



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear ACSS students and families,

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who joined our Teams Live Course Planning meeting Thursday evening. This is the time of year when we gather data to help us create our course schedule for the next school year. Next week staff will be meeting on Monday (virtually) with all students in Grades 8 – 11 to provide information about course registration. As the week progresses, our counselling team will be meeting with classes of students to facilitate course selections. Please see the course planning guides on our school website. <http://acsstotems.ca/> Course registration will be available until the end of the school day on February 24th.

For the most up-to-date information regarding school events and happenings please see the following school media sites:

Instagram – @acss.totems

Facebook - @aldergrovecommunitysecondary

Twitter - @acsstotems

We will continue to publish this weekly newsletter for our community as a resource for information about upcoming school events. Please continue to read our newsletter (we appreciate all our readers!) and please know that the information presented is meant to be timely and informative. As we have a continuous objective of sharing all the positive and exciting stories that occur daily, we encourage you to see our social media sites for information presented as close to “real-time” as we can provide it. Thank you.

Wishing everyone in our community a fantastic weekend. Thank you for reading this week's newsletter. See you next week!

Mr. M. Palichuk
Principal
Aldergrove Community Secondary School





Key Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, February 14 – Grade 8 Course Information Assembly at BGMS
- Thursday, February 17 – Grade 8 to 11 Course Information Assembly
- Thursday, February 17 – Grad 2022 Assembly
- Thursday, February 17 – Online Registration Opens
- Monday, February 21 – Family Day
- February 21st to February 25th – Diversity & Respect Week
- February 22nd to February 25th – Interim Report Card Week
- February 24th – Grade 9 & 10 Immunizations
- February 28th to March 4th – Student Learning Surveys Administered

Happy February from your Community School Coordinator

Check out this month's newsletter for workshop information, mobile dental clinics, and more.

<https://sway.office.com/wsDkgQzhe7GmfBMz?ref=Link>

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February 2022 – ACSS Course Planning Information

If you can believe it, we are well into the process of course planning and timetable programming for the 2022-23 school year. The attached calendar indicates the important dates as it relates to when students will have the opportunity to select courses for September 2022.

Each student has been given a paper copy of the course selection sheet to take home and share with parent(s)/guardian(s). This is not the official course selection sheet - it is a working draft that students may use in preparation for their scheduled course selection time next week. The ACSS Course Guide Booklets are available for viewing on the school website under the tab "Student Life", or click on the link below.

[Course Planning - Aldergrove Community Secondary \(sd35.bc.ca\)](https://sd35.bc.ca/course-planning)

A couple of highlights in the calendar (next page of newsletter) that is included in this newsletter:

- Gr. 9-11 students will be having a virtual presentation about course planning on Monday, Feb. 14th (in preparation for course selection sessions)
- Gr. 12's will be having a virtual Grad assembly on Thursday, Feb. 17th.





February 2022 – ACSS Course Planning Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
			Gr. 9 and Gr. 10-12 Course Planning Booklets available on ACSS website Parent Information Evening (via Teams) 6:30 – 7:00 PM – Incoming BGMS 7:00 – 8:00 PM – Current Gr. 9-11	
14	15	16	17	18
Admin to BGMS to discuss course selec- tions (Block A) Gr. 9-11 presentation (via Teams) @ 12:45 PM (Block C)	Counsellors to facilitate student course selections Gr. 9-11 (on paper and online in MyED BC)	BGMS current Gr. 8 course selections (on paper and online in MyED BC) (at BGMS) Counsellors to facilitate student course selections Gr. 9 & 10 (on paper and online in MyED BC)	Gr. 12 Grad Assembly (via Teams) @ 1:45 PM	
21	22	23	24	25
			Gr. 9-11 Student Course Selections online on MyED BC closed (at the end of the day)	
28	March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4
Student course selection catch up (with counsel- lors)	Student course selection catch up (with counsellors)	Student course selection catch up (with counsellors)	Student course selection catch up (with counsellors)	



ACSS

Totems

2022

Grad 2022 Hoodies are available for purchase on School Cash Online!
This will be our FINAL order for grad 2022 hoodies, so do not miss out. They are available in Navy Blue and Light Grey.
We only order exact amounts and sizes and will have no extras.
Order online by February 13th. There will be no extensions as this is the final sale.

The hoodies will arrive from our supplier around Spring Break!





Trinity Western University Spartans – Spring Break Rugby Camps

This camp is for all intro level and experienced rugby players who want to improve their skill and technical abilities while learning within the “Complete Champion” environment of TWU. Spartan coaches and athletes, who love seeing young athletes grow and improve, will teach each session. Skills will be developed through game-based learning, with a focus on the foundations of attacking and defensive skills in a safe environment. Athletes will develop a solid knowledge base of both rugby 7's and 15's. Participants will be grouped appropriate to their skill level to ensure the safest and most enjoyable experience possible for everyone. Come, have fun and raise your game to the next level!

