



# Redhawk

## RELEASE

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### Message From Your Principal

Welcome back, Redhawks! If you are new to DW Poppy Secondary, then we would like to welcome you to our school community!

We work together closely with our feeder schools: Peterson Rd., Wix Brown, Fort Langley, North Otter, and Coghlan Elementary schools. Together, we provide our students with strong community values while helping them reach their full potential.

DW Poppy takes pride in its long-standing traditions and provides strong academic, elective, and extracurricular programming within a linear and semester schedule.

We have a strong commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. In partnership with families and the community, we strive to create a school where differences are celebrated, barriers are dismantled, and unity is forged through understanding.

DW Poppy is also about students exploring and pursuing their passions. It is our goal that all students find a place at school where they feel a sense of connection and where their talents flourish. We encourage students to take advantage of the many opportunities provided through innovative elective courses, athletics teams, fine arts, and school clubs. It is through these shared experiences that students discover their strengths, build friendships, and strengthen their connection to their learning and our school.

We are excited about the upcoming school year, and we look forward to connecting with students and families!



**Jonathan Harris**  
**Proud Principal**  
**DW Poppy Secondary School**

### Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Grade 8s Only (12:30-3:05pm)

Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>  
ALL Students (8:55am-3:05pm)

Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
School Photo Day

Tuesday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>  
Spirit Week

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

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)





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## Course Change Requests

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Student timetables are available to view on MyEdBC. Student passwords were reset, and you should have received an email from MYEdBC. If you are having trouble accessing your MyEdBC account, please contact Ms. Heyes at [eheyes@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:eheyes@sd35.bc.ca)

Counsellors have been processing course change requests through the online form for grades **10-12**. The form is open and will close on **Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**. We will not be processing requests over the phone or by email. Students in grades **8 & 9** who have an incomplete timetable or took a summer school class that needs to be changed, please contact counselors by email.

Please note that not all requests are able to be fulfilled as many courses are currently full. The priority for completing course requests will be as follows:

1. You do not have a complete timetable (8 courses).
2. You are missing graduation requirements or post-secondary admission requirements.
3. You have already completed a course on your timetable, or you did not complete the pre-requisite course.
4. You wish to change your elective courses.
5. Students who completed summer school courses.

Please click [here](#) to submit your course change request.

**Please note: Timetables may have changed over the past week due to an increase in enrollment and the need to balance classes. Please check MyEdBC the day before the first day of classes to see your most updated schedule.**

**Counsellors have been working to process course change requests which began on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Some changes will not be possible. The main priority is to make sure all students have a complete timetable with all graduation required classes. Please submit requests **ONLY** through the online form. Counsellors will not be meeting with students or parents or taking requests by phone/email/TEAMS.**

Thank you,  
Ms. Riznek & Ms. Hayne

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## Transportation for First Day (Grade 8)

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Grade 8 students who take the bus, should keep an eye out for an email from the District Transportation Department which will tell you your pick-up time. Our office staff have also been calling parents to keep them informed of where the bus will arrive for pick-up. Arrival to the school on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> will be for our Grades 8s only and will be arriving between 12:15-12:30pm. Please see the September 3<sup>rd</sup> schedule below.



