



# Redhawk

## RELEASE

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### MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

It was a fabulous few weeks back at DW Poppy, welcoming students and staff. The first week brought excitement, smiles, learning and many positive interactions among staff and students. Seeing the enthusiasm from students as they started their new classes was truly heartwarming. We look forward to an amazing year ahead filled with growth and achievement. Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education.



Jonathan Harris  
Proud Principal  
DW Poppy Secondary School

### GRADE 12 PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Our grade 12 parent/student information night is **September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6-7pm** in the small gym. Counsellors will present everything families need to know to have a successful Grade 12 year and prepare for next steps!

### PSIBC - POST SECONDARY UNIVERSITY MINI FAIR

We will be hosting our annual PSIBC University mini-fair on **September 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm** in the school cafeteria. This is open to all grade 10-12 students and parents. Post-Secondary Institutions of B.C. host an information evening for parents and students to explore different post-secondary options. There will be several post-secondary schools attending including BCIT, Emily Carr, SFU, KPU, UFV, UVIC, TRU, TWU, Canadian Armed Forces, and more. Don't miss it!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPT. 16<sup>TH</sup> (6-8PM)  
POST-SECONDARY MINI FAIR  
GRADES 10-12

MONDAY, SEPT 16<sup>TH</sup> (6-7PM)  
GRADE 12 PARENT MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPT 17<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE 8 PARENT MEETING - 6-7PM  
MUSIC PARENT MEETING - 7-8PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
PAC MEETING AGM – 7PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>  
TERRY FOX RUN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>  
ORANGE SHIRT DAY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>  
RECOGNITION OF TRUTH AND  
RECONCILIATION DAY  
(SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2<sup>ND</sup>  
GRADE 8 BBQ

THURSDAY, OCT. 3<sup>RD</sup>  
GRAD CRUISE

FRIDAY, OCT. 4<sup>TH</sup>  
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY  
(NO STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE)

MONDAY, OCT. 14<sup>TH</sup>  
THANKSGIVING – NO SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23<sup>RD</sup>  
PHOTO RETAKE DAY





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## GRADE 8 STUDENT/PARENT NIGHT – MEET THE TEACHER

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Grade 8 students and families are invited to attend our grade 8 information and meet the teacher night. It is on **September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** in the small gym. We will begin with an assembly to introduce staff and present some key information about DW Poppy. After the assembly we will release families into the school to wander, show lockers, see classrooms and meet the staff.

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## GRAD CRUISE – OCT. 3<sup>rd</sup>

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Please see the attached Grad cruise information letter that was sent out last week. Tickets are now available for our grade 12 students on school cash online by clicking [here](#)

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## ACCESS TO SCHOOL PHOTOS

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The school photos are now available for access through the Artona Website. You can either scan the QR code available on the card students brought home last week or follow the link [here](#)

If you click photo day box, a new window will pop up with order information and timelines. If you click on the view and order button at the bottom, you can enter the QR code number and view/order photos.

If you misplaced your order card from Monday and need a new way to access the photos, it can be found [here](#)

If you need any additional support in accessing your photos, you can find multiple ways of getting in touch with Artona [here](#).

**A reminder that photo retakes are on October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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## CLUBS STARTING UP

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### GAMES CLUB

If you like board games or card games, games club will be starting on **Tuesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>** at lunch in the library! All grades welcome. Bring a friend, or maybe come meet a new friend.

### LITDIVE BOOK COMMUNITY

If you like to read or chat about books, DWP's book community will be having their first meeting on **Tuesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>** in the library during tutorial. Please note, as LitDive meetings are an extension activity, you must be caught up on work to attend. Open to all grades!

### DANCE CLUB

For any students interested in joining the Dance Club this year, meetings will be on Mondays at lunch in the Drama room starting **Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**.



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## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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Are you interested in a first responders tour? Members from the Township of Langley Fire Department, Langley RCMP and BC Ambulance guide students through a simulated car crash. Students will hear the specifics and training required from each of the First Responders participating. The event will begin and end at the School Board Office (4875-222 street, Langley). Students must arrange their own transportation to and from the School Board Office.

