







# FAMILY WEEKLY MEMO

September 25 - October 1, 2023

Monday • lundi Skixwíw's	Tuesday • mardi sʔasłásq̓t	Wednesday • mercredi skaʔłásq̓t	Thursday • jeudi smasq̓t	Friday • vendredi scłkstasq̓t
September 25 25 septembre	September 26 26 septembre	September 27 27 septembre	September 28 28 septembre	September 29 29 septembre
<b>7856</b> Gr. 9 Lum / Pengilly Field Studies AM (Crux Climbing)	<b>43221</b> <b>Terry Fox Run</b>  Wear <b>Red &amp; White</b>	<b>8765</b>  Hockey Academy 1:15-3:15 pm Gr. 9 Lum / Pengilly Field Studies AM (Crux Climbing)	<b>1234</b> Gr. 9 Bonnette/Bennett Field Studies (Gneiss Climbing)	<b>5678</b>  Orange Shirt Day Gr. 9 Bonnette/Bennett Field Studies (Gneiss Climbing)  Hockey Academy 8:15-10:15 am



Please check the [KLO Calendar](#) on our website for the most updated information/events.  
 Students and families are encouraged to subscribe to the online calendar on their personal devices.

Please go to the [Parents Tab](#) on our website for access to past Family Weekly Memos.

Other Upcoming Events...				
October 2 2 octobre	October 3 3 octobre	October 4 4 octobre	October 5 5 octobre	October 6 6 octobre
<b>National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (No School)</b>	Gr. 9 Bonnette/Bennett Field Studies (Gneiss Climbing)	Discovery Day Field Studies (McCurdy Bowling, Hiking, CNC, Gneiss Climbing, etc)		<b>Administrative Implementation Day (No School)</b>
October 9 9 octobre	October 10 10 octobre	October 11 11 octobre	October 12 12 octobre	October 13 13 octobre
<b>Thanksgiving Day (No School)</b>		Gr. 8 Gagne/Martinson Field Studies (Kelowna Art Gallery)	Discovery Day Field Studies (McCurdy Bowling, Hiking, CNC, Gneiss Climbing, and more)	Photo Retake Day  Gr. 8 Gagne/Martinson Field Studies (Kelowna Art Gallery)

## SCHOOL BUS



Please review SD23's [School Bus Rider Rules](#) if your student is taking the school bus.

## DISCOVERY DAYS

Students currently being placed into their Discover Day courses! Students should receive their assigned choices for Term 1 by Wednesday the 27th of September. Please note, some courses require fees (will be added to SchoolCashOnline), so we ask that families review their child's placement for any additional fees later this week.

- Selection Booklet: [KLO Term 1 Discovery selection booklet](#)
- Students not yet assigned to Discovery blocks need to come to the office ASAP or see their X-Block teacher.

## **ABSENCE / LATE / EARLY DISMISSAL REPORTING**

All Absence / Late / Early Dismissal Reporting is recorded through SchoolMessenger which is School District 23's system for school attendance. Families now have 3 options on how they can report an absence, late or early departure to the school:

1. Use the "SchoolMessenger SafeArrival" App on your smartphone
2. Use the SchoolMessenger SafeArrival Website at [go.schoolmessenger.ca](https://go.schoolmessenger.ca)
3. Phone the school and **push "1"** to report using the SchoolMessenger SafeArrival automated system (note: be sure to wait for your confirmation code or the absence may not be reported properly)

Visit [www.sd23.bc.ca/SchoolMessenger](https://www.sd23.bc.ca/SchoolMessenger) for parent resources to help you get started with SchoolMessenger SafeArrival, and please contact the school if you have any trouble getting your account set up.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: When your child is signing out for the day, they must check out at the office.**

## **SCHOOL FEES**



School Activity/Cultural Fees are \$30.00 per student for this school year. They have now been added to your child's student account by School District #23. All School District #23 fees are paid using [School Cash Online](#).

If you are having difficulties with School Cash Online, please contact the parent support line at 1-866-961-1803 or email [parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com). See more information about School Cash Online [HERE](#).

*At times, there may be additional Field Studies Fees for class trips. Please pay Field Studies Fees **before** the trip.*

You can contact [tania.mchale@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:tania.mchale@sd23.bc.ca) if you have any questions about your child's school fees.

*Please contact the KLO Admin team if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program so we can help with financial matters.*

Grade 7 - [laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca)

Grade 8 - [blake.smith@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:blake.smith@sd23.bc.ca)

Grade 9 - [ashley.ragoonaden@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:ashley.ragoonaden@sd23.bc.ca)

## **STUDENT COURSE CHANGES**



All student course change requests have now been reviewed by our School Based Team\* (SBT). Course changes are now closed. If you have any questions, please contact [laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca).

\*Please note, our SBT includes our administrative team, school counselors, learning assistance teachers, resource teachers, students support teachers and our Indigenous advocates.

