



Coyote Connections

WEEK OF: May 12 – 16

Monday – May 12 B/A	• PAC meeting in the library @ 6:30 pm • Prom ticket sales begin (fee added to School Cash Online accounts)
Tuesday – May 13 D/C	
Wednesday – May 14 B/A	• Moosehide Campaign Day walk @ 11 am
Thursday – May 15 D/C	• Gr. 12 CAPSTONE DAY (Gr. 11s observing) ◦ D Block (9–10:20 am) / C Block (10:25–11:45 am) ▪ D Linear Classes (9:42–10:20 am / C Linear Classes (11:07 – 11:45 am) ◦ Half Day for Grade 9 & 10's (9–11:45 am) ◦ Early Bus pick up – 12:00 pm for gr. 9/10's ◦ Regular Bus pick up – 3:15 pm for gr. 11/12's
Friday – May 16 B/A	• Pizza Friday \$2/slice 🍕

See pg. 2 for more important info



May – Mental Health Awareness Month

May 12–26 – Prom tickets on sale via School Cash Online

May 19 – Victoria Day Holiday – **School Closed**

May 20–24 – Band Trip

May 21 – Public Health Student Wellness Clinic (am)

June 2 – 2025-'26 Academy balances due

June 4 – Indigenous Grad – doors open @ 5pm



Moosehide Campaign Day
Wednesday, May 14th

GESS will participate with a
schoolwide walk to end
violence @ 11 am.

Transit4Teens Kelowna is a student group advocating for free city bussing for students aged 18 and under. Many students face financial challenges, making it difficult for them to afford daily transportation. Their goal is to campaign for a change in the current policy to ensure that students can travel on the city bus without financial barriers.

To further this cause, they've developed a survey aimed at gathering feedback from students regarding the potential benefits and impact of offering free bus service for those aged 18 and under. The data collected will play a crucial role in shaping advocacy efforts and will provide valuable insights to present to city officials.

To support this initiative, you must be a student with a sd23 email address to complete [THIS](#) survey.

Grads,

If you're looking to buy a prom ticket on Monday, make sure your school fees and library fees are all paid. If you don't see the fee get added to your School Cash Online Account, you probably have unpaid fees!



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

Indigenous Graduation 2025

JUNE 4TH, 2025
AT GEORGE ELLIOT SECONDARY

5PM DOORS OPEN, ARRIVAL OF FAMILIES

6PM OPENING CEREMONIES

6:30 AWARDS, HONORS, AND VALEDICTORIAN SPEECH

7PM DINNER

8PM BLANKETING CEREMONY

8:30 CLOSING REMARKS AND FRIENDSHIP DANCE

PLEASE RSVP TO YOUR ADVOCATE BY MAY 21ST

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GRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS



1. GRAD WRITE-UPS – FORM DUE MAY 23:

Grads can now find the write-ups form on the 'CLP GRAD 2025' Classroom page. Each should be a **MAXIMUM of 100 words**. This form is due by **May 23 @ MIDNIGHT**. If necessary, it can be edited and resubmitted.

2. LAKE COUNTRY BOTTLE DEPOT FUNDRAISER:

Have refundables? Donate them to the '**GESS GRAD 2025**' account at the Lake Country Bottle Depot. There's no need to sort them! Proceeds reduce the cost of prom tickets.

IMPORTANT CAPSTONE REMINDER:

We have our grade 12 Capstone Presentations on **Thursday, May 15, 2025**. There are no regular classes scheduled for that afternoon and all grade 11's are expected to be a silent observer. The master schedule is posted in their grad google classrooms.

Students are expected to sign in at the table outside of the large gym (for regular Capstone) and outside of the library (for District Award Scholarships) 10-15 minutes prior to their scheduled time.

If you have any questions, please contact the Careers Centre.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION SEPTEMBER 2025 APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Although applications are accepted throughout the year, priority seating is given to those who apply before May 31, 2025.

Please use THIS LINK to submit your application for the 2025/2026 school year.

For more information regarding student eligibility, please visit THIS LINK.

