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Langley Secondary School

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Principal's Message

We are back following Spring Break and hitting the ground running with good energy in the building. Spring sports are in full swing with Rugby, Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, Hockey, Golf, Badminton, and Track & Field! There will be a Spring Music Concert next week and a Music Tour to Whistler around the corner. The Grads look forward to a Grad Cruise in the beautiful Burrard Inlet. PAC will be putting on a Spring Market prior to Mother's Day and the Dry Grad Committee are working hard to fundraise for their event on behalf of the grads. It takes many people both in front and behind the scenes to allow programs to flourish. Thank you to all the staff who make memories possible for our students!

Course planning is complete with the counselling team meeting one on one with our grade 11 students to be sure the pathway to graduation is planned. Semester 2 approaches midterm and reports cards will be published on April 29th for both Linear and Semester courses. Attendance is important to be successful in classes. Please continue to let the school know if your child will not be in attendance. Extended vacations during the school calendar do not guarantee success in a course and teachers do not work online or create teaching packages for these circumstances. You are welcome to reach out to the teacher and / or counselling staff to check on progress but please do not leave it to the final days of the school year.

Grade 12's who haven't written their Literacy or Numeracy Grad Assessments have an opportunity to do so on April 15th & 19th.

Staff is preparing for Grad 2024 with many details to be organized in order to celebrate our grads. There will be a grade 12 Assembly on April 25th to provide details for the graduates. Please find more detailed information below.

Diane Smillie
Principal



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Important Dates (please visit the calendar on our website for more information on each event)

April

- April 15 PAC Meeting – 7pm
- April 15 – 19 Numeracy & Literacy Assessments (grade 12's only)
- April 18 Grad cruise – Westin Bayshore
- April 22 Report card prep / Design and assessment Day – students not in attendance
- April 25 Grad assembly
- April 29 Report cards published

May

- May 1 PLC Day
- May 8 PLC Day
- May 17 Professional Development Day – students not in attendance
- May 20 Victoria Day – School closed

June

- June 12 Scholarship tea
- June 19 Graduation ceremony – Christian Life Assembly
- June 20 Graduation Banquet & Dance – Coast Hotel
- June 21 Last day of regular classes
- June 27 Final report cards published

July

- July 2 – Aug. 2 Summer School



NEW ATTENDANCE REPORTING SYSTEM

The school will be officially using the new **SafeArrival** absence reporting system starting **Monday, April 15, 2024**.

Please use the toll-free number, the website go.schoolmessenger.ca, or the SchoolMessenger mobile app to report your child's absence in advance. The toll-free number is 1-833-294-4837.

Detailed information was sent home with your child regarding this process. Please contact the school for an additional copy of this information or visit your school's website. If you have children attending schools that are not yet using SafeArrival, please continue to follow their current attendance reporting process.

Thank you for your support during the transition to the SafeArrival system

Summer Session Information for Students and Parents

Summer session registration begins on April 17th (elementary/middle) and April 18th (secondary) at 10:00am.

Information is available on the District website here: [Langley School District Summer Session](https://www.langley.ca/summer-session)

sd35summersession.ca.



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Scholarships

SEC: BCSSA Regional Scholarships

The **British Columbia School Superintendents' Association** will award six regional scholarships to students planning to pursue post-secondary studies. Students wishing to be considered for a scholarship must be currently enrolled in their final year of studies at a public secondary school in British Columbia and expected to graduate in June 2024. One winner will be chosen from each of the six BCSSA provincial chapters (Fraser Valley, Kootenay-Boundary, Metro, Vancouver Island, Northern, Thompson-Okanagan). Each winner will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. The **deadline** to submit is **April 16, 2024**.

The scholarship application package can be found on the BCSSA website: <https://bcssa.org/about-us/bcssa-grade-12-scholarship/>



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Grad News

Grad Cruise - Thursday, April 18th

Buses leave LSS at 4pm on April 18th, returning to LSS by 10:30pm.

