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Principal's Message

The construction at LSS and LEC is proceeding well. We expect the LEC portables placed in the front of the building to be fully operational when we return from Spring Break. The current work does not disrupt daily programming at this time and will provide access to the construction for LSS's expansion later.

A huge shout out to Mr. McMath, Ms. Thorpe, Mr. Foerster, Mr. Nield, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Walton, parent volunteers and all the musical theatre students for the magnificent work they offered for this year's musical production of "Lightning Thief". It was an exciting adventure of Percy Jackson with many talents on display and visuals to keep the audience entertained. Well done!

Thank you to the DEI Students for their work with diversity making Langley Secondary a welcoming place and a safe place for belonging.

Leadership students continued the activities this week to promote the countdown to Spring Break.

Parent – teacher interviews took place this week with an opportunity for scheduled appointments to meet teachers face to face. If you are unable to book an appointment with a teacher, please contact that teacher directly to set up an alternate time.

Course planning is complete but if your student missed their time, please encourage them to see a counsellor following the break.

We hope that all of our LSS students and their families have a wonderful spring break! School reopens on **Monday, March 31st** it will be a short sprint to the end of another school year!

Diane Smillie
Principal Langley Secondary School



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Grad

Cruise on April 17th. We are preparing for graduation with finalizing grad gown measurements, yearbook comments and photos. We encourage the Grads to make their Grad year memorable and come together as the Grads of 2025. Tickets for the Grad Cruise are on sale on school cashonline. Max capacity is 175. Student price is \$70.00 covering the cost of food, drink, DJ, transportation and a 3 hr cruise on the vessel, "Magic Charm" in the beautiful Burrard Inlet. Students are to be at the school by 4:00pm. Busses leave the school at 4:15 pm and return by 10:30 pm. This is open to Grade 12 students only.



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Grad Cruise

Thursday April 17 2025
Tickets can be purchased on
School Cash Online | Limited Availability

\$70

Ticket Includes Cruise - Transportation - Dinner - Dessert - Unlimited drink



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Important Dates

Please visit the calendar on our website [LSS Calendar](#) for more information on each event)

March 2025

March 17 – 28, Spring Break – School Closed

April 2025

April 4 – 11, Grad assessments

April 9, Grad assembly

April 11, Learning Update Pre/Design – students not in session

April 17, Grad Cruise

April 18, Good Friday, School closed

April 21, Easter Monday, School closed

April 28, Learning Update Issued

SOCCER ACADEMY

A partnership with Vancouver FC of the Canadian Premier League has been secured for our current academy students. Professional coaches will be on site to work with our students following the Spring Break.



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2024/2025 District Calendar

Sep 2 (M) Labour Day (Schools Closed)-
Sep 3 (T) Schools Open-
Sep 30 (M) Truth and Reconciliation Day (Schools Closed)-
Oct 4 (F) School Improvement Day (students not in attendance)-
Oct 14 (M) Thanksgiving (Schools Closed)-
Oct 23 (W) 1 Hour Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Interviews-
Oct 24 (Th) 1 Hour Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Interviews-
Oct 25 (F) Professional Development Day (Provincial – students not in attendance)-
Nov 8 (F) Learning Update Prep/Design and Assessment Day (students not in attendance)-
Nov 11 (M) Remembrance Day (Schools Closed)-
Nov 22 (F) Learning Updates Issued-
Dec 20 (F) Last Day Prior to Winter Break-
Jan 6 (M) Schools Re-Open After Winter Break-
Jan 29 (W) Semester 2 Begins-
Feb 7 (F) Learning Updates Issued-
Feb 10 (M) Professional Development Day (District – students not in attendance)-
Feb 17 (M) Family Day (Schools Closed)-
Mar 12 (W) 1 Hour Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Interviews-
Mar 13 (Th) 1 Hour Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Interviews-
Mar 14 (F) Last Day Prior to Spring Break
Mar 31 (M) Schools Re-Open After Spring Break
Apr 11 (F) Learning Update Prep/Design and Assessment Day (students not in attendance)
Apr 18 (F) Good Friday (Schools Closed)
Apr 21 (M) Easter Monday (Schools Closed)
Apr 28 (M) Learning Updates Issued
May 16 (F) Professional Development Day (students not in attendance)
May 19 (M) Victoria Day (Schools Closed)
Jun 26 (Th) Final Learning Updates Issued & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
Jun 27 (F) Administrative Day (students not in attendance)
July / August Summer Session



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Musical Theatre





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Career News

Apply Today!
Sign up with
a friend if you like.

See details:



GET EXPERIENCE



**Big Brothers
Big Sisters**
OF CANADA

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**Want to build
your resume
over Spring
Break?!!**

**Your help is
needed at half-
day camps.**

**Click QR Code
for details.**

Spring Break 2025 Interest and Availability

We will be running free Spring Break camps for students in grades 3-6. Below are the dates & times and a bit more information. Please complete the form below and a BBBSL Mentoring Coordinator will be in touch with you soon to confirm your volunteering with BBBSL Spring Break Camps! Camps Running at West Langley Elementary School: Monday, March 17 – Friday, March 21 at West Langley Elementary School, the camp will run 9am-12pm but the leaders will be asked to be there at 8:45am-12:15pm. This program is running every day this week and will have the same group of students signed up for each day. This camp will be a combination of sports, crafts & science.

