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Langley Secondary School

Monday, Sept 11th,

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Principal's Message

It's been an absolute pleasure to see the students in the building. The Grade 9's were welcomed to the school with an address from the school administration, provided lunch and found their homerooms in the afternoon. Thank you to the leadership students who helped the young Thunderbirds get acquainted with My School App, a tour of the building and general information for surviving high school!

Counsellors have been working with students to accommodate course change requests and new registrations. Students have until Sept 15th to put the course change request by QR code. Counsellors will touch base with students following this.

Grade Assemblies are underway this week with Gr 10 -12. Fall sports have started up and an invite to a Community Choir for students is found below. Get involved is the message as connections lead to success.

There will be a Grade 9 Parent night on September 21, from 6:00-7:00pm in the Large Gym. All are welcome. We are planning a Grade 12 evening in October for parents as well, stay tuned!

The Parent Advisory Committee are looking for more members. A quorum is needed in order for the PAC to receive gaming funds. Please see the attached letter.

Langley Secondary is a robust, thriving learning environment working closely with our community. Stay in touch!

Diane Smillie , Principal

Upcoming Events

Sept 12^{3h}: Gr 10 & 11 Assembly

Sept 13th: School Photo Day

Sept 14th: Gr 12 Assembly

Sept 21st 12:30 pm
Post Secondary Institutes
Gr 11 & 12

Sept 21st 6:00 pm
Gr 9 Parent Nite
Small Gym

Sept 30th: Orange Shirt Day

Oct 2nd: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (students not in attendance)

Oct 6th: School Improvement Day (students not in attendance)

Oct 9th: Thanksgiving
(School Closed)

Oct 17th: Photo Retakes





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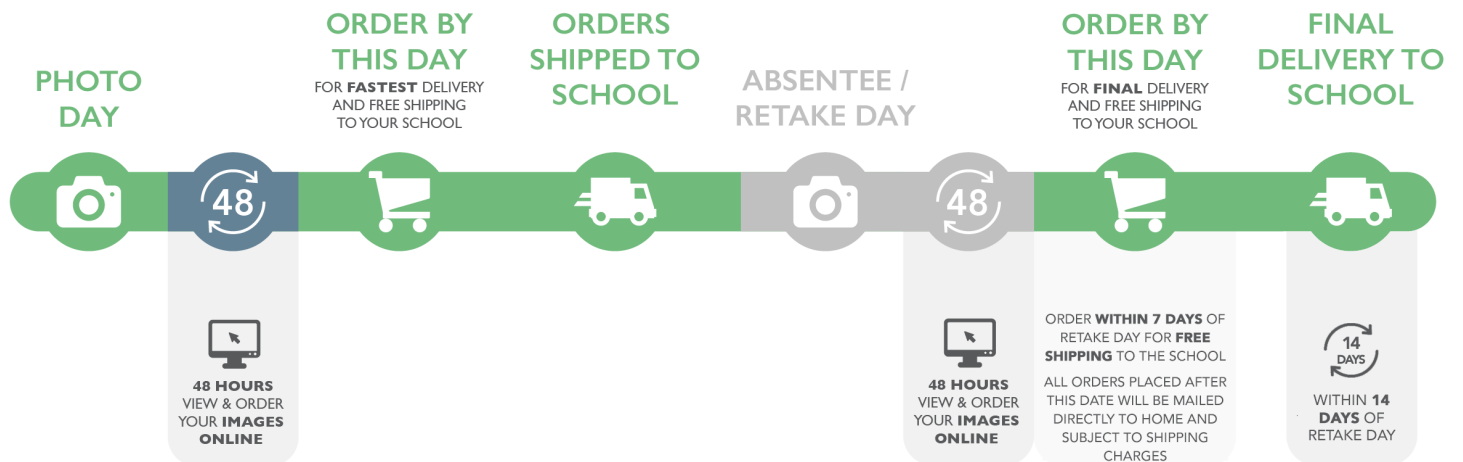
PHOTO DAY: Wednesday, Sept 13th

School Photo Day is Wednesday, September 13th in the small gym.

Retakes will be on Tuesday, October 17th.

School Photos will be online in 48 hours after photo day. Place your order by clicking the link below.

https://artona.com/schools/LANS/programs/school_photo





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PARENT ADVISORY NEEDS YOU!

Hello LSS Families,

Welcome to the new school year at LSS.

I am reaching out to all families to invite you to the 1st PAC meeting set for Monday September 25th, 7pm in the LSS library. Our new principal will be there, so it will give you a chance to meet her. Also, we do need more executive members. Right now, there are only 2 of us.

