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STAFF

Administration: Diane Smillie, Principal
Brittany Reid, Vice-Principal (M-Z)
Greg Kilvert, Vice Principal (A-L)

Counsellors: Dean Loeppky (A-G & Avid 11/12)
Meagan Wood / David Lewis (H-O & Avid 9/10)
Inder Kauldher (P-Z & ELL)

Careers: Rachel Kiers
Naomi Stuive

Grad Council: Diane Smillie
Alyssa Pagnanini
Lee Duong
Aaron Rowe

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GRAD 2024 IMPORTANT DATES

BC Post-Sec. Gr 11 & 12 Fair (Careers)	Sept 21
Barbie- Q for grade 12's (Grad Council)	Oct. 4
Canadian Universities Event (Career)	Oct 5
Gr 12 Assembly and Parent Evening	Oct 24&26
Grad Pumpkin Carving (Grad Council)	Oct 30
Sr Snowball Dance Tickets on Sale (Grad Council)	Dec 7
Capstone Presentations (Sem 1 CLC classes)	Jan 14
Grad Portraits (Reid)	Jan 1
Grade 12 Assembly – Scholarships	Feb 5
Grad Friendship Group Photo (Reid)	Cancelled
Grad Movie Night	Feb 22
Grad Gown Measurements (Smillie)	March 8
March 8 Yearbook Baby Photo Due (Turpin, Tesan)	March 8
Grad Spring Event (Grad Council)	
Diploma Folders, grad photos, photographer booked (Reid)	April 2
Gowns Ordered (Kilvert)	April 2
Grad Cruise (Grad Council)	April 18
Grad Assembly (Smillie)	April 25
Grad Comments (Karolina, Ji)	May 1
Ceremony & Banquet Tickets on sale (Alyssa E, Ji)	May 13-24
Mandatory Grad Assembly (Smillie)	June
Scholarship Tea (Counselling, Admin)	June 12
Grad Gown Pick up at CLA (Gown Crew)	June 19
Capstone Presentations (Sem 2 CLC classes)	June 6-12
Graduation Convocation CLA (Kurt Jackson, Stephen Nichol)	June 19 Graduation Dinner
Dance Coast Convention Ctr (Smillie)	June 20

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SUPER HEROES

Grad Gowns: Labine, Kennedy, Ledbrook, Bakker

Grad Cruise: Smillie, Reid, Kilvert, Pagnanini, Tesan, Rowe, Nield, McMath, Basra

Scholarship Tea: Kauldher, Lee, Pagnanini, Loeppky, Lewis, Safiq, McMath

Grad Walk: Sheppard, Sanchez, Rowe, Lee, Zyra, Safiq, Pagnanini, Basra, Moir, Synychych, McNeill, Nield, McMath, Bannister

Ceremony: Team Captain: Jackson, Nicol

Set Up/Cleanup: Rowe, Shepard, Walton, Thorpe (*O Canada & Grad Song*), Jackson, Williamson, McNeil, Nield, McLeod, Zyra (comments)

Ceremony Decor: Kiers, Kusick

Lunch: Kennedy, Bakker and Ledbrook (serving Pizza and water)

Ushers: Jackson, Sheppard, Walton, McLeod, Nield

Readers: Walton, Van Bergen, Kear

On Stage: Pagnanini, Synychych, McNeill

Video: Tesan and Van Meer

Banquet: Callard, Duong, McLeod, Kusick, Kiers

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EXPECTATIONS FOR GRADS

Langley Secondary takes graduation seriously. To participate in the Graduation Ceremony at Langley Secondary, students must have taken enough credits, and be in a position to pass their remaining courses.

Student attendance and behaviour throughout the year is also taken into consideration when we review the names of students who will be participating in the Graduation ceremony.

Should students not be in a position to graduate, grade 12 students *may* still be allowed to participate in the school's Graduation Prom event *with permission* from administration. Parents will be notified by an email and a letter sent home regarding your child passing or near passing grade as of May 15. Students must have completed or have a reasonable expectation of completing 80 credits (48 credits for required courses, 28 elective credits, and 4 credits for Career Life Connections). 16 of these credits must be at the grade 12 level.