MAGIC CHARM





Grad news– cont'd

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Where: Christian Life Assembly

When: Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Ceremony tickets will be available for pick up alongside the Grad Dinner-Dance tickets from **May 15-26 @ lunch** in the **Conference Room**. Students must bring their receipt with them to pick up their tickets.

Each grad may receive up to **4 tickets**. If tickets are not needed, extras can be returned to the main office and others apply for extra. People who require *extra* tickets (beyond the 4 allocated to each student) for the ceremony may apply for more through the main office starting June 1st.

The ceremony takes approximately 3 hours and is therefore not appropriate for babies and small children. Cap and Gown measurements are taken prior to Spring Break. Grads will be able to pick up caps and gowns at CLA during the rehearsal. The hat, tassel, gown and stole (which goes around your neck) are yours to keep and do not need to be returned. Grads will have their cap and gown for the Grad Walk on Wed June 19th prior to the ceremony. Seating is by general admission; guests are encouraged to arrive early. Doors will open at 6pm. Grads must arrive by 5:45pm. If you would like to take photos in your gown, please arrive earlier.

Marshalling (line up for the processional) starts at 5:45pm. Guests must be seated by 6:45 and the processional will begin at **6:55 SHARP. PLEASE BE ON TIME.**

Please remain for the entire ceremony to celebrate all members of the class of 2024. It is distracting if people leave after their graduate has crossed the stage.

Our graduation ceremony is a **semi-formal, non-smoking and a non-vaping event**. All school rules are in effect.

IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN THE CEREMONY, PLEASE LET THEIR COUNSELLOR KNOW!

IF YOUR HOMESTAY STUDENT WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN THE CEREMONY, PLEASE LET MS. NOLL KNOW!



Grad news– cont'd

GRADUATION BANQUET

Where: Coast Hotel, Langley BC

When: Thursday, June 20, 2024

Grad Dinner-Dance tickets will be **sold online only** and will be available for pick up May 13-24 @ lunch only. Students **must bring their receipt** with them to pick up their tickets. The ticket price includes a buffet dinner, dessert, unlimited pop, DJ, facility rental and decorations, security & gratuities. Ticket price is \$80. More information about how to purchase tickets online will be released in the spring.

Students will reserve their tables when they pick up their tickets; students who do not pick up their tickets will be assigned to a random table so buy and pick up your tickets early!

Approved guest passes **are required** in order to purchase tickets for any non-LSS Grad individuals attending as a 'date' or 'guest' with the grad. Guest passes will be available in the office and must be approved by administration in order to purchase a ticket. More information about guest passes will be discussed at the grad assembly in April.

The event runs from 6:00 pm-11:00 pm. Students are responsible for arranging their own ride to and from Grad Dinner-Dance.

Grad Dinner-Dance is a school-event and so all school rules apply. Students arriving under the influence or possession of drugs or alcohol will not be permitted entry into prom. All Grad 2024 events are non-smoking and non-vaping events.

o A reminder that Grad Dinner-Dance is a formal event and attire should reflect this.

o There are no in and out privileges at the event.

o At the end of the evening, transportation to Dry Grad (for those students attending) will be arranged by the Dry Grad Parent Committee. Students not attending Dry Grad must make their own arrangements for pickup at the venue.

More detailed information about how to purchase tickets will be released in the spring at a Grade 12 assembly.

**Please note: Due to a change in our contract with Coast Hotel, we will only be offering full dinner tickets for family members this year.*



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Award Presentation



Congratulations to Mackenzie Hurtubise who was invited as LSS's nominee for the Pete Swenson Award. Mackenzie attended the Langley Township's Volunteer Appreciation Evening at the Langley Events Center and was honoured for her achievements in her academic standing, volunteer service and excellent record in her sport of track and field. Well done!





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Dry Grad



LSS DRY GRAD Meeting Thursday April 4, 2024

Bank Balance as of April 3, 2024	\$7,426.88
Langley Liquor Warehouse balance as of April 4, 2024	\$519.61
Return-it Balance as of April 4, 2024	\$246.25

Please keep spreading the word to purchase your drinks at the Langley Liquor Warehouse and return those bottles to the depot!