## **QUESTIONS FOR YOUR STUDENT'S TEACHER?**



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Meet the Teacher BBQ last Wednesday. If you have any questions or concerns about your student's learning, please keep in touch with their teachers. We aim to provide open communication between school and home to ensure a smooth year for all learners.

Teachers can most easily be reached by email. All staff emails are [firstname.lastname@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:firstname.lastname@sd23.bc.ca). Please contact [KLOOffice@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:KLOOffice@sd23.bc.ca) if you are having difficulty contacting a teacher.

## **PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)**

The purpose of the KLO PAC is to promote and improve the quality of education and the well being of students at KLO Middle School. **All parents/guardians welcome!** Our PAC helps decide where to allocate the gaming funds to specific needs within our school. They also run school events and fundraisers to help improve the KLO community.

The first PAC meeting is on **Monday, September 30th from 6:30-7:30 PM in the KLO Library Learning Commons.**

## **FUNDRAISERS:**



KLO PAC has an ongoing fundraiser with **Return-It Express**. Please consider supporting your PAC when returning your cans/bottles. See more information [HERE](#).

## **LEARNING DEVICES**



Did you know your student is allowed to bring their own laptop/chromebook to school for the purpose of learning? This is completely optional and based on student preference. Please note, the school is not liable if student property is missing or damaged. For district info about bringing your own laptop/chromebook, see [HERE](#).

Please note that laptops/chromebooks brought from home are for the purpose of in-class learning. Access may be revoked at admin discretion if a student is misusing their laptop/chromebook.

Families without technology access at home who would like support to borrow a device, please call (250) 870-5106 ext. 8359 or email [laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca).

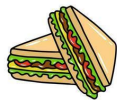
## **TERRY FOX DONATIONS**

Our Grade 9 Leadership classes are fundraising for Terry Fox. Donations can be done online at the Terry Fox Foundation [HERE](#).



## **CLAWSCO, KLO'S SCHOOL LUNCH STORE**

Clawscos is open for students to purchase food and snacks at lunch time in the Cougar Den. Payments accepted include debit or cash.



### **CLAWSCO MENU**

**Monday** - Pasta and Garlic Bread \$4

**Tuesday** - Hot Dog \$2

**Wednesday** - Sushi \$5

*Rolls: California, Spicy California, Yam or Veggie*

**Thursday** - Sandwich \$4

**Friday** - Pizza \$2.50

If you need food support for your child, please contact Laura Wiemken to enroll in the Brown Bag Lunch program (250-870-5106 ext. 8359 or [laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca))

## PHOTOS

Students received cards from the photographers yesterday. Please use these to access school photos or use for retakes. Use the Express Proof card with their access code and to look for the photos to view and make orders. If any family has misplaced their card, they can contact Photo Expressions at [studio@photoexpressions.ca](mailto:studio@photoexpressions.ca) or 604-477-7399.

Our school recently participated in photo day. Your child should have a sheet similar to the one on the right. If you do not have an *Express Proof* for your child, contact Photo Expressions at [studio@photoexpressions.ca](mailto:studio@photoexpressions.ca) or 604-477-7399 to request your Access Code.

**Photo Expressions**

**Express Proofs**  
Order your School Portraits Online!

Visit [shop.photoexpressions.ca](http://shop.photoexpressions.ca) and enter your Access Code

Simply point your smartphone camera at this QR code for a shortcut to the website!



## E-SCOOTERS

Students are not permitted to ride E-Scooters on school property. This is due to BC Transportation laws.

You must be 16, or older



You must wear a helmet



You do not need a driver's licence



For more information, please see BC Transportation's website [HERE](#).

## **GRADE 9 FRENCH IMMERSION - QUEBEC EXCHANGE 2024**

Grade 9 French Immersion - For students interested in participating in the Grade 9 French Immersion Quebec Exchange this year, there is a **parent meeting** in the KLO library on **Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**

More information about the exchange will be provided to students in FRANCAIS LANGUAGE class on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> (blocks 3 & 4) and Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> (blocks 5, 7 & 8). Please email [cheryl.gagne@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:cheryl.gagne@sd23.bc.ca) if you have any additional questions prior to the meeting.

## **STUDENT ATHLETICS:**

### **Current KLO Sports at a Glance**

*For detailed athletics information, please see the [KLO Athletics Website](#)*

#### **Rugby - Grade 7/8**

Contact: Mr. Bennett ([paul.bennett@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:paul.bennett@sd23.bc.ca))

#### **Cross Country Running**

Contact: Mr. Williams ([james.williams@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:james.williams@sd23.bc.ca))

#### **Volleyball - Girls Grade 9**

Contact: Ms. Goutier ([michole.goutier@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:michole.goutier@sd23.bc.ca))

#### **Volleyball - Boys Grade 9**

Contact: Mr. Ragoonaden ([ashley.ragoonaden@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:ashley.ragoonaden@sd23.bc.ca))

#### **Volleyball - Girls Grade 8**

Contact: Ms. Blatchford ([claire.blatchford@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:claire.blatchford@sd23.bc.ca))

#### **Volleyball - Boys Grade 8**

Contact: Mr. Vieweg-Cyr ([kyle.vieweg-cyr@sd.23.bc.ca](mailto:kyle.vieweg-cyr@sd.23.bc.ca))

#### **Volleyball - Girls Grade 7**

Contact: Ms. Piche ([andrea.piche@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:andrea.piche@sd23.bc.ca))

## **NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS NEEDED**



We are hiring Noon Hour Supervisors to help students during our daily lunch break. If you are committed to working one hour per day and ensuring KLO students are safe and well taken care of, please contact [laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca) for more information.

