



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear ACSS students and families,

The final school week of 2021 has come and gone. This week was complete with athletics excitement in the form of junior and senior boys' basketball games, musical excitement with the ACSS/BGMS Christmas Concert on Wednesday night, and several holiday themed Student Council led activities throughout the week. To celebrate the beginning of the winter holidays, and the end of 2021 classes, we continued our tradition of having a schoolwide pancake breakfast on Friday morning.

All of us here at ACSS would like to wish our students, families, and community members a healthy, safe, and peaceful holiday season. We look forward to 2022 when we will get to return to classes, and continue our whole school pursuits of building strong, healthy relationships through excellence in education and teaching and learning. All the best to all of you. Please remember to rest, relax, and rejuvenate...and repeat.

Have a wonderful weekend and a joyful winter holiday season.

Mr. M. Palichuk  
Principal  
Aldergrove Community Secondary School



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## Key Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday, January 4 - First day of classes after winter break
- January 11 - Grade 9 Immunizations
- Wednesday, January 26 – Final Day of Semester One Classes
- Thursday, January 27 – Semester Transition Day (Classes Not In Session)
- Friday, January 28 – Semester Transition Day (Classes Not In Session)
- Monday, January 31 – Semester Turnaround Day  
(Classes Not In Session)
- Tuesday, February 1 – First Day of Semester Two Classes
- April 5 - Grade 10 Immunizations

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Thank you to ACSS staff & students, BGMS, Shortreed, Pathfinders, Guides and many community members, Lacey was able to send 434 Christmas Cards to Military Members stationed overseas.





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#### The Generosity of our ACSS Community

The generosity demonstrated by our ACSS community over the past two weeks has been incredible! The Giving Trees' ornaments were replaced with items and gift cards that will provide support for two Aldergrove elementary feeder school families as well as the Langley Youth Hub (which includes Aldergrove youth). The ACSS hamper donations collected enough items so that more the 20 ACSS families are supported over the winter break.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in helping our Aldergrove families and groups who need our support!



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#### Building Community with ACSS AVID 9 Students, Parkside, and Shortreed

This Wednesday, December 15th, our two ACSS AVID 9 classes boarded a bus to visit our feeder elementary schools (Parkside and Shortreed). These 60 students assembled over 700 "Do You Want a Build a Snowman?" kits (all supplies were donated from our local Save-on-Foods) and then delivered them to each of the classrooms.

The ACSS students enjoyed visiting their elementary schools, re-connecting with some of their teachers and talking with the K-5 students. You will notice that some students had the chance to say hello to their Gr. 1 teacher and others took some photos of their class pictures in the hallways.

This was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our sense of community within the Aldergrove region. We hope that this will be one of many opportunities to connect throughout the year.



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Today was our annual Santa Pancake Breakfast. As with last year, we had to adapt for Covid protocols. Classes came down to the cafeteria, picked up their pancakes, sausages, and juice boxes, and then headed back to their respective classrooms to eat together. Santa and his elf visited each classroom to hand out candy canes to deserving Totems (every Totem is a deserving Totem!) We did hourly gift card draws for Abbotsford Canucks Merch and gift cards. Happy holidays, Totems! Enjoy your well-deserved break!







## **|OH CANADA CLUB**

**?DO YOU WANT TO LEARN SOME SIGN  
LANGUAGE?**

WALK BY MY OFFICE DURING YOUR BREAKS  
AND AT LUNCH. IF IM IN, I'LL TEACH YOU THE  
SIGNS FOR OH CANADA...

**A FEW AT A TIME.**

BY JUNE, WE CAN SIGN IT AT OUR YEAR END  
ASSEMBLY!!!!

I'LL THROW IN THE ABC'S AND 123'S AS WELL!  
ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO ASK. MY NAME  
IS **MS. SOLVEY**

AND

**MY OFFICE IS IN THE COURTYARD HALLWAY  
ON YOUR WAY TO THE CAFETERIA.**

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Some of our ACSS Visual art students have their work on display at the School Board Office until January 25th!!





