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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

The final week before Winter break is full of exciting events and holiday cheer! A reminder that our last day of school is **December 19th** and students will return on **January 5th**.

A huge thank you to our PAC and Poppy families for providing our staff with some delicious Christmas baking and treats for our staff meeting yesterday. Your generous cash donations and baking was greatly appreciated and was a wonderful gift that makes the staff feel appreciated!

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Jonathan Harris
Proud Principal
DW Poppy Secondary School

HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK

Winter Break is almost here which means it's almost Poppy's Holiday Spirit Week!

- **Monday, December 15th - Red and White Day**
- **Tuesday, December 16th - Hot Chocolate Day** – Wear brown and bring your mug for hot chocolate.
- **Wednesday, December 17th - Ugly Sweater Day**
- **Thursday, December 18th - Day on the Slopes** – Come to school wearing Winter gear like you are heading to the slopes.
- **Friday, December 19th - PJ Day** - Wear your Pj's and come to school early for our pancake breakfast. Please

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 19TH
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE
WINTER BREAK

SANTA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

JANUARY 5TH
SCHOOL RE-OPENS

JANUARY 7TH
GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATIONS

JANUARY 8TH
DRY GRAD MEETING – 7PM

JANUARY 12-20TH
GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

JANUARY 15TH
BLACK EXCELLENCE DAY

JANUARY 19TH
GRADE 7 PARENT INFORMATION
NIGHT – 7PM

JANUARY 20TH
SENIOR JAZZ BAND FESTIVAL

JANUARY 23RD
LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR
SEMESTER 1

JANUARY 26TH
TRANSITION DAY
NO CLASSES IN SESSION

JANUARY 27TH
TRANSITION DAY
NO CLASSES IN SESSION

JANUARY 28TH
SEMESTER TURN AROUND DAY
NO CLASSES IN SESSION





bring a \$2 donation to support the Breakfast Bistro and breakfast will start at 8:15am for students. There will be pancakes, sausages and more!

VACCINATION INFORMATION

Our upcoming school vaccination dates at DW Poppy Secondary are:

- Visit 1: January 7, 2026
- Visit 2: March 9th, 2026

NEW this year: Parents can now complete the immunization consent form online. The link for the online consent form and additional information is in the attached letter.

GIVE THE GIFT OF READING TO DW POPPY

This year some of the DW Poppy students have put together a book Wishlist for the holiday season! Attached is a link to this list which consists of books that we do not currently have in our library. This is an entirely optional opportunity, but if you are interested in purchasing one of these books as a gift to the library and students, you can use the link to purchase the books and then drop them off at the school. If you have other books that you would like to offer to the library that are not on the list, please reach out the DW Poppy librarian Bernadette Draayers (bdraayers@sd35.bc.ca) to make sure that the library does not already own a copy. <https://a.co/hNcpSLI>

DRY GRAD FUNDRAISER - TREE CHIPPING & BOTTLE DRIVE

Don't miss the opportunity to drop off your Christmas tree (tree chipping) and recyclables on **January 3rd** from **10am-1pm** at DW Poppy. The Dry Grad committee will be accepting cash or e-transfer donations. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

ELECTRICAL WORKSHOP

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TUESDAY DEC 16, 2025, 8:00 AM - 10:30-11:00AM

Interested in becoming an Electrician? Students in Grades 10 & 11 are invited to join us for a workshop at Langley School District's Youth Train in Trades Electrical Program at DW Poppy. There will be plenty of time to ask questions! **See your Career Advisor for an Application!**

PROFESSIONAL COOK 1 WORKSHOP

MONDAY | JAN 26, 2026, | 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Students in grades 10 and 11 are invited to join us for a Professional Cook 1 Workshop at Walnut Grove Secondary. Students will also learn about Langley's Youth Train in Trades Professional Cook 1 Program. There will be plenty of time to ask questions! Due date to submit your application is **December 22nd 2025**. See your Career Advisor for an Application!



PIPING & PLUMBING WORKSHOP

THURSDAY | JAN 15, 2026, | 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Students in grade 9 - 11 are invited to join us for a workshop at Langley School District's Youth TRAIN in Trades BCIT Piping/ Plumbing Training Shop at Langley Secondary School. Shortlisted students will learn about occupations related to the Piping/ Plumbing industry and will be involved in some hands-on activities with current students. Due date to submit applications is **December 18, 2025**. There will be plenty of time to ask questions! **See your Career Advisor for an Application!**

GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

- The next Graduation Assessment sessions are scheduled from **January 12-21st**.
- Students who are taking **Math 10, English 10 or English 12** classes this semester are registered to write with their entire class.
- All exams are scheduled to be written in the Learning Commons.
- Student names with dates and times are also posted in the front foyer and outside the main office.