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GRADUATION CAPSTONE

Career Life Connections (CLC)

Semester 1: January 15 - 17, 2024 / CLC in Semester 2: June 6-12, 2024

A Capstone is a culminating project, presentation, or performance that allows students the opportunity to consolidate and showcase their learning from their school and life experiences into a meaningful and relevant product. Students will use innovation, cross curricular knowledge, and critical thinking skills in an area of interest as the basis for the project, which is applicable to a real- world concept.

The Capstone will:

- Help students make connections between what they are learning now and what they hope to see in their future.
- Provide students with focused, structured, authentic, and experiential learning; responsibility for meeting timelines, making decisions, conducting research, preparing, and making presentations – all transferable skills needed for success in the workplace.
- Identify a new opportunity, either for an existing entity or for the creation of a new venture; and implement the necessary skills they have built to launch their own entrepreneurial proposal, research project, service pursuit, event or product.
- Ensure students meet the BC Ministry graduation competencies (Communication, Creative and Critical Thinking, Personal and Cultural Identity, Personal Awareness and Social Responsibility) through the development of the following skills:
 - Effective communication (oral and written) Public Speaking, Research Skills, Media Literacy, Teamwork Planning and Organization, Self-awareness and Advocacy, Goal Setting, Time Management, Networking and mentorship relationships, Problem Based Learning and Inquiry, Presentation skills.

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StudentCashOnline

All ticket sales for grad events will be done online through StudentCash. Students are encouraged to ensure they have their account set up. Please see the front office if you have questions regarding your account.

Grad Fee

All Grade 12 students are required to pay a \$60.00 *grad fee*. This fee helps to cover costs associated with the Commencement ceremony and other grad-related events. This fee can be paid online through StudentCash: <https://sd35.schoolcashionline.com/> Please reach out to the school if grad fees

Langley Secondary Grad Wear

All orders have been picked up for our 2024 LSS Grad wear. Orders are no longer available.



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Stay Informed

We will be using Microsoft Teams to send up to date information to Grads. All Grads have been added to a Team titled "Gr 12 Counselling Information" Team. Grads are encouraged to check this team regularly for important updates and information. We will also be sending information about graduation requirements, scholarships and grad events via email so please ensure that the front office has an up-to-date email address on file for your family.

Grad Council

Any student who is in grade 12 is welcome to attend Grad Council meetings. Participation gives you a voice. Grad activities such as BBQs, Spirit Days, Movie Nights, Sr Dance, etc. are all organized through Grad Council and we're always in need of creative ideas and more hands to help run our events.

Scholarship Tea (Langley Golf Centre)

This year's scholarship winners will be participating in an afternoon of celebration on **June 12, 2024** with members of the community who will be presenting this year's district scholarships. The celebration will give students and presenters the opportunity to meet and celebrate their successes. Specific information will be given out in May. All scholarship winners *must* attend. These scholarship winners will also be publicly acknowledged during our Graduation Ceremony.

A Message from The Dry Grad Committee...

Dry Grad is a parent-organized event that typically runs on the same night of, and takes place after, the Grad Dinner-Dance on June 20th. It is a party for our students to have fun, play games, eat food, drink mock-tails and generally just hang out until the wee hours of the morning. Our first meeting took place on Oct 16th Last year, the committee was formed early in the year and regular meetings were held to plan the venue, decorations, prizes, and fundraising. Please reach out to lssdrygrad@gmail.com if you are able to join the committee and help plan dry grad for the kids this year or if you have any questions and share this information with other grad parents so everyone is in the loop. There is a lot of work to do and only 10 months to get it done.

Dry Grad Chair

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GRADUATION CEREMONY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024

Christian Life Assembly (CLA)

Ceremony tickets will be available for pick up from May 13-24 @ 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 1.

The ceremony takes approximately 3 hours and is therefore not appropriate for babies and small children.

Cap and Gown measurements were 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 6:45pm and the processional will begin at 6:55pm **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.

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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!

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GRADUATION BANQUET

Thursday, June 20, 2024

Coast Hotel, Langley BC

Grad Dinner-Dance tickets will be sold online only starting May 13 and will be available for pick up from May 13-24 @ lunch in the Conference Room. 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 \$90. 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 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 to purchase a ticket. More information about guest passes will be discussed at the grad assembly on April 25.

The event runs from 6:00pm-11:00pm. 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.

- A reminder that Grad Dinner-Dance is a **formal event**.
- There are no in and out privileges at the event for security reasons.
- 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.