



January 27, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear ACSS students and families,

Semester one is complete! While students will have a bit of a break between semesters, staff at the school will be working hard helping some students with transitions between semesters, completing report card drafts, planning, and preparing for semester 2 classes, and working with each other in professional communities. As you know, January 27th and 30th are officially “semester transition days” and January 31st is the semester turnaround day. Wednesday, February 1st will be the first day of semester 2 classes. To prepare students (and staff) for new class schedules and routines, there will be a home room in Block A to begin the day. Students will be reminded of their second semester schedules and given time to consider if any changes need to be made. Please know that students will be eased into new semester classes while linear classes will continue as usual. As always, setting students up for success will be our priority – please encourage students to consult with staff about course requirements and any needs they may have.





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February is a month devoted to planning for next school year, believe it or not! We will be communicating with students and families about the course offerings at ACSS in the 2023-2024 school year, and we will be asking students in grades 8 to 11 to choose courses for next year. Please note the following important dates:

February 1 – ACSS 2023-2024 Course Guide published on the website and posted in the school.

February 6 – Grade 9 Assembly

February 7 – Grade 10 Assembly; ACSS admin visit BGMS Grade 8 classes.

February 8 – Grade 11 Assembly

February 8 – Parent Information Sessions:

Grade 8 BGMS Parents – 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Grade 9 to 11 ACSS Parents – 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

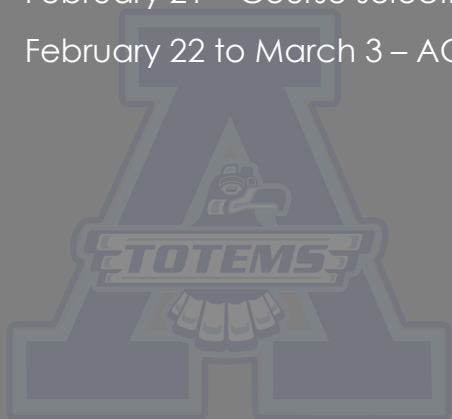
February 14 – Grade 9 to 11 students select courses with school counselors.

February 15 – Grade 8 BGMS students select courses with ACSS admin & counsellors (at BGMS)

February 16 - Grade 9 to 11 students select courses with school counselors.

February 21 – Course selection system closes.

February 22 to March 3 – ACSS counselors finalize student course selections.





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Thank you to all in our community for your support of the school and all our students. We look forward to an engaging semester 2 of learning art ACSS.

For the most up-to-date information about school events and happenings please check out our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages, as well as our school website www.acsstotems.ca

Thank you for reading this week's newsletter.

Mr. M. Palichuk

Principal

Aldergrove Community Secondary School





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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 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



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2023 Upcoming Dates

January

January 31 — Semester turn around day — ***school not in session***

February

February 1 — Semester 2 Begins

February 3 — Report cards issued

February 10 — Professional Development Day — ***school not in session***

February 20 — Family Day — ***school closed***

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

This is a reminder that NOW is the time to apply for scholarships. The package that included the Langley Foundation Scholarships and District Authority Award Scholarships sent out in a previous email to all parents and students is due to be completed by February 28 to be considered. There are many categories for scholarships other than high grades, and all those planning to attend a post-secondary school after graduation should apply. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Gimpel, the Career Advisor, at ggimpel@sd35.bc.ca



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Date Sep 15, 2022

Grade 9 routine immunizations are starting soon at school

Public Health will send home an immunization consent package for grade 9 students.

When students are in grade 9 we review their immunization records and offer all routine vaccines they need to be complete for their age.

When the consent package is received:

- ✓ Review the consent package (which will include all immunization history)
- ✓ Confirm the immunization record is complete. If it is not complete you can submit the record by:
 - Including it with the signed consent form and returning it to the school
 - Submitting it online to us at: fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform
- ✓ Complete and sign the consent form
- ✓ Return the signed consent form to the school sealed in the envelope provided

COVID-19 and Influenza (Flu) vaccines

Please note that COVID-19 and Influenza vaccines are only available at COVID-19 and Influenza immunization clinics and will not be offered at the school immunization clinics.

The COVID-19 and Influenza vaccines are provided free to everyone who is eligible. For more information and to learn how to book a vaccination appointment, please visit:

- COVID-19 vaccine – gov.bc.ca/GetVaccinated
- Influenza vaccine – immunizebc.ca/clinics/flu

For more information, please contact your local public health unit or visit our website at: fraserhealth.ca/immunizations.

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www.fraserhealth.ca

Regional Immunization Program



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School & Wellness Nursing Team

Our team operates at the individual school level. Schools K-12 in a neighbourhood are assigned to School and Wellness Public Health Nurse/s.

