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Principal's Message

Please join us for our third annual Santa Community Breakfast on the morning of Thursday, December 21st. The breakfast serves as a fundraiser for our school. Everyone is welcome to join us in the small gym starting at 8:15 am. Donations are welcome and are optional. Please note as a result of the Santa Community Breakfast, classes will start at 9:15 am. Thank you to Christian Life Assembly and Kim's Angels who have supported our Hamper Campaign for our families in need.

Breakfast with Santa!
December 21st, 2023

Month of December Special Events

- Door Decorating
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Hamper Deliveries
- Holiday Spirit Week
- Snowball Dance
- Breakfast with Santa
- Christmas Market
- Christmas Assembly

Breakfast with Santa

Happy holidays from our family to yours!
Please join us:
Thursday Dec 21st in the Small Gym
8:15 – 9:00 am
Enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice
Soft start to class at 9:15 am

THUNDERBIRDS LANGLEY
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Bringing people together

Upcoming Events

Thurs Dec 7th Senior Snowball Dance

Thurs Dec 14th 7:00 pm Winter Concert

Sun Dec 17th. Holiday Market at Langley Secondary 10:00 – 3:00 pm

Mon Dec 18th Holiday Spirit Week

Thurs Dec 21 Santa Breakfast, Winter Assembly

Friday Dec 22 – Jan 5 Winter Break

Mon Jan 8th – School Re-Opens Day A1

Mon Jan 15th 7:00 pm PAC Meeting in Learning Commons

Jan 14th – 25th Grad Photo (Artona studio on campus)



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ALTERED BELL SCHEDULE – THURSDAY DECEMBER 21st

To accommodate the annual Santa Pancake Breakfast and our annual Christmas Assembly, we will be altering the bell schedule on the last day of school, Thursday, December 21st

Christmas Day Assembly – December 21			
Start	End	Time (min)	Period
7:30 AM	9:10 AM	Santa Breakfast	
9:15 AM	10:08 AM	53	C2
10:13 AM	11:05 AM	53	D2
11:10 AM	12:03 PM	53	A2
12:03 PM	12:38 PM	35	Lunch
12:43 PM	1:36 PM	53	B2
1:41 PM	2:55 PM	74	Assembly

BACK TO SCHOOL SCHEDULE – MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH

The first day back to school in the New Year will be Monday, January 8th and will be a Day A1.



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GRAD NEWS

Grade 12 is an extremely important year for students and their parents. There is a great deal of information that is needed to get to our Grads and the school offers many opportunities for grads to learn more about scholarships and post secondary options. To assist with getting this information out to students and parents, LSS uses Teams to send information directly. In addition, newsletters are posted on the school website.

Grad Wear: Place your order online by **Dec 17th** so we know our numbers.



Snowball Dance was a success with gr 11 & 12 students attending a semi formal affair with dance, photobooth and snacks!! Thank you to the Grad Council who organized this event and to our grade 10 volunteer students who managed the coat check.

Grad Photos will take place onsite from January 14th – 25th, 2024. More information to follow to sign up.

SASSY AWARDS 2024

SASSY Langley is the joint effort of the 4 Rotary Clubs that operate in Langley. We are looking for students that have shown outstanding leadership in one of seven categories. Applications can be found at the counselling office. Prizes are \$1000.00 for the winner of each of the seven categories, and the two runners up in each category will each receive \$500.00. In total, we will be awarding \$14000.00 again this year.



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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There are many scholarships available to students, and many of them go unclaimed so please pay attention to the Counsellors Team Channel which offers information throughout the year. If students have any additional questions, they can book an appointment to see our counsellors, Ms. Kauldher, Ms. Wood and Mr. Loeppky. For students looking for scholarship opportunities, the Langley School District has a website which has a large database of scholarships. There are scholarships for sports, volunteerism, leadership, grades, heritage, financial aid, and many other associations. There is also a descriptor search that can help narrow your results in the database as well.

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Thank you to staff and students who have been working hard to raise money for our Christmas Hamper Campaign. Pizza, candy grams, hot chocolate, home baked sales, Krispy Kreme donuts and class donations. The leadership students met their goal of \$3,000 and have been busy shopping to create the Hampers to support some of our families.



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With our last week being a short one, Leadership has decided to kick off Countdown to Winter Break week a little early this year. Please see schedule below for all of the dress up days.....

