



Bear Tracks

January 12-16, 2026

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"Golden Age of Boucherie"

THIS WEEK – Gr 10 Literacy & Numeracy Assessments / Gr 12 Literacy Assessments

Jan 12 3/4-1/2	Assessments done in Classrooms 9:10 am – Soccer Academy to West Kelowna Sports Dome (Briker) 12:40 pm – Soccer Academy to West Kelowna Sports Dome (Briker)
Jan 13 7/8-5/6	Assessments done in Classrooms 9 am – Entrepreneurship 11/12 to KF Aerospace (McDowall) 12:30 pm – Fit for Life 10 to West Kelowna Bowling (McIlmoyle) 12:40 pm – Baseball Academy to West Kelowna Sports Dome (Kirkey) 1:45 pm – International students to Jim Lind Arena for skating (Pendergast)
Jan 14 3/4-1/2	Assessments done in Classrooms Joe Kolar Classic Basketball Tournament in the gyms – Jan 14-16 12:40 pm – Soccer Academy to West Kelowna Bowling (Briker)
Jan 15 7/8-5/6	Assessments done in Classrooms 9 am – Law Studies 11/12 to Kelowna Law Courts (Schulz) 9 am – Analog Photography 11/12 to Kelowna Art Gallery/Alternator Gallery (Labrecque) 12:20 pm – Dance Students to Rotary Centre for the Arts for Dance Performance (Grant/Preston) 5:30 pm & 7 pm – MBSS Dancers perform "Step Into The Light" at the RCA (Grant/Preston)
Jan 16 3/4-1/2	Assessments done in Classrooms 9 am – Curling Team to Kamloops (Ennig) - Jan 16-18 9 am – Pottery and Sculpture 9 to Kelowna Art Gallery (Labrecque) 9:10 am – Soccer Academy to West Kelowna Sports Dome (Briker) 12:30 pm – Law Studies 11/12 to Kelowna Law Courts (Schulz) 12:40 pm – Soccer Academy to West Kelowna Sports Dome (Briker)

NEXT WEEK – Gr 10 Literacy & Numeracy Assessments / Gr 12 Literacy Assessments

Jan 19 5/6-7/8	Assessments done in the Library 6:30 pm - PAC Meeting in the Library COBSS Applications close at 11:59 pm
Jan 20 1/2-3/4	Assessments done in the Library
Jan 21 5/6-7/8	9:10 am – Baseball Academy to West Kelowna Bowling (Kirkey)
Jan 22 1/2-3/4	
Jan 23 5/6-7/8	Semester One/Term 2 Ends



MBSS Sports Teams Schedules: **Athletics - Central Okanagan Public Schools**

School Sports Teams Schedules are posted on the
 Central Okanagan Public Schools Athletics page and can also be found using the link above.
 Questions? Please connect with your student's coach!

PARENTS/STUDENTS

BAMFIELD BOUND?!?!

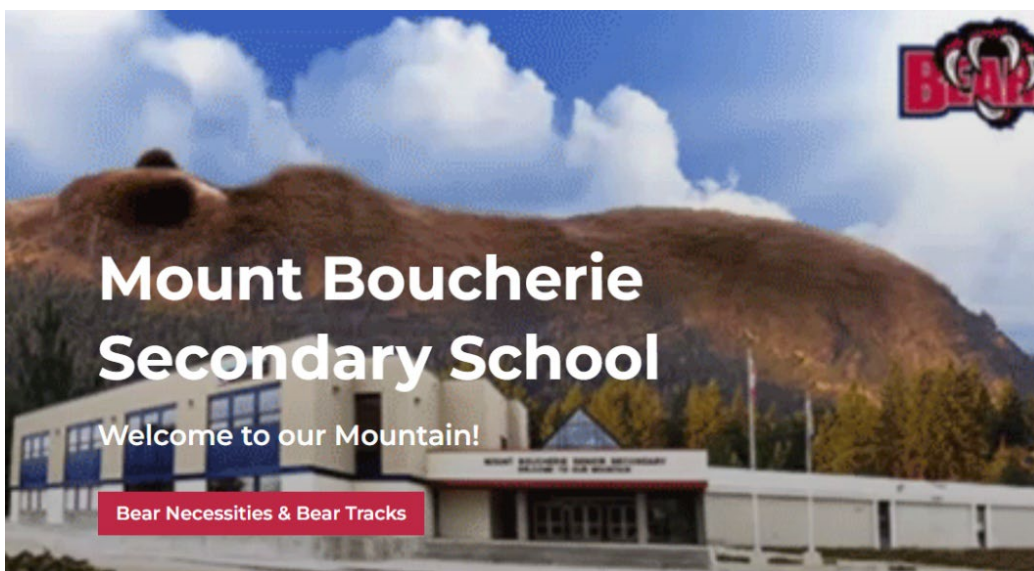
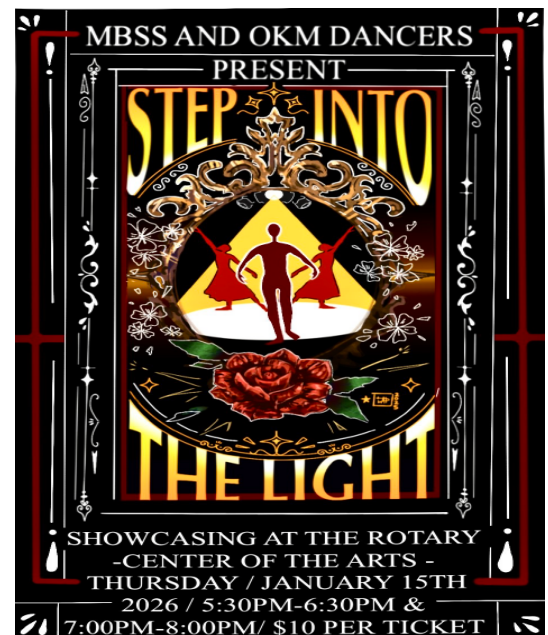
Calling ALL interested Biology 11 and/or 12 students to an information meeting about a trip to the Bamfield Marine Science Centre this spring (April 7-11)

