



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear ACSS students and families,

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

Website: [www.acss.sd36.bc.ca](http://www.acss.sd36.bc.ca)

Instagram – [@acss.totems](https://www.instagram.com/acss.totems)

Facebook - [@aldergrovecommunitysecondary](https://www.facebook.com/aldergrovecommunitysecondary)

Twitter - [@acsstotems](https://twitter.com/acsstotems)

With the announcement from the provincial government that COVID restrictions will be reduced, we are looking forward to planning more in-person events, assemblies, and particularly, Grad 2022 activities. At the time of this newsletter writing, we are still waiting for confirmation from the School District regarding approved Grad functions. Please stay tuned for more information. As always though, we will keep following the health and safety protocols that have become a part of our daily lives – hand washing, sanitizing, mask-wearing and appropriate physical distancing are all measures that will be maintained. Thank you for your understanding.

Next week is the final full February week of classes – with spring break looming, we encourage all students to keep focused and working hard on their studies. Teachers will be providing interim reports to students/parents/guardian next week. On March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be facilitating Parent/Teacher Interviews at the school. More information about conference registration will be communicated soon.

Wishing everyone in our community a wonderful Family Day long 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 21 – Family Day (school closed)
- February 21 to February 25 – Diversity & Respect Week
- February 22 to February 25 – Interim Report Card Week
- February 24 – Grade 9 & 10 Immunizations
- February 28 to March 4 – Student Learning Surveys Administered
- March 9 & March 10 – Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Friday, March 11 – Last Day of Classes Prior to Spring Break

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## 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>

### Stephanie Eby

Aldergrove Community Schools Coordinator

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## **Gr. 9 and 10 Immunizations**

Earlier this week, all Grade 9 and 10 students were given an envelope (specific to their name) with information from Fraser Health about the immunizations that will be taking place at ACSS on Thursday, Feb. 24th. It is requested that a parent or guardian sign the consent form and then students are asked to return the envelope to the main office as soon as possible.

## **Interim Week: Feb. 22-25**

Communicating learning with students and parent(s)/guardian(s) throughout a term or a semester is integral in order to keep the school and home communities connected. During the week of Feb. 22-25th, ACSS teachers will be communicating with students and parents about the learning process and progress in their classes. This is not a formal reporting period (this means that this information is not reported in MyED BC). The interim process can take many forms: student/teacher reflections, an email via MyED BC, a message via TEAMS, a paper document that may be sent home or other forms of communication. An interim does not include a proficiency level, a letter grade, or a percentage. A work habit may be embedded within the form of communication but it is not required.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about the progress of your child as it relates to their learning.





GRAD 2022

## NEWSLETTER

February 18, 2022

Grad news provided by Ms. Caines - for any questions, please email [kcaines@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:kcaines@sd35.bc.ca) or call 604-856-2521 ext 244

Grad photo retakes took place on Tuesday, Feb 15th. Check MountainWest.ca with your code (photographers handed it to you on a piece of paper and told you to take a photo of it) in about 2 weeks time to see your retakes. These photos will be used in the yearbook. If you wish to use your original photos, you must let Ms. Caines know as soon as your retake proofs are available.



The fishbowl grad lounge has been painted and decorated (by grads) and is accessible during all study blocks for grads only. Feel free to pop by and get some studying on.



## Grad Cruise

Grad Cruise is tentatively scheduled for April 7th. While the PHO has given the go-ahead to slowly and cautiously resume activities, we are awaiting the final ok from Fraser Health and the Langley School District. Hoping for a positive update and recognizing that time is tight with spring break coming up, we have

added the \$85 fee to School Cash Online. Grads will be receiving permission forms for the grad cruise on February 28th. These permission forms will need to be signed by parents/guardians and returned to Ms. Caines by March 11th. Any grad wishing to take a student from outside of the grad class (grade 11 student, previously graduated student, student from another school, etc.) must pick up a guest form from the office or library. These will also need to be returned signed by parents/guardians and returned by March 11th. Guest interviews with admin will take place after spring break. We will have further grad cruise updates next week!

## Grad Ceremonies

Grad ceremonies are tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 20th at Christian Life Assembly (where many grad ceremonies for the Langley School District occur) next to Langley Secondary School and the Langley Airport. Our hope is that we can resume regular in-person grad ceremonies, our last full school-wide

ceremony at CLA took place in June 2019. It seems so long ago! We will have further updates about grad ceremonies, grad walk, and prom as we near grad season.



## Grad Hoodies

The final order for Grad 2022 hoodies was placed on Monday. We expect the hoodies to arrive shortly after spring break. As we only order based on what was placed online by students, we will have very limited sample sizes available for sale. After this order ships, our supplier will begin designing the Grad 2023 hoodies.



## Grad Barbeque

An impromptu grad barbeque happened in the parking lot Thursday at lunch. Thank you to Nathan M for organizing it and keeping everyone safe (and making sure there was no mess left behind.) When the weather is better, we will be hosting our annual grad BBQ in the courtyard at lunch. Stay tuned for more info!



SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**Langley**  
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM



***Come as a Visitor, Leave as a Friend***

## **HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED**

Have a life changing experience and welcome an international student into your home!  
Homestay families are provided **\$950/month** to offset costs!

### **CATCHMENT AREA SCHOOLS:**

Aldergrove Community Secondary  
Brookwood Secondary  
Langley Secondary  
Walnut Grove Secondary  
Langley Fine Arts Secondary  
Langley Fundamental Secondary  
R.E. Mountain Secondary  
D.W. Poppy Secondary

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

Please visit our International Student Program website (Homestay section): [www.studyinlangley.com](http://www.studyinlangley.com) and complete the online Homestay Application!

### **FURTHER INFORMATION:**

#### **Please contact:**

Langley School District  
International Students Program  
Tel: 604-534-7891

We are located at the  
Langley School Board Office  
4875 - 222 Street, Langley, BC





## Girls Rugby

Girls Rugby is thriving again! The once dominant program has resurfaced this year with great enthusiasm. We now have 27 young ladies committing to make this season a fun, exciting spring with lots of new experiences and our door is open for more to join our FAMILY!

The team practices every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3-4:30pm, see Ms. Pollastretti or Mr. Hunter if you are interested in getting involved.

Team photo



Team preparing to play



ACSS Rugby Alumni Lee Helm and Sonya Foulds have returned to ACSS to volunteer their time to coach the team and they are sporting the new Rugby off field kit. Welcome Back Sonya and Lee!! Thanks for helping lead our FAMILY.



## **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 14<sup>th</sup> March-Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> March-Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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>

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## **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.





# 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](http://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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## 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.



### **Scholarship Application Lunch Session – February 23 – 12:00-12:30**

Lunch time help is available in the library computer room to apply for the District Authority Award or Local Scholarships.

Scholarship applications are due February 28, so ensure you apply soon.

If you cannot make this lunch session and want to apply on your own, please go to the school Career Corner which has links to apply from home [HERE](#).



## **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](#)


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.

**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.







## 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](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.

