



# École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

## Weekly Howl – March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

250-870-5135

School Web Site – [www.cas.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.cas.sd23.bc.ca)



### WEEK OF March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup>

- 7:45 am - Gr 6 Boys BBall practice (Gym)
- 9:00 am - Elliott & Hayes to Capri Bowling Lanes
- 9:00 am - Manfredi to Save-on-Foods Grocery Store
- 2:35 pm - Gr 6 Girls BBall practice (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - PAC Meeting (Library)



#### TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup>

- 7:45 am - Gr 5 BBall practice, Boys & Girls (Gym)
- 9:00 am - Gregoire/Law to Save-on-Foods Grocery Store
- 12:00 pm - Ezzard & Vandervoort to H2O Pool
- 3:00 pm - Gr 6 Boys Basketball Game, CAS vs ASM (Casorso Gym)



#### WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 am - Park & Taylor to Capri Bowling Lanes
- 3:00 pm - Gr 6 Girls Basketball Game, CAS vs ASM (AS Matheson Gym)



#### THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup>

- 7:45 am - Gr 5 BBall practice, Boys & Girls (Gym)
- 12:00 pm - Thompson, Friesen, Sparks & Keber to H2O pool
- 2:30 pm - Learning Updates go Home



#### FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup>

- Spirit Day: Wear your PJ's!  **OR** wear your t-shirt! 
- Last day of school before Spring Vacation

**We look forward to our students returning on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**



### TIME CHANGE THIS WEEKEND!

This is a reminder to "Spring Forward" into Daylight Savings Time, which starts on **Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**. Remember to set your clocks ahead by one hour!



### SAFE DROP OFF & PICK UP TIMES

Supervision Begins: 8:10 am  
Supervision Ends: 2:45 pm

### OFFICE HOURS

8:00 am 3:00 pm



Our office, and therefore the school, is accessible and open, between these times. During these hours, office staff are available to assist both students and families as necessary.

### REGISTRATION FOR: 2024-2025

For more information about how to register, click here: <https://www.sd23.bc.ca>

**PLEASE NOTE:** If your student is currently attending Casorso, you **do not** need to re-register.

Documentation for all new student applications must be received by this coming **Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

Please submit your documentation to: [cas@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:cas@sd23.bc.ca) as soon as possible to complete your registration.

**"CAS – Putting Our Paws Together To Make A Difference!"**

## **SCHOOL FEES**

Our *School Cash Online* program can accept payments for outstanding School Fees (\$35.00) and Cultural Fees (\$10.00) for the 2023/2024 school year. All school fees, including Field Trip fees, must be paid via School Cash Online with credit card or debit card at: <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashionline.com/> Please be advised of the following:

A student "Will **not** be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship".

Please contact our school Principal Jared Birkeland [jared.birkeland@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:jared.birkeland@sd23.bc.ca) if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability to pay these fees.

## **COPAC – VIRTUAL EVENT: INTERNET SAFETY AND CYBERBULLYING:**

[Click here to view the flyer for event details](#) (no download required).

Dear SD23 Parents, Caregivers, and Staff,

We are excited to announce that The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) has arranged an engaging live virtual event with The White Hatter, focusing on crucial topics related to our digital era. Due to platform limitations, access will be granted to the first 950 participants who log in on the day and time of the event. Therefore, we encourage you to mark your calendars and join us on time (or approximately 10 minutes before start time) to secure your spot!

### **Event 2: Youth Online Aggression, Cyberbullying, Threats, and Violence**

- **Date:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024
- **Start Time:** 6:30 PM
- **Details:** provided in the attached flyer.
- **LINK:** <https://app.sli.do/event/bnPLXKEBxX9rjMpUsX9SW2/live/questions>

**PASSWORD:** 9822

**\*\* This event is for families, caregivers, and staff of SD23. Please DO NOT distribute this link and password outside of the recipients of this email unless authorized by COPAC.**

**Important Note:** Although each event can accommodate up to 950 participants, we understand that timing may not work for everyone. A recording of each event will be available for 48 hours post-event to help those that may miss the live event (use the same event link to access).

