

# Gator News

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Gator Families,

As we come to the end of another school year at Walnut Grove Secondary, I just want to take a moment to say thank you. It's been a really great year, and I'm grateful for our students, staff, and the whole WGSS community.

The past few weeks have really highlighted what makes WGSS so special. There's been so much to celebrate—whether it's student learning, school spirit, or the many accomplishments across the school. It's been great to see everyone come together and recognize all that's been achieved.

I'm really proud of the students and staff for the work they've put in all year, and especially how they've finished strong. The energy, sense of community, and commitment to learning have really stood out.

Thanks to our staff, students, and families for everything you've contributed this year. You're what makes WGSS such a great place. It's been a memorable year.

#### *Grad Week at WGSS:*

On Monday we hosted our Grad Walk and Grad Ceremony. Our grads were able to walk through the halls of WGSS and have staff cheer them on and congratulate them as well. Our visits to the elementary schools were fantastic as usual. You can view this year's Grad Walk on YouTube [here](#).



That same evening, we hosted our grad ceremony and honoured all of our graduates and the work that they have done to find success throughout their time at WGSS! Congratulations as well to all the family

On Tuesday this week, we hosted our graduation banquet followed by an amazing Dry Grad event. Thank you to all the members of the Dry Grad Committee, who volunteered their time to create a safe and entertaining event for the Grads to celebrate together one last time.

Yesterday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, we published the final Summary of Learning reports for semester two and the school year. Please be sure to login to MyEd BC to see the final report cards.

As we say goodbye to another school year, we also say goodbye to some of our staff members. As many of you already know, we have several staff members moving on to take on new challenges and opportunities:

- Ms. Rena Arnaout – Learning Support Services, SEA
- Mr. Jai Wook Baik – Learning Support Services, SEA
- Ms. Pam Bhandal – Learning Support Services, Teacher
- Ms. Marisa Berger – Home Economics & English, Teacher



- Ms. Monica Bhattacharjee – Learning Support Services, Teacher
- Ms. Abbey Cairns – Learning Support Services, SEA
- Ms. Sarah Caranto – Student Support Services, Youth Care Worker
- Mr. Brandon Cho – Learning Support Services, SEA
- Ms. Leah Corenblum – Modern Languages, Teacher
- Ms. Diane Courtney – Learning Support Services, Teacher
- Ms. Sue Docherty – Student Support Services, Counselling
- Ms. Laurina Floris – Learning Support Services, Teacher
- Ms. Kiaran Gill – Science, Teacher
- Ms. Bailey Griffin – Learning Support Services, Teacher
- Ms. Mikaela Grothe – Modern Languages, Teacher
- Ms. Rachel Hanson – Social Studies, Teacher
- Ms. Meg Harradine – WGSS Office, Vice-Principal
- Ms. Randi Jassmann – Student Support Services, Counselling
- Ms. Nicole Kenyon – Learning Support Services, Teacher
- Ms. Karen Larsen – Learning Support Services, Teacher
- Ms. Janet Liu – Learning Support Services, SEA
- Ms. Rani Madray – WGSS Office, Computer Operator
- Ms. Danielle Meshen – Home Economics, Teacher
- Ms. Daynery Moo – Learning Support Services, SEA
- Ms. Laurel Peck – Learning Support Services, Teacher
- Ms. Noemie Potvin – Modern Languages, Teacher
- Ms. Emma Sweeney – English, Teacher

To all those who are taking on new adventures next school year, we wish you best of luck and thank you for all that you have done for our students at WGSS.

Finally, I would like to recognize the following groups:

- I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible WGSS staff. Your dedication, care, and commitment to our students make Walnut Grove a truly special place to learn and grow.
- I am equally grateful to our students. We are fortunate to have such outstanding young people at Walnut Grove Secondary. Time and again, I hear from community members, staff, and visitors about the positive energy and pride our students bring to the school. They are the heart of our welcoming culture and the source of our strong Gator spirit.
- To our parent community, thank you for your ongoing support. Your partnership and encouragement make a meaningful difference in supporting our students, staff, and programs.
- A special thank you goes to our PAC for their exceptional work over the past year in enhancing opportunities for our students. I also want to thank them for their contribution to a wonderful year-end staff recognition lunch.

I wish all of you a safe and relaxing summer full of time with friends and family. See you in September.