## First Week's Schedule

<b><u>THE FIRST WEEK</u></b>	
<b><u>Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b>  <b>Gr 8 Students Only</b>	<b>Home Room Lists posted in Front Foyer</b>  Grade 8s Arrive (bus drop-off) – 12:15-12:30pm Grade 8 Homeroom Orientation - 12:30-2:00pm Grade 8 Welcome: Dramnasium - 2:10-2:30pm Grade 8 Group & Staff Photo - 2:30-3:00pm (tennis courts) Grade 8s Dismissed (Bus Pick-up – 3:05pm)
<b><u>Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>ALL STUDENTS (Gr. 8-12)</b>  <b>Homeroom lists will be posted in the front foyer</b>  <b>Block A Class is Homeroom</b>	Warning Bell - 8:50am <b>Homeroom - 8:55-9:30am</b> Block A2 - 9:35-10:45am Block B2 - 10:50-12:00pm Lunch - 12:00-12:35pm Block C2 - 12:40-1:50pm Block D2 - 1:55-3:05pm Dismissal - 3:05pm
<b><u>Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b>Homeroom - 8:55-9:05am</b> Block C1- 9:10-10:10am Tutorial Hold (C1) - 10:15-10:45am Block D1 - 10:50am-12:00pm Lunch - 12:00-12:35pm Block A1 - 12:40-1:50pm Block B1 - 1:55-3:05pm
<b><u>Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b>Homeroom - 8:55-9:05am</b> Block D2 - 9:10-10:10am Tutorial Hold (D2) - 10:15-10:45am Block C2 - 10:50-12:00pm Lunch - 12:00-12:35pm Block B2 - 12:40-1:50pm Block A2 - 1:55-3:05pm
<b><u>Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>PHOTO DAY!</b>	<b>Homeroom - 8:55-9:05am</b> Block A1 - 9:10-10:10am Tutorial Hold (A1) - 10:15-10:45am Block B1 - 10:50-12:00pm Lunch - 12:00-12:35pm Block C1 - 12:40-1:50pm Block D1 - 1:55-3:05pm



<b><u>Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b>Homeroom - 8:55-9:05am</b> Block B2 - 9:10-10:10am Tutorial Hold (B2) - 10:15-10:45am <b>Block B2 - 9:50-10:45am (Grade 9/10 Assembly)</b> Block A2 - 10:50-12:00pm Lunch - 12:00-12:35pm Block D2 - 12:40-1:50pm Block C2 - 1:55-3:05pm
<b><u>Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Warning Bell - 8:50am A1 - 8:55-10:05am Tutorial Hold (A1) - 10:10-10:45am Block B1 - 10:50-12:00pm Lunch - 12:00-12:35pm Block C1 - 12:40-1:50pm Block D1 - 1:55-3:05pm

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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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## 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://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](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

## NEW DW Poppy Spirit Wear Store

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



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## Welcoming New Staff

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### OFFICE STAFF

- Shay Greentree - Office Assistant

### VICE-PRINCIPALS

- Tera Springenatic (Students with last names A-L)
- Sandy Gill (Students with last names M-Z)

### TEACHERS

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| • Riley Weatherby | • Tiffany Chen     |
| • Brenda Becker   | • Kylie Poohachoff |
| • Rick Rolleman   | • Delia Rinaldi    |
| • Laura Spindlove | • Hope Wilde       |
| • Reid Marriott   | • Landon Matties   |
| • Jared Bailey    |                    |

### COUNSELORS

- Melissa Hayne (students with last names A-L)
- Jenna Riznek (students with last names M-Z)

### SUPPORT STAFF

- Sukhjit Bhullar - Career Advisor
- Leighann Thomas - Library Technician
- Tsubasa Saito - ISP SEA
- Julie Strand - Complex Resource SEA

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## Parent Consent Request

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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.





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## **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**

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**

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.





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## 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

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

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. Our start-up date will be **Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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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## 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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## 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](#).

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## Student Life and Extra Curricular

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### **REDHAWKS ATHLETICS**

Athletics serve as an excellent conduit to forge new connections, establish friendships, and enhance our students high school experience. We strongly encourage all students to explore at least one sporting pursuit this year. Should your child have questions regarding athletics throughout the year, please encourage them to visit Mr. Ellis at the PHE office.

We have an exciting fall season which begins with the following tryouts:

- **Sr. Girls Volleyball tryouts September 3rd and 4th @ 3:15 in the Main Gym**
- **Jr Girls Volleyball tryouts September 4th and 5th @ 3:15 in the Main Gym**
- **Grade 8 girls and boys Volleyball Tryouts September 6th and 9th @ 3:15 in the Main Gym**
- **Jr. Boys soccer tryouts September 10th and 11th @ 3:15 on the back field**

Poppy Redhawks Athletics had another strong year in 2023/2024. There were 25 teams offered along with two athletic clubs. Many of these teams competed at the highest level the province had to offer. This year we saw our Sr. Girls Rugby get back on top with a first-place finish in the Eastern Valleys and then capping off an amazing season with a first place finish for BC Provincial Sports. Many of our student athletes from both the Sr girls and Sr boys rugby teams, moved on to continue playing at various universities with athletic scholarships.