What we do

- 1. Immunization and Communicable Disease**
 - Immunize children against vaccine-preventable diseases
 - Respond to outbreaks of disease/s
- 2. General Health Consultations**
 - Support students, families, and school staff access health resources
- 3. Health Education/Capacity Building**
 - Support school staff in accessing resources to teach health based curricula
 - Provide online resources for school staff to support students with medical conditions such as anaphylaxis, seizures, and diabetes
- 4. Health Promotion Messaging**
 - Provide health promotion messaging

School Health Resource

Visit our School Health web resource for:
Health Information for students 5 to 18 years old,
Tips for parents and school staff.



Scan the QR code or visit fraserhealth.ca/schoolhealth

Healthlink BC

Health questions? Call 8-1-1 anytime 24/7 or visit www.healthlinkbc.ca for free access to non-emergency health information and advice from a nurse, dietitian, exercise professional or pharmacist.



Contact Us

You can contact your Public Health School and Wellness Nursing team via phone or email:

Email: schoolnurselangley@fraserhealth.ca

Abbotsford Tel: 604-864-3400	Agassiz Tel: 604-793-7160	Burnaby Tel: 604-918-7605	Chilliwack Tel: 604-702-4900	Cloverdale, Surrey Tel: 604-575-5100	Guildford, Surrey Tel: 604-587-4750
Hope Tel: 604-860-7630	Langley Tel: 604-539-2900	Maple Ridge Tel: 604-476-7000	Mission Tel: 604-814-5500	New Westminster Tel: 604-777-6740	Tri-Cities, Port Moody Tel: 604-949-7200
Newton, Surrey Tel: 604-592-2000	North Delta Tel: 604-507-5400	North Surrey Tel: 604-587-7900	South Delta Tel: 604-952-3550	White Rock Tel: 604-542-4000	



Revised: Sept 15, 2022



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Canada Housing Benefit

Please add the item below to an upcoming newsletter to ensure parents are aware of the NEW/ONE TIME benefit from the Government of Canada; please ensure that your Enhanced Support Team is aware, as well:

The application portal for the one-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit is now open!

The Government of Canada has introduced a new affordability measure to help lower-income renters who are most affected by the rise of inflation and struggling with the cost of rent. The one-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit provides eligible applicants with a one-time payment of \$500. It is estimated that roughly 1.8 million lower-income renters will be able to benefit from this targeted investment.

How to Apply

Applicants will be able to apply for the one-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit on December 12, 2022, up until March 31, 2023, and are encouraged to apply online through [CRA My Account](#), which is the quickest, easiest and most secure way to apply for the benefit. If you don't have a CRA My Account, register now. You do not need to wait for your security code in the mail. You can still access limited services in My Account to apply for this benefit immediately. Applicants can also sign in to their [My Service Canada Account](#) to securely access CRA's My Account without having to sign in again or revalidate their identity.

A **web form** will also be available to submit applications without having to sign in to My Account or My Service Canada Account. Address and direct deposit changes will not be permitted using the web form – if applicants haven't updated their personal and banking information, they should apply through the CRA My Account.

Applicants unable to apply for the benefit online, can call us at 1-800-282-8079 to complete their application with an agent. If you apply through My Account or by phone, and are signed up for [direct deposit](#), you can get your payment within five business days.



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GRAD 2023

NEWSLETTER

Friday, January 27 2023

Grad news provided by Ms. Caines - for any questions, please email kcaines@sd35.bc.ca or call 604-856-2521

Welcome to Semester 2

The countdown to grad really starts in Semester 2! We will begin the semester with our second all-grads meeting during RTI in early Feb. We will begin having regular grad meetings during RTI time to convey important information to our grads.

Important Dates

- February 21-22 - Grad Photo Retakes. Missed your appointment? Don't love your original photos? Retakes will be at the school in February. This will be the last opportunity to get photos in the yearbook and on the composite.
- Grad Rides (for the yearbook) - Photos will take place on a sunny day before Spring Break. Stay tuned for more information.
- Senior Superlatives (for the yearbook) - will be voted on after Spring Break
- June 12th 2023 - Grad Rehearsal, Grad Walk, Grad Convocation Ceremony (more info to be provided in due course, but this date has been confirmed and booked at Christian Life Assembly in Langley.)
- June 16th 2023 - Strawberry Tea & Grad Banquet (Prom). More info to be provided in due course, but this date has been confirmed and booked at Clarion Hotel in Abbotsford (by Castle Fun Park).

Dry Grad

Dry Grad is a parent organized and parent sponsored event that takes place immediately after Banquet/Prom. Dry Grad parents were at the school in mid January to conduct a vote for the location of the Dry Grad. Using a democratic model, our grads voted through a secret ballot for the location and the group overwhelmingly voted in favour of ACUCC over Castle Fun Park. Our Dry Grad parents continue to develop fundraising strategies to ensure all grads will have equal access to the event and will be reaching out to grads to find out what activities they would like to have during the evening of the Dry Grad.

