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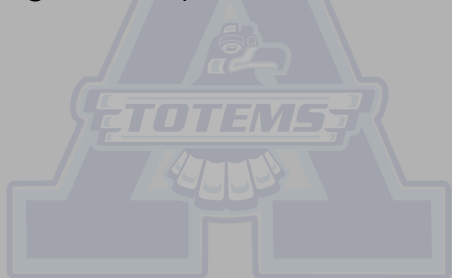
Hello ACSS students and families,

With four weeks of classes remaining in 2022 and eight weeks of classes remaining in Semester 1, we at ACSS are encouraging our students to stay focused on their studies and course responsibilities. Winter has arrived, the cold days are getting darker earlier, and everyone's personal health needs increased attention! So, we want to be a good support for our students and our community as we all continue our learning journey at ACSS. With a lot of exciting work to do before the winter break, we know that our school will be busy and filled with hope and opportunity. Please know that ACSS is here for our students and their families, especially in times of need. Please let us know if we can help in any way. Thank you.

On November 28th, Semester 1 Term 1 report cards will be published to the MyEducation BC parent/student portal. This report card is a chance for students to formally understand the assessment of their progress, success, and areas requiring improvement since school started in September.

During the week of November 7th to 11th, ACSS was keenly preparing to honour our veterans past and present. Thursday, November 10th, at 11:00 AM, we held a schoolwide Remembrance Day assembly in the large gym. Thank you to the talented team of student performers, Mr. Kilvert, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Coulter, Ms. Kaur, Ms. Marshall, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. McLean, Ms. Mills, and Mr. Spring, for organizing and facilitating the Remembrance Day Assembly. The student performances, stories, and recitals were simply amazing.

Did you notice the large mobile photography studio in the parking lot? It looks like a big trailer, and it is, but it also acts as a studio for our graduating students to sit for their Grad 2023 photos. Thank you to Artona for taking care of the photos for our grads this year.





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Next week is a very important week at ACSS – it is our annual Wellness Week! Thank you to our Wellness Week team of staff (Ms. Saumier, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Arthurs, Lacey, and others for organizing an illuminating week of events focusing on individual wellness and wellness for all. More information about the daily Wellness Week events will be shared on our social media channels, on our website, and in future newsletters.

As the school year progresses, we continue to have changes to our staffing at ACSS:

Please welcome our newest staff member, Ms. Jamie Park, who will be working as an educational assistant in our International Student Program.

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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Tell Them From Me Surveys

Dear Students/Parents/Guardians & Families,

This letter is to inform you that ACSS students in grades 9 – 12 will be completing the “Tell Them From Me Survey” on the following dates: **November 28 – December 9**

Background:

The “Tell Them From Me” survey is a survey that we do annually, as a District, with all of our secondary school students; this survey is also completed in numerous other Districts across Canada. The survey and its results are completely anonymous. Because of COVID, we skipped the survey for two years, but resumed the survey last year and will be continuing with the survey again this year.

The name of the organization that provides the survey is The Learning Bar, based out of New Brunswick. Here is a link to The Learning Bar website where you can learn more about the organization and what they do: <https://thelearningbar.com/>

Why do we do this survey? What is in the survey?

The survey is designed to gather information from students on various themes and topics. The responses students give help the school to determine possible goals based on the specific needs of students in the school. The themes and topics asked about in the survey include student mental health, personal well-being, student engagement at school (including academic and participation in extra-curricular activities), and student at-risk behaviours (such as smoking, vaping, drug use, and sexual activity).

What do we do with the results?

The data that is generated from the survey reports trends; it does NOT report individual student responses or data. Again, the survey is completely anonymous, with each writer using a randomly selected code that cannot be traced back to them. The data provides a general overview of all student responses, giving schools a sense of what students are experiencing while at school. A similar report is also generated at the district level. The data provides insights and helps to guide decisions around providing supports, interventions, and educational opportunities for our students. For example, in one school, the data showed that fewer students were taking advantage of extra-curricular activities as compared to other similar schools across Canada, and this was correlating with student engagement in the school. This led to a weekly section in the parent newsletter that advertised all the extra-curricular activities happening in the school, leading to better communication to parents, and more student connection to extra-curricular activities.



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Do all students have to do this survey?