Our Sr girls soccer team and our Sr boys rugby team both placed second this year in the Eastern Valley Championships, with the boys winning first place in their tier 2 provincial championships. Our aquatics team sent seven student-athletes to the Provincial championships this past in Victoria.

The upcoming season commences with a variety of fall sports, including volleyball, cross-country, swimming, and boys soccer. Students keen on participating on these athletic teams are encouraged to watch the Athletics Information Board adjacent to the main gym along with the DW Poppy Athletics Instagram page. This board will provide details about meetings and try-outs.

**If you are a parent looking to get involved with coaching please contact Mr. Ellis at [lee.ellis@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:lee.ellis@sd35.bc.ca) as we are looking for some community coaches to help with our volleyball teams. Specifically, we are looking for a Gr. 8 Boys coach, and a Gr. 9 Girls coach.**



This year we will be hosting parent/student athletic information nights which will meet prior to the seasons starting. At these meetings you will be given information on sports offered, meet the coaches, understand the codes of conduct for both students, coaches, and parents. There will be a table of merchandise for you to view that will be offered through our Redhawks Athletics merchandise store. This will be accessible to all students and their families. The store's opening will coincide with each season of play, lasting two weeks at a time. The store will be open once in the Fall and then again in the Winter. Don't hesitate to order some fantastic Redhawks swag for yourself.

We will not be continuing with a game-day t-shirt. Students who have purchased these in the past can continue to wear them and they will still be sold as a separate item but are not mandatory for student-athletes representing a school team this year.

### **FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS**

DW Poppy's Fine & Performing Arts, including Art, Drama, and Music continue to be provincially and nationally recognized programs and we look forward to another wonderful year in 2024/25.

**Art:** Students had numerous art pieces on display throughout the school last year demonstrating their in-depth studies and applied skills. This will continue under the guidance of Mr. Sandquist and opportunities for students to share their artwork with the school and community.

**Art (Yearbook):** Students who are interested in getting involved in yearbook, which now runs inside the timetable, should contact Mr. Fleming.

**Drama:** With the success of last year's musical, "The Perfect Pitch", the theatre department has expanded to include Theatre Production as a linear course. We are also excited to have Ms. Bowick joining Ms. Tobin officially as a theatre teacher. This year, students will be performing in The Wizard of Oz in Theatre Company. Additionally, drama students will engage in numerous scenes and skits of various sizes, some of which will be open to the public to see.

**Music:** We're very excited to welcome Ms. Chen to the music department as our new Choir and Vocal Jazz director! In addition, this spring's Junior and Senior music tours, all bands and choirs will return to the Kiwanis Music Festivals, Surrey Schools Jazz Festival, and perform at least four school concerts this year including the incredibly popular ESPRESSIVO events. All students interested in playing an instrument should see Mr. Follett in the Band Room (110), and those interested in singing should see Ms. Chen in the Choir Room (108). A reminder that students in our off-timetable classes (Senior Wind, both Jazz Bands and all three choirs) have a brief meeting at lunch on Friday, September 6th in the Band Room.

All Music Parents are asked to join us for our first **Music Parents Meeting 7:00pm on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** (after the Grade 8 Parents Meeting), where we will discuss plans for this year including our concert and festival schedule, our Junior and Senior Music Tours and fundraising plans to support your child's involvement in music.



Visit [www.dwpoppymusic.com](http://www.dwpoppymusic.com) once school begins for further details.

*The Arts, Athletics and Leadership work together to allow students to be involved in as many areas of the school as they choose. If there are any concerns about scheduling issues, please have your child speak with the relevant teachers/coaches and we will look for the best solution to support your child's experiences outside of the bells here at DW Poppy.*