Grade 9-12 Students Only!

Date and Time – Friday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 2024 (8:30AM – 3:00PM)

See your Career Advisor Ms. Sukh Bhullar in the counselling department for an application.

**Applications due Wednesday September 18, 2024.**

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## NEW DW Poppy Spirit Wear Store

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Our DW Poppy online spirit clothing store will be launching in the coming weeks. More exciting information to come!

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## Illness/Absence

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It is always best to keep sick children home from school. If a student is away for an extended amount of time, please contact their teachers to arrange for work that they can complete at home or on TEAMS.

The school uses an automated absence reporting system called SafeArrival, offered through SchoolMessenger. With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these three convenient methods:

1. SchoolMessenger App
2. SafeArrival
3. Toll-Free Phone Number - 1-833-294-4837

**For information on how to use these methods for reporting your child's absence click [here](#)**

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## NEW Technology Guidelines: Personal Digital Devices

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Electronic devices can be distracting to student learning. There is a significant body of research showing that increased technology use is linked to problems with mental health, focus and the development of relationships and academic skills.

The Langley School District recognizes the importance of establishing clear guidelines to ensure that personal digital devices are used in a way that supports educational goals and maintains a safe and respectful learning environment.

During hours of instruction, personal electronic devices must be turned off and stored away in backpacks or lockers, unless otherwise instructed by school staff for



educational purposes. This includes during study blocks, tutorial and any school sponsored activity such as an assembly or talk by a guest speaker.

To read the new guidelines as set out by the Langley School District click [here](#).

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## ATHLETICS

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Athletics is back and things kick off quickly for the Fall season.

**Soccer** - junior and senior boys soccer try-outs are now complete. If you missed the try-outs and want to play, please speak to Mr. Ellis.

**Cross Country** - anyone interested in Cross Country this year, there was a meeting on Friday, September 6th in room 213. Please see Ms. Weslowski if you have any questions.

**Aquatics Team** - Anyone interested in participating on the aquatics team, there was a meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>. See Ms. Esplen if you weren't able to make the meeting.

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## FRASER HEALTH - IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

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Fraser Health is sharing important information with families regarding Vaccination Status Reporting and Regulation (VSRR). Families are encouraged to review the following newsletter to help keep our community healthy and safe by clicking the link below.

**Keep Immunizations Up to Date - Secondary**

For other languages read [here](#).

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## ABORIGINAL PROGRAM

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Are you new to Poppy and have Indigenous background. Did you discover you have Indigenous background over the summer? See Ms. Jack and make sure you have your registration form signed, and you are registered for the Aboriginal Program. We have lots of fun activities planned for the year!

The Red Hawk Drummers drumming circle meets every Thursday after school in the band room. You do not need a drum or rattle as there are extra. See Ms. Jack if you have questions.

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## MUSIC

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For all students enrolled or interested in Junior and Senior Choir, Junior and Senior Jazz Band or Senior Wind Ensemble, a short information meeting was held Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Please be aware that all off-timetable rehearsals have begun so please see Mr. Follett or Ms. Chen if you couldn't make the meeting and would like to join.

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## School Fees

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Every year, there are fees payable to the school for different items, including student fees, grad fees, donation items, any athletics related items, workbooks, etc. The Langley School District uses an online system to collect these fees as it is user friendly and saves students from having to carry cash. Please go online at <https://schoolcashonline.com/> to register your child(ren). You will get an email notification



any time a new “item” is available for purchase and the first item you will see are the student fees for the coming year. Please email Mrs. Brake at [sbrake@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:sbrake@sd35.bc.ca) if you have any questions regarding school cash online or school fees.