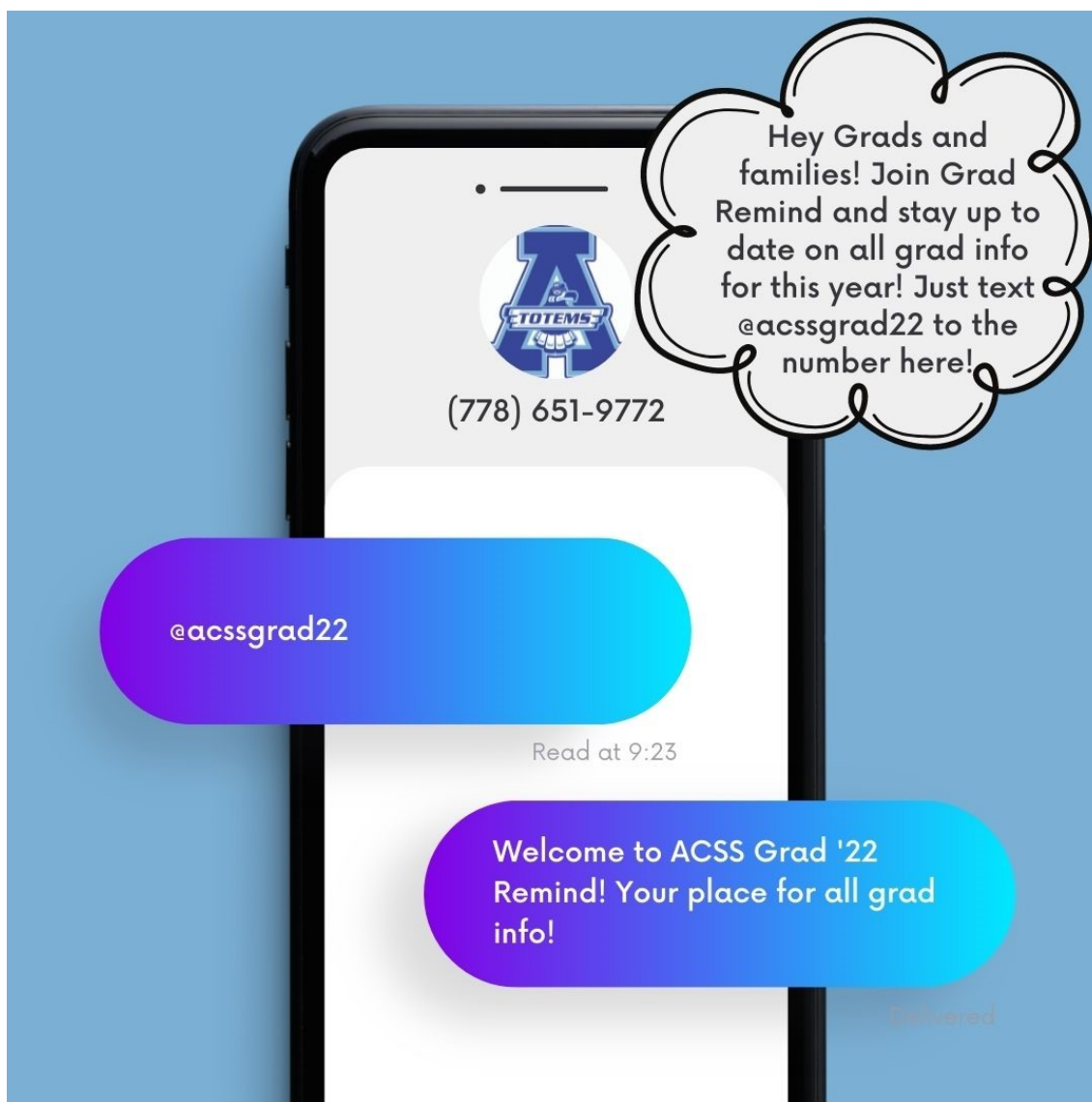
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GRAD 2022





## GRAD 2022

Dear Sir/Madam, The Aldergrove Community Secondary School Dry Grad Committee is planning the Dry Grad event for the 2022 graduating class. Dry Grad events are held at many high schools throughout the province to provide a safe, substance free, chaperoned after-party for the graduating class.

The ACSS Dry Grad committee is comprised of parents who are charged with organizing safe transportation to and from the dinner/dance and planning the Dry Grad event. When students finish the dinner/dance, they will be transported to the Dry Grad venue for a safe, all night party complete with great music, food, entertainment, activities, prizes and more!

Our goal is to encourage all grads to attend this farewell party and to make this a fun, safe and memorable event. In order to make this year's event successful, we are seeking community support. Please consider whether your business/organization would be able to provide sponsorship, a cash donation or prize donations to use towards this special day. In return, the ACSS Dry Grad committee will ensure that your business/organization will be recognized as a sponsor/donor at the Dry Grad event and in the community.

We look forward to your support and thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, do not hesitate to contact parents of the ACSS Dry Grad committee via email [acssdrygrad2022@gmail.com](mailto:acssdrygrad2022@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

ACSS Dry Grad Committee



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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](http://www.sd35.bc.ca). Updates are also posted to Twitter @LangleySchools and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict](https://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.