*Preference will be given to volunteers who can attend every day of this camp, but please let me know if you can only attend a couple days as well. Camps Running at Nicomekl Elementary School: This will be a drop in style camp with different kids each session These will be a variety of sports, arts and science camps - Monday March 17 at Nicomekl Elementary



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APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



TRADES & DUAL-CREDIT PROGRAMS

FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Upcoming Opportunities: Youth Train in Trades and Academic Dual Credit Applications **NOW OPEN!**

Students can book an appointment with Ms. Stuive (LSS Career Advisor) the same way they book an appointment with one of their counsellors. Here is the bookings

link: <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/LSSCounsellingCentre1@sd35.bc.ca/bookings/>

Youth Train in Trades Programs: Automotive, Carpentry, Electrical, Hairstylist, Horticulture, Piping and Plumbing, Professional Cook 1, and Welding

Academic Dual Credit Programs: Biomedical and Health Science, Early Childhood Education, and Intro to Health Science. Grade 11's apply for Grade 12.

Target students in Grades 10/11



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Community News

Screenagers - Elementary School Age Edition: Community Screening and Expert Q&A - April 9, 2025

(please share in upcoming newsletters)

Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston examines the growing impact of screen time on young children, exploring the challenges families and educators face in managing digital use. Through personal experiences, expert insights, and the latest research, the film addresses key issues such as social media pressures, video gaming, screen time limits, and the effects of early exposure to technology.

Offering practical strategies for fostering healthy digital habits, Screenagers: Elementary School Age Edition is a must-watch for parents, teachers, and caregivers looking to guide children toward balanced tech use. View trailer: <https://youtu.be/EzzzeCny6oU>

FREE EVENT: Join other Langley parents and caregivers for a 55-minute documentary screening followed by a Q&A with expert panelists.

Eventbrite ticket page: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/screenagers-elementary-school-age-edition-tickets-1234161352829?aff=ebdsshcopyurl&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=organizer-profile&utm-share-source=organizer-profile>

Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1140497717607292>



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PAC Meetings 2024-2025

~~October 21, 2024~~

~~November 18, 2024~~

~~January 20, 2025~~

~~February 24, 2025~~

April 28, 2025

May 26, 2025 – AGM



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2025 Dry Grad Event - June 25th at Central City Fun Park

Chaperoned buses depart following the banquet at 11pm on June 25 and return to the same location around 4am on June 26. Parents can pick up their grad earlier from venue. There are no in and out privileges.

Ticket price is \$50.00 per student or guest, **due by April 22**

Ticket price includes bus transportation, refreshments, snacks and a "Fun Card" with credits to use towards attractions and video games such as: laser tag, bowling, golf, photo booths, karaoke, carousel and virtual reality.

Payments can be made online here: [Grads Only Tickets | LSS Dry Grad](#) or by cash/cheque. The venue requires a waiver signed by parents/guardians of students, please submit that to us, you can find it on our website.

20 chaperones are needed to proceed, as required by the venue. Volunteer link is here:

[LSS Dry Grad: Dry Grad Event Night Volunteers](#)

Fundraising and planning are ongoing. Volunteers are needed to help the fundraisers be successful. All parents of graduating students and grad students themselves are encouraged to participate as best as you can. Visit our website for our upcoming Fundraising Events and more information.

To those that are busy, have other commitments and schedules that may not align, we thank you for your desire to help if you could. Sharing our fundraisers with your neighbors or colleagues would be tremendous! If you are able, a cash donation would go a long way to helping make this night a reality.

We sincerely thank the school admin for lending their meeting space and for distributing our information in newsletters and other forms of communication.

We also thank the school PAC for their support and generous donation.

To find out more: <https://lssdrygrad.square.site>

Connect with us: lssdrygrad@gmail.com

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Pub Night Fundraiser!

Pub Night April 24th Artful Dodger

7pm to 9pm

Tickets available soon!
Must be 19+ to purchase.

Currently looking for donations for Silent
Auction, Raffle Baskets, Door Prizes and so
on.

email us: lssdrygrad@gmail.com

12" Hanging Basket

\$10 from each hanging basket purchase
goes directly LSS Dry Grad!
Pickup instructions are provided after
payment is made.
Clearview Garden Shop.

[Shop Direct here](#)





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Langley Liquor Warehouse

5% of your purchase is given back to us
when you mention LSS Grad
at the register.
Save at the till, mention us!



Return it Depot

Use account#
phone number
577-379-4723
(LSS DRY GRAD)
when you drop off at any Return-it Depot



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Communication

Communication Tools

In order for us to collectively best support students, it is crucial that communication lines are open and efficient. We have a few structures in place to help share information. Please be sure you utilize the following: Thunderbird Chronicle: Good communication between home and school is a critical factor in student success. We encourage parents to read the monthly newsletter “Thunderbird Chronicle” and pay attention to school emails for important information. We welcome your involvement, and your suggestions.

Please feel free to communicate with us, by following:

Website: <https://lss.sd35.bc.ca/>

Instagram: @langleysecondary. @lss thunderbirds. @lsscareers



Youth Care Worker:

Our two Youth Care Workers, Diaz Kambere and Maina Manodon assist both students and families with ways of coping with and correcting negative behaviours, making friends and finding success.

Feeding Futures

A breakfast program runs every morning for students who wish to participate. The Feeding Futures Program is intended to offer food for those in need. Healthy nourishment is vital to set student's up for success as they put their minds to work in class.

Canuel Caters offers Lunch which is also served daily Thank you!

Math Tutors Available

If you or your student are looking for a math tutor this semester, Mr. Vanbergen has a list of students who would be excellent candidates to support your student. Please reach out to your math teacher or counsellor for some possible options.

Homework Club

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday room 114 – 3 – 3:45pm



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