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Langley Secondary School

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Principal's Message

Year end is fast approaching with the 4th quarter remaining. Third quarter report cards were published on Mon April 29th and can be found in MyEd. If you have any questions regarding your child's report card, please reach out to the teacher.

We look forward to the season of celebration beginning with the recognition of our students in the upcoming Aboriginal Achievement Awards on Thursday, May 16th at the Church of the Valley.

We look forward to recognizing students with exemplary awards from the various departments as well as inspirational awards and athletic awards. The second annual Scholarship Tea is held at the Langley Golf Center on Wednesday, June 12th to recognize those students who are receiving scholarships, and bursaries from the school and community donations.

Langley Secondary School's graduation commencement ceremony and banquet / dinner dance are the most prominent with important dates on Wed. June 19th and Thursday, June 20th. Information is posted on the school's website under Student Life / Grad Zone and I have included detailed information in this newsletter.

Diane Smillie
Principal



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

May

- May 8 PLC Day
- May 13 Grad Banquet/Dance Tickets ON SALE
- May 16 Aboriginal Achievement Awards
- 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 is now using the new **SafeArrival** absence reporting system. Please use the SchoolMessenger mobile app, toll-free number or the website go.schoolmessenger.ca to report your child's absence in advance. An absence includes arriving late, leaving early or any other times your child would be coming and/or going from the school. The SafeArrival toll-free number is 1-833-294-4837.

If you have children attending a different school that are not yet using SafeArrival, please continue to follow their current attendance reporting process.

We are no longer accepting phone calls to LSS for absences/attendance.

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://langley.schoolmessenger.ca) (sd35summersession.ca).



Grad News

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Where: Christian Life Assembly

When: Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Ceremony tickets (no cost) will be available for pick from **May 13-24 @ lunch** in the **Conference Room**.

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 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 Wednesday, June 19 prior to the ceremony. Seating is by general admission; guests are encouraged to arrive early. Doors will open at 6pm. Grads must arrive by 5:30pm. 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 on **SchoolCash online only**, ticket price is \$90, the ticket price includes a buffet dinner, dessert, unlimited pop, DJ, facility rental and decorations, security & gratuities. Tickets will be available for **pick up May 13-24 @ lunch only** in the conference room. Students **must bring their receipt** with them to pick up their tickets.

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.

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.

Detailed information will be provided in homerooms on Monday, May 6.

**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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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
Into the Woods

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

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

D.W. POPPY SECONDARY
April 2024
https://dwps.sd35.bc.ca
The Perfect Pitch

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

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

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.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION

LSDF.ORG



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LSS Merch

T-bird Hats – \$20

We snapbacks and mesh backing styles. They come in different colors. Size and color are first come first served. Pick up merch at the school store on Tuesday and Thursday.

LSS Shirts \$15

We have two designs and five colours of shirts. These are unisex sizes. Sizes and colors are first come first served. Pick up merch at the school store on Tuesday and Thursday.

Logos:

T-bird shirts: Yellow, Green, Black, White, and Grey. Sizes for S ,M ,L, XL

Pride shirt comes in Black or white! Sizes for S ,M ,L, XL

Women’s green ¼ zips for \$20. Pick up merch at the school store on Tuesday and Thursday.

Sizes for both S ,M ,L, XL





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Fundraising

May Fundraiser for Mental Health Awareness.

Athletic Leadership is raising money for Mental Health Awareness Month. Last year we raised \$2500 and this year our goal is \$2750. The proceeds will be going towards Foundry Langley, which is a province-wide network of integrated health and wellness services for young people ages 12-24. Their mission is to support young people in living a good life. Their integrated services allow young people to access five core services in one convenient location: mental health care, substance use services, physical and sexual health care, youth and family peer support, and social services. Check out the Foundry BC at the Langley location or at online at <https://foundrybc.ca/langley/>

Runs from May 1st to May 31st

· FOUNDRY ·

LANGLEY

Hosted by Encompass Support Services Society

MISSION

This year athletic leadership aims to collect \$2750 for mental health awareness month to donate to Foundry. Foundry's mission is to support young people in living a good life. Foundry is a province-wide network of integrated health and wellness services for young people ages 12-24. Their integrated services make it possible for young people to access five core services in one convenient location: mental health care, substance use services, physical and sexual health care, youth and family peer supports, and social services.