Join us in learning how to foster safer digital spaces for our children and community.

Thank you from the COPAC Team!

## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

Website: <https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/> Email: [CAS.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:CAS.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca)

The Spring Raffle (April) AND Family Fun Night (June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024) are coming up! The Spring Raffle is an annual event and one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. If you are interested in helping organize either event, please contact the PAC at [CAS.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:CAS.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca)

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The next Casorso PAC meeting is this coming Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Library, Proposed changes to the PAC Constitution and Bylaws will be presented at this meeting. Childcare will be provided. Check out the PAC Website [casorsofamilies.weebly.com](https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com) for updates, 2024 meeting dates and fundraising information.

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Purdys Chocolate orders can be picked up outside the office after school next week on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, between 2:30 - 2:45 pm.

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**COPAC** is excited to share the date for the upcoming White Hatter virtual event for interested SD23 Parents and Caregivers:

1. **April 23, 2024 at 6:30pm** YOUTH ONLINE AGGRESSION, CYBERBULLYING, THREATS, AND VIOLENCE

\*\* See attached PDF with more details and the event link for the April 23<sup>rd</sup> session. \*\*

## PLEASE SEE BROCHURES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR:

1. Central Okanagan Public Schools - Input on 2025 / 2026 School Calendar - LETTER
2. Central Okanagan Public Schools - 2025 / 2026 Calendar Proposal - TABLE
3. Central Okanagan Public Schools - 2025 / 2026 Calendar Proposal - DRAFT
4. COPAC: THE WHITE HATTER (one live virtual event) - POSTER
5. Central Okanagan Public Schools 2024 - 2025 Registration Information - POSTER
6. WWEST Spring Break Stem Camp - POSTER
7. OC Basketball Spring and Spring Break Camps - POSTER
8. Kelowna Springboard Diving Club - Spring Session - POSTER
9. Central Okanagan Public Schools Bus Transportation Application - POSTER



**Central Okanagan  
Public Schools**  
Together We Learn

March 5, 2024

RE: 2025-2026 School Calendar

Dear Parents/Guardians and School Community:

The Ministry of Education passed Bill 36, the School Amendment Act, which eliminated the Standard School Calendar. As a result, school districts are now required to establish their own school calendars. The Calendar Committee is comprised of representatives of partner groups in the Central Okanagan Public Schools, including the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (C.O.T.A.), the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3523 (C.U.P.E.), the Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association (COPVPA), and the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC). This committee met to draft a proposed 2025/2026 school calendar (attached), which meets the requirements of Bill 36.

Section 87.01 (7) of the School Act requires consultation on school calendars. A board must make public a proposed school calendar one month before submitting it to the Ministry. We are inviting the community to review the proposed calendar for the 2025/2026 school year and to provide input to the proposal before it is discussed by our Board of Education at a public meeting.

I invite you to provide your input about this proposal by Friday, April 5, 2024, by completing a very brief survey at the link below:

[https://ca.research.net/r/2025\\_2026SchoolCalendarSurvey](https://ca.research.net/r/2025_2026SchoolCalendarSurvey)

We anticipate that the finalized 2025/2026 school calendar (once approved by the Board of Education) will be provided to parents/guardians later this spring. Copies will be provided directly to you through your child's school.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this proposal.

