



Semester 1 Exams

Semester 1 exam week is Monday, January 25 to Thursday, January 28. The exam schedule will be sent to parents later in January. Attendance during exam week is mandatory as per the following:

- **On Time**—Students must be on time for all of their scheduled exams. Unless there is a significant medical or other emergency, students must write their exams on the date and time scheduled.
- **Exam Tutorials**—We are running tutorials for exams to provide students with extra help and support in preparation for the exam. Attendance at tutorials is **mandatory** for students who have a C+, C, C- or lower in the course. Students with an A or B in the course are welcome to attend tutorials as well. Teachers will inform students about the requirement to attend tutorials.
- **Incomplete Work**— Students who have work overdue will be requested by teachers to come in for extra help and to complete the work. Again, it is expected and mandatory that students come in as requested by their teachers. **Friday, January 29** is I completion day, and is a day designated for students to come in and finish overdue/incomplete work.

As well, we ask for your support in ensuring that your child is studying nightly for his/her exams. Exams are worth 20-40% depending on the course. Studying for finals should be ongoing starting well before the exam date — cramming the night before is not an effective way of learning the material or preparing for an exam. All academic courses have final exams as per the attached schedule.

Semester 1 Exams and Provincial Exams Schedule

We want to remind parents that end of semester 1 provincial exams take place as per the schedule below. The class based final exam schedule will be published after Christmas break.

Monday, January 25	English 12 Provincial Exam from 9:00 - 11:00 am Science 10 Provincial Exam from 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Tuesday, January 26	English 10 Provincial Exam from 9:00 - 11:00 am Communications 12 Provincial Exam from 9:00-11:00 am
Wednesday, January 27	Social Studies 11 Provincial Exam from 9:00 - 11:00 am
Thursday, January 28	AW Math 10 Provincial Exam from 9:00 - 11:00 am Foundations of Math 10 Provincial Exam from 9:00 - 11:00 am
Friday, January 29	"I" (Incomplete work) completion day

Timetable News—Parent Forum

We are at a point in the process where we would like to consult with students and parents. We have developed a timetable draft that, with the same staffing as we have now, provides students with more flexibility, greater course offerings, and more choice than what our current timetable does. We will be sharing that with our students for input on Tuesday, January 12 and will host a Parent Forum on that same day at 6:00 pm in the theatre. If you are curious, have questions or input, we encourage you to attend! If you are unable to attend, please call us at 250-485-4433, or email one of our committee members with your questions.

- Mr. Safek, msafek@sd53.bc.ca
- Mr. Chapman, lchapman@sd53.bc.ca
- Mrs. Mailey (parent rep), amilaney@hotmail.com
- Mrs. Westcott (parent rep), angelas3dogs@gmail.com

OSS Grads of 2016

The Grads have been involved in a number of events so far this year including the Halloween Howl, a Chamber dinner, Santa's Night Out and a few school events. We even managed to pull off a winter formal dance this year! These events all help raise funds for grad clothing and the annual Grad Trip at the end of the year. All grads have to complete volunteer time in order to be eligible for the Dry Grad Trip. At this point it is a small number of grads pulling most of the weight. Those grads not contributing will either need to start volunteering or will risk their eligibility for the trip.

We will have meetings right after the break to make decisions about the trip as we will have to present to the School Board to get approval. Once everything is finalized, we will make an announcement and start the process of getting the permission slips signed.

Graduation and Career Counselling Corner

As we receive information from post-secondary institutions in regards to programs, deadlines and scholarships, we send the info to students and parents through email. If you are not receiving these emails and want to, please contact Mr. Chapman at lchapman@sd53.bc.ca. Some application deadlines are coming up at the end of January so please check the institutions websites and make sure you have completed the steps you need to.

Mr. Chapman is meeting with grade 12s as Semester 1 ends to go over course selection and graduation planning. Parents are encouraged to contact him if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

A Message From OASIS

Sometimes people ask, "What is the OASIS Program?" OASIS stands for ***Osoyoos Alternate School of Independent Studies***. The program is for those students who are unable to attend the regular classroom for a variety of reasons, but have the same abilities as students in the main stream. OASIS course material follows the usual BC school curriculum, and OASIS students write Provincial exams and regular subject exams. OASIS students are an important part of our school and contribute to OSS. We welcome Ms. Amanda Girgan to our school while Mrs. Parker is away.

Last month our OASIS students hosted and put on an excellent Remembrance Day assembly. In keeping with the OASIS philosophy of giving back to the community, they once again presented ***A Christmas OASIS***, at N'K Mip Campground on Tuesday, December 15. Students served spaghetti, garlic toast, and Caesar salad for dinner to our local 'Snow birds'. An assortment of Christmas baking was available to purchase, and carols were sung during the evening. The proceeds went to needy families during the Christmas Season, and the OASIS Program. "Tis the season for giving!"