Winter Break Spirit week

<i>Thursday Dec 14th</i>	<i>Wear red and green/spin the wheel</i>
<i>Friday Dec 15th</i>	<i>Dress up like a teacher/wrap the teacher</i>
<i>Monday Dec 18th</i>	<i>Winter wear/ Santa photos</i>
<i>Tuesday Dec 19th</i>	<i>Twinkle Tuesday/ Christmas karaoke</i>
<i>Wednesday Dec 20th</i>	<i>Ugly sweater/ Pin the nose on the reindeer</i>
<i>Thursday Dec 21st</i>	<i>PJ's/ Christmas movie</i>



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CAREER NEWS

Piping and Plumbing Workshop (Grade 9-11 students).

Applications are due **Tuesday, December 19th** to Ms. Stuve

Considering pursuing training or work in the Piping/Plumbing industry? Apply to attend a hands-on piping and plumbing workshop happening here at LSS on January 11th. Seats are limited. Apply now! See Ms. Stuve in the counselling center for an application form.

Pathways to the Future Night

Thursday February 1st, @WGSS from 7:00 – 8:30pm

Mark your calendars, this is an event you don't want to miss! Last year over 200 families came out to learn about the many opportunities that are available to high school students. Spend a night considering what offerings may be of most value to your teen.

Become a Langley Learning Farm Volunteer!

Learn about growing food, be part of a team and build your resume experience! **Open to students in grade 10-12.**

Be involved in preparing soil, planting seeds, caring for, watering and harvesting as well as participate in tasks such as removing invasive species, tree trimming, etc.
Learn about the local climate and sustainable growing practices from Amanda, the Langley Environmental Protection Society agriculturalist.

Where: Derek Doubleday Arboretum, across the street from LSS

When: Spring Break & Monday's/Tuesday's in April – June

March 18-23, 25-28 9am-2:30pm (the 23rd is the LEPS Community Seed Event)

Mondays OR Tuesdays 3-4pm, April 8- June 18th

Ms. Kiers will hold an information session at REP on Thursday, February 1st. Applications will be due on February 16th. Up to 8 students will be accepted.



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ATHLETICS

Students had the opportunity to work with Vancouver Bandits' head coach, Kyle Julius during their last week of practice before the basketball season kicked off. The Girls teams have seen action in Maple Ridge and the DW Poppy Secondary tournament. The Boy's teams hosted the 4th annual Thunderbirds Showcase! Amazing energy and school spirit was felt in the gym on Friday with our Pep Rally and a barn burner of a game between LSS Sr Boys and Earl Marriott. It went into overtime with a win of 82 / 79 for the Thunderbirds! The crowd went crazy!





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LSS WINTER MARKET “Last Minute, Send Your Husband Market!”

If you need some last-minute stocking stuffers or Christmas presents, this is the place for you. Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 17th, 2023 at 10:00 – 3:00 at Langley Secondary School

Thank you to the PAC for fundraising for our students! Wide variety of wonderful vendors, you will find something for everyone!! Clothes, Toys, soap, candles, baked goods, chocolates, slime, custom creations made on the spot, and so much more!!

Door Prize tickets will be by donation and Grade 12 students will be fundraising for dry grad with Krispy Kreme donuts and coffee.





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LEARNING COMMONS NEWS

Happy Hanukkah!



LIBRARY RAFFLE

\$25 GIFT CARD PRIZE

ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A \$25 AMAZON GIFT CARD

Find the Sheep on the Shelf and see what they are reading! Write down the title and author of the book as well as your name and grade on the raffle slip. You can enter the contest every day! Draw date is December 21, 2023.

www.we-love-our-library.com



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Information About School Status During Inclement Weather

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites or www.sd35.bc.ca. Updates are also posted to Twitter @LangleySchools and Facebook at www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict. If you don't have internet connectivity but your phone is working, call a relative or friend in an area that has not been affected by the storm and ask them to check the district website for you. Local radio stations are also informed of school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM for updates.

Please note that Langley District schools are all considered 'open' until a decision to close is required. Decisions on school closures are usually made by 6:30am. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school based on safety and individual circumstances. If you feel it is unsafe for you or your child to travel to or attend an open school for any reason, please keep your child home and report an absence to the school.

Transportation in Snow Conditions for Eligible Riders with Diverse Abilities

As we head into the season of snow and ice, the District has sent instructional information to families of eligible riders with diverse abilities. For your background only, please read the attached letter Transportation in Snow Conditions for Eligible Riders with Diverse Abilities.

As was the case last year, we will be providing general bus information on the District website and specific bus information via email, phone, and/or text (Transportation Staff to connect) in the event of changes due to snow or icy conditions.