## Bell Schedule

Please note the **Bell Schedule** below:

BELL	SCHEDULE	M	T	W	Th	F
Welcome	8:50	Day 1/2	Day 2/1	Day 1/2	Day 2/1	Day 1/2
Period 1	8:55 – 10:05	A	B	ABCD	C	D
MTSS	10:10 – 10:45	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial
Period 2	10:50 – 12:00	B	A	BADC	D	C
Lunch	12:00 – 12:35					
Period 3	12:40 – 1:50	C	D	CDAB	A	B
Period 4	1:55 – 3:05	D	C	DCBA	B	A

## Tutorial Time

Tutorial is instructional time built into the DW Poppy daily schedule that supports students’ learning. During tutorial time, students may choose to meet with teachers for support within their timetable or work in areas of passion to extend their learning. Tutorial time (Multi-Tiered Student Supports, or MTSS) is scheduled each day for 35 minutes.

<b>Welcoming Bell</b>	<b>8:50</b>
Period 1	8:55 -10:05
<b>Tutorial</b>	<b>10:10 – 10:45</b>
Period 2	10:50 – 12:00
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:00 – 12:35</b>
Period 3	12:40 – 1:50
Period 4	1:55 – 3:05

## Parent Consent Request

Each year, Langley Schools ask families to complete a set of parent consent forms for their child. These consent forms are required by our schools to ensure the health, safety, and security of all students. Langley Schools uses a secure web form to collect this information. Beginning mid-September, please watch for an email **request (subject: Parent Consent Request)** that contains a link for you to submit consents for all children in your family attending



any Langley School. If your email address or contact information has changed, please call the school office to correct it in our files. If you have not received an email regarding a Parent Consent Request by the end of September or have any questions/concerns, please contact the school office.

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## **Support for Students**

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### **Learning Commons**

DW Poppy's Learning Commons has a collection of print and non-print materials and Technology resources. In addition to library skills, our Learning Commons teacher, Grace Li, cooperatively plans and teaches units with classroom teachers. Ms. Li manages the learning commons, technology, provides lunch-hour access, holds book exchanges, interactive author visits, and provides instructional opportunities.

### **School Counselors**

DW Poppy Secondary has two new school counselors, Ms. Hayne (A-L) and Ms. Riznek (M-Z), who are available to help students with their course selections, timetable, grad requirements, post-secondary information, and to provide social emotional support. Students are assigned to the school counsellor based on their last name.

### **Resource Teachers**

If your child has a Ministry Designation, a Resource Teacher will be working with your family to formulate and support any IEP goals and to create wrap-around support. This year we will not have resource blocks available to students as we have put a new support system in place which will include resource teachers pushing into classrooms to assist students. **See the attached letter from our Resource Department for a better understanding of how we will be supporting students.**

### **School Based Team (SBT)**

Each month, the Resource Department chairs a meeting which includes teachers, an administrator, youth care worker, clinician, counselors and School District support staff. Meetings are scheduled to discuss the needs of individual students as referred by teachers, and to brainstorm suggestions to support student learning.

### **English Language Learner Support (ELL)**

Mr. Hoogwoud is our ELL support teacher who works with students for whom English is their second language. Our ELL teachers are experts in English language acquisition and provide supports for all levels of ELL development.

### **Aboriginal Support Worker**



Sheila Jack is our Aboriginal Support Worker and is available to provide Aboriginal students with spiritual, emotional, social, physical, intellectual, and cultural support. Ms. Jack advocates for indigenous students and families and provides wrap-around supports.

### **Youth Care Worker**

Our Youth Care Worker, Genille Headley, provides support to both students and families. YCWs help students build connections, support social and emotional growth, find creative ways of correcting challenging student behaviors, and will help families with community supports.

### **Clinician**

Mr. Joshi is our clinician and will provide focused intervention services to students, families and the school. He will be working with specific students that are assigned to his caseload.

### **The Role of Parents (PAC)**

Many hands make light work, and the PAC is an integral support structure that works alongside the school administrators to positively impact students and the school culture. The PAC applies for necessary provincial government grants, assists with fundraising, and implements a plan of how to best financially support classroom learning. Parents who would like to get involved with the PAC, please email [popypacsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:popypacsecretary@gmail.com).