END OF SEMESTER TRANSITION DAYS

One of the most important measures of student success is the measure of student transitions, when students successfully move on to the next step in their educational journey. This might include a student who goes from one course to the next course (e.g., English 8 to English 9), from one grade to the next grade, from one level of school to the next level of school (e.g., middle to secondary), or to post-secondary opportunities. At the end of each semester, secondary schools have Transition Days, in which staff create opportunities for students to demonstrate key transitions goals and growth, and assist them in their transitions. Successful transitions are vital for students to build on the successes they have had, and prepare them for the new challenges in their new classroom, new school, etc. The Transition Days also allow for students to complete and present their major careers requirements. Some of the activities that occur during Transition Days in different secondary schools include:

- Mini-Capstone presentations by Grade 9 students
- Capstone presentations by Grade 11 and 12 students
- Careers and Capstone Fairs
- Grade 7/8 visits to the secondary school (e.g., Taste of LSS)
- Other connections and activities between schools to assist in student transitions
- Provincial Literacy and Numeracy Assessments for Grade 10 and 12 students.

At the end of Semester 1, secondary schools also will have a Semester Turnaround Day, to be able to complete the many tasks that are necessary in ending one semester and starting another, including reviewing semester-end student report cards and re-working student timetables.



The dates this year for the end of Semester 1 are:

- Monday, January 26th – Transition Day
- Tuesday, January 27th – Transition Day
- Wednesday, January 28th - Semester Turnaround Day
- Thursday, January 29th - Semester 2 Begins

CAR SHOW PARENT VOLUNTEERS

D.W. Poppy Secondary is getting ready to start planning to host its 37th annual Car Show on Sunday, May 3, 2026! Our tradition of putting on one of the first car shows of the season brings many benefits for the school. We hope to see many cars on display and welcome thousands of spectators. This is a family friendly event. The event is our school's largest fundraiser and benefits our entire school including the shops department, technology, athletic teams, dry grad, and many others. This event cannot run without the support of parent/caregiver volunteers. If you would like to be a volunteer at the annual Car Show, please reach out to Sandy Gill (sandeep.gill@sd35.bc.ca) so we can start planning.

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

The front entrance of the school parking lot is very busy during drop-off and pick-up times as we have many students who are bussed to school. Please do not drop off or pick-up your children directly out front of the school between **8:00-9am or 1:00-3:30pm** as it causes challenges when busses arrive to unload or pick-up. We appreciate your cooperation in minimizing the traffic at the front of our school.

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 X (formerly 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.





REPORTING ILLNESS/ABSENCE

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.

Emailing the school with an absence for your child is no longer an option as the email for reporting absences has been removed. Instead, 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 two convenient methods:

1. SchoolMessenger App
2. SafeArrival

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

PREVIOUS INFORMATION

PRIVACY REMINDER – RECORDING DEVICES IN SCHOOLS

To protect the privacy and security of all students, staff, and visitors, the Langley School District reminds parents and students that digital recording devices, such as **Meta Glasses** and **AngelSense Trackers**, are **not permitted** at school for staff, students, nor members of the community. This policy is in place to ensure compliance with the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and the District's procedures for responsible information management. In response to questions about tracking and recording devices in schools, please see the attached information.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES IN SCHOOLS

Schools follow emergency procedures and practice drills throughout the year to ensure students, staff, and any visitors at our sites are safe when unexpected incidents happen. The District encourages families to become familiar with emergency procedures to help you and your child be prepared. You will find the District's Emergency Procedures poster in schools and on the website [here](#).

PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

The Langley School District is committed to fostering safe and caring schools that promote mutual respect, cooperation, and social responsibility, and support optimal learning. Trauma Informed Practices and Procedures promote the creation and maintenance of safe, inclusive, equitable, welcoming, and nurturing school environments.

Families play an important role in helping students achieve success as well as helping create a compassionate learning community. Just as students are expected to follow the



District's **Student Code of Conduct**, there is an expectation for parents/guardians to uphold the District's **Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct**.

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR SCHOOL

Schools and families continue to work together to ensure success for students. If you have an issue or concern but don't know who to speak with, the District encourages you to read these helpful Communicating with your School guidelines for parents/guardians found on our District website [here](#). As an additional reference, review this one-page resource [here](#).

SCHOOL FEES

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://schoolcashionline.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 if you have any questions regarding school cash online or school fees.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

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 Student Code of Conduct [here](#) and the attached DW Poppy student handbook.

FAIR NOTICE – RESPONSE TO THREAT MAKING BEHAVIOR

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 [here](#).

TECHNOLOGY GUIDELINES: PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES

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.

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, washroom breaks, tutorial and any school sponsored activity such as an assembly or talk by a guest speaker.

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

ELECTRIC SCOOTER GUIDELINES

As more students use electric scooters to come to school, the District would like to inform parents of some important safety information.

- In BC, you must be at least 16 years of age and be wearing a helmet to operate an Electric kick scooter, within certain parameters, as per below and in the links.
 - Electric kick scooters cannot be ridden on public roads, except if the municipality is conducting a pilot. The Township is in the pilot, but the City is not. For more information, please click [here](#).
 - Operators cannot ride an electric kick scooter on sidewalks or in crosswalks, except if a sign or traffic control device allows.
4. Please refer to the link below for a full list of safety rules for operators by clicking [here](#).

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.

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