



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Gator Families,

Hopefully, everyone has recovered from the energy, excitement and sugar rush of Halloween...not to mention the effects of the time change as we fall back to standard time. Halloween was a great day here at WGSS, as students and staff alike showcased their amazing creativity and Halloween spirit as they dressed up in incredible costumes. Thanks to Student Council, who hosted the annual costume competition. I also want to recognize how respectful and thoughtful students were in their choice of costumes to ensure that everyone could feel safe and enjoy the day.

Our athletics team have also been busy, as many teams saw great success in District playoffs and are now preparing for Eastern Valleys. We were excited to honour our Grade 12 athletes on the Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball teams, who were celebrated for their achievements at Seniors nights. Congratulations to all the student athletes for their achievements so far and best of luck as we move towards Provincial Championships at the end of the season.

The musical talents of WGSS students were showcased at the Fall Music Concert on Thursday night. Thank you to Mr. Angell and Mr. Rogers for all their efforts and organization that go into making the evening a wonderful event. Additionally, roles have been finalized by the musical theatre department for the Spring production of Chicago: Teen Edition. I know that staff and students are really looking forward to sharing their talents with the community.

As I write this, our school is getting ready to host our Remembrance Day assemblies. Our student and staff team have done a wonderful job of putting together an assembly that will honour veterans and the sacrifices that they have made. I also want to recognize that November 8th is National Indigenous Veterans Day, which is an opportunity to commemorate the Indigenous veterans who after the war, returned home to continued discrimination, including in some cases denial of benefits, loss of Indian Status, and expropriation of their land by the government for non-Indigenous veterans. This day of remembrance started in Winnipeg in 1994 because Indigenous Veterans were not recognized nor allowed to participate in Remembrance Day activities. I hope that everyone takes some time over the next few days to reflect and commemorate all the veterans.

Looking ahead, We have our first pep rally of the year on Wednesday November 12th. The following Wednesday is our final hub day of semester 1. We are also coming to the end of term 1, meaning that formal learning updates are right around the corner. These will be published through MyEdBC on Friday, November 21, so please be sure you are able to login. If you have questions or concerns about your student's progress in any of their classes, please be sure to reach out to the classroom teacher directly.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful weekend.

Mr Mike Pue

Proud Principal



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IMPORTANT DATES

November 10	Design & Assessment - Students Not in Attendance
November 11	Remembrance Day – School Closed
November 12	Math Contest
November 13	PAC Meeting in Library @7pm
November 17	SFU Beedie School of Business @REP (Cafeteria)
November 19	Grade 9 Immunizations
November 19	HUB Day
November 21	Learning Updates Issued in MYED
December 1 – 6	Grad Photos
December 10	WGSS Christmas Concert
December 19	Last Day Prior to Winter Break!
January 5	School Re-Opens after Winter Break

GATOR NATION BREAKFAST CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Our Breakfast Club has started and we are looking for volunteers who can assist. If you are willing and able to assist one or more mornings per week (7:45-8:45am) please contact our Breakfast Club Volunteer Coordinator, Rebeca Monzo: rmonzo@lwchurch.ca

WGSS GATOR GEAR ARRIVED!

We still have a few orders of **WGSS Gator Gear** that haven't been picked up. If you ordered in September and your student hasn't already done so, please ask them to come to the office before/after school or during lunch to pick up their order.



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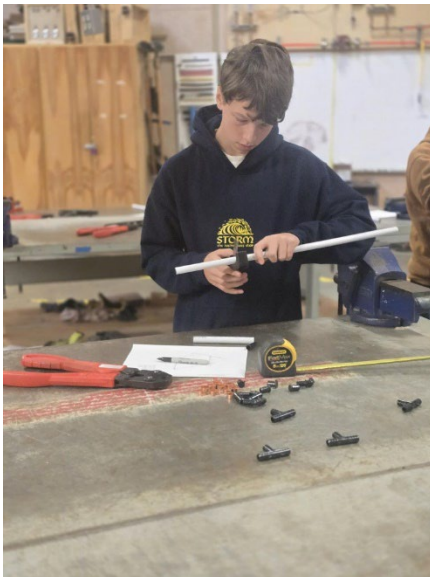
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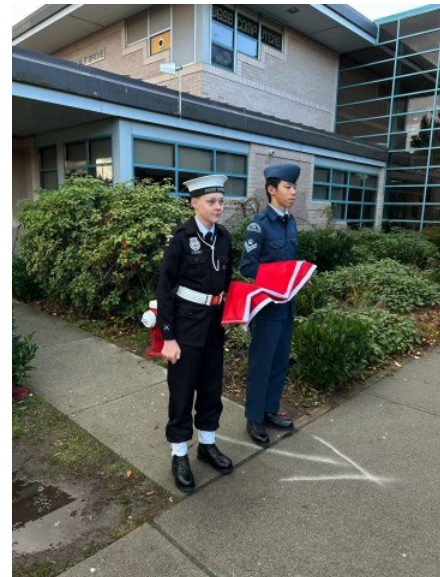
District Music Concert



