day.

Student Parking

Parking passes will be issued to interested grade 12 students starting Monday, August 27th. Students will not be required to pay for a pass but must register their vehicle with our school and obtain an official student parking pass. Please note that all **unpaid school fees and textbooks must be cleared before you may receive a parking pass**. With a parking pass students are able to park in the student parking area near the gymnasium as well as the parking stalls adjacent to the sports field. Students without a parking pass are able to park in areas near the school such as the gravel lot near the arena. Students using this parking area must adhere to the conditions outlined in the MBSS parking regulations (parking passes are not required for this lot) and the parking regulations outlined in the West Kelowna bylaws.

School Bus Transportation

Parents can access school bus information and ridership eligibility by logging on to our school district website: <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsServices/transportation>. Information regarding specific routes can be found on this website. All students riding the school bus must register for the bus. Please use this link: <https://transportation.sd23.bc.ca/> for any information and to apply. You will receive an electronic bus pass once your student has been assigned a seat on the bus.

Thank you to President's Choice® Children's Charity for the grant for *School Nutrition of \$3500*. This funding will be used for the breakfast program provided by our CEA team during the 2017/2018 school year. *President's Choice® Children's Charity* is committed to childhood nutrition since 2008, and have granted over \$33 million to this cause, feeding over 3.1 million children.

ATHLETICS

Mount Boucherie offers a variety of sports in all three seasons of play. Please visit our Athletic page on our website for more information: <http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsCourses/Athletics>

The school calendar (<http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca/Calendar/calendar.aspx>) will have the games posted for your reference. Please visit there often as changes can happen daily.

Boys Soccer

Last tryout is Tuesday, Sept. 18th @ 4:00 pm.

Sept. 17	Sept. 18	Sept. 19	Sept. 20	Sept. 21	Sept. 22
			4:00 pm - JV Football v KSS @ Mar Jok	4:30 pm – Varsity football @ Burnaby Lakes	

GRADUATION

All **graduation information and deadlines** for grade 12 students, can be found on our MBSS website:

<http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca/Students/Graduation>

Come down to the Counselling Centre to sign up to receive regular emails about new **Scholarship & Bursary** opportunities! Please speak to Mrs. Gonzales.

For information on any of the following: August Exam Results and Transcripts, BC Dogwood Planner, Examination Review and Re-marks, Examination Re-writes, Graduation Program Examinations Scholarship, or any questions regarding Ministry of Education and Graduation:

<https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student>

Grad Council: first Grad Council meeting will be in room 155B, Friday, September 14th @ 8:00 am. All grade 12 students welcome.

Graduation fees: are payable online at: <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/> Payment plans may be arranged, please make an appointment with your student's vice-principal. A list of the fees can be found here: <http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca/Students/Graduation/fees>

Dry Grad: Dry Grad is a parent driven event designed to give students an alcohol free celebration.

If parents would like to see this event happen for the 2018/19 Graduation year, we will need a chairperson to step forward. Please contact: kirsten.donison@sd23.bc.ca or catherine.sullivan@sd23.bc.ca.

CAREER LIFE PROGRAMS

Please visit the Career Centre for information or further details on any of the following:

Students are encouraged to keep checking our bulletin board in the MPR and the Career Centre for volunteer opportunities.

Earn your 30 hours for graduation now!!

Volunteer Opportunities:

****See Mrs. Rouleau in the Career Centre for more information about these opportunities****

- ❖ Candy Striper and Healthcare Cadet applications for Cottonwoods, David-Lloyd Jones, Three Links and Brookhaven care homes are currently being accepted. Space is limited.

JOB CRUSH

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FREE EVENT

Fri. Oct. 5th 9:00am-12:00pm (Pro Day)

Innovation Center – 460 Doyle Ave.

Calling all students!

Come and hear first-hand what it's like to work in tech. This is the chance to learn about all kinds of different career options within the local tech eco-system and explore the kinds of game-changing companies that are based right here in the Okanagan. Tech employees from all over the Okanagan will be taking the stage to pitch why their job is awesome, how they got hired, and why their company rocks!

Click the following LINK to register....

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/job-crush-tickets-49417745808>

Attention Grade 9 Girls!!!!

GoENG GIRL – UBCO – Tuesday, October 9th - This is a chance for female students to tour engineering labs, connect with current female engineering students and meet the professionals. Students will hear stories and experiences and also have a chance to participate in fun engineering activities. The conference will be held at the UBCO Campus in the University Center Building (UNC) and includes lunch! Space is limited so apply today! **Applications are available in the Career Center.**

Foodsafe Courses

Interior Training Services is holding several courses in West Kelowna, Kelowna and Penticton this fall and winter. The cost is \$80 and includes a workbook, learning materials and an Interior Health official certificate. Text or Call 250-878-1036 or Email info@interiortrainingservices.com to register or for more information.

REGISTERED MASSAGE THERAPIST TRAINING:

Are you interested in a career as a massage therapist? The Okanagan Valley College of Massage Therapy is holding 2 free information sessions, one in Kelowna and one in West Kelowna.

Kelowna: September 18th @ the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center, 2170 Harvey Ave from 6 – 8 pm.

West Kelowna: September 27th @ the Holiday Inn, 2569 Dobbin Rd from 6 – 8 pm.

For more information or to book a tour of their campus visit www.ovcmt.com