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Langley Secondary School

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Principal's Message

It is truly a pleasure working with the students at LSS. Yearend can be tiring with a sprint to the end making sure assignments are in, courses are passed and for our grade 12's, graduation around the corner. As the year winds down let's encourage the students to continue working hard with the end in mind. Success is not a stroke of luck; it's the result of steadfast dedication and unwavering commitment. There are many stories with each child and many things to celebrate in each of their journeys.

The Aboriginal Achievement Awards launched the season of celebration on May 19th at the Church of the Valley. We had the privilege of attending the Aboriginal Achievement Awards to honour students across the District. Some of our students received various awards of achievement and had the opportunity to feel a sense of belonging and pride through four protocols of ceremony. Our grade 12 students or "golden eagles" were blanketed recognizing their graduation and the comfort of community moving forward.

Grade 9 – 11 students will be recognized with Exemplary Awards at each grade level / department in the areas of Academic Excellence, Citizenship and Resilience. Certificates will be awarded to students during a luncheon on April 18th. Grade 12 Inspiration Awards and Scholarship recipients will be recognized at our annual Scholarship Tea on June 12th at the Langley Golf Center. Those students will receive an invitation. Valedictorian, Grad of the Year Governor General Award and the Reg Heaven Award will be acknowledged at the Grad Ceremony at CLA on June 19th.

The Fine Arts Department will be showcasing their Semester 2 classwork with a music concert, Drama One Act plays and a Dance Showcase during the first week in June. You are welcome to attend the evening performances.

Grad Ceremony and Banquet tickets will be available for students to pick up at lunch hour all week. If there are any questions, please contact the main office. As Dry Grad is not a school sanctioned event, please contact lssdrygrad@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Summer School information is included in the newsletters with links to register if you are interested to make up course work or to perhaps work ahead.

Diane Smillie
Principal



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

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](tel: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 & TICKET INFO

Where: Christian Life Assembly

When: Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Ceremony tickets (no cost) will be available for pick from **May 13 @ lunch** in the **main office**.

Each grad will receive **4 tickets**. If tickets are not needed, extras should be returned to the main office. People who require *extra* tickets (beyond the 4 allocated to each student) for the ceremony, a link to a form for you to complete was sent out to parents on May 28th. A fair and equitable system will be used to distribute extra tickets. The distribution of extra tickets will begin with 1 extra ticket per family that requests additional tickets. You will be notified via email how many tickets you have been approved for, and when to pick up your EXTRA ticket(s). We ask that you (the person that ordered them) pick up the ticket(s) you requested, or your child. Extra tickets will be available towards the latter part of the week of June 3.

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 to **order** on School Cash Online until May 31st. **Pick up is taking place the week of May 27th @ lunch only.** Students **must have all mandatory payments made and bring their receipt** from School Cash Online 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.

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) is arranged by the Dry Grad Parent Committee. Students not attending Dry Grad must make their own arrangements for pickup at the venue.

**Please note: Due to a change in our contract with Coast Hotel, we will not be offering dessert tickets for family members this year.*



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Report Card Access

Langley Secondary and FOCUS Schools

Final Report Cards will be available online on **Thur. June 27, 2024**

Please log in to your **MyEd Family/Student Portal TODAY** and make sure you can access your account now.

myeducation.gov.bc.ca

BEFORE login to MyEdBC, ensure to **Disable the Pop-Up blocker**

HELPFUL TIPS

Common Errors and Troubleshooting

When did you reset your password last time?
More than **3 months ago?**

You will get this popup window to create a new password every 90 days.

- 1 Disable the Pop-up blocker.
- 2 Close your browser **completely** and try again.
- 3 Try with a **different browser**. (Chrome, Firefox, Microsoft Edge etc)

Passwords are good for 90 days, at which time after a successful login you will be required to create a new one immediately.

Invalid Login

- 1 Both Login ID and Password are Case Sensitive.
- 2 Disable the Pop-up blocker.
- 3 Close your browser **completely** and try again.
- 4 Try with a **different browser**. (Chrome, Firefox, Microsoft Edge etc)

This account has been disabled

You can re-enable your account by using the "I forgot my password" on the login screen.

15 unsuccessful attempts will disable your account

*Please use a Laptop or Desktop Computer if you have difficulty resetting your password.