1. Based on the information presented, I would like Dry Grad to be held here (this list is alphabetical):

[More Details](#)

- Aldergrove Credit Union Comm... 52
- Castle Fun Park 27

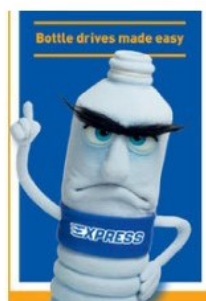




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CLASS OF 2023 ACSS DRY GRAD BOTTLE RETURN FUNDRAISER!



Bring your unsorted containers
in transparent bags to any
Return-It Express location



Log in at the Express label
stand using the ACSS phone
number 604-856-2521



Using the label stand, print off the
labels, tag each of your bags, and
leave them with Return-It staff



They'll sort your contains
and credit the Class of 2023
ACSS Dry Grad account!

BLACK & LEE

Dry Grad Fundraiser - Just mention Aldergrove Community Secondary

When your grads purchase or rent their formal attire from us for **any Grad event**, we contribute to your grad celebration

Level 1	Level 2	
We send your grad class a cheque for \$150 when 10+ shop with us.	We send your grad class a cheque for \$250 when 20+ shop with us.	
Level 3	Level 4	
We send your grad class a cheque for \$400 when 30+ shop with us.	We send your grad class a cheque for \$700 when 50+ shop with u	



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GLOBAL COFFEE FUNDRAISING



Prom Night - **LIGHT ROAST** \$17.50

This lighter blend will give you a bold flavor that wakes you up, and a smooth flavor that will make you happy you didn't hit that snooze button.

Memory Lane - **MEDIUM ROAST** \$17.50

A carefully crafted blend designed just for Aldergrove Community Secondary Grad Students, specially roasted to create a rich, sweet coffee. A favorite all-day coffee!

Forever Totems - **DARK ROAST** \$17.50

This is not your average joe. This four bean blend is roasted to perfection and will have you chugging your mug and begging for more.

Dry Grad 2023 Decaf - **SWP DECAF** \$17.50

All the flavor of real coffee without the jolt! This Brazilian decaf offers a traditional rich, bold cup of coffee, using the 100% chemical-free "Swiss Water Process" of decaffeination.

NEW! *ACSS Classic* - **PREMIUM HOT CHOCOLATE** \$17.50

The kids need something fun! Stock up with a 454 gram bag of specialty gourmet hot chocolate.

Help Support
**ACSS GRAD
2023**

by purchasing
fresh roasted
coffee!



Coffee is
Fresh
Roasted in
Maple Ridge!



ABOUT OUR COFFEES

Organic & ethically sourced coffee available in whole bean or ground. Packaged in 454 gram re-sealable bags with valves. Fresh roasted in Maple Ridge, BC. Roasted only after your group order is submitted.

ORDER YOUR COFFEE ONLINE AT
WWW.GLOBALCOFFEEFUNDRAISING.CA/ACSS

Global Coffee Fundraising • www.globalcoffeefundraising.ca • phone: 604.618.6085



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DON'T MISS
OUT ON
YEARBOOKS!

ON SALE NOW!
\$70 UNTIL SPRING BREAK
WE WILL SELL OUT!
ORDER ON [SCHOOCASHONLINE](https://www.schoocashonline.com)





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Reading Buddies



Reading Buddies is a program that pairs high school students in Grades 10 to 12 with kids in Grades 1 to 3 who need extra help with reading.

To learn more or to apply online to be a big or little buddy:
<https://langleyliteracynetwork.com/reading-buddies/>



Langley Literacy Network

Weaving Literacy Throughout The Community



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Langley Community
Services Society

AND

THE CHILDREN'S
FOUNDATION

PRESENTS

TAMING THE WORRY DRAGONS

Thought Stopping

Relaxation

Courage

Exercise
and Diet



Mindful Breathing



What: FREE 8 Session Psycho-Educational Group for kids who struggle with anxiety. Parent Participation Required.

Who: Children ages 5-7

When: Every Tuesday 5-6:30 pm starting February 7th

Where: The Welcome Center 6470 201 St.

Contact Megan Zurak for more info. P: 604-533-7920 ext.1308 E: mzurak@lcss.ca



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Meet our Community School Coordinator – **Stephanie Eby**

See link here: <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/news-events/district-board-news/view/connecting-with-the-community-gg-with-community-school-coordinators/>

Community School Coordinator

Did you know that you can reach out to me for needs like food, housing,

program support, and other community needs?

My role is to connect students and families to community supports, provide out of school programming, and bring resources into the community.

You can reach out by phone or email or book an appointment through the link below.

Stephanie Eby

Aldergrove Community
Schools Coordinator

c. 604.862.5943

e. seby@sd35.bc.ca

To book an appointment,
click [HERE](#)