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#### Student Safety Around Schools

With the days growing shorter and the heavy rain, fog, and frost, we are sharing a reminder to all our students to take extra precaution when walking to and from school. Please be aware of your surroundings, walk with someone whenever possible, and avoid wearing headphones. We also ask drivers in our school community to be vigilant on our roads. We encourage families to speak with their children about what they can do to stay healthy and safe. Student safety is our priority. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

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### Breakfast Club

#### **Grab and Go Breakfast Club 8:15-8:40 daily**

Thank you to all of our partners, staff and students for their continued support. A huge thank you to Langley Sources for their weekly baked goods, breads, cheese and extras. Langley School Foundation also supports with yogurt, apple sauce and eggs. Also a thank you to the Township of Langley Firefighters Charitable Society for a supply of granola bars. Sincerely yours; The Breakfast Club Team.

#### **Breakfast Club Donations**

Did you know that ACSS Breakfast Club operates every day and is open to everyone who would like some! The program is run on funding from Breakfast Club of Canada and donations from the community. If you would like to contribute to the program, you can do so via School Cash Online.

<https://sd35.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/31506/111/False/True>







## Contact Tracing Information

Schools in the District are continuing to assist the Fraser Health Authority in contact tracing and case management. We appreciate the ongoing cooperation from parents/guardians in this process. To help support our families, we are sharing resources from the BC Centre for Disease Control which outline the contact tracing process in schools. You can view the Contact Tracing Infographic [here](#) and Contact Tracing in Schools resource [here](#).



## New Daily Health Check Form – Digital and Print Version

Thank you for continuing to conduct a daily health check with your child. It is an important measure to help keep our school community healthy and safe. To better assist families, the Ministry of Education has developed an online K to 12 Health Check which can be found here: <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck>

A mobile phone app version can also be downloaded, called K to 12 Health Checker.

Print versions are available in multiple languages on our District website [here](#).



### Fraser Health COVID-19 School Update – Immunization for 12-17 year olds

Health Canada has approved the use of the Pfizer vaccine for youth aged 12 to 17. British Columbia is expanding the COVID-19 Immunization Plan to include this age group.

Youth are excited to protect themselves and their families.

Children aged 12 to 17 can register to get vaccinated now by going to [www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated](http://www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated), calling 1-833-838-2323 or in person at any Service B.C. centre. Once child(ren) are registered in the provincial system they will be contacted at a later date via the method they indicated (either email or text) to book their vaccine appointment.

Household and group vaccination options are also available to make it easy for households to be immunized at the same time. Multiple young people in a household can attend one booked appointment and be vaccinated together. Young people accompanying adults to the adult's new vaccine appointment can register on site and do not need to be registered or booked in advance. Just let clinic staff know you have arrived.

Ensure all family members bring identification and ideally, their personal health card if they have one.

In the coming days, schools will receive an information package to be shared with families with key information such as how to prepare for and what to expect during your child's vaccine appointment.

More information can be found at [www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated](http://www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated) and at [www.fraserhealth.ca/vaccine](http://www.fraserhealth.ca/vaccine)





## COVID-19 Guidelines 2021-22 – Frequently Asked Questions

### Why is there no mask mandate for students in K-3?

As announced by the province, masks for students in K-3 are no longer required. The District will be encouraging students in K-3 to wear a mask. Mask wearing for these students continues to be a family/caregiver choice. Masks are only one layer of protection. As per public health, the best way to protect everyone is for people who are eligible to get vaccinated.

As announced by the province, masks will continue to be required for all K-12 staff, students in grades 4-12, and visitors when indoors and on buses (with exceptions). See further information regarding bussing [here](#).

Masks are not required for students, staff, and visitors when outdoors.

### Why is there no vaccine mandate for students and staff?

As announced by the province, students, staff, and visitors are not required to be vaccinated but it is strongly recommended. The District is encouraging all students, staff, and visitors to get vaccinated before the start of the school year. As advised by public health, vaccines are the best way to keep everyone healthy and safe, especially those in the community who are not eligible to get vaccinated.

Walk-in vaccination clinics are available for anyone over the age of 12 years old. For more information on vaccine clinics in Fraser Health, read here: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/vax#.YSw77tNKibs>

### Why is there no vaccine passport required for students and staff?

As announced by the province, students, staff, and visitors are not required to show proof of vaccination. As per the province, schools are controlled environments with comprehensive health and safety measures already in place and attendance of students, staff, and visitors is taken daily. Half of K-12 students are under 12 years old, not eligible for vaccines, and therefore, the vaccine passport would not be applicable.

