

Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2017



# Bear Tracks

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### THIS WEEK

Sept. 11	7856
Sept. 12	3412
Sept. 13	7856
Sept. 14	3412
Sept. 15	7856 Last day for course changes 8:00 am – Grad council meeting @ rm. 136

### NEXT WEEK

Sept. 18	2143 5:45 pm – PAC meeting @ library
Sept. 19	6587
Sept. 20	2143 (adjusted bell schedule) 1:30 pm – Early dismissal 5:30 pm – Parent meet & greet 7:00 pm – UBCO Information session @ MPR
Sept. 21	6587 PHOTO DAY
Sept. 22	2143

### PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION

**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.

## MBSS Open House

Mount Boucherie Secondary will be hosting a Meet & Greet Open House on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. This event is an opportunity you to meet your son/daughter's teachers, tour the school and find our more information about our programs. More details will be sent out via Bear Tracks closer to the scheduled date.



**Okanagan Volunteer Opportunities Fair** is Saturday, **September 16, 2017, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm** at the Parkinson Recreation Centre. All schools should have already received posters in the school mail.

## School Fees

Startup fees (activity fee, yearbook (optional) and academy fees) will be assigned to students by August 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 2017/2018 school year is \$30.** Students are also able to purchase a yearbook for \$55 (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 21<sup>st</sup>. **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](http://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 & SafeArrival

Last year our school was part of a pilot project called SafeArrival. 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 SafeArrival: <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/SafeArrival/Pages/default.aspx>

## Photos

Student photos will be taken on September 21<sup>st</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## 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/Pages/default.aspx>

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.

Sept. 11	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 14	Sept. 15	Sept. 16
				Jr. & Varsity Football @ Wenatchee	

## 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/Pages/default.aspx>

**Grad Council:** first Grad Council meeting will be in room 136, Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 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/Pages/default.aspx>

**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 2017/18 Graduation year, we will need a chairperson to step forward. Please contact: [kirsten.donison@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:kirsten.donison@sd23.bc.ca) or [catherine.sullivan@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:catherine.sullivan@sd23.bc.ca).

## CAREER 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:

The Whippet Club of BC is looking for student volunteers for their dog agility event running September 29 - October 1. The volunteers will be helping set up the courses, running score sheets and leashes and working with the ring crew. Sign-up sheet is in the Career Centre.

Candystriper and Healthcare Cadet applications are available in the Career Centre for Brookhaven, Cottonwoods, David-Lloyd Jones and Three Links long term care facilities. Spaces fill up fast so best to pick up your application asap.

The KGH Foundation is currently recruiting youth volunteers for the bistro, parking lot, gift shop and thrift store. Applications are in the Career Centre.

### Work Experience:

Students that signed up for work experience over the summer and have completed their 100 hours should come to the Career Centre to pick up the final evaluation form to complete the course requirement.