*Mr Mike Pue*  
Proud Principal



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## IMPORTANT DATES

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| Sept 8  | First Day of School for Grade 8's and New Students          |
| Sept 8  | Photo Day for Grade 8                                       |
| Sept 9  | First Day of School for ALL returning Grade 9 – 12 students |
| Sept 18 | Photo Day for Grades 9-12                                   |
| Sept 25 | School Improvement Day – Students not in session            |
| Sept 30 | Truth & Reconciliation Day – School closed                  |



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## We're going to... Italy and Greece in Spring 2027!

We currently have 7 spots left!

If you refer a friend who enrolls on the trip by July 5<sup>th</sup>, your name will be entered into a draw to get a \$100 voucher off the cost of your trip.

Scan the QR code to enroll!



[www.eftours.ca/enroll/2986951MR](http://www.eftours.ca/enroll/2986951MR)

\*Let Mrs. Neuscheler know that your friend is enrolling on the trip BEFORE they sign up in order to qualify. Valid for 1 referral per traveller.

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Registration Numbers: TICO 2395858 | CPBC 73991 | OPC 70273



If you have any questions about the trip or enrollment process, please see Ms. Neuscheler for more information. We can't wait to explore the wonders of Italy and Greece with you!



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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)	<b>Labour Day (School Closed)</b>
	Sep 8 (T)	School Opens
	Sep 25 (F)	<b>School Improvement Day (Students Not in Attendance)</b>
	Sep 30 (W)	<b>Truth and Reconciliation Day (School Closed)</b>
October	Oct 12 (M)	<b>Thanksgiving (School Closed)</b>
	Oct 21 (W)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Oct 22 (Th)	1 Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Oct 23 (F)	<b>Professional Development Day (Provincial - Students Not in Attendance)</b>
November	Nov 11 (W)	<b>Remembrance Day (School Closed)</b>
	Nov 20 (F)	<b>Design &amp; Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students Not in Attendance)</b>
	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)	<b>Professional Development Day (District - Students Not in Attendance)</b>
	Feb 15 (M)	<b>Family Day (School Closed)</b>
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)	<b>Good Friday (School Closed)</b>
	Mar 29 (M)	<b>Easter Monday (School Closed)</b>
	Mar 30 (T)	School Re-Opens After Spring Break
April	Apr 12 (M)	<b>Design &amp; Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students Not in Attendance)</b>
	Apr 23 (F)	Learning Updates Issued
May	May 21 (F)	<b>Professional Development Day (District - Students Not in Attendance)</b>
	May 24 (M)	<b>Victoria Day (School Closed)</b>
June	Jun 29 (T)	Final Learning Update & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 30 (W)	<b>Administrative Day (Students Not in Attendance)</b>
July / August		Summer Session

APPROVED: SD35 Board of Education Meeting  
 April 28, 2026



**Transportation Registration For 2026-2027 - (Schools with Bussing Only)**

The District is reminding eligible riders to register for transportation for the 2026-2027 school year. To help in our planning and creation of bus routes, registrations for ALL riders must be submitted as soon as possible. The District cannot guarantee approval as the deadline has passed and registration has transitioned to wait list procedures. New and existing riders can find more information on our Transportation Registration 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

### **Fraser Health: Same-Day Care Survey**

Our community partner, Fraser Health, is seeking information from families regarding health care experiences. To help support improvements in the health care system, please complete this five-minute survey about Same-Day Care in the attached poster or [here](#).

### **Summer Immunization Clinic for Grade 12 Students**

Our community partner, Fraser Health is reminding graduating students to get the HPV vaccine before they move on to next steps. The HPV vaccine works best at a younger age to prevent several types of cancer, so Fraser Health is offering immunizations to these youth as they won't have the chance to get immunized in the school next year. Appointments will be made available to any students that missed the in-school clinics. See the attached flyer for details. For more information on getting vaccinated, read [here](#).

### **Take Back Your Images Campaign**

The Province is raising awareness about laws, protections, and support for students regarding the sharing of intimate images. It is important to note the non-consensual sharing of images is illegal. Having your private images shared without your consent can happen quickly and have serious impacts. The Intimate Images Protection Service provides coordinated support to people in BC who have had someone share (or threaten to share) their intimate images without their consent. You can find more information about the Intimate Images Protection Service [here](#). To help protect you and your loved ones, you can read more about the Take Back Your Images campaign attached.