A vaccine passport could be applicable, when and if schools host an event (like a concert open to parents/public). Schools will share additional information with the community where and when appropriate.

### Why are there no cohorts and physical distancing required?

As announced by the province, cohort and physical distancing is no longer required. However, the District will be working with administration and school staff to develop creative ways to maximize space amongst students and staff in classes. Strategies may include using directional arrows and posters in hallways, spreading out desks and tables in a classroom, and encouraging everyone to respect others' personal space. Taking classes outdoors will continue to be encouraged.

### Will the District improve ventilation in schools?

The District upgraded HVAC systems with MERV 13 filters in all sites including portables prior to last year school year. These upgrades meet and exceed provincial ventilation requirements.

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#### *Will students be able to take online courses online if they feel unsafe? Will there be the Transition Support Model in September?*

There continues to be a range of choices for students and their families in September. The District will not be offering the Transition Support Model for this school year. Students will be able to learn online through Distributed Learning programs offered at [U-Connect](#) (Elementary, Middle, Secondary) or [Langley Education Centre](#) (Secondary). Students also have the option of [homeschooling](#). If you have questions about options for your child, please connect with your school administrator.

#### *If a student enrolls in a Distributed Learning program or chooses homeschooling, will they be able to save their spot at their catchment school or choice school?*

Due to significant increases in student enrolment K-12 in the Langley School District, if a student chooses to enroll in a Distributed Learning program or is homeschooled, the school will not be able to save a student's space at their catchment school or choice school. In the event a student leaves for the school year, they will have to re-enroll for their catchment or choice school and follow regular procedures regarding registration and timeline. If you have questions, please connect with your school administrator.

#### *Why can't the District implement its own guidelines?*

The District takes direction from the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Office regarding public health matters. The District also follows regional and local health and safety measures developed by the Fraser Health Authority. Changes to any health and safety guidelines can only come from public health authorities. The District defers to health authorities on decision making as they base their advice on science and data collected by public health. The District trusts health experts and their work to help keep our students, staff, and community safe.

#### *Why are the guidelines in schools different from other community settings (e.g., restaurants, stores, recreation centers)?*

The District takes direction from the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Office. As per the province, all schools follow the health and safety outlines in the [BCCDC's Public Communicable Disease Guidance for K-12 Schools](#). Other sites within the Langley School District (non-education sites such as the school board office) follow WorkSafeBC guidelines which are different from school settings. Other community settings will have health and safety measures in place implemented by the province and/or regional/local authority.

#### *Isn't the District concerned about COVID-19 exposures in schools due to increasing case counts/Delta Variant?*

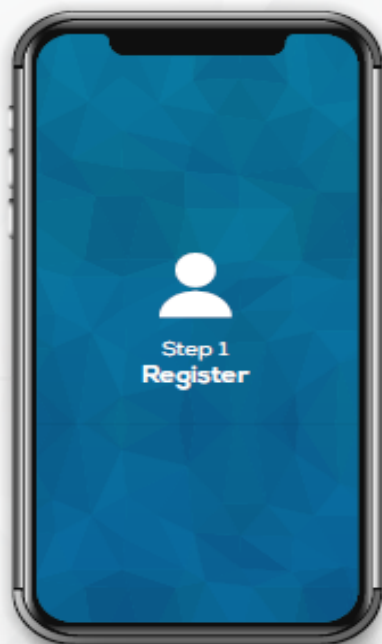
The District shares the community's concern over COVID-19 cases. The District acknowledges that as long as there is COVID-19 in the community, there will be exposures in schools. The District understands the more eligible people are immunized; the less likely school exposures may lead to transmission. The District is confident the COVID-19 measures in place for the school year will help in protecting the health and safety of students, staff, and community members.



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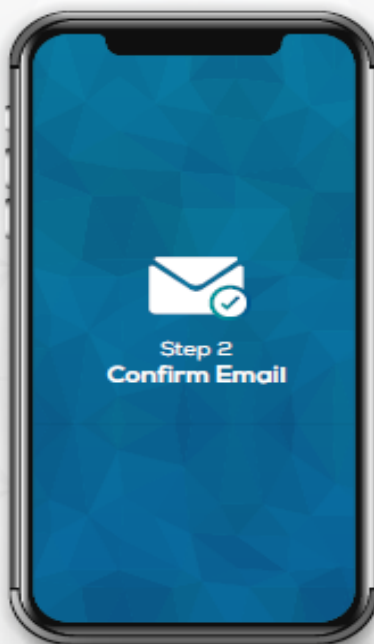
For safety and efficiency reasons, Langley School District would like to reduce the amount of cash & cheques coming into our schools. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE!  
It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child.