No. Students can opt out of individual questions and sections; they can also choose to not complete any of the survey. For example, students are warned before the survey that there are some questions that ask about sexual health and activity. Also, before that part of the survey, the students read a very clear message that they have the choice to skip this section if they do not feel comfortable answering questions on this topic. To be statistically meaningful, schools only need to have a certain percentage of students answering each question; the percentage differs based on the size of the grade cohort in that school.

Is there a parent/guardian version of this survey?

While we do not use the Learning Bar for a parent survey, the Ministry of Education does have a Student Learning Survey that is open from February to the end of April. Look for schools to send the survey information out to parents/guardians sometime in the spring. As well, we would also encourage parents to have a conversation at home regarding the survey to help support your children in the survey process.

I still have questions... who do I contact?

If you have more questions about the survey, please contact the ACSS main office, and ask to speak to an Administrator.

Your sincerely,

Mr. M. Palichuk
Principal
Aldergrove Community Secondary School





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2022 Upcoming Dates

November

November 18 — Report Card Prep/Design and Assessment Day - ***school not in session***

November 28 — Term I Semester Report Cards Issued

December

December 14 — Christmas Concert starting at 7:00pm

December 16 - January 2, 2023— Winter Break - ***school not in session***

January

January 3 — School repones

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





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GRAD 2023

NEWSLETTER

Friday, November 18 2022

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

Important Dates

- **November 13 - 16th** - Formal Grad Photos - used in Yearbook, on wall composite, in Aldergrove Star grad supplement, and at convocation ceremony. Book online at <https://artona.com/schools/AGOV/programs/graduation>. There is a \$60 sitting fee for photos. While it is not mandatory, anyone paying the \$60 sitting fee will get 16-20 formal and casual poses taken as well as a professionally printed proof book. If a package is purchased, the sitting fee will be deducted from the end price of the photo package. **Those not wishing to pay the \$60 sitting fee will have the complimentary formal cap and gown photo taken and the opportunity to purchase those photos.**
- **December 5-9th** - Grad Yearbook Quotes & Baby Photos submission, grad height registration. More info to come, but time to start thinking about the witty (school appropriate) comment you want next to your photo in the yearbook. Heights are collected (with regular shoes on) to ensure that the appropriate length gown is ordered for each grad.
- **February 13-17th** - Grad Photo Retakes. Missed your appointment? Retakes will be at the school in February.
- **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** - location and times TBD, but this takes place in the evening immediately after Banquet/Prom

Do you have outstanding library or textbook fees?

This holiday season, we will be offering Grads the option to waive missing library or textbook fees by bringing in a new or gently used children's book to donate to our feeder schools libraries. For every children's book donated in OUR library, we will remove \$10 of outstanding library or textbook fees. Grads will be unable to purchase event tickets with outstanding fines. See Ms. Caines for more information.

Dry Grad

Dry Grad is a parent organized and parent sponsored event that takes place immediately after Banquet/Prom. The next Dry Grad meeting will take place on Tuesday November 29th at 7pm in the school library. Dry Grad is working to develop a fundraising plan to make sure that all grads get the lowest price for their event tickets. While the school is not involved in the organizing of Dry Grad, we work with the committee to send information out to our grads and families. Minutes are emailed home to all parents from Ms. Caines. Please consider joining the Dry Grad committee. Many hands make work light!





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THE PLAY IS "THE THING"



Where: Meet in the Drama Room, #144

When: Wednesday, November 23rd at 3pm

What: One-Act Play Festival Performing this spring

Who: Directed by Mr. Coulter, Mr. McLaughlin, and Mr. Stadie.

Starring: YOU

Come after school on Wednesday November 23rd to put your name down to audition, to discuss the audition process, and find out about the short plays that we plan to direct.

*Don't get left out in
the cold like MacReady!*





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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-qa-with-community-school-coordinators/>

Happy Fall from your 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](#)

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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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The Langley School District Scholarship Handbook has been updated for the 2022-2023 School Year and can be found on the District Website at the link below. As well, the District provides a very comprehensive database of scholarships available for our students to access for post-secondary funding. This database is updated and maintained each year by District staff. The link to the database is also provided below.

[Scholarship Handbook](#)

[Scholarship Database](#)

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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:	HOW TO APPLY:	FURTHER INFORMATION:
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	Please visit our International Student Program website (Homestay section): www.studyinlangley.com and complete the online Homestay Application!	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