Meeting is in Room 000 on Monday Jan 12 at lunch! See you there!

**The MBSS Dancers perform
'Step into the Light'
Thursday, January 15
at Rotary Center of the Arts**

There will be two shows back-to-back:
5:30pm and 7:00pm

Tickets are \$10,
sold in the Dance studio at lunch.



**Read our daily
announcements
"Bear Necessities"
and our weekly
newsletter "Bear
Tracks" on our
website!**



Students are not permitted to order food (Door Dash, Dominos, SkiptheDishes, etc.) to the school as it often arrives during class time and disrupts learning. A parent/guardian may choose to deliver or drop off food for their child to be picked up in the office at lunchtime.

As an alternative, MBSS has food options available for students to purchase such as our **School Store "The Cave"** and our **Global Village Café** which offer a variety of food and

beverage items – and are open during morning/afternoon breaks and during lunchtime. Also available is our **Breakfast Program** which operates every morning from 7:45 am to 8:45 am in the MPR.

2025-2026 Yearbook - The discounted rate of \$50 ends on **January 31!** After January 31, the price will be \$60. Please use School Cash Online to make your purchase. Yearbooks will arrive in June!



Peer Tutoring for Students!

Room 013 at lunch, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Get help for any subject!



Do not miss school unless you are sick!

If you are absent, please contact your teacher by email to find out what you need to do. You **MUST** do this work at home!



Student Parking Areas - Students must have a MBSS Student Parking Pass registered with MBSS and can only park in Student Parking areas:

1. Student parking area by the gym
2. Along the fence line towards Pickleball courts (student designated area only, not visitors area)
3. The dirt lot past Jim Lind Arena.

All students with motorized transportation including EBikes, EScooters and Motorbikes must register their mode of transport with the school.

Students may not park in Staff Assigned Spaces, in Visitor Parking, or in the back of the school. Students who park in areas other than ones designated for student parking may be towed.

Students are reminded to be careful when walking to and from school, especially on Riffington Place. Please use the sidewalk and do not walk down the middle of the road. We have had a few close calls and we want to keep everyone safe!



To our MBSS Community – Student Pick Up and Drop Off:

For student safety, if you are picking up your child, please arrange for pickup from an alternate location to ease traffic congestion. **Also, please note that the sidewalk area, beside the portables, is reserved for SCHOOL BUS PICKUP & DROP OFF ONLY!** Here are 3 suggested areas to pick up or drop off students:

1. Royal Lepage/Jim Lind Arena
2. Riffington Place
3. Boucherie Ball Fields (along East Boundary Road)



Reminder to be respectful of our neighboring strata developments and others in the community (ie. not parking in designated handicap spots, etc). Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

GRADUATION



Please click on the link for the MBSS Grad 2026 Website:
<https://sites.google.com/learn.sd23.bc.ca/mbss-grad-2026/home>

Important Grad Event Dates

**These dates are subject to change. For the most current information, students & parents should regularly check the Grad Events Google Classroom and the Bear Necessities daily announcements.*

Jan 6-17 - Grad Photos with MountainWest

May 16 – Grad Walk and Banquet

March 2 – Grad Fees Due

May 28 – Grad Ceremony Assembly @ 9:00 am

April 20 – Grad Banquet Assembly @ 9:00 am

June 12-13 – Grad Ceremonies

All grads are responsible for keeping up with grad information which is posted in the Google Classroom or the Grad Webpage (link is on the MBSS homepage or above!).