Step 1  
**Register**

Go to  
<https://sd35.schoolcashionline.com>  
and click on **Register**.

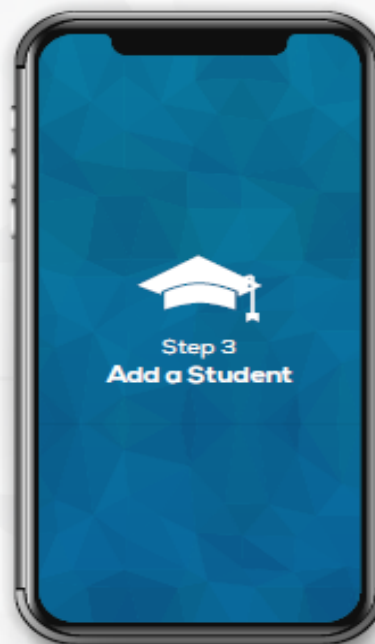
- ✓ Enter in your first name, last name, email and create a password.
- ✓ Select a security question.
- ✓ Check YES to receive email notifications



Step 2  
**Confirm Email**

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account (check spam).

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site, prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password to log in.



Step 3  
**Add a Student**

This step will connect your child to your account.

- a) Enter the School Board Name.
- b) Enter the School Name.
- c) Enter Your Child's **Student Number, Last Name, Date of Birth**.
- d) Select Continue.
- e) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select Continue.
- f) Your child has been added to your account.

If you require assistance, select the **SUPPORT** option in the bottom right hand corner of the screen or go to [helpdesk.supportschoolcashionline.com](http://helpdesk.supportschoolcashionline.com)

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#### FAQs

##### I've forgotten my password

Click on the "Forgot your password?" link to reset your password. A temporary password will be sent to the email address registered with your account.

##### How secure are my purchases?

KEV Group's top priority is to keep your personal information safe. Go to <https://helpdesk.supportschoolcashonline.com> and see Security for Security Policy and Privacy Policy.

##### What if I can't find my student?

Contact your school to confirm your student's details (sign up criteria) to ensure it matches exactly with what was entered in your school's records.

##### What if I can't see any items?

Each school creates their own items for purchase and assigns them to students. Once assigned, they will appear online under the student tab.

#### Need Help?

Go to [helpdesk.supportschoolcashonline.com](https://helpdesk.supportschoolcashonline.com)



Langley School District #35 - Langley



##### Contact your school office directly for the following issues:

- ✓ You require a refund for items purchased on School Cash Online
- ✓ When adding to the cart, the item displayed prevents you from completing your purchase correctly
- ✓ You made a purchase on an item incorrectly and want to change your order
- ✓ You are missing items that you thought were available to purchase. Items are created by the school and School Cash Online displays those items for parents to purchase

##### How To Make Online Payments for Your Student Fees using

### SchoolCashOnline

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#### Welcome to SchoolCashOnline



School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.

- ✓ Conveniently make payments for student fees online
- ✓ Stay connected and informed of all school activities
- ✓ Never miss out on field trips, school events, yearbooks and more

All you have to do is register, attach your students and in no time, you will be able to make payments online.

#### How to Register

1. Go to <https://sd35.schoolcashonline.com/> and click on Register

- ✓ Enter in your first name, last name, email and create a password.
- ✓ Select a security question.
- ✓ Check YES to receive email notifications

2. A confirmation email will be sent to you
  - Check spam

3. Follow the instructions in the email.

Your email is used as your username in your profile.

#### How to Add a Student

1. Sign In to School Cash Online
2. Go to MY ACCOUNT.
3. From the drop down menu, select My Students.
4. Click to add a student.
  - a. Type in your School Board Name
  - b. Select School Name from the list.
  - c. Enter Student Criteria (as set by your School Board)
  - d. CONFIRM

You can add up to 8 students on your profile.

#### How to Make a Payment

1. You will be able to view any available items attached to your students that are set up on your account.
2. Select the item that you would like to purchase and click "add to Cart".
3. Once you have finished adding items to your cart, select "Check Out" to make payment.

You can pay for multiple student's items in one Check Out.

#### Payment Types Accepted



Credit Cards



eCheck



Stay connected by receiving email notifications of new fees.



Never miss out on field trips, yearbook sales, and school events.



Pay required fees any time, any where.



Students no longer risk carrying cash and checks to school in their backpacks.