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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello ACSS students and families,

This week at ACSS our Recreation Leadership class, lead by Ms. Haber, organized daily events to honour the legacy of Terry Fox, and help raise funds for Terry's cause – the fight to end cancer. On Wednesday at lunch students and staff were entertained by Ms. Caines and Mr. Jones as they both agreed to part with some hair (Ms. Caines had her head shaved while Mr. Jones had his legs waxed!). In doing so, the school was able to raise \$1000 for Ms. Caines cause and \$50 for each strip of waxed hair removed from Mr. Jones (4 strips x \$50 = \$200). Thank you to the Rec Leadership class for organizing the event and thank you to Ms. Wight's Hairstylist students for doing the hair cutting/waxing. Thank you to all in our community who have donated to the school's efforts to support the Terry Fox Foundation.

On Friday morning our annual Terry Fox run kicked off before lunch. This year we were very honoured to have Terry's younger brother Darrell visit our school and speak to our staff and students. As Darrell accompanied Terry and Doug Alward on the original Terry Fox run in 1980, his words were very inspirational and meaningful.

The first significant Grad event of the school year, the Grad Cruise, sailed under clear, crisp skies Thursday evening. It was wonderful to see our 2023 graduates celebrating together as they embark together on the final year of their school careers.



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE cont'd.

We continue to have changes to our staffing at ACSS as the school year progresses:

We have added a Science 10 class that is presently being taught by Mr. Chisholm.

Mr. Glauser has decided to have a change in careers and is no longer teaching in our Advance Program. We wish Mr. Glauser all the best in his new endeavors. In the interim, Mr. Pereira, ACSS LA teacher last year, will be our Advance teacher until a new teacher is hired.

Finally, another exciting event of the past week, the AVID 10 & Life Science 11 climate action field trip at the Langley Fine Arts School on Thursday saw our staff and students engaging in an import cause for positive change. Thank you to Ms. Allen and Mr. Perry for organizing this trip.

Please be reminded that we will be publishing the ACSS newsletter bi-weekly this year. 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. Happy October!

Mr. M. Palichuk

Principal

Aldergrove Community Secondary School





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2022 Upcoming Dates

October

October 19 — parent/teacher interviews - **one hour early dismissal**

October 20— parent/teacher interviews - **one hour early dismissal**

October 21 — Professional Development Day - **school not in session**

November

November 11 — Remembrance Day - **school not in session**

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

November 28 — Term I Semester Report Cards Issued

REMINDER!

'Programs of Choice – Deadline to register is Monday, October 17th

Langley School District offers a rich diversity of programs that are designed to meet the specific needs and interests of students. Programs include Fine Arts, French Immersion, Fundamental, Langley Environmental Awareness Program (outdoor education), Montessori, and U-Connect.

Registration opened on Monday, October 3rd, and closes on **Monday, October 17th at 12 noon**. For more information and instructions to register your child, visit our District website [here](#) and review our FAQ choice programs resource [here](#).





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Hello parents/guardians,

Parent-Teacher Interviews are approaching rapidly and will be happening on **