General News

Social media accounts, Facebook, Instagram are up and running. Social Media will be one of our main ways to advertise and promote fundraisers.

GRAD ASSEMBLY

There is a grad assembly on **April 25, 2024 @ 10 a.m.** to provide information regarding the convocation ceremony and dinner/dance. Dry Grad will be able to present our event at this assembly as well. Please reach out if you are able to assist with this presentation.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

- April 27, 2024 - Pub Night at Samz Pub

Join us for the LSS Dry Grad Pub Night and Fundraiser!

When: Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Samz Pub 19580 56 Ave, Surrey, BC V3S 6K3

Tickets: \$25 includes a burger (beef, chicken, veggie) and a sleeve of domestic draught, glass of house white or red wine, highball, juice, pop, coffee or tea.

Come for an evening of fun and games – including a 50/50 draw and a silent raffle!

Bring a friend!

Tickets are limited – don't wait to get yours!



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Dry Grad – cont'd

Join us for a day of shopping with mom,
where every gift is as unique and beautiful as she is!

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SPRING FLING

MOTHER'S DAY MARKET

Sun, April 28th
11 am- 4pm
Langley Secondary
School
21405 - 56 Avenue



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A Season of Theatre 2024

The new year brings us another fabulous year of musical and theatrical productions across the District featuring Langley's students. Please support the Arts in Langley schools as well as the incredible work of our Drama and Musical Theatre teachers by attending one or all of the shows that will be happening over the next few months. Please see the poster at the link below for show dates and visit each individual school website for exact show times and details on how to purchase tickets.

Langley Schools

Season of Theatre 2024

BROOKSWOOD SECONDARY
February 14-17 & 21-24 2024

LANGLEY FINE ARTS DRAMA ENSEMBLE
March 5-9th, 2024
www.showtix4u.com

LANGLEY SECONDARY
Feb 29, March 1, 2
March 7 - 9 @7pm
Matinees March 2 & 9 @2pm

D.W. POPPY SECONDARY
April 2024
<https://dwps.sd35.bc.ca>

LANGLEY FUNDAMENTAL MIDDLE/SECONDARY
April 25 - May 4 2024
www.showtix4u.com

H.D. STAFFORD MIDDLE
May 3 - 6, 2024
<https://hdsms.sd35.bc.ca>

WALNUT GROVE SECONDARY
May 2-4 & 9-11 2024
www.showtix4u.com

The Addams Family SCHOOL EDITION

GET YOUR TICKETS!
We hope you will be able to take in one or all of the shows! Please check out individual schools' websites for more information. Break a leg!

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The Mane Event

Save the date for **The Mane Event** on Sunday, May 26, 12:30 pm hosted at Thunderbird Show Park. The Mane Event promises an enjoyable afternoon featuring wine tastings from acclaimed wineries, delectable tapas and canapés, a welcoming glass of Champagne, and an enticing silent auction. Attendees will have VIP access to watch world-class show jumping with top-notch riders. Indulge in the rich flavors of Langley and treat yourself to mouthwatering desserts while immersing in this delightful experience. **To secure your tickets please visit <https://lsdf.org/manevent/>**

The Foundation has set aside 50 discounted tickets for SD#35 employees. Use the coupon code SD35 at checkout to receive 20% off regular priced tickets or tables of 6 or 8.

THE
Mane Event

RAISING FUNDS FOR AUTISM ASSESSMENTS

GET YOUR TICKETS!
MAY 26
THUNDERBIRD SHOW PARK

Sip, savor, and soar at The Mane Event! Join us for an exquisite experience featuring wine tastings, gourmet bites, and a Champagne welcome. Plus, enjoy VIP access to world-class showjumping. All proceeds will go towards raising funds for student Autism Assessments.

  **LSDF.ORG**




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Athletics

Spring Sport season has arrived with many options and many students signing up to participate. Please see below the options for sports and clubs.

