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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Gator Families,

We are in the home stretch and things are buzzing with excitement here at WGSS! June is always bustling with activities, but it's also a special time for us to come together and celebrate the achievements and growth we've experienced as a school community. Don't forget to follow our social media channels—Ms. Florko consistently shares the fantastic moments and accomplishments at WGSS every day!

We are in the final stages of the Spring athletics season and our Gator athletes have seen great success. The Senior Girls Soccer Team travelled to Kamloops for the Provincial Championships, where they earned an amazing 6th place finish. The Senior Boys Rugby team qualified for the first time ever for the Provincial 7 a side Championship and came back with an 11th place finish. This week, Track and Field takes centre stage as our athletes showcase their talents at Macleod Athletic Park for the provincial championships. Thank you to all the coaches who have given their time to support our Gator athletes to achieve great success in their respective sports. Looking forward to a great year of Gator Athletics in 2026-27.

This past week, our Arts Education Department hosted the annual WGSS Art Show, showcasing the incredible talents of our students! This year's exhibition features a diverse array of artwork, including stunning paintings, intricate clay creations, expressive drawings, captivating photography and much more. It has been a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and appreciate the creativity and hard work of our young artists. As part of the Art Show, an Anonymous Artist Showcase was held, where visitors had the opportunity to purchase student work. Over 30 paintings for our young artists were sold! Thank you to our students and our amazing staff for putting this special event together!

On June 2nd, we hosted our annual Scholarship Recognition Afternoon where we recognized 84 graduating students who were receiving scholarships. We awarded over \$100 000 in scholarships from private donors and the Ministry of Education. This does not include any entrance scholarships that students have won. Huge congratulations to our students on their success and accomplishments. We are grateful to the many donors who make these scholarships possible for our graduating students. Special thanks to Ms. Twemlow, Ms. Miller, and the countless staff who put hours into supporting students in their scholarship applications and of course putting together the wonderful celebration.

On Wednesday evening, we hosted our annual Evening of Inspiration where we honoured twelve graduating students who espoused the District Core Values of Integrity, Excellence, Courage and Community. We celebrated each student by having a staff member sharing their successes and accomplishments in their time at WGSS. We heard stories of academic excellence, resilience, overcoming adversity, athletic success, community service and more. The future is indeed in good hands. Congratulations to all of our winners of the WGSS "Grads Who Inspire Us" Award!



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Yesterday, the Music Department hosted "The Final Turnaround", a night of performances from our Vocal Jazz group and our Junior and Senior Jazz Bands. The performances from the students were amazing and the smaller intimate setting of the theatre space provided a great backdrop. This was a great way to kick off the end of the music season, as we head into next week with the District Vocal Jazz Festival on Monday and the Year-End Music Concert with choir and concert bands on Tuesday. Hopefully you can join us for amazing nights of music.



As mentioned in the last Gator News, students and staff have been fundraising through a variety of activities to raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation to support cancer research. Our senior leadership class did an incredible job planning different activities with the hopes of raising \$10 000 and earning an extended lunch hour. I am excited to say that our school was able to meet and exceed that goal. Thank you to Ms. Kim and the Senior Leadership class for all their efforts and thank you to all who donated.

Students will receive their extended lunch on Thursday, June 11. Way to go Gators!

We have only two weeks of classes. Our last day of regular classes is Thursday, June 18th. As we wrap up the last few weeks, please do not hesitate to reach out to teachers if you have any questions or concerns regarding student progress. Teachers will reach out to families if they are concerned about a student not being successful in a course. As you may know, the final Learning Update for the year will be published on June 25th.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Mr Mike Pue
Proud Principal

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INTERMEDIATE CONCERT BAND VICTORIA TRIP

The Intermediate Concert Band left for an early morning trip to Victoria on May 27. Highlights included performing a concert in front of the Parliament Buildings, touring the Legislature, and observing a live session (where WGSS received a shout-out from our MLA). Just before entering the session, Premier David Eby had a brief conversation with one of our groups, asking where we were visiting from. Our tour guide noted that this was the first time the Premier had ever interacted directly with one of his student groups!





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GRADUATION ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

June 2026 Assessment Schedule						
Class	Teacher	Term	Block	Date	Session	
Make up session for students who missed previous sessions of Literacy 10/12 and Numeracy 10 (students will be messaged on Teams)				Mon, June 8	AM	
WORKPLACE MATHEMATICS 10	Lowes	S2	A	Tues, Jun 9	AM	
FOUNDATIONS OF MATH AND PRE-CALCULUS 10	Damavandi	S2	B			
FOUNDATIONS OF MATH AND PRE-CALCULUS 10	Miller	S2	C	Tues, June 9	PM	
FOUNDATIONS OF MATH AND PRE-CALCULUS 10	Miller	S2	D			
FOUNDATIONS OF MATH AND PRE-CALCULUS 10	Damavandi	S2	C	Wed, June 10	PM	
FOUNDATIONS OF MATH AND PRE-CALCULUS 10	Damavandi	S2	D			
WORKPLACE MATHEMATICS 10	Lowes	S2	C	Thurs, June 11	AM	
FOUNDATIONS OF MATH AND PRE-CALCULUS 10	Heuvig	S2	D			
FOUNDATIONS OF MATH AND PRE-CALCULUS 10	Nesbitt	S2	D			
AM Session - arrive by 8:15 in the library; assessment runs from 8:30-11:30						
PM Session - arrive by 11:45 in the library; assessment runs from 12:00-3:00						