Winter Sports

We would like to extend a **thank you** to our winter season community coaches. Your involvement with our students and contributions to our sports programs are much appreciated.

Gr. 8 Girls Basketball	Cameron Adam
Gr. 8 Boys Basketball	Manvir Gill
Jr. Girls Basketball	Faith Stark & Judy Yukes
Jr. Boys Basketball	Gerald Davis
Sr. Girls Basketball	Cayla Gray & Kuldeep Rai
Sr. Boys Basketball	Casey Brouwer

Golf Academy Semester 2

OSS Golf Academy still has a few spots left for Semester 2. Golf Academy runs in C Block Semester 2 and serves as a PE credit for students. In Golf Academy, students will work with Mr. Seminoff, Wayne Hachey (Desert Golf Academy) and the Osoyoos Golf Club professionals. The academy will offer student's a high performance golf program that provides them the opportunity to develop their total game to their highest potential. Students will receive instruction at both OSS and the Osoyoos Golf Club. For more information about Golf Academy, please contact Mr. Seminoff at 250-485-4433.

OSS School Clothing Order

OSS students and families can purchase school clothing until January 17, 2016 including sweat pants, sweat shirts, t-shirts and baseball caps. Orders are done through Big Kahuna Sports and can be placed on-line by going to <https://osoyoos.itemorder.com> If you have a problem making your online purchase, you can contact Brad Yamaoka at 1-877-761-6600. The new OSS SNAKE logo was co-created by grade 12 student, Charley Johnston, and Big Kahuna Clothing.



Christmas Hamper

The OSS Student Parliament members put together a hamper to donate to an anonymous family in need this winter. The care package included nutritious food items and Christmas gifts for the young children.

2015 Education and Career Fair

On December 7, our Grade 10 and 11 students travelled to Prospera Place in Kelowna to attend the regional Career Fair. The fair featured many smaller universities, colleges and trade schools and gave students the option to explore and learn about careers and educational requirements of each, as well as post-secondary programs and entrance requirements. Thank you to Mr. Kitt and Mr. Chapman for organizing this for our students, and Mr. Schulting, Mr. Cameron and Ms. Johnson for chaperoning.

MADD Presentation

On December 9, OSS students heard a presentation from Mothers Against Drunk Driving about the dangers and potentially deadly consequences of driving while impaired, or getting into a vehicle with an impaired driver. The presentation was direct, candid and featured the victims and families of teens affected by impaired driving telling their stories. The presentation also provided students with strategies and solutions to help keep themselves safe.

Thank you to Mrs. Illingworth for organizing this presentation for us.

Indoor Track Meet

On Wednesday, December 16 we hosted our Annual Indoor Track Meet led by Mr. Chapman and our Leadership 11 students. Indoor Track Meet events included Fly on the Wall, Tic Tac Toe, Shin Cracker, 4 Corner Volleyball, Teacher Trivia, Dance Contest, Chariot Race, Black Hole, Grab Bag Relay and Refrigerator Box Relay. The event had spirited competition, lots of laughs and was won by the Screech Owls House.

Variety Show

Ms. Scott and Student Parliament host our Annual OSS Variety Show on Friday, December 18. This year there will be a variety of acts of OSS students, showcasing their singing and musical talents. Thank you to all who participate, as well as the students who help to produce this event.



Wise Choice Wednesday

All lunches are \$5 each and pre-ordering is not necessary.

January Menu

January 6 Chicken Quesadilla & Caesar Salad
January 13 Chicken Burger & Potatoe Salad

OSS — January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					 1	2
3 DCBA	4-2 School Re-opens @ 8:30	5-1	6-2	7-1	8-2	9
10 ABCD	11-1	12-2 Parent Forum 6:00 pm Theatre	13-1	14-2	15-1	16
17 CDAB	18-2	19-1	20-2 Inquiry – noon dismissal	21-1	22-2	23
24	25-1 A block Exams En. 12 @ 9-11am Sc. 10 @ 1-3 pm	26-2 B block Exams En. 10 @ 9-11 am Comm. 12 9-11	27-1 C block Exams SS 11 @ 9-11 am	28-2 D block exams AW Ma 10 @ 9-11 FMa 10 @ 9-11	29 "I" Completion Day	30
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OSS Athletics — January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 Jr. Boys/Girls @ Maggie 5:30/4:00	8 Jr. Boys/Girls Home Tournament	9 Jr. Boys/Girls Home Tournament
10	11	12 Gr. 8 Boys/Girls vs. SLMS 5:30/4:00	13 Sr. Boys/Girls vs. Princeton 6:15/4:30	14 Jr. Boys/Girls @ Pen High 5:30/4:00	15	16
17	18	19 Gr. 8 Boys/Girls vs. SESS 4:00/5:30	20	21 Jr. Boys/Girls @ SESS 4:00/5:30	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Gr. 8 Boys/Girls @McNicoll 4:00/5:30	29	30
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