## **IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Principal	Ashley Ragoonaden	ashley.ragoonaden@sd23.bc.ca
Vice-Principal	Blake Smith	blake.smith@sd23.bc.ca
Vice-Principal	Laura Wiemken	laura.wiemken@sd23.bc.ca
Head Secretary (Student Fees)	Tania Mchale	tania.mchale@sd23.bc.ca
Registration (Student Records)	Carolyn Bazin	carolyn.bazin@sd23.bc.ca
School Counsellor	Joan Ewing	joan.ewing@sd23.bc.ca
Learning Assistance	Tania Daponte Tybie Elenko	tania.daponte@sd23.bc.ca tybie.elenko@sd23.bc.ca
Student Support	Jayna Bailey Garth Dupre Ryan Scorgie	jayna.bailey@sd23.bc.ca garth.dupre@sd23.bc.ca ryan.scorgie@sd23.bc.ca
Resource Teacher	Dawn Trozzo Corey Grant	dawn.trozzo@sd23.bc.ca corey.grant@sd23.bc.ca
Library Learning Commons	Karin DuMont	karin.dumont@sd23.bc.ca
Indigenous Advocates	April Mercereau Ben Cousins	april.mercereau@sd23.bc.ca ben.cousins@sd23.bc.ca
Athletic Director	Garth Dupre	garth.dupre@sd23.bc.ca
Music Department	Colin Debourcier	colin.debourcier@sd23.bc.ca
Sports Academy	Michael Szalay (hockey) Mike Sodaro (basketball)	michael.szalay@sd23.bc.ca michael.sodaro@sd23.bc.ca
Leadership Teachers	Andrea Bailey Micky Goutier	andrea.bailey@sd23.bc.ca michole.goutier@sd23.bc.ca





## **KLO LUNCHTIME CLUBS**

<b>Lunch Time Clubs</b>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Diversity Club</b> Portable 1 Bailey / Martinson	<b>Diversity Club</b> Portable 1 Bailey / Martinson	<b>Diversity Club</b> Portable 1 Bailey / Martinson	<b>Diversity Club</b> Portable 1 Bailey / Martinson	<b>Diversity Club</b> Portable 1 Bailey / Martinson
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	<b>Champions League / Europa Cup Live Streams</b> Rm 17 Bennett	<b>Multicultural Club</b> Rm 26A Gingera	<b>Champions League / Europa Cup Live Streams</b> Rm 17 Bennett	
	<b>Magic Card Club</b> Rm 9 Racine	<b>History / Geography Club</b> The Boardwalk Daponte		
	<b>Uno Club</b> Rm 28 Rootes			

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- 📄 **Babysitter Training and Home Alone Courses 2023.jpg**
- 📄 **New Vintage Theatre Company - ELF The Musical.pdf**
- 📄 **Fall Youth Ultimate Frisbee.png**
- 📄 **Okanagan Symphony Orchestra - New Discoveries.pdf**
- 📄 **Partners for Inclusive Education flyer.pdf**
- [Digital Family Wellness Resources](#)

## **SD23 Appeals Procedure/Financial Hardship Language/Sanctuary Schools Policy**

### **The Central Okanagan School District's Appeals Process Board Policy 460**

Appeals states that, "A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in the Central Okanagan Public Schools may appeal a decision of an employee of the Board of Education which significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student". For a complete description of the Appeals Policy, along with the recommended steps to follow in attempting to solve a problem, please refer to Policy 460 – Appeals, that can be accessed from the 'Policies' link under the Board of Education heading on the School District homepage ([www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca)).

### **The Central Okanagan School District's Financial Hardship Clause Within Board 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". Clause 8.5 in the Regulations states: "Principals are directed to establish a procedure in each school which will allow for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families. Such procedures will preserve 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 access a school program.

### **The Central Okanagan School District's Sanctuary Schools Policy Board Policy 421**

Sanctuary Schools upholds the Board's commitment to providing educational opportunities for all students who are ordinarily residents in the Central Okanagan, including those with precarious immigration status or no immigration status. Student registrations that pertain to Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools will be processed through the Welcome Centre.

Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Section%204%20%20Students/421.pdf>

Welcome Centre [http://www.welcomecentre.sd23.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/="](http://www.welcomecentre.sd23.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

**Accident Insurance**

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. To apply for the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan or to find out more, visit the IA Financial Group website – Family Accident Reimbursement Plan.