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OUTSTANDING SCHOOL/COURSE FEES AND LIBRARY/CLASSROOM ITEMS

A reminder to families that all outstanding school fees, program fees, and library items are now due. Please login to your School Cash Online account to view what is owing. Students can check with Mr. Janzen or Ms. Ekici in the Library to see what items still need to be returned. Students with outstanding fees/items will not receive their yearbook, and **Grads will also not be able to pick up their cap & gown or ceremony tickets until their account is cleared.**

If you are in a position where paying fees is difficult for you and/or your family, please connect with your student's Vice Principal.

ERASE BULLYING REPORT IT TOOL

The [ERASE Bullying Report It Tool](#) is a way for students to report bullying, threats, or unsafe situations—anonously and securely. If you or someone you know is being bullied, feeling unsafe, or worried about violence at school, you can use this tool to get help from trusted adults. [Interested in seeing a counsellor?](#)



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DRY GRAD

Next Meeting

- June 9 at 6:30pm in WGSS Library



Scan QR code to join our Dry Grad 2026 parent group on Facebook to stay up to date: Walnut Grove Secondary Dry Grad 2026.

The 2026 Parent Dry Grad Committee would like to extend the opportunity to parents and Grads to purchase their Dry Grad Event tickets via e-transfer/email to June 10th.

*Each ticket is \$65.00. Please e-transfer your payment to wgssdrygrad2026@gmail.com. In the notes section please put your child's name.

*We need forms - part A, B (if your child or guest is 19 or older) and part C plus the Houle waiver filled out and emailed to us. They can be scanned or a photo of them will be fine. Please click [here](#) for forms.

We also need proof that a banquet ticket has been purchased. A screenshot of the receipt needs to be sent with all the forms.

The event details are as follows.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 23rd to Wednesday, June 24th
 TIME: 11:30pm to 6:00am
 WHERE: Langley Events Centre – Field House
 COST: \$65 per ticket

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Bus transportation from Aria Banquet Hall to Langley Events Centre
- Food, snacks, and beverages throughout the night
- Comedic Hypnotist Show
- Classic Photo Booth, Coffee Bar, Mocktails, Casino with Blackjack, Poker, Slots and Roulette, DJ, Oxygen Bar, lounge and so much more!!
- Attractions including a Bootcamp Obstacle Course, The Eliminator, Wipe Out, Hamster Ball, Human Hungry Hippo, Foosball, and Mini Golf. Just to name a few!!

We hope to see everyone there!

Regards,
 Your 2026 Parent Dry Grad Committee



The sole purpose of our Dry Grad Event is to protect, celebrate, and support our students as they step into their next chapter of life. With rising costs and sponsorship low the WGSS 2026 Parent Dry Grad Committee is asking the community for help.

Ways that you could help:

- 1) Cash/Cheque (No tax receipt)
 - Payable to WGSS DRY GRAD 2026 and can be dropped off at the school
- 2) School Cash Online (No tax receipt)
 - Donate online via the school cash online portal
- 3) Tax-Receipt Donation
 - Donate online
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/langley-school-district-foundation/p2p/wgssdrygrad2026/>
Cheques payable to the Langley School District Foundation
Memo WGSS Dry Grad
Deliver to 4875 222nd st. Langley BC V3A 3Z7
- 4) E-Transfer
 - Wgssdrygrad2026@gmail.com

Thank you for helping us give our grads the safe and unforgettable send out they deserve.

Please click [here](#) to view all Dry Grad details in the Dry Grad Package!

Any questions please let us know at wgssdrygrad2026@gmail.com OR on our Facebook page: [Walnut Grove Secondary Dry Grad 2026](#)



FROM OUR PAC

PAC Executives for the 2025 – 2026 school year:

- President - Itzel Symonds
- Vice President - Valerie Steckler
- Treasurer - Shivani Khera
- Secretary - Amy Olson
- DPAC Rep - Rebecca Hardin
- Members at Large - Stephen Northrup and Tali Litvak Kor

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to extend a personal invitation to our upcoming PAC Annual General Meeting (AGM) where we will vote on next year's budget, and elect the PAC Executive. Your voice matters. We encourage everyone to attend and be part of the decisions that support our school, our children, and our community.

The meeting will be held on June 11th at 7pm in the Library.

We look forward to seeing you there and enjoying some of our famously delicious cafeteria treats together!