Yours truly,

Bob McEwen  
Executive Director of Human Resource



## CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS Draft 2025-2026 School Calendar

| DESIGNATION                                             | SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23<br>Local Calendar<br>2025/2026 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Days in session                                         | 190<br>(3 summer Pro Days)                            |
| Number of days of instruction                           | 183                                                   |
| Number of non-instructional days                        | 7                                                     |
| Schools open                                            | Tuesday, September 2                                  |
| National Day of Truth and Reconciliation                | Tuesday, September 30                                 |
| Administrative Implementation Day                       | Friday, October 10                                    |
| Thanksgiving Day                                        | Monday, October 13                                    |
| Teacher Professional Day                                | Friday, October 24                                    |
| Remembrance Day                                         | Tuesday, November 11                                  |
| Winter vacation period (schools closed)                 | December 22 – January 2                               |
| Statutory holiday (schools closed)                      | Thursday, January 1                                   |
| Schools reopen after Winter vacation                    | Monday, January 5                                     |
| Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day) | Friday, February 13                                   |
| Family Day                                              | Monday, February 16                                   |
| Spring vacation period (schools closed)                 | March 16 – March 27                                   |
| Schools reopen after Spring vacation                    | Monday, March 30                                      |
| Good Friday (schools closed)                            | Friday, April 3                                       |
| Easter Monday (schools closed)                          | Monday, April 6                                       |
| Victoria Day (schools closed)                           | Monday, May 18                                        |
| Administrative Day (students do not attend)             | Friday, June 26                                       |

The Calendar for 2025-2026 complies with Bill 36 - School Amendment Act (School Calendar Regulation).

The minimum hours of instruction are:

- Kindergarten 853 hours (based on 288 minutes X 183)
- Grades 1-6 878 hours (based on 288 minutes X 183)
- Grades 7-12 952 hours (based on 313 minutes X 183)

Provides the:

- number and dates of the days in session
- the number and dates of each day of instruction
- vacation periods and the Statutory Holidays
- the dates of each Non-Instructional Day
- the number of hours of instruction offered students in each grade group

# SCHOOL CALENDAR FORM - GENERAL

## 2025/2026 CALENDAR

| JULY |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| AUGUST |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| SEPTEMBER |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| OCTOBER |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| NOVEMBER |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| DECEMBER |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| FEBRUARY |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| MARCH |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| APRIL |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| JUNE |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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- Instructional
- Non-Instructional
- Vacation Period
- Statutory Holiday

Instructional  Non-Instructional  Vacation Period  Statutory Holiday



Ministry of  
Education and  
Child Care

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR TWO LIVE VIRTUAL EVENTS PRESENTED BY**



**Tuesday ~ March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 ~ 6:30 PM**

**INTERNET SAFETY AND DIGITAL LITERACY FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS**

~~The research on the positives and negative the internet provides ~ Challenges youth today face online ~ Technology as a distraction ~ Media overconsumption ~ Online predators ~ Each person's personal digital footprint ~ How online information is collected and used ~ Data tracking & collection ~ App privacy ~ Concerning signs to look for ~ Sleep concerns ~ Exploitation~~

~~LINK: <https://app.sli.do/event/51eSNjNSjSxjKbBNMEA4Fc/live/questions>~~

~~PASSWORD: 9965~~

**Tuesday ~ April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 ~ 6:30 PM**

**YOUTH ONLINE AGGRESSION, CYBERBULLYING, THREATS, AND VIOLENCE**

Types of aggressors ~ The forms of aggression can take – stalking, aggressing messages, hacks, doxing ~ How to protect from common aggression forms ~ Identifying situations that need responses ~ Assessing the risk ~ Working with law enforcement and your child's school ~ What information you should/need to collect and provide ~ Recovery Process ~ Tools available to you as a caregiver ~ Monitoring for any future encounters ~ Legal actions

LINK: <https://app.sli.do/event/bnPLXKEBxX9rjMpUsX9SW2/live/questions>

PASSWORD: 9822

**Recordings will be available for 48 hours after the event using the event links**

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For more information ~ [copac.atlarge3@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:copac.atlarge3@sd23.bc.ca)



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**French Immersion Kindergarten  
Informational Session:**  
Tuesday, January 16, 2024  
@ 6:00-7:00 pm  
[sd23.org/french-immersion-session](https://sd23.org/french-immersion-session)

**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on  
Monday, January 29, 2024, at 7:00 am for 2024 - 2025 School Year**  
(for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K – 12)

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide telephone support to parents that require assistance.  
Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 15, 2024

If you are new to Canada, please contact the Welcome Centre for enrollment information at (250)470-3258

**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://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca>

No internet access? Please contact your school for assistance.