URGENT: COBSS Updated Info!

The COBSS Award catalogue has been updated and students will now see the awards specifically for their school.

PLEASE GO BACK INTO THE AWARD CATALOGUE TO REVIEW YOU HAVE CHOSEN ALL THE AWARDS YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR.

Remember: the cut off for COBSS Applications is January 19 @ 11:59 pm

COUNSELLING

PLANNING FOR POST-SECONDARY

Okanagan College: Applications for Sept 2026 are now open! First apply, first accepted.

Current Scholarship Opportunities:

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarships>

Individual scholarship opportunities and their corresponding links have been posted in Google Classroom. Please check weekly as this list updates often!

CAREER LIFE PROGRAMS



- **BC Dragoons**, Jan 8, 10:30, Library
- **BC Corrections Officer**, Jan 14, 10:30, Library
 - **Avaarc Welding**, Jan 15, 10:30, Library
- **Insurance Broker**, Jan 22, 10:30, Career Centre
- **Social Worker**, Jan 29, 10:30, Career Centre

RCMP Academy is open for application

Due: January 15

See Career Centre for more info!

Work Experience Sign Up - For Grade 11 & 12's.

Do you have a job or are planning to get one this school year?

Sign up for Work Experience Graduation Credits! Come to the Career Centre asap.

- Work 100 hours for 4 credits / Work 200 hours for 8 credits

*** You can sign up 2 different jobs.**

*** You can sign up twice for one job (as long as you are doing two different things at that job) to gain 8 credits.**

*** Looks great on your resume and university applications.**

MOUNT BOUCHERIE SECONDARY SCHOOL

When you walk through the door you are a bear who is a valued part of our school community.

BELONGING

We belong here as bears who have opportunities for connection in classrooms, hallways, and in school communities.

EMPATHY

We build an understanding and sensitivity towards other bears by learning how to think beyond ourselves and recognize different perspectives and ways of knowing.

ACHIEVEMENT

We are each accountable for our own learning and growth by putting our best paw forward.

RESILIENCY

We can each accept and embrace everyday challenges to help learn from personal struggles and mistakes.

SAFETY

Each of us is a member of this community and plays a role in supporting others to experience safety and security.

Mission Statement

We will do what we can to educate and support our students in realizing their unique and full potential, and in living purposeful lives.



Join Us at MBSS for the 4th Annual Joe Kolar Classic – January 14-16

We are proud to host the Joe Kolar Classic Basketball Tournament on January 14-16. This event honors Joe Kolar, a beloved MBSS Alumni, Kelowna firefighter and dedicated coach, who was a leader in our community and an inspiration to many.

The tournament not only celebrates Joe's legacy but also helps support the Joe Kolar Classic Bursary, awarded to a student-athlete who embodies Joe's values of commitment, leadership, and sportsmanship.



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French Immersion Kindergarten
Informational Session: Tuesday, January 13, 2026
@ 6:00-7:00 pm Zoom Link: sd23.org/french
This meeting will be recorded and posted on the
District website

**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on
Monday, February 2, 2026, at 7:00 am for 2026 - 2027 School Year**
(for kindergarten, new students, and school of choice for K – 12)

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide support to parents that require assistance.
Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 13, 2026

If you are new to Canada, please contact the Welcome Centre for enrollment information at (250)870-5155

HOW TO APPLY

PLEASE NOTE: *The application process is online only. You are required to have a valid email account.*

In your web browser type: <https://www.sd23.bc.ca/school-enrollment>

No internet access? Please contact your school for assistance.

Online applications begin on **Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7:00 am**. Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school in by email or in person by **Friday, March 13, 2026**.

1. Student's **Birth Certificate** or other government issued proof of age and citizenship.
2. **Proof of Parent/Guardian B.C. Residency**
 - a. Combination BC Driver's License and Services Card (copy of both sides); or,
 - b. BC Services Card (copy of both sides) **and** one item from the list of Supporting Documentation (3.) below; or,
 - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of Supporting Documentation below.
3. **Supporting Documentation/Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address**
 - Ownership of a dwelling or long-term lease or rental of a dwelling;
 - Documentation indicating British Columbia residence (i.e. utility bill);
 - British Columbia registration of an automobile;
 - British Columbia Driver's License (copy of both sides); or,
 - A current income tax return filed as a British Columbia resident.

AFTER Thursday, September 3, 2026

New in-catchment area enrollments: Parents will be notified by a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 40SR – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

New out-of-catchment area enrollments: Parents will not be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

Qualifying age: The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2026, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2026. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website www.sd23.bc.ca or call (250) 860-8888.



Dry Grad – Saturday, May 30

Dry Grad is *not* a school-sanctioned event; it is fully organized by parent volunteers and supported by generous community donors.