MAXIMUM PARTICIPANTS: 40 per session

DATES & TIMES: Camp #1 – Monday 14th March-Thursday 17th March

AM Session for boys and girls Grades 6-8 – 10am-Noon

PM Session for boys and girls Grades 9-12 – 1pm-3pm

Camp #2 – Monday 21st March-Thursday 24th March

AM Session for boys and girls Grades 6-8 – 10am-Noon

PM Session for boys and girls Grades 9-12 – 1pm-3pm

COST: plus tax

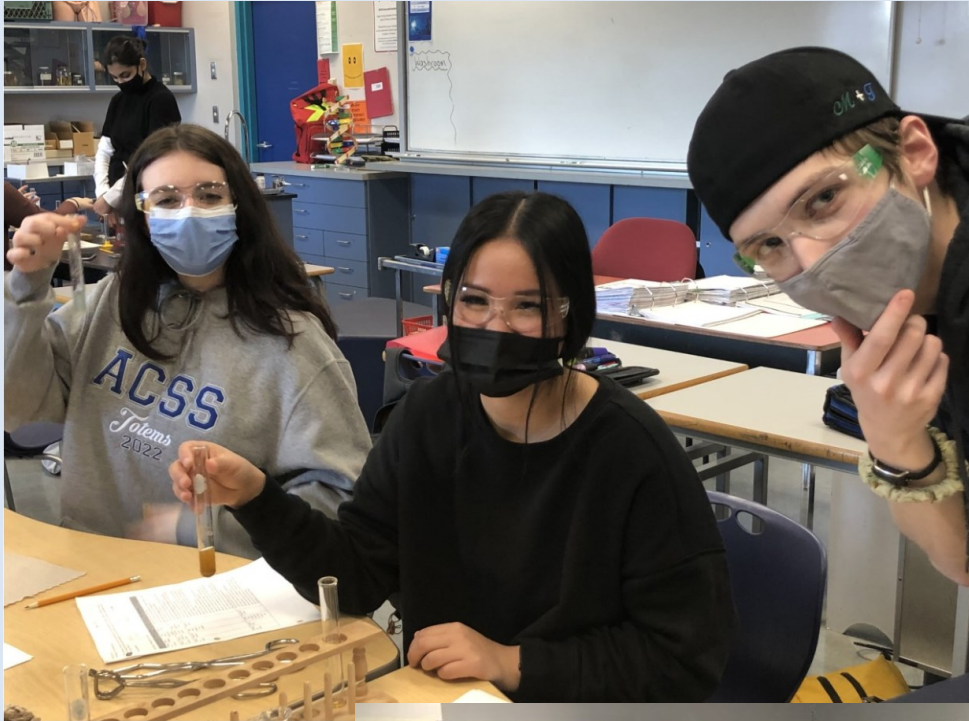
REGISTRATION: <https://gospartans.ca/sports/2022/2/1/2022-rugby-camps.aspx>

Boot Exchange

Outdoor sports are returning to ACSS this spring with Girls Rugby and hopefully girls soccer as well. With this in mind we are looking for some gently used soccer boots that are not being used anymore and you wish to clear some space in your closets. If you have something you would like to donate please drop them by the PE office for Mr. Hunter to collect. A Big Thanks in advance as this saves an extra expense to some of our athletes trying out new sports.

Anatomy and Physiology 12

Testing for biomolecules lab.





ALDERGROVE

YOUTH SOCCER CLUB



SPRING 2022 REGISTRATION

Boys & Girls Ages 4–15

March–June

REGISTRATION CLOSES

MARCH 18, 5:00 PM!

Our Goal is “Fitness & Fun”

www.aldergrovesoccer.com/play

AYSC – INSTILLING TEAMWORK, HEALTHY LIVING & LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS

The Aldergrove Youth Soccer Club (AYSC) is a duly registered BC non-profit society operated by volunteers that develops, promotes and organizes community soccer for boys and girls.

- AYSC players come together across school and neighborhood boundaries (Aldergrove, Langley, and West Abbotsford)
- very reasonable registration fees – quality soccer programs and coaching
- strong emphasis on community soccer – every child is given an opportunity to play, regardless of skill level or physical development
- AYSC players have received soccer scholarships to universities such as TWU, UFV, and UNBC
- instills teamwork, healthy living and lifelong friendships

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New Tool

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50% of proceeds to ACSS 2022 Dry Grad
Email orders to acssdrygrad2022@gmail.com

Order Deadline: February 18th, 2022



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Class of 2022

ACSS Dry Grad 2022 Fundraiser

Name of Grad student: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Name	Phone #	Quantity	Total cost (\$20 per broom)	Paid

****Orders are due **February 18th** Pick up @ ACSS **6pm March 2nd**

Any questions please email to acssdrygrad2022@gmail.com

Cash, Cheque payable to ACSS Dry Grad 2022



Scholarship Program for Langley Students

- * The Langley School District Foundation works with hundreds of donors to provide a range of financial support in order to reward Langley students for their academic and extracurricular achievements.
- * All scholarship donations are tax receiptable.
- * Would you like to create a legacy while helping a Langley student fulfill their educational goals by establishing your own award? We can help!
- * Contact Langley School District Foundation for more information about setting up a student scholarship, bursary, or award.





