



September 2013

Mr. Mike Safek, Principal

Mrs. Shannon Miller, Vice-Principal

Welcome Back to OSS!

Welcome to all existing and new families and students to another exciting year of teaching and learning. A special welcome to our Grade 8 students and families. We look forward to working with you and your children to make the 2013-2014 school year positive and rewarding.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Safek, Mrs. Miller or your child's teacher. It is important for all of us at OSS to have open communication with OSS parents, and we value hearing from you.

OSS Staff 2013-2014

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| Mr. Gajda—Sciences | Mr. Gendron—Special Education |
| Ms. Johnson—PE, Foods, Core, Leadership | Mr. Khodarahmi—Math and Sciences |
| Mr. Langley—Tech Ed | Mr. Mocci—Social Studies and Art |
| Mrs. Nazaroff—Counselling, French, Health & Career Ed | Mrs. Schroeter—English and Foods |
| Mrs. Parker—OASIS (Osoyoos Alternate School of Independent Studies) | |
| Mr. Rachinski—Social Studies, Law, Math, Planning | |
| Mr. Seminoff—PE, Math, Geography, Hockey & Golf Academy | |
| Mr. Schulting—Math, Info Tech, Economics | Ms. Scott—English, French, Social Justice |
| Mr. Short—English, Socials, Creative Writing, Planning | Mr. Ward—Math |
| Ms. Williams—Band | Mr. Kitt—Career Prep and Work Experience |
| Mrs. Miller—Vice-Principal, Counselling, PE | Mr. Safek—Principal and Grad Transitions |
| Mrs. Dickinson—Child Care Worker | Mrs. Douglas—Education Assistant |
| Mrs. Fernandes—Education Assistant | Mrs. Martin—Education Assistant |
| Ms. MacCarthy—First Nations Support Worker | Mrs. Mikulecky—Secretary and Library Assistant |
| Mrs. Hiebert—Secretary | Mr. Marchand-Ring—Custodian |
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PAC MEETING

All parents are welcome to join us for the first Parent Advisory Council Meeting of the year. It will be Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm in the OSS Library.

Hot Lunch/Salad Bar Menu

September 11 Mac & Cheese
September 18 Penne Alfredo
Sign up in the Concession by the Tuesday of each week. Only \$5 per lunch.

School Activities and Opportunities 2013-2014

Below is a list of sports, clubs and related activities offered by our staff. We encourage all students to get involved in our school activities. Doing so builds new friendships, develops confidence and skills, and makes the school experience richer.

Sports

- Intramurals—year long
- Boys Soccer—fall
- Girls Soccer—spring
- Boys Volleyball—fall
- Girls Volleyball—fall
- Boys Basketball—winter
- Girls Basketball—winter
- Wrestling
- Curling—to be announced
- Golf—spring

Clubs

- Yoga—Mrs. Nazaroff
- Drama Club—Ms. Douziech
- Quebec Trip—Mrs. Nazaroff
- Global Awareness—Ms. Scott and Mrs. Schroeter
- Leadership—Ms. Johnson
- Yearbook—Mr. Short

If you have any questions about our athletics program, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Seminoff, at 250-485-4433. Questions about clubs should be directed to the sponsoring teachers. Please encourage your child(ren) to get involved in our school.

Camp Rattler 2013

In keeping with OSS tradition, we will be taking our grade 10s on an overnight outing to Camp Rattler in Peachland again this fall. This year's trip will take place in early October. Information about the trip will be sent home to parents of grade 10s shortly. Our parent meeting for Camp Rattler is on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:00 pm in the Theatre. All parents of grade 10 students are required to attend. Please mark that date and time on your calendar.

Geography 12 Trip

Mr. Seminoff's Geography 12 trip through the Kootenays and Rockies is slated for September 25 to 28. The purpose of the trip is to have students experience and learn about the unique geography of southeast British Columbia. Mr. Seminoff will send home field trip information shortly.

Student Achievement and Inquiry Time

We will be focussing our efforts during Inquiry Time on working to improve student achievement. Our inquiry question is "How can we improve student motivation, engagement and achievement through assessment, instruction and school structures?" Staff will be researching and implementing assessment and instructional practices to increase our students' motivation, engagement and achievement.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ABCD	2	3 School Opens Students attend 8:30—11:30	4	5	6	7
8 CDAB	9 Grade 8 Assembly	10 Grade 9 Assembly	11 Grade 10 Assembly Buddy Night (Gr 8) Camp Rattler Parent Meeting 6:00 pm Theatre	12 Grade 11 Assembly	13 Grade 12 Assembly	14
15 BADC	16	17	18 Global Awareness Dance	19	20	21
22 DCBA	23	24 PAC Meeting 7:00 pm OSS Library	25 12:05 Dismissal for Inquiry Time Geography Trip	26	27	28
29 ABCD	30 Photo Day					