LSS SPORTS!		
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; text-decoration: underline;">FALL TEAMS:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls Volleyball Jr/Sr: (Mr. Dave Macleod, Ms. Myette) • Cross Country Running: (Ms. Pagnanini, Mr. Nicol) • Boys Soccer Jr/Sr: (Mr. Labine, Mr. Tesan) • Football: (Mr. Kardos, Mr. Macleod, Mr. Wyse) 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; text-decoration: underline;">WINTER TEAMS:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Basketball:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jr./Sr. Girls: • Sr. Boys: (Mr. Sheppard) • Jr. Boys: • Jr. Girls • Boys Curling • Girls Curling 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; text-decoration: underline;">SPRING TEAMS:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ultimate Frisbee: (Mr. Sheppard) • Track and Field: (Ms. Pagnanini, Mr. Nicol) • Rugby: (Girls: Mr. Van Meer) (Boys: Mr. Paul, Ms. Rand) • Golf: (Mr. Heath) • Ice Hockey & Ball Hockey: (Mr. Bannister) • Girls Soccer Jr/Sr: (Mr. Labine, Mr. Tesan) • Badminton: (Mr. Oh)
LSS CLUBS!		
<p>Environmental Club: Wednesday at Lunch - Room 203 (Ms. Pagnanini) Gender and Sexuality Alliance Club: Tuesdays at Lunch - Room A112 (Ms. Lee) 3D Printing Club: Thursdays at Lunch - Room A132 (Mr. Rasmussen) Dungeons and Dragons: Mondays after school - Room 202 (Mr. Nicol) Dance Club: Monday/Wednesday 3:00-4:00 in the Dance Studio A78 (Ms. Lidemark) K-Pop Fan Club: Lunch on Fridays in Portable 7 (Student Led) Diversity Club: To be announced. (Mr. Sanchez) Golf Club: Spring start date to be determined. (Ms. Rand) Volleyball Club: Spring start date to be determined. (Mr. McMath) Homework Club: Tuesdays & Thursdays after school Room A109</p> <p style="font-weight: bold;">MORE CLUBS TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER IN THE YEAR!</p>		



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Career News

Youth Train in Trades and Academic Dual Credit Applications are officially closed for the 2024/2025 intake. Thank you to all who applied.

UVIC District Tour Opportunity

On Friday, May 10th, there will be a district wide field trip to the University of Victoria.

More info about field trip application forms/details to come.

Greater Vancouver Zoo Guest Speaker

On Thursday, April 18th, at REP (9:55-10:35am) in the Learning Commons there will be a guest speaker from the Greater Vancouver Zoo to talk to students about work and volunteer opportunities for this spring/summer season.

Guest Speaker

GREATER VANCOUVER ZOO

Thursday, April 18th, 2024

Learning Commons 9:55 - 10:35am

Learn about work and volunteer opportunities available to you.



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Career News – cont'd

Interested in learning about growing your own food? Exploring a career in agriculture? Langley Secondary students are invited to volunteer at the Langley Learning Farm on Mondays from 3-4pm. Drop-In at the farm on a Monday with your permission form signed. Amanda, an Agriculturalist from Langley Environmental Protection Society, will be present to supervise and assign tasks. These may include planting seeds, pulling weeds, harvesting, mowing the lawn, trimming trees, removing invasive species, relocating materials and more. Students will have some say in what they do on the day. Bring a friend!

PSS has a lot to share with you this month, and we're sure you don't want to miss out! Take a look inside our April 2024 newsletter to read about important updates from the Ministry of Children and Family Development and the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

Don't forget to check out our upcoming Parenting Workshops, new support groups, volunteer opportunities and updates on our 50th Anniversary Fundraiser Gala!

Until next time—thank you for your support!

The PSS Team

[April 2024 Newsletter \(parentsupportbc.ca\)](https://parentsupportbc.ca)



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Career News – cont'd

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 looking to complete the Work and Volunteer Experience 12 course. 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 & Mondays/Tuesdays 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

Random Information

Earth Day Event – City of Langley

Please share the following information (and attached) from our community partner, the City of Langley, about upcoming events in celebration of this year's Earth Day.