To see the 470R Transportation Services Management – Guiding Principles for Transportation in SD23, visit THIS LINK.



GOBYBIKEWEEK

for SCHOOLS

MAY 31 to JUNE 6

SPRING 2025



HELP YOUR SCHOOL
WIN

Two BC schools will
WIN \$1,000
to support active
transportation!



REGISTER
TODAY!



GoByBikeBC
BIKE IT. YOU'LL LOVE IT.

BARN OWLS VOLLEYBALL Spring and Summer CAMPS

Barnowlsvolleyball.com



**Boys & Girls
Ages 13U**

INDOORS
Train & Play
Central Sports Dome, Kelowna
July 7-10, 2025
8:00-11:00am
\$350 per athlete

**Boys & Girls
Ages 14U-17U**

INDOORS
Train & Play
Central Sports Dome, Kelowna
July 14-17, 2025
8:00-11:00am
\$350 per athlete

**Boys & Girls
Ages 14U-17U**

INDOORS
Train & Play
Central Sports Dome, Kelowna
August 11-14, 2025
8:00-11:00am
\$350 per athlete

**Boys & Girls
Ages 13U**

INDOORS
Train & Play
Central Sports Dome, Kelowna
August 18-21, 2025
8:00-11:00am
\$350 per athlete

Register @ barnowlsvolleyball.com

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Retired NHL player Corey Hirsch came to speak on his mental health journey and to raise awareness 'You are not alone'



Tech Break for PIZZA

GESS
Mental
Health
Awareness
Week



Socks & Sandals Day



Davidson Road Elementary



Former band student
teaching at Davidson

GESS Concert Band Tours the Elementary Schools



Oyama Traditional School

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Central Okanagan
Public Schools
Together We Learn



Dual Credit Programs – Central Okanagan Public Schools

Computer Information Systems Administration

Begin your post-secondary career path while in grade 12. The **Computer Information Systems Administration (CISA)** Dual Credit program is currently accepting applications for the January 2026 intake. For over 20 years this program has been successfully transitioning students from high school into BCIT and now Okanagan College. Discover the benefits of getting a head start on a fulfilling and rewarding career. Tuition sponsorships available for all participating students.

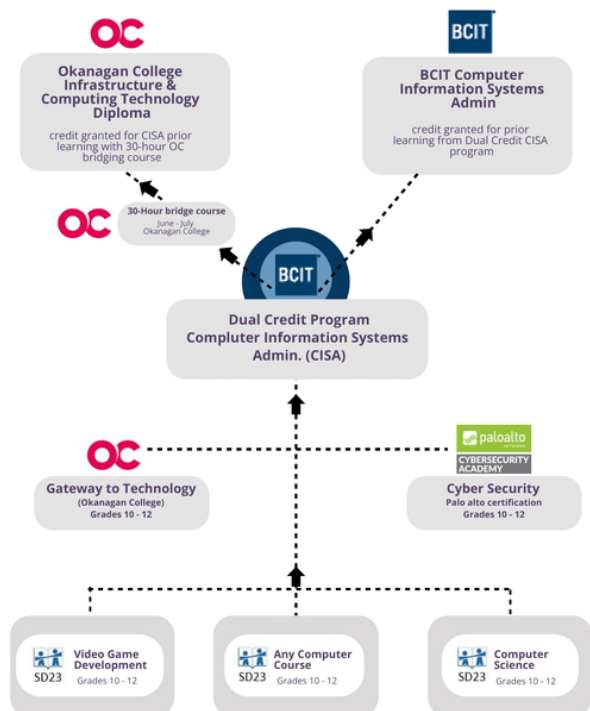
Space is still available for semester 2 (January 2026). Apply NOW!

For more information see your high school **Career Center** and speak with a career coordinator or visit our website, www.dualcredit23.sd23.bc.ca

See the attached computer technology pathway chart to view the exploratory options for students starting in grade 9!

