



MEET THE TEACHER

We are excited to host our Meet the Teacher Evening on Thursday, September 19 from 6:00 – 7:30PM at WGSS.

The first two weeks of the new school year have been fantastic in terms of students and staff getting settled into their new courses and our staff are excited to share a little bit about themselves and the courses that students will be engaged in for the semester, or in the case of a linear class, the school year.

A few things to note about Meet the Teacher Night:

- The purpose of this evening is for parents/guardians to meet with staff who will share general information about themselves, their courses, contact information etc.
- Staff will not be able to engage in specific, one-on-one conversations about how a student is progressing in each course. There is not enough time to engage in those specific conversations. They are best had during a separate meeting in a more confidential, private setting.
- As a parent/guardian, you will rotate through your student's schedule. We will go through the blocks as per the detailed schedule below. Please be sure to get an accurate schedule from your student and/or consult MyEducationBC for an up-to-date schedule.
- Teachers will be in their classrooms beginning at 6:00PM ready to start the rotation, beginning with Block A. Please arrive on campus prior to 6:00PM (approximately 5:45PM) so that you have time to find the class and be in place by 6:00PM.
- Parking is available in the north and south parking lot of the school campus.
- We will have GQ Ambassadors (our Grade 11 and 12 student leaders) to help you navigate the building and find your student's classrooms.

The schedule and rotation for the evening will be as follows:

- 6:00 – 6:15PM – Block A (Day 1/Day 2)
- 6:20 – 6:35PM – Block B (Day 1/Day 2)
- 6:40 – 6:55PM – Block C (Day 1/Day 2)
- 7:00 – 7:15PM – Block D (Day 1/Day 2)
- 7:15 – 7:30PM – Outside the timetable courses



Please note a few details about the above schedule:

- For a semester class, you will be in the class for the entire 15-minute period.
- If your student has linear classes, you will be with one teacher (the Day 1 class) for about 5 minutes. You will then make your way to the second teacher (the Day 2 class) for the remainder of the 15-minute block.
 - For Example: A student may have English 9 in Block A on Day 1 and may have PHE 9 in Block A on Day 2.
 - This student's parent/guardian would begin with the English 9 teacher (Block A, Day 1 teacher) at 6:00PM during Block A (as per above schedule). At approximately 6:05PM, the student's parent/guardian would make their way to the PHE teacher (Block A, Day 2 teacher) for the remainder of the Block A class (as per above schedule).
- The teacher may not use the whole time. They may take questions, let you find your next class or you can tour the school a bit on your way to the next class.
- We do understand that a student timetable may be confusing. Please ask your student to help you with any schedule questions before the evening – after all, they have lived it for the last two weeks and are experts now!

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, September 17	School Photo Day
Wednesday, September 18	HUB Day
Thursday, September 19	Meet the Teacher Night @6PM
Tuesday, September 24	Dry Grad Parent/Guardian Meeting @ 7PM
Wednesday, September 25	HUB Day
Friday, September 27	Every Child Matters Day (show support and wear orange)
Monday, September 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day (school closed)
Friday, October 4	School Improvement Day (students do not attend)
Wednesday, October 9	HUB Day
Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving Day (school closed)

MEDICAL ALERT – LIFE THREATENING

We want to ensure the school is aware of any student ***life-threatening conditions***. If your child has a new or updated life-threatening condition, please contact asargeant@sd35.bc.ca to have a Medical Alert form emailed to you for completion.



STUDENT FEES – SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Thanks to all our families who have already paid their student fees using our School Cash Online system. If you have not yet paid the \$30 student fee and \$70 grad fee (if applicable), please make sure this is done before the end of September.

WGSS has an online payment system that allows parents to pay for most school related items online. We encourage all WGSS families to pay their school fees using our online payment system. If you haven't already created an account, you can do so now. It only takes a few minutes to set-up and add your child(ren). Once this is completed, you will see available activities or fees that can be processed online. You will require the following three pieces of information to attach your child to your account: **Student ID** (found on your child's timetable or MyEd account), **child's legal last name** and **child's date of birth**.

You will also find instructions and information on our WGSS website: <http://wgss.ca/our-school/pay-your-school-fees/> or by visiting <https://sd35.schoolcashonline.com/> to get started.

Print or screen shot your online receipt: Your child will be **REQUIRED** to present their receipt to pick their purchased items such as locks, PHE strip, yearbook, etc. Your receipt can always be accessed and reprinted as needed from your account.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School Photo Day is Tuesday, September 17. All students will be photographed for security purposes and to receive their school ID cards. Information on how to purchase the optional photo packages was emailed home on September 10.

SELF-IDENTIFICATION OF ABORIGINAL ANCESTRY (FIRST NATIONS, METIS OR INUIT)

Aboriginal Ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification. This includes First Nations (Status or Non-Status), Metis, or Inuit Ancestry. If you have filled out the form in previous years, you do not need to send in a new one.

****Please fill out this [form](#) if student has Aboriginal ancestry (one form per child)****



SCHOOLMESSENGER IN THE LANGLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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](#).

SCHOOL HEALTH RESOURCES FROM FRASER HEALTH

- Our Healthy [Back-to-School Guide](#) has information on back-to-school anxiety, nutrition, safe travel to and from school, sleep and immunizations.
- Our [School Health](#) web resource has answers to the most frequently asked health-related questions from parents, teachers, and school administrators.
- Our [Healthy Schools Communications Toolkit](#) has monthly messaging on key health topics for parents/caregivers and students. Schools are encouraged to share these messages in school newsletters and on social media channels.

PARENT CONSENT REQUEST

Each year, Langley Schools asks 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 one 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 your school to correct it in our files.

If you have not received an email regarding Parent Consent Request by the end of the month or have any questions/concerns, please contact your school administrator.



ORDER YOUR GATOR GEAR!

What better way to feel part of Gator Nation than WGSS school attire! Get your Gator Gear here: https://store.vbsapparel.ca/Walnut_Grove_Secondary/shop/home



PAC MEETINGS 2024-25

We are very appreciative of our PAC and the Executive for the support that they provide for our students and our school! Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the WGSS library, with a few exceptions. There is no PAC Meeting in December or March. All parents/guardians are invited to attend.

Here are the dates for PAC Meetings for the 2024 – 2025 school year.

- September 10
- October 8
- November 12
- December – no meeting
- January 14
- February 11
- March – no meeting
- April 8
- May 13
- June 10 (Regular PAC Meeting and Annual General Meeting)



Gator News #1

DRY GRAD 2025 NEWS

*ARE YOU THE PARENT/GUARDIAN
OF A GRADE 12 STUDENT?*

*PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FIRST
DRY GRAD 2025 MEETING ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 IN THE
WGSS LIBRARY!*