Happy Diwali!



WGSS takes on KPU!



WGSS Juno Beach Memorial Flag is currently flying at the front of the school.



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LAST TWO WEEKS IN PHOTOS!



1st Place for Sr Girls Volleyball at Peace Arch Classic Tournament!



Bronze Medal for Jr Boys Volleyball at New Westminster Tournament!



Grade 8 Girls finish 2nd at the Bear Club Classic Tournament in Chilliwack!



ISP Victoria Trip



ATTENTION GRADE 12 PARENTS

****Attention Grade 12 Parents****

Help celebrate the Class of 2026 with a safe, fun, and unforgettable Dry Grad celebration! Dry Grad is an alcohol- and drug-free event organized by parents to give graduating students a night to remember - filled with entertainment, prizes, and memories that last a lifetime.

Unlike school-sponsored events, Dry Grad is entirely parent-run and funded through community donations, fundraising, and volunteer efforts. The school supports the initiative but does not provide direct funding, making parent involvement essential to its success.

Join the committee today and be part of creating a meaningful send-off for our graduates!

Chair: michellesparrow@gmail.com

Next Meeting: Monday, Nov. 17th at 7pm in the library



REPORTING AN ABSENCE

The school uses an automated absence reporting system called SafeArrival, offered through SchoolMessenger. With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these three convenient methods:

1. **SchoolMessenger App** – Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. The first time you use the app, select “Sign Up” to create your account. You must use the same email address and phone number that is on file at the school. Select “Attendance” then “Report an Absence”.
2. **SafeArrival Website** – Use the SafeArrival website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select “Sign Up” to create your account. You must use the same email address and phone number that is on file at the school. Select “Attendance” then “Report an Absence”.
3. **Toll-Free Phone** – Call the toll-free number 1-833-294-4837 to report an absence using the automated phone system. If you are calling the toll-free number, you must call from the parent/guardian phone number on file with the school.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. We ask that daily absences are reported as soon as possible and **before 3:00pm** on the day of the absence. This includes late arrivals and early departures. Future absences can be reported at any time. If absences are not reported before the cut-off time of 3:00pm, the parent/guardian may still receive an automatic notification in the evening to inform them of an absence.

Absences are only to be reported by parents/guardians on file with the school. Students are NOT to report their own absences.

Please report absences using SafeArrival instead of sending notes, calling, or emailing the school. Please use the three options above to report absences. **The school office will no longer accept calls regarding attendance. Parents/guardians will need to report via the app, website, or toll-free number in a timely manner.**

If families have children attending other schools, please continue to report absences using the existing procedures for those schools.



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COATS FOR KIDS!

Help Langley students
from K - Grade 12 with
a new or gently used
winter coat.



Donations Accepted:
October 15th - November 5th



Drop Off Locations:
Any Langley School
or the Langley
School Board Office
(4875 222nd St.)



Cash Donations
Graciously Accepted:





FRENCH PROMENADE TOUR

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Hear ye, hear ye! Spring Break 2026 is calling — and Paris is on the line!

If you haven't made your Spring Break plans yet and dream of strolling the streets of Paris or soaking up the sun in the south of France, this is your chance! Pack your curiosity and your camera — adventure (and croissants!) await!

But don't wait too long, folks — the final deadline to enroll is **Wednesday, November 26, 2025!** There's still room on the tour, so grab your spot before it's gone!

See Ms. Neuscheler or Mr. Lincke for all the details — you don't want to miss the trip of a lifetime!

“Read all about it — Paris and Provence, here we come!”