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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)</p> <p>Gender and Sexuality Alliance Club: Tuesdays at Lunch - Room A112 (Ms. Lee)</p> <p>3D Printing Club: Thursdays at Lunch - Room A132 (Mr. Rasmussen)</p> <p>Dungeons and Dragons: Mondays after school - Room 202 (Mr. Nicol)</p> <p>Dance Club: Monday/Wednesday 3:00-4:00 in the Dance Studio A78 (Ms. Lidemark)</p> <p>K-Pop Fan Club: Lunch on Fridays in Portable 7 (Student Led)</p> <p>Diversity Club: To be announced. (Mr. Sanchez)</p> <p>Golf Club: Spring start date to be determined. (Ms. Rand)</p> <p>Volleyball Club: Spring start date to be determined. (Mr. McMath)</p> <p>Homework Club: Tuesdays & Thursdays after school Room A109</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">MORE CLUBS TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER IN THE YEAR!</p>		



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Career News

Aviation District Tour Opportunity

Immerse yourself in the exciting world of aviation and come join us on a tour of the Langley Regional Airport (across the street from LSS). This opportunity for Grade 9 -12 students is happening on Wednesday, May 15th from 9:00 – 3:00pm. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from. Applications can be picked up from Ms. Stuve in the counselling centre and are due Monday, May 6th. Successful applicants will be notified.



Career Exploration:

AVIATION

WEDNESDAY | MAY 15, 2024 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Flight Plan:

- Immerse yourself in the exciting world of Aviation
- Experience airport operations at the Langley Regional Airport
- Explore career paths that range from airborne professions to ground support roles



See Your Career Advisor for an Application!
Applications Due May 6, 2024



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Careers – cont'd

KPU Student Representative at REP in the Learning Commons

On Thursday, May 16th a student recruiter from KPU will have a table set up in the Learning Commons at REP to answer students questions regarding programs, admissions, students life etc. Take advantage of this opportunity!

Learning Farm Volunteering Opportunity

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. Grab an application from Mrs. Kiers or Ms. Stuive in the counselling center.

Grade 9, Career Education:

May 31st is the due date for the “Get Involved” assignment. Grade 9 students are to submit 3 reflections of how they have been involved in their school, community or personal interests this school year. The assignment is available in the “Grade 9 Counselling and Careers” Team and can be submitted on Teams or brought to A103b. Students/parents can connect with Ms. Rachel Kiers on Teams or at rkiers@sd35.bc.ca with any questions.

Coffee Anyone....



Our Thunderbrew program has been a great success this year. With help from our wonderful staff, our LifeSkills students have had the opportunity to learn the ins and outs of the coffee business. Through this process, we've been lucky to make a community connection with a local business, Republica Coffee Roasters. Thanks to Kenji and Gonzalo for allowing us to learn about importing, roasting and distribution at their warehouse. Culminating in a visit and lessons on the barista experience at the Fort Langley location.





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Learning Commons News

Calling all overdue books! Please check in with your kids to see if they have any books out from the library. Books are easily renewed if still needed. If you have grade 12 students, they will need to have their library records cleared of outstanding fines. Please see or message Mrs. Kusick in the library.

Music Program

The music students attended the annual Whistler Music Festival. The performances went well for both the band and choir with lots of learning and questions for the clinician. The mass choir rehearsals were very positive and all 3 performances by the LSS Choir received great responses each time.

Additional Information

Mental Health Substance Use Resource Guide

Language Matters! An Introductory Guide for Understanding Mental Health and Substance Use: A Resource for Educators and School Communities is now officially available on the mental health and well-being erase website. Please find attached a promotional poster with a QR code that you may share with your school community to raise awareness of the resource.

A webinar will be hosted on May 8, 2024 (12:00-1:00 p.m. PT) during Canadian Mental Health Week, to provide an overview of how schools may use the guide. [Registration](#) to attend the webinar is required.

If you have any questions, please reach out to EDUC.MentalHealth@gov.bc.ca.



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Students are invited to attend a school wide assembly on Wed. May 8th. Students may peruse the resource playbook prior to the show in their homerooms on Mon.

Youtheatre is re-mounting an original play called "*Handcuffed*", as a way to raise awareness about a very important issue amongst senior youth today, the "*Addiction, Opioid Crisis, and Isolation*".

- **Dates Available:** May 8th
- **Running Time:** 75 minutes
- **TalkBack Forum:** 15 minutes

Includes...

- A **Resource PlayBook** is provided to use as a tool to help students process complex issues through the lens of this Story.
- Post Show interaction with cast and Playwright Lee Jay Bamberly, whose career spans over 25 years, having performed with Jackie Chan, Lucy Liu, Ben Affleck, John Frankenheimer, Rodney Dangerfield, Lou Diamond Phillips, and as a Homicide Detective for 4 years on the National Award Winning TV Series *Da Vinci's Inquest*...(see IMDB for full credit list)
- Signed copies of the [Handcuffed Published Play](#) will be made available.
- Our **TalkBack Forums** take questions from audience members, pose questions, and offer real statistics, past and present.





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 **SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Langley
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Embark on a rewarding journey of cultural exchange!
Homestay families are provided
\$1050 per month to offset costs.

HOW TO APPLY:
Visit www.studyinlangley.com, go to the 'Homestay section',
and complete the online application



4875 - 222nd Street, Langley, British Columbia, Canada V3A 3Z7
StudyInLangley.com - ISP@SD35.bc.ca
Telephone: 604 534 7891 - Facsimile: 604 532 1450





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