For more information, please visit our school district website at sd35.bc.ca or click [HERE](#)

Need your login information or a Password Reset?
Scan or click the QR code and submit a Request Form*
*link will expire on July 2, 2024



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Career News

The District of Langley WAVE summer 2024 IT and Maintenance opportunities are targeted toward Grade 11 students ONLY. Applications are due June 6th to Ms. Stuve the Career Advisor.

PAID SUMMER IT WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY!

****Open to Grade 11 Students ONLY - Limited Spots Available****

The goal of the Summer IT work experience program is to provide students with a rich work experience in a variety of IT areas.

Students will be expected to have some experience in secondary school IT classes as well as an intention to enter the IT field as a career after graduation.

Applications due June 6!

See your
Career
Advisor for
more info & an
application!



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Careers – cont'd

The Automotive Retailers Association offers scholarships and bursaries to students looking to pursue work in the Automotive industry. See website for eligibility requirements and more info on how to apply. Deadline is June 30th.



PAID SUMMER MAINTENANCE DEPT WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY!

The goal of the Summer Maintenance work experience program is to provide students with a rich work experience in a variety of trade areas.

Students will be expected to have some experience in secondary school Tech Ed classes as well as an intention to enter a career in trades after graduation.

****Open to Grade 11 Students ONLY – Limited Spots Available****



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Careers – cont'd

Youth Train in Trades Update: Can still accept applications for Professional Cook 1 Program and Horticulture Program all other Youth Train in Trade Program applications are closed for this next intake. See Ms. Stuve for more program specific information and an application form.

2024 SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES
NOW OPEN

A TOTAL OF \$24,000
IN SCHOLARSHIPS
AND BURSARIES
DEADLINE: JUNE 30

APPLY TODAY
AT ARFI.CA

Applications
due June 30!

Click [here](#) or scan QR
code to apply!

Applications are now open for the Automotive Retailers Association Foundation Inc. (ARFI) scholarships and bursaries! Pursue your automotive career dreams with our support.





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Learning Commons News

It's time to start looking for those library books and returning anything that students are finished reading! **All books are due back by June 10.** Please remind students to return books by then in order to avoid fines for replacement costs. Thank you from Mrs. Kusick in the library learning commons.

Additional Information

My name is Jacqueline Ali, and I'm one of the co-founders of Maker Cube, an interactive community maker space in the heart of Langley City. We're excited to introduce Maker Cube Academy's new STEAM-based summer camps designed to build confidence and foster creativity in young minds. Our summer camps are a great opportunity for students to engage in project-based learning to explore hands-on skills such as woodworking, electronics, laser cutting, and 3D printing.

In the past, we've welcomed hundreds of students from Surrey and Langley schools for field trips where they learned valuable STEAM skills by making their own laser etched LED sign. We're thrilled to take this to a new level this summer and helping youth build confidence by building their own bluetooth speakers, arcade cabinets, robots, and much more.

Would you be willing to help us to share this opportunity with your school community? We believe Maker Cube Academy's unique hands-on, project-based learning approach will greatly benefit your students. We'd be happy to provide you with information about our camps that you can easily share in your school newsletter, website, or social media channels. We've also prepared an email that you can forward to parents and teachers. Please let me know if I can send you this information to share with your community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.



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Choir

Langley Children's Choir is looking for singers!

Openings are now available for singers in grades 3 to 7

What are we looking for?

- ✓ School choir members (if your school has one)
- ✓ Good attitude and enthusiasm!
- ✓ Advanced vocal skills, and the ability to focus
- ✓ A firm commitment to the group
- ✓ Desire to develop as a singer and choir member

What do you get out of this?

- ✓ Make new friends who like to sing, too
- ✓ Learn about how to sing better and learn lots of music
- ✓ Perform at other schools (a day off!)
- ✓ Have fun on a choir tour or camp in the spring
- ✓ Sing at festivals and hear other great choirs

Rehearsals? Langley Secondary School, 21405 – 56 Ave on Tuesdays,
Sept – April from 4:30 – 6 pm

Fees? \$275 per year (reduced rate for families) plus refundable \$100 deposit

Directors? Kim Hardy and Patti Thorpe (both Langley music teachers) plus accompanist Heather Hicks

How Do I Join?

Contact us for an audition time before June 10, 2024. Auditions will be Tuesday June 11

Please include singer's name, phone number, school and grade.

Patti Thorpe – pthorpe@sd35.bc.ca





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Additional Information – cont'd

 **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





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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