ERASE BULLYING REPORT IT TOOL

The [ERASE Bullying Report It Tool](#) is a way for students to report bullying, threats, or unsafe situations—anonynously 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?](#)



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to let you know about an exciting opportunity for a cultural exchange to Avignon, France that is taking place later this school year for students in grades 8, 9 and 10. It involves a ten-day trip to the Provence region in the south of France with daily guided excursions to sites in and around Avignon, while being hosted by a family from our partner school, La Salle. Travel dates are March 22- April 1, 2026, and hosting dates are approximately April 22- May 2, 2026.

Here are a just a few of the many advantages:

- It allows our students to experience and appreciate French culture firsthand.
- It's less expensive than a traditional trip. (estimated cost: \$2800)
- Our hosts are very welcoming and experienced.
- Students will have the opportunity to travel with their peers.
- Everyone makes new friends.
- There are no hotel stays.
- It's fully guided at every stage so it's especially safe.

If you are interested in finding out more about this France Exchange, please contact Ms. Deborah Fenato at dfenato@sd35.bc.ca as soon as possible. Last year's exchange was a great success, and we would very much like to provide more students with this opportunity!



There are still a few spaces remaining
for this incredible opportunity!

ARGENTINA 2026

Would you like to travel to Buenos Aires, Argentina? See Iguazú Falls?



WGSS is hosting a two-week travel exchange for 24 grade 10 and 11 students. Estimated student cost: \$2900

Travel dates: **March 10-24, 2026**. We will depart the week prior to spring break.

Hosting dates: Approximately September 29-October 11, 2026

Eligible students: Grade 10/11 students in 2025/2026.

If you are interested, please contact Ms. Fenato in room 147, or by email at dfenato@sd35.bc.ca.



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

PAC Meeting Dates

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at **7:00pm** in the WGSS library, with a few exceptions. There is no PAC Meeting in December or March. The meeting in June is a regular meeting as well as the Annual General Meeting.

Here are the remaining dates for PAC Meetings for the 2025 – 2026 school year:

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| • November 13 th | • March – no meeting |
| • December – no meeting | • April 9 th |
| • January 15 th | • May 21 st |
| • February 12 th | • June 11 th |

We are very appreciative of our PAC and the Executive for the support that they provide for our students and our school!



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ONE & DONE FUNDRAISER

**No selling required!
Just your support!**

Now that elementary school is behind you, you're probably ready to leave behind all those requests to sell or volunteer! We get it, and we won't ask you to do either.

However, the PAC still needs your support. We continue to fund important school programs and requests that go beyond the standard curriculum, enriching our students' educational experience.

Please consider making a contribution through our ONE-AND-DONE fundraiser. A simple donation—no selling, no volunteering required—just your generous support to help keep these programs going!



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to donate on School Cash Online towards **PAC Donations**

- ✓ **\$15** - Bidding wars at a silent auction? No, thanks!
- ✓ **\$10** - Chasing down corporate sponsors? No, thanks!
- ✓ **\$5** - Selling chocolates or wrapping paper to my friends and family? No, thanks!
- ✓ **Other** - I love this school and I am happy to help!





FROM OUR DISTRICT

Student in Distress and School Safety

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Our schools follow procedures to help keep students, staff, and the community safe. Depending on the situation, communication to parents/caregivers is needed to keep families informed about incidents in our school, such as during lockdowns, hold & secures, and room clears, or in the event of a student in distress. Sometimes these situations may not be emergencies but events that require a school response. It is important to note that the decision to send communications to families is dependent on a variety of factors including the nature of what happened, who has witnessed or was directly impacted by what happened, as well as student and staff privacy. Communication is unique and dependent on the specific situation; there are times when a student is in distress, yet the situation may or may not require a message or letter to families. In addition to communication with parents/caregivers, teachers and staff may debrief with students after an incident that may have upset them. In some cases, the school counsellor may offer support to students in need. As always, we want families to let us know if your child requires support. If you have any questions or concerns about communication related to situations or emergencies, please reach out to the school.

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 X (formerly 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.



IMPORTANT PRIVACY REMINDER: RECORDING DEVICES IN SCHOOLS

Guidance for Parents and Students

To protect the privacy and security of all students, staff, and visitors, the Langley School District reminds parents and students that digital recording devices—such as Meta Glasses and AngelSense Trackers—are not permitted at school. This policy is in place to ensure compliance with the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and the District's procedures for responsible information management.

