



SCOOP

Langley Secondary School

Friday, January 7, 2022

Issue #1

Principal's Message

Dear LSS Families,
I hope this email finds you all well and safe. I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how honoured I feel to be the new principal of Langley Secondary. Over my past nine years I have been to the school several times, visited classes, and worked with various LSS staff. To be able to be a part of this school community as their principal, and to learn and work side-by-side with the students and staff, is a privilege and something I am looking forward to.

A little bit about myself, I came to LSS via DW Poppy (as vice principal and principal for 9 years) and the Surrey School District (as a counsellor and teacher for 13 years) before then. Words that I speak of often are hope and purpose. It is my goal for each of our students to feel that each day they feel a sense of hope and purpose – keys to success both academically and social emotionally. I look forward to many great years ahead and look forward to meeting you at some point in the future.

All the best,

Dean Pacheco
Principal

Upcoming Events

Monday-Thursday, Jan 10-13, -
Core Competency Activities

Thursday, January 20 – Literacy
Activity

Tuesday, January 25 – PAC
Meeting

Monday – Friday, January 24-28 –
Provincial Assessments

Wednesday, January 26 – Fire Drill

Friday, January 28 – Taste of LSS

Monday, January 31 – Turnaround
Day (No students in session)

Tuesday, February 1 – First Day of
Semester 2

Friday, February 4 – Semester 1
Final Report Cards Published



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Students Back in Class – January 10

This past week BC postponed the start of school following Winter Break due to the rise of Covid cases. While we understand this was not an ideal situation for our students and families, we recognize the need to follow the direction of Fraser Health in these situations. Our plan is to begin classes, as usual, on Monday, January 10. We look forward to seeing all the students back in classes – learning! This will begin our last 2.5 weeks of semester 1. Please ensure your students communicate with their teachers to ensure they are caught up with any necessary assessments.

Attached is the Continuity of Learning Plan sent out by the District for parents. Please take a look and let me know if there are any questions or concerns.

Health and Safety Reminders

As we head back to school, please remember that if your student is feeling ill or experiencing any symptoms of Covid 19, please keep them home. Also, can you please remind your student to bring a mask, preferably a three-layer mask. This is one of the best protections we can have to prevent the spread of the virus in our schools. We appreciate all you do to help us work with our students to ensure all students and staff are safe.

Altered Bell Schedule for Next Two Weeks

For the remainder of semester one we will be altering the bell schedule in order to stagger lunches. This will apply to every day, **including Fridays**, until the end of semester one. This is another strategy for enhancing our Health and Safety Protocols in the school. We will be holding a quick Teams Assembly Monday morning to go over this with the students.

REP will be attached to period 2 in order to create a staggered lunch.

Period 1: 8:45 – 9:55 (70 mins)

Period 2: 10:00 – 11:10 (70 mins)

Junior Lunch: 11:10-11:45 (35 mins)	Senior REP in Period 2 class:
Walk time 11:45-11:50 (5 mins)	11:10-11:50 (40 mins)
Junior REP in Period 2 class:	Senior Lunch: 11:50-12:25 (35 mins)
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Period 3: 12:30 – 1:40 (70 mins)

Period 4: 1:45 – 2:55 (70 mins)

The block rotation for the next two weeks will remain as originally scheduled.

Friday June 14 will be a Day 2, 'C' rotation with a staggered lunch rotation (as laid out above)

Friday June 21 will be a Day 1, 'D' rotation with a staggered lunch rotation (as laid out above)



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Film Production in Over-flow Lot

Just wanted to give you heads up that the overflow parking lot on 57A, across from the sport box will have a major tent set up area for a film production. It may be helpful to inform the students of this and ask that they avoid that area.

Thunderbird Celebrations

There are always so many great things happening at LSS each and every day. Here are some pictures from before the break to share with all families.

Bungee Jumps from Mr. VanBergen's class



Ikebana Activity in Japanese 11 class





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Avid Hampers

I just wanted to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for contributing to and supporting our AVID Adopt-A-Family Christmas hampers this year. Each and every year, I am humbled by the generosity, spirit of giving, and true spirit of the season. We are a family at LSS, and with your help, we were able to raise over \$2800 to support multiple families in our school community this year.



Another Thunderbird Soaring!

I hope all is well and you are ready for the holidays.

I'm not sure if Kaylee ever got around to letting anyone know about her recent success in joining the Womens soccer team at UKC in Halifax. So, I thought I would go ahead and share with you.

Here is a link:

https://www.instagram.com/p/CXUlb7tpBQQ/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link





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Thunderbirds in the News

Please take a moment to look at a great article written about Sheldon Guy

<https://varsityletters.ca/a-profile-in-courage-despite-losing-his-sight-in-late-november-sheldon-guy-comes-to-tbi-2021-ready-to-coach-his-langley-thunderbirds-girls-basketball-team/>