Computer Technology

Pathways for Students



Visit our Website for
more information

www.dualcredit23.sd23.bc.ca



COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATION (CISA)



CISA is a dual-credit program in partnership with BCIT. Successful students in the CISA program are also able to apply to Okanagan College's Infrastructure and Computing Technology (ICT) diploma program with prior learning credit as well. Through a series of labs and projects students will learn; Computer Hardware & Maintenance (Cisco IT Essentials), Network Fundamentals (CCNAV7: Introduction to Networks) and NDG Linux Fundamentals (Linux Essentials). The program is based upon appropriate industry standards, infrastructure and technology. It covers computer hardware, operating systems, networking and internet technology.

Career Opportunities

Graduates from this program will find job opportunities in every sector of business that processes, installs, configures, and troubleshoots both PC hardware, software and networking components as part of its activities and/or day-to-day operations. Manufacturers such as Cisco, HP and IBM, typically have "partners" who sell their products. It is with these partners that our students find employment. Other sources of employment include Internet Service Providers (ISPs), government, municipalities, hospitals, health authorities, management companies, airports, transportation services, insurance companies, and many small businesses.

WorkBC - www.workbc.ca

Program Outline

This program combines theory and hands-on training in the following courses:

- Computer Hardware & Maintenance (Cisco IT Essentials)
- Network Fundamentals (CCNAV7: Introduction to Networks)
- NDG Linux Fundamentals (Linux Essentials)
- ITUS 120-Bridging course to OC's ICT Diploma program.

Credentials Received

On successful completion of the CISA Program at SD#23, students will receive a Year-1, Level-1 advanced standing to transfer into the CISA Program, Year 1 Level 2 at BCIT in Burnaby upon successful completion of remaining 3 of 6 articulation/bridging courses and successful competitive acceptance.

Students will also have the opportunity to complete an additional 30-hour bridging course through Okanagan College to provide advanced placement into the ICT diploma program at Kelowna's OC campus.

Finally, students will earn up to 16 grade 12 elective credits towards high school graduation for successful completion.

Physical Requirements

- Lift and carry tools, equipment, supplies and materials weight up to approximately 7 kg
- Ability to work in a seated position for an extended period of time.

Recommendations for Success

- Good general health
- Capable of stationary work for extended periods of time
- Ability to tolerate noise and vibration
- Commitment to continuous learning and training
- Good inter-personal and team work skills

Recommended Prerequisites

- SD23 students are encouraged to take the following IT courses prior to the CISA program:
 - Cybersecurity (Delivered at RSS)
 - Credits: 4
 - Prerequisite: Math 10, Gr. 11 or 12 students
 - Gateway to Technology (Delivered by OC)
 - Credits: 4
 - Prerequisite: none

Tuition

Tuition for dual credit programs may be paid in part or fully by the school district. Secondary school students will be responsible to pay for course materials & student tool kits.

- Tuition: n/a
- Student cost: \$250
- *All program costs are approximate and subject to change without notice.



Program Schedule

Schedule: 20 weeks (+3 weeks in June/July ITUS 120)
Start Date: Semester 2 - every second day
Monday - Friday, 9 am - 3 pm



Location

705 Rutland Rd N., Kelowna
Rutland Senior Secondary School



Student for a Day

Arrange your Student for a Day experience by contacting your school Career Coordinator.

Sponsorship Requirements for SD23 Students

- Attend "Student for a Day" at the Rutland Senior Secondary
- Complete the School District application package and hand it into your Career Programs Coordinator
- Be on track to graduate with a Dogwood diploma
- Meet with Career Coordinator to review program and school district exemptions
- BCIT course requirements/admission requirements met for program
- Application approved and accepted by School District
- An interview may be required for potential applicants

Focus on Safety

BCIT is committed to providing a safe learning environment for students. All students are responsible for:

- Knowing safe work procedures in classroom, shop and work areas
- Following the safety standards as taught by the instructor. These standards meet or exceed the regulatory requirements of the WorkSafe BC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.

Failure to do so may result in suspension from the program. Each student is expected to report any unsafe condition or unsafe behavior to their instructor.

**Applications are available at your
school Career Centre or
www.dualcredit23.sd23.bc.ca**

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