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FROM OUR DISTRICT

School District #35 (Langley) 2026-2027 School Calendar Walnut Grove Secondary School

MONTH	DATE	
September	Sep 7 (M)	Labour Day (School Closed)
	Sep 8 (T)	School Opens
	Sep 25 (F)	School Improvement Day (Students Not in Attendance)
	Sep 30 (W)	Truth and Reconciliation Day (School Closed)
October	Oct 12 (M)	Thanksgiving (School Closed)
	Oct 21 (W)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Oct 22 (Th)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Oct 23 (F)	Professional Development Day (Provincial - Students Not in Attendance)
November	Nov 11 (W)	Remembrance Day (School Closed)
	Nov 20 (F)	Design & Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students Not in Attendance)
	Nov 27 (F)	Learning Updates Issued
December	Dec 17 (Th)	Last Day Prior to Winter Break
January	Jan 5 (T)	School Re-Opens After Winter Break
	Jan 28 (Th)	Last Day of Regular Classes - Semester 1
February	Feb 3 (W)	Semester 2 Begins
	Feb 5 (F)	Learning Updates Issued
	Feb 8 (M)	Professional Development Day (District - Students Not in Attendance)
	Feb 15 (M)	Family Day (School Closed)
March	Mar 10 (W)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Mar 11 (Th)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Mar 12 (F)	Last Day Prior to Spring Break
	Mar 26 (F)	Good Friday (School Closed)
	Mar 29 (M)	Easter Monday (School Closed)
	Mar 30 (T)	School Re-Opens After Spring Break
April	Apr 12 (M)	Design & Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students Not in Attendance)
	Apr 23 (F)	Learning Updates Issued
May	May 21 (F)	Professional Development Day (District - Students Not in Attendance)
	May 24 (M)	Victoria Day (School Closed)
June	Jun 29 (T)	Final Learning Update & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 30 (W)	Administrative Day (Students Not in Attendance)
July / August		Summer Session

APPROVED: SD35 Board of Education Meeting
April 28, 2026



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Summer Session 2026 – Elementary/Middle/Secondary

Are you looking for skill-building or new learning opportunities for your child to keep them engaged during the summer? The District offers a variety of courses as part of Summer Session. Online registration begins on Wednesday, April 22nd for Elementary (Grades 1 to 5), Monday, April 27th for Middle (Grades 6 to 8), and Wednesday, April 29th for Secondary (Grades 9 to 12) at 11:30am each day for Langley School District students. For important dates, times, and courses available to Grade 1-12 students, please visit our webpage [here](#).

Middle School and Secondary School Registration 2026-2027

The Langley School District is expanding its online school registration to middle and secondary school students. If you or someone you know is expecting to apply for entry into a middle or secondary school as a new student in September 2026, please note that the application process is online beginning on January 5, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact your catchment school. For instructions and information about required documents please visit the District website [here](#).



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FROM FRASER HEALTH

Summer Health Information

Health, safety, and wellness continue to be a priority in our schools. To help support our students and families, we are sharing important information from our community partner Fraser Health about summer health for school-aged children and youth. Please see below for helpful reminders to support your child.

Keeping Kids Healthy and Safe this Summer – Tips for Parents

Summer is a time for fun and relaxation. Below are some tips to help your kids stay active, healthy and safe during the summer months.

Sun Protection

Help avoid sunburns by applying a sunscreen with Sun Protection Factor (SPF) 30 or more at least 20 minutes before heading outside. Avoid the hot sun between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. if you can. Seek places with lots of shade, such as parks with big trees. Take an umbrella to the beach and cover up with sunglasses that protect against UV rays, a wide brimmed hat, long sleeves and loose-fitting long pants.

Heat and Smoke Preparedness

With increased likelihood of hot temperatures, remember to keep children cool inside and outside. Watch the media for heat and smoke events. The [WeatherCAN](#) app can help.

Sustained indoor temperatures over 31°C can be unsafe. If there is no source of cool air, [don't rely on fans alone](#) during very hot weather. Relocate to a cool, shady outdoor space, or head to a library, mall or [community cooling centre](#). Make sure you and your family know the signs and symptoms of heat illness and how to get help. Learn more on the [Sun and heat safety](#) page.

Summer can also bring smoke from wildfires. Learn about the health impacts of smoke and change outdoor plans if needed. Find out how to be ready for smoke and know about the air quality in your community at Fraser Health's [Wildfire smoke](#) page and in this [postcard](#).

Eat Well, Stay Active and Hydrate

Encourage your children to drink water regularly. Build the habit of always carrying a water bottle with them wherever they go.



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Healthy, active outdoor play is one of the best ways to improve physical and mental health. If your children are involved in sports, learn about heat precautions that can be taken during [practice](#). If your children love the water check out these tips on [water safety](#).

[Local farmers' markets](#) and [u-pick farms](#) are fun outdoor activities where you can enjoy seasonal produce. Did you know that over half of the blueberries harvested in B.C. are sold frozen in your local grocery store? Enjoy these nutrient-dense berries as fresh or frozen, with yogurts and in smoothies.

Find more summer health tips in Fraser Health's [Healthy summer guide](#).