COUNSELLORS  Mr. Gilbert A– L  Ms. vanderHoek M–Z  

Our counsellors provide a variety of services: Please don’t hesitate to give them a call.  
•  Help with program and course selection  
•  Help solving academic difficulties and problems as well as arranging for tutorial assistance  
•  Information about the school and its functioning  
•  Information on post-secondary opportunities  
•  Discussion of personal issues and help in making personal decisions (mental health, family planning, public health, social services)  
•  Support in crisis situations  

NOTES TO PARENTS  
All KRSS staff are available on e-mail; addresses are, first initial followed by last name followed by @sd57.bc.ca  
For example Mr. Curtis MacDonald, Vice-Principal would be: cmacdonald@sd57.bc.ca however the following staff emails are slightly different. Mr. R. Bennett: robennett@sd57.bc.ca and Mr. M. Hunter: mhunter@sd57.bc.ca  

KRSS DRUG & ALCOHOL PRACTICES  
As per the district Code of Student Conduct, students are not permitted to be under the influence of, or in possession of, prohibited drugs, alcohol, or paraphernalia while at school or under the school’s jurisdiction. Consequences for violating this expectation include suspension, referral to the District Student Conduct Review Committee (SCRC) and the RCMP, and withdrawal from KRSS for second-time incidents. In addition, at KRSS, students will be prohibited from participation in any school-sponsored, extracurricular activities for one calendar year.  

NOTE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS  
We encourage all students to make healthy choices and we do not condone the role modeling of unhealthy choices in the vicinity of the school. Smoking and the use of tobacco products, e.g. snuff/chewing tobacco as well as “vaping” are prohibited by School District regulations in the school and on school property. Students must be at least 3 blocks away from KRSS in order to choose to smoke or use Tobacco Products.  

STUDENT DRESS CODE  
Students should be respectful of others by wearing clothing and accessories that are appropriate to a school/work setting. Low-cut tops, very short shorts, bare midriffs or open backs are not considered appropriate. (4 Bs - bellies, backs, breasts, butts) Clothing with references to drugs and/or alcohol are also examples of inappropriate dress. Consequences for violation of the 4-B rule are in the Student Handbook.  

DRAMA NEWS  
Little Shop of Horrors  Dec. 7th–10th  
Date: Dec 7th–9th Date: Dec 10th Matinee  
Cost: $12 / Adult Cost: $12 / Adult  
$6 / Child $6 / Child  
Doors open at 6:30 pm Doors open at 12:30 pm  
Show starts at 7:00 pm Show starts at 1:00 pm  

2016-2017 Halloween  

MISSION STATEMENT  
To create independent student learners  

NOVEMBER 2016  
Dear Parents:  
It was great to see so many of you in attendance at our Parent Teacher evening on October 20th! We appreciate you taking an active role in your child’s education. Report cards for term 1 will be given to students on November 22nd.  
The Ministry of Education has initiated a significant shift in the focus of education in BC with the introduction of the revised curriculum. The Ministry’s goal of “...deep understanding and application of knowledge is at the center of the new model, as opposed to the memory and recall of facts that previously shaped education around the globe for many decades.” Teachers at Kelly Road are embracing this shift and are incorporating innovative assessment practices in their classrooms.  
You will begin to notice that teachers are transitioning from feedback based upon grades and percentages to feedback in relation to learning goals and learning targets. Many teachers, with our support, are choosing to assess in this manner. We believe this feedback can be highly effective for moving students’ learning forward. It also specifically indicates understanding in relation to each learning goal. We expect to see these changes province-wide over the next few years and are excited to be forerunners at Kelly Road Secondary.  
Related to this transition, Grade 8 reports cards will contain a letter grade, work habit and comment and no percentage mark.  
This semester, school assessment dates are set according to the schedule below. Students who have no assessment during a period specified are not required to attend. I-days are available for students who are invited by their teacher to complete outstanding work.  

SD #57 SCHOOL BUS EMERGENCY EVACUATION PRACTICES  
During the week of November 7th to the 11th, 2016 all school busses in the district will be conducting Emergency Evacuation drills on the afternoon school portion of their runs. These drills will be conducted on school property. This could delay the arrival home of your child from ten to twenty minutes. Emergency Evacuation drills are required by law and are designed to give your child practice in what to do in the event that an Emergency Evacuation is necessary. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
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