The first **AGM PAC meeting** is on **September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the Learning Commons. Hope to see you there!

### **PAC Executive**

Kim Leifso: Co-President  
Sandra Young: Co-President  
Jana Hikichi: Treasurer  
Tyree Buchanan: Secretary

### **Culture of Care**

We understand that our students will learn more effectively when they feel genuinely connected to the school culture. Our staff work hard to support and engage students academically, socially, and emotionally while providing opportunities for personalized learning. We encourage parents to continue to be involved in their child's educational journey and we look forward to partnering and working alongside you.

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## **Calendar & My School Day App**

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Students use the "My School Day" App to help stay organized with the daily block order and find updates to the school calendar. Check it out under "Student Life" on our website or click



[here](#) for information on how to download it. Homeroom teachers will help students navigate this App as it is a tool that all students are encouraged to use.

Click [here](#) for the District Calendar.

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## Staying Connected - Communication Tools

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Good communication between home and school is critical to ensuring student success. We have a few structures in place to help share information. For students and parents to stay informed, please be sure to use the following online methods.

### Redhawk Release

Good communication between home and school is a critical factor in student success. We encourage parents to read the monthly newsletter "Redhawk Release" and pay close attention to school emails for important information. We welcome your involvement, and your suggestions.

### SchoolMessenger

The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families. As we welcome our new families to our schools, some parents/guardians may receive a text message notifying them about SchoolMessenger. For more information about the system and how to opt-in to receive text messages, visit the District webpage [here](#).



My School Day App - [Click here](#)



Website: <https://dwps.sd35.bc.ca>

### Follow Us On:



Instagram: @dwpoppysecondary



Facebook: @DW Poppy Secondary Parent & Guardian Page

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## DW Poppy Secondary Student Expectations

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At DW Poppy Secondary, we maintain high expectations for our students and want students to excel. We want our students to be able to empathize with others and have the moral courage



to make the right decisions. We are confident our parents will partner with us in using Restorative Action, where all adults in our school community establish and reinforce clear expectations. Please refer to the District Code of Conduct on our school website or [click here](#).

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## Breakfast Program

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Our DW Poppy breakfast program will run every morning from 8:15-8:50am for students who wish to participate. We will also continue with our lunch program for students who need to access lunch. Support staff are there to prepare nutritious food and connect with students. Parents who are interested in volunteering and assisting with our bistro, please email Cathy Gropp at [cgropp@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:cgropp@sd35.bc.ca)

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## Lunch Break

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Lunch break is 35 minutes. We offer a cafeteria service, and students can choose to eat lunch outside, on the hallway benches, or in the cafeteria. Students are to be respectful of our neighbours and it is expected that students will clean-up after themselves. Intramurals and club activities also take place during the lunch break. We encourage students to get involved in the fun!

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## School Supplies

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Please come prepared every day with basic supplies such as a 3-ring binder, dividers, loose leaf paper, pens, pencils, and a calculator. Individual teachers will advise students of any special supplies required for their courses.

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## NEW Online System - Lockers and Locks

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This year we will not be manually assigning lockers. Lockers will be available using an online platform for sign-up on a “first come, first serve” basis. The online sign-up is now open and can be accessed by clicking [here](#). Instructions on how to sign up are attached.

Lockers have been allocated to certain areas of the school based on grade. When student's sign up they can choose their locker based on availability and their lock will be provided with a combination during the sign-up. All locks are already locked on each locker. **Personal locks are not to be used and will be removed.** It is advised that students not share their combination with others and to keep their combination in a secure place. Students are encouraged to use a locker to help stay organized but are not required.

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## Fair Notice – Response to Threat Making Behaviour

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DW Poppy Secondary is committed to a safe and supportive environment for all. We take all threatening comments and behaviours seriously. Students, staff and parents should be aware of the District's Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol that can be found on the district website by clicking [here](#).