Parent Code of Conduct

Our Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct expects every parent and guardian to respect the privacy of other students, parents, caregivers, and staff. Using devices that can discreetly record audio or video, like Meta Glasses or AngelSense Trackers, does not demonstrate respect for others' privacy.

Student Use of Recording Devices

According to Administrative Procedure 350 – Appendix A, students may only use recording devices at school for educational purposes, and only with approval from the principal. Devices such as Meta Glasses and AngelSense Trackers do not meet these requirements and should not be brought to school.

Thank You for Supporting Privacy In Our Schools

For the safety and privacy of our school community, please ensure your child does not bring any discreet recording devices to school. If you have questions, contact your school's office or the district Privacy Officer at privacy@sd35.bc.ca.



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FROM FRASER HEALTH

Grade 9 Immunizations

Grade 9 immunizations will take place in the Half Cafeteria on November 19. Consent forms were sent home with students this week. If you have not already done so, please return completed forms to the office as soon as possible. For more information, click [here](#) or see flyer below. **Please note that no flu or COVID-19 vaccinations will be provided at the school.**



School Vaccination Information for Parents

Getting vaccinated on schedule is the best way to protect yourself from many dangerous diseases. Public health regularly checks immunization records for students in Grades 6-12 to help make sure they are up to date on vaccines.

We offer all routine vaccines needed for students in Grades 6-12 when students are in school.

Families can check their child's immunization records online to see if they need any vaccines by logging into immunizationconsent.gov.bc.ca/s/ then looking at "Immunization forecast".



Give consent for the child's vaccines online

This year, students, parents, or caregivers of students in Grades 6-12 have the option to provide consent for vaccines online. You can fill out consent now or any time before the school clinic.

To give online consent for immunizations, scan this QR code or go to immunizationconsent.gov.bc.ca/s/.



If vaccines are needed, please see [Vaccines | HealthLink BC](#) for more information on the specific vaccine your child needs.

Parents, students or caregivers who complete the online consent, will receive a letter closer to the time of school immunizations so you are aware of when the school clinic is occurring.

If consent is not completed online, students will receive a letter and paper consent form from the school close to the time of immunization. The letter will let you know when the consent needs to be returned by.

What if the child had vaccines but they are not on their immunization record?

If the child's record is missing vaccines they already had, please do the following:

1. Find the paper record at home, if one was given to you at the time of vaccination.
2. If you do not have records at home, contact the health care provider who gave the vaccines and ask for a copy of the immunization record.
3. Report the immunizations either of these ways:
 - Submit it online by either scanning this QR code or going to FraserHealth.ca/immunizationform.



www.fraserhealth.ca

This information does not replace advice given to you by a healthcare provider. School Vaccination information for Parents
Sept 2, 2025

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Keep Your Children Free From Respiratory Illnesses This Winter

As the weather gets colder and we spend more time indoors, we're more likely to get sick with things like colds, flu or COVID-19 because these illnesses spread more easily in enclosed spaces. Everyone should take these steps to protect themselves and limit the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Get vaccinated for flu and COVID-19 if you are eligible.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have flu-like symptoms, stay home and away from people at higher risk of serious illness. If you are sick and cannot stay away from others, wear a mask. Learn more about masks [here](#).

Vaccinations for Respiratory Illness

Vaccinations prepare our immune system to recognize and respond to viruses. When children get immunized, they are less likely to get sick or pass along illness to others and better able to focus on learning, playing and doing the activities they love.

Register your children with the [Get Vaccinated](#) system so you can be reminded to get flu or COVID-19 vaccinations when they are due. Seasonal respiratory vaccinations are available from pharmacies, public health units and some primary care providers.

School-Aged Immunizations

As children get older, the protection from some [infant immunizations](#) can wear off. To set young people up for long-term health and well-being, vaccines are offered routinely in kindergarten, gr 6 and gr 9 with catch-up opportunities in other grades. Getting your child vaccinated on schedule is one of the best ways to protect their health.

All routine school-aged immunizations are free in British Columbia. If your child is not up-to-date with their vaccines, please make an appointment with a public health unit, family doctor, nurse practitioner or pharmacy. If your child's record shows their vaccines are not current, but they did get vaccines from a health care provider outside of public health:

- Contact the health care provider who immunized your child and ask for a copy of the immunization record.
- Report these immunizations to Public Health online at: <http://www.fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform>

Learn more about school-aged immunizations, including how to access your child's records, here: [Children and youth immunizations – Fraser Health Authority](#)