Daily Health Check and What to Do When Sick

As the province continues to update its online K-12 Health Checker, the Ministry of Education is sharing a new document with the school community to help guide families and keep everyone healthy and safe. Please review the **Daily Health Check and What to Do When Sick** guide as needed [here](#). You will notice an update on symptoms and protocols to help manage illness. Families are encouraged to continue using the Thrive **BC COVID-19 Assessment Tool** only to check symptoms and determine if you need a COVID-19 test.

Reporting School Absences

The school appreciates the work of families in following our processes when it comes to reporting student absences. As per Ministry guidelines, students and their families are being asked to indicate if the reason for the absence is due to illness. As per Ministry guidance, students do not need to disclose if their absence is specific to COVID-19; however, those who test positive for COVID-19 should be diligent in ensuring their school is aware their absence is illness-related. Providing us with accurate information regarding the reason your child is away, is extremely critical in helping keep our school community safe. This data will help our school, the District, and Fraser Health work together to assess and make decisions about closures which could impact operations and student learning. The attendance information families provide remains confidential, will not be shared, and is only used for reporting and planning purposes. If you have any questions about reporting absences, please feel free to contact the school.





COVID Procedures for Managing Illness

To help students, staff, and families in the weeks ahead, the District is sharing a document outlining information and public health guidance regarding COVID Procedures for Managing Illness. Please see attached.

SD35 (LANGLEY)

COVID-19 Procedures for Managing Illness

January 11, 2022

As shared with the community in the District's Continuity of Learning Plan, Fraser Health's process for contact tracing, case management, and exposure notifications is changing. The former processes that have been in place previously will not continue. This resource will help guide students, staff, and families on public health procedures related to COVID-19. It is important to note, these guidelines/procedures may change.

1. I am a student or staff who is sick and was at school on a given day. What should I do?

Stay at home until your symptoms are gone. Seek medical attention if needed. Use the [BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine guidance and recommendations for testing.

If you have any concerns, feel very sick, or your symptoms are not improving, contact your family doctor/nurse practitioner or call 8-1-1.

Students/staff should report their absence at school/work to their administrator. As per Ministry guidance, students and staff do not need to disclose if their absence is specific to COVID-19; however, those who test positive for COVID-19 should be diligent in ensuring their school is aware their absence is illness-related.

2. I am a student or staff who tested positive for COVID-19 either through a rapid test or PCR test. What should I do?

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should follow advice from the BC Centre for Disease Control, found [here](#). Please note, guidance and recommendations vary depending on an individual's vaccination status.

As per the BCCDC, if you test positive for COVID-19, you need to do the following:

- ▶ [Complete an online form to report your test result](#)
- ▶ [Self-isolate and manage your symptoms](#)
- ▶ [Let your close contacts know](#)

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3. Why is there no contact tracing or exposure notifications in K-12 schools?

The Omicron variant spreads rapidly and, as such, contact tracing is a less effective measure in the timely management of COVID-19. Public Health is no longer able to contact everyone who tests positive.

As Public Health is not contacting every person who tests positive, school exposures will not be issued by Public Health for individual cases. In the event of a declared outbreak, Public Health will issue a public notification.

Public Health will continue to work with schools if, for example, there is a significant increase in absenteeism that is atypical for the time of year and actions are to be taken, such as notification to the parents and guardians of the affected grade or school community.

Langley
Schools



New School COVID Measures

As we continue to ensure that we are all safe and healthy while at school, we ask that you:

- Wear your mask at all times when in the building (except when you are eating lunch).
- Sanitize your hands whenever you enter or re-enter the building.
- Try to maintain physical distancing in classrooms.
- Do not hang out in the hallways during transitions between classes.
- Wash your hands frequently.

What has been re-instated or changed?

Entrances to the building will be assigned per grade (the same structure as the 2020-21 school year).

- Gr. 9 and 10's must enter through the library foyer doors only.
- Gr. 11 and 12's must enter through the main foyer doors only.
- No other doors are to be used to re-enter the building (unless for an emergency). This includes the main gym foyer doors.
- BGMS students will only be accessing the Art room entrance

*Students may continue to eat lunch in a classroom, in the hallways (as long as they are sitting and physically distanced) as well as outside.

There will be a limit of two people at a time in washrooms.

Please do your very best to abide by the COVID-19 protocols that are structured for schools to keep you and every one healthy and safe.



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.