Online applications begin on Monday, January 29, 2024 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 person or by email by Friday, March 15, 2024.

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 below; or,
  - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of supporting documentation below.
3. Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address/Supporting Documentation
  - 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, August 29, 2024**

**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 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

**New out-of-catchment area enrollments:** Parents may 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, 2024, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2024. No exceptions.

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



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## SPRING BREAK STEM CAMP

MARCH 18-22, 25-28, 2024

Westcoast Women in Engineering, Science, and Technology (WWest)  
with  
integrative STEM Teams Advancing Networks of Diversity  
(iSTAND)

are pleased to host 2 weeks of hands-on learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) for youth aged 5-9. Join us the entire time or come for a single day or two. Since our registration is daily, choose the combination that works best for you. Please note that Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> is a holiday, so camps will end on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Where:**

Kelowna Location: Quigley Elementary  
Vernon Location: Clarence Fulton

**When:** March 18-22, and March 25-28, 2024

**Time:** 9:00am – 3:00pm

\*extended care available 8:00am-9:00am, and/or 3:00pm-4:00pm for an additional \$10/day per care session

**Cost:** \$55/day

**Contact:** [wwest.ok@ubc.ca](mailto:wwest.ok@ubc.ca) for more information



### THEME: STEM Mash-Up

Each day will include a set of 4-5 new STEM activities including topics such as, but not limited to: Plants and Animals, Chemistry, Aerospace, Human Biology, Computing Sciences, Coding, Robotics, and Engineering.

Camp days will also include movement breaks and time for creating new peer relationships.

FOR FAQ'S AND  
REGISTRATION, PLEASE  
VISIT:

<https://wwest-cwse.ca/camp-landing-page/>

# OC BASKETBALL



## SPRING 3V3 MICROBALLERS

Grades 1-8 Boys/Girls  
Cost \$240

Birth Years 2017-2019  
Cost \$235

APRIL 7 - JUNE 23

## MARCH BREAK CAMP

MARCH 26-28

Grades 1-12 Boys/Girls  
Cost \$160 (before Mar 1)  
\$180 (after)



REGISTER AT [WWW.GOCOYOTES.CA/JUNIORCOYOTES](http://WWW.GOCOYOTES.CA/JUNIORCOYOTES)

# Take the Plunge

Learn to Dive with KSDC



1 meter and 3 meter springboard diving lessons for:

- Beginners
- Competitive Athletes
- Adults



Ages 5 and Up  
Lessons held at the H2O Adventure +  
Fitness Centre and the Rutland Family  
YMCA

Email [ksdc.general@gmail.com](mailto:ksdc.general@gmail.com)  
with any questions



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## **The School Bus Transportation Application for September 2024 Opens 7:00 AM January 29, 2024**

### **IMPORTANT**

Although school bus transportation applications are accepted throughout the school year, priority seating for the 2024–2025 school year is given to those applicants who have applied before end of day on May 31, 2024

Use the link below to submit a school bus transportation application for the 2024-2025 school year.  
<https://busconnect.sd23.bc.ca/application?year=2024>

Students must be registered to ride on the school bus, for detailed information regarding student eligibility for transportation please visit our website:  
<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsServices/transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

470R – Transportation Services Management – Guiding Principles for Transportation in Central Okanagan Public Schools.  
<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Section%204%20%20Students/470R.pdf>

## **!!STOP!!**

**For RED FLASHING LIGHTS  
IT'S THE LAW**



**Safety is everyone's responsibility**

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