1. Upcoming Fundraiser – February 28 at Whiski-Jack’s Pub

Our major fundraiser is coming up on **February 28**, and tickets will be available soon. We are currently collecting items for our silent auction and hope to have everything gathered by **February 6** so we can prepare well in advance.

We are gratefully accepting:

1. New items for silent auction bundles – perhaps something from a “presents-in-a-pinch” basket
2. Unwanted or duplicate Christmas gifts that someone else may enjoy
3. Donations from local businesses such as gift cards, experiences, or products
4. Bottles of wine for our wine wall – our goal is 100+ bottles

2. Ways to Contribute

Families support Dry Grad in many different ways—through time, auction items, or financial contributions. For those who prefer to donate directly:

1. **GoFundMe:** <https://www.gofundme.com/f/mbss-class-of-2026-dry-grad>
2. **E-transfer:** mbss.grad.committee@gmail.com (*Business receipts available upon request; please note these are not tax receipts.*)

3. Return-It Express Donations

A simple way to support Dry Grad is by donating your Return-It refunds. It’s quick and requires no sorting:

1. Bag your empties in a clear or blue bag
2. Take them to any Return-It Express machine
3. Enter our code: 250.470.7586
4. Print the label and attach it to your bag
5. Drop and go—**no counting, no sorting!**

If you have any questions or if you have some great ideas, donations, or offers of time, please direct them to mbss.grad.committee@gmail.com. Our parent-volunteer team is happy to connect.

ATTENTION: Parents, Students and Schools



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is pleased to offer the "School Bus Stop" which is located on our website at www.sd23.bc.ca



School Bus Stop

Parents, students and schools can now sign up to receive email or text alerts when the school bus route is delayed.

To register for alerts and to view a complete list of bus routes displaying the current status, select the school bus icon on our website at www.sd23.bc.ca or go to the site directly at <https://schoolbusstop.sd23.bc.ca>

Our first priority is the safety and well-being of our students. Due to the varied reasons our school bus routes may be delayed or in extreme situations, cancelled, it is not practical for drivers or staff to personally phone all those affected. Safety is everyone's responsibility and we must all be diligent when staying up to date on the status of our school bus routes.

**All school bus route cancellations and delays in excess of
10 minutes will be posted on the
"School Bus Stop"**

If you have signed up for the alerts, upon posting the delay, you will receive an email or text with the route delay, length of delay and reason for the delay.
You could also expect to see general alerts when weather conditions or an emergent situation arises regarding the bus route.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

6:00 AM—5:00 pm

250-870-5151

transportation@sd23.bc.ca

STAY INFORMED ON BUS ROUTE DELAYS—SIGN UP TODAY!



Subject: Public Health Nurse Wellness Clinics in the School Settings

To students & their parents, guardians, or representatives:

As part of Interior Health (IH) - Central Okanagan's efforts to provide access to public health nursing (PHN) support and services, IH has been offering in-school PHN Wellness Clinics for all grades and clinics will continue until the end of the school year.

At the Wellness Clinics in the school, Public Health Nurses will be available to talk with students and answer any questions about public health nursing services, such as health and wellness promotion/disease prevention information, and resources. This is also a great opportunity for senior high school students to meet with a public health nurse to assess their immunization history and ensure they have all the necessary vaccinations before they graduate. Some post-secondary schools/training programs require immunization history prior to starting the program.

Additionally, based on information gleaned from the most recent 2023 McCreary Adolescent Survey indicating a growing concern from students regarding a variety of health-related topics, these in-school clinics will offer improved access for students to reach out to a health professional.

Checking immunization status:

Students and parents/guardians are encouraged to review their own immunization status. HealthGateway provides secure access to health records, including immunizations. Please visit:

<https://www.healthgateway.gov.bc.ca/>

COVID-19 or Influenza vaccines will not be offered or provided at these Wellness Clinics.

Mount Boucherie Secondary School, Mr. Cartwright and public health have identified the following days and times for PHN Wellness Clinics:

Thursdays from 11:45-1:00

If you have any questions, please contact Sharie Schwab; West Kelowna Health Unit; 250-980-5160

Thank you,
Sharie Schwab, RN, BScN

Public Health Nurse
West Kelowna Health Centre



OKANAGAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

JULIAN CONDUCTS TCHAIKOVSKY

February 6, 7 & 8
 6 Friday 7:30pm Kelowna Community Theatre
 7 Saturday 2:00pm Penticton's Oland Theatre
 8 Sunday 2:00pm Vernon & District Performing Arts Centre

SMETANA: Overture to the Bartered Bride
 WALKER: Lyric for Strings
 BERLIOZ: Rakoczy March
 VERDI: Nabucco Overture
 TCHAIKOVSKY: Symphony No. 5 in E minor, Op. 64

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See Mrs. Gallagher in Portofino B for more info.