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September Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to all our YouLearn families! The start of the school year has been a busy and exciting time across our sites in Oliver, Keremeos, and Osoyoos. Staff have enjoyed reconnecting with students both in person and online, providing support with coursework, learning goals, and school activities. As we begin the year together, we encourage students and families to reach out whenever they have questions, concerns, or require additional support.

September enrolment numbers have now been submitted to the School Board Office. Staff will continue to focus on helping students complete their courses successfully and on schedule, while also providing the academic, social, and emotional support needed for student success.

We are pleased to once again have an active Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and extend our sincere thanks to those who have volunteered their time to support our school community. The PAC successfully secured funding that will help enhance existing student programs. Please contact our secretary, Jessica Matthews, for more information if you are interested in joining.

We would also like to warmly welcome Gurkirt Janda to the YouLearn team for the 2026-27 school year. She will be teaching Humanities and supporting students in a variety of other areas throughout the school. We are also excited that our Indigenous Education Advocate, Silvia Stelkia, will be available for an additional day each week to further support students.

We look forward to a successful, rewarding, and enjoyable school year ahead!

Brad Burns



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6	7 Labour Day No School	8 School Plan Day Early Dismissal @ Noon	9	10	11	12
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20	21	22	23 Inquiry Day Early Dismissal @ Noon	24	25	26
27	28	29 Orange Shirt Day (Schools)	30 National Day for Truth and Reconcil. No School			



Early Years Program (Grades K-6)

Welcome back, friends!

Reading every day is like giving your brain a superpower. Try to spend a little less time on screens and a little more time exploring books, playing, and having adventures with your imagination. Don't forget to chat with your family, friends, and teachers because talking and listening help you learn new words and make strong connections. We can't wait to hear your stories and see all the amazing things you'll learn this year!

Your teacher this year is: Nikki

Middle Years Program (Grades 7-9)

Welcome back, everyone!

A brand-new school year means fresh starts, new challenges, and lots of opportunities to learn and grow. Let's make this an awesome year together!

Please make sure to reach out to our office if you haven't yet heard from your mentor teacher.

Your teachers this year are: Gurkirt and Cody



New Hours

SITE SCHEDULES

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Keremeos	CLOSED	8:30-2:45 PM	CLOSED	8:30-2:45 PM	CLOSED
Osoyoos	CLOSED	CLOSED	8:30-11 AM	CLOSED	CLOSED
Oliver	8:30-2:45 PM	8:30-2:45 PM	8:30-2:45 PM	8:30-2:45 PM	8:30-2:45 PM



Secondary Program (Grades 10-12)

Welcome back!

As you move closer to graduation, remember that every course, challenge, and success is part of your journey.

Keep moving forward and know that we're here to help you reach your goals.

We're excited to support you along the way and can't wait to see what you accomplish this year!

Registration for the 2026-27 school year has now open!

ALL YouLearn students must complete a registration form each school year!

- How to Register
- Frequently Asked Questions

If you have any questions, please call our office at (250) 498-4597 or email youlearn@sd53.bc.ca.



Moving?

Only students within our district's catchment area can register with YouLearn.ca. (Hedley, Keremeos, Cawston, Okanagan Falls, Osoyoos, Oliver).

Out of district students must register with one of their local schools or a Provincial Online Learning School.

If you are unsure if your address is within our catchment area, please contact our principal with details. (Apex Mountain, Anarchist Mountain, etc.)



Interested in taking the bus to YouLearn?

Students **must register every school year** for the school bus by visiting the transportation section of School District No. 53's website:

<https://www.sd53.bc.ca/student-transportation>



Our school district provides bus services for students who live outside of our walk limits. To view our district student walk limit maps [click here](#).

Contact our transportation department by email at transportation@sd53.bc.ca for more information.



2026/2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 2026

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October 2026

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November 2026

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December 2026

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January 2027

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February 2027

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March 2027

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April 2027

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May 2027

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June 2027

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September 7	Labour Day
September 8	Schools Open
September 30	National Day for Truth & Reconcil.
October 12	Thanksgiving Day
November 11	Remembrance Day
December 21	Christmas Break Begins
January 4	Schools Re-Open
January 28-29 & Feb 1	Secondary Exam Days
February 2	Second Semester Begins
February 15	Family Day
March 15	Spring Break Begins
March 26	Good Friday
March 29	Easter Monday
March 30	Schools Re-Open
May 24	Victoria Day
June 24, 25 & 28	Secondary Exam Days
June 29	Last Day of Classes
June 30	Administrative Day (School Closed for Students)

Number of Days in Session 190

Number of Days of Instruction 183

DISTRICT NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

October 23 – Professional Development Day
February 12 – Professional Development Day
March 22 to 25 - Connected to Spring Break

EARLY DISMISSAL DATES

Schools will notify parents of early dismissal times

Also available on our website: <http://www.sd53.bc.ca/>

Cawston/Keremeos: October 21 & 22 / April 8 & 9

Osoyoos: October 21 & 22 / April 8 & 9

Oliver/OK Falls: October 21 & 22 / April 8 & 9

District wide early dismissal days for Inquiry Time are indicated on calendar with this symbol { }

Family Conferences

October 21: CPS, OKF, OES, OSE, OSS, SESS, SOSS, TEN

April 8: CPS, OKF, OES, OSE, OSS, SESS, SOSS, TEN

- Stat/School Holidays □ Non-Instructional Days
♥ Secondary Exam Days ● Year End Administration

returning by
popular demand!!!



Children ages 8-13
are invited to join our
junior voices!

Rehearsals at Park Drive
Church:

Mondays 5:30 - 6:30

Starting September 28





OIB TUTORING PROGRAM



HOSTED AT SPC

**TUESDAY/
THURSDAY**

3:00-5:00 pm

STARTS Sept 15, 2026

Grades 4 and up



Open to OIB/OIB
Community students
at SPC, OES, TUC,
SOSS and YouLearn

Two groups available:

Grade 4-7: tutoring by
SOSS Highschool
students.

Grade 8-12: tutoring by
SOSS Highschool
students led by Gina
Houle.



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