If we don't get more PAC executives the school and students will be losing out on the Gaming Grant. Currently it is around \$20000.00. That money is used to offset costs that activities, sports and classes charge the students. If we are unable to apply for and receive the gaming grant this year, we will not be able to provide financial assistance to the various clubs and classes that have come to depend on assistance from the PAC.

We need your help. Positions available are:

- Treasurer
- Vice president
- D-PAC rep
- Plus 3 members at large

Hopefully we will see you on **Monday September 25th.**

Any questions please contact me at lsspacpresident@gmail.com

Thank you again

Cathy

LSS PAC President 2023/24





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POST SECONDARY INSTITUTES IN THE BUILDING!

Grade 11 & 12's! Post Secondary News

Post Secondary BC Day is quickly approaching! We are scheduled to welcome about 20 representatives on Thursday, September 21, to meet with grade 11 & 12 students.

Below is the schedule:

- 12:30 -1:00 Attend Block A Class
- 1:00 Students travel to session 1
- 1:10-1:45 Session 1
- 1:45-1:50 Travel to session 2
- 1:50-2:25 Session 2
- 2:30-2:55 Fair during class time in small gym
- 2:55-3:15 Students in any grade can visit the fair after school

NEW MINISTRY REPORTING ORDER

New Reporting Order Resources for Parents/Caregivers

Below is the link to the Ministry website which contains all of the resources for parents/caregivers around the changes to reporting in the new Ministry Reporting Order.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/reporting/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers>



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SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

School Counselors:

Langley Secondary has three school counselors, Ms. Kauldher, Ms. Wood and Mr. Loeppky who are available to help students with their courses, timetable, grad requirements, social emotional support and post secondary information. Students are assigned to the school counsellor based on their last name.

We ask for your patience at this time as we are working hard to accommodate filling new timetables, incomplete timetables and course changes. Students are using the QR codes posted in the halls to make appointments with their counsellors.

School Based Team (SBT):

The Resource lead chairs a meeting of teachers and an administrator, plus School District support staff twice a month. Meetings are scheduled to discuss the needs of individual students, referred by teachers, and to brainstorm suggestions for their support.

English Language Learner Support (ELL):

ELL support teachers work with students for whom English is their second language.

Aboriginal Support Worker:

Our Aboriginal Support Workers, Danielle Smith and Amy Poirier work with our Aboriginal students for academic and cultural support.

Youth Care Worker:

Our two Youth Care Workers, Diaz Kambere and Maina Manodon assist both students and families with ways of coping with and correcting negative behaviours, making friends and finding success.

Calendar





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Students use “My School Day” App to help keep organized with block orders and the school calendar. Leadership students helped grade 9 students set up this new app in their Orientation Day. Students can see their Homeroom teachers who can help students navigate this App as it a tool that all students are encouraged to use.

COMMUNICATION TOOLS

In order for us to collectively best support students, it is crucial that communication lines are open and efficient. We have a few structures in place to help share information. Please be sure you utilize the following:

Thunderbird Chronicle: Good communication between home and school is a critical factor in student success. We encourage parents to read the monthly newsletter “Thunderbird Chronicle” and pay attention to school emails for important information. We welcome your involvement, and your suggestions.

Please feel free to communicate with us, by following:



Website: <https://lss.sd35.bc.ca/>



Twitter: @LangleySS



Instagram: @langleysecondary. @lss thunderbirds. @lsscareers



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CAFETERIA

A breakfast program runs every morning for students who wish to participate. Support staff will be there to cook breakfast and assist students.

Lunch is also served daily and students are doing a nice job cleaning up after themselves where they choose to eat. Thank you!

MATH TUTORS AVAILABLE

If you or your student are looking for a math tutor this semester, Mr. Vanbergen has a list of students who would be excellent candidates to support your student. Please reach out to your math teacher or counsellor for some possible options.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:

Parent Marshalling Areas

As you may recall from last year, we learned that if a school is cordoned off or unavailable to parents, we will need to have an alternate site where parents can congregate and get important updates from the District.

The marshalling area for LSS parents and guardians is the Twin Rinks parking lot at 5700 Langley Bypass.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

staləw' Pow Wow: September 15th – 17th

staləw' Arts & Cultural Society is hosting the 2nd Annual staləw' Pow Wow on September 15th – 17th. The Aboriginal Program will once again be providing tickets and food vouchers for Indigenous families in need. Organizers are also in need of volunteers. More information can be found at this [link](#). For more information about the event, including a schedule and how to purchase tickets, check out the website: <https://www.stalewpowwow.ca/>. Everyone is welcome to attend



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