Earth Day Event – City of Langley

Learn, explore, and have fun doing environmentally friendly activities! The City of Langley is celebrating Earth Day with a free family event on Saturday, April 20th at Douglas Park from 10am - 2pm. You can take part in the **Upcycle Challenge**, which is a great way to create purposeful items made from recycled materials. Try out some hands-on workshops, scavenger hunts, Earth Day bingo, and more. View poster [here](#). For more info, visit the website [here](#).



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Learning Commons News

**Poetry
Month
Challenge
in the
Library**

Write a book spine poem! Come to the Library to see some examples.

Write your poem on an entry form for a chance to win a \$20 Tim Horton's gift card

The poster features a light beige background with blue floral illustrations in the corners and at the bottom. At the bottom, there is a stylized illustration of an open book with blue pages and a blue plant with leaves and flowers growing from it.



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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.

Emergency Procedures & Response

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Schools follow emergency procedures to ensure students, staff, and any visitors in our schools or sites are safe when unexpected incidents or events happen. At the start of every school year, administrators, teachers, and staff review these emergency procedures. Schools practice a set number of drills annually in preparation for unexpected situations. The district encourages families to become familiar with these staff emergency procedures and the drills that are completed in our schools. You can read them in the Staff Emergency Procedures Poster [here](#) or find them posted in areas throughout our buildings. If you have any questions or concerns about emergency procedures, please get in contact with your child's teacher or administrator.

See next page for poster/procedures



STAFF EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

LOCKDOWN

Used in response to an armed or dangerous assailant WITHIN the school

- Gather people in your vicinity into a secure room – do this quickly
- Close and secure doors
- Turn off lights, be quiet, get down low/behind heavy furniture, get out of sight
- Silence all cell phones and ask that they be placed face down on floor
- Alert other occupants by any means available and/or call 911 - only if safe to do so OR Leave Safe. If no secure area is available and a safe exit is, then quickly leave the area/school. Report to the designated assembly area and await instructions.

*Normal activities in the school cease. Await police response.

HOLD & SECURE

Used if there is a security concern in the neighbourhood

- Bring everyone into the school and remain inside
- Secure exterior doors and windows
- Close exterior window blinds/drapes (if available)
- No one may enter or exit the school during Hold & Secure

*Typically normal activities continue WITHIN the school.

EVACUATE

Used to move people out of the school when a hazard exists inside

- Direct students and other staff to exit the school via the shortest safe route
- Report to and assemble outside at the designated assembly site

*Principal or designate will determine next steps.

SHELTER IN PLACE

Used if an environmental hazard may impact the school

- Bring everyone into the school and remain indoors
- Secure exterior doors and windows
- Close exterior window blinds/drapes (if available)
- Turn off all ventilation systems (if locally available/situation dependent)
- Staff designates will monitor access to the school via the main entrance
- Access may be denied if a risk exists that jeopardizes the safety of occupants

*Typically normal activities continue WITHIN the school.

ROOM CLEAR

Used to move people away from a hazard contained in one room/area

- Direct students to leave the room/area and report to designated area (Ex. Library)
- Summon assistance as needed and appropriate (Ex. call First Aid Attendant, Principal/Vice Principal, 911)

*Staff should remain to manage the situation or exit if the room is unsafe.


DROP, COVER & HOLD ON

Used in the event of an earthquake, explosion, or any event that shakes the school

- Quickly move away from obvious hazards
- DROP** - low to the ground
- Cover** - take **COVER** under a sturdy table, desks, furniture, or other large sturdy items
- HOLD ON** - to the furniture you are under and stay there until the shaking stops

After the shaking stops, wait 60 seconds and then **EVACUATE** via the shortest safe route. Report to and assemble outside at the designated assembly site.

*Principal or other designate will determine next steps.



EMERGENCY TERMINOLOGY QUICK REFERENCE

SCHOOL DRILLS

FIRE

- 6 drills per year
- 3 per semester - fall and spring

Note: actual alarms and false alarms count as drills

EARTHQUAKE

- 2 drills per year
- October - Great BC Shakeout

LOCKDOWN

- 3 drills per year

HOLD & SECURE + SHELTER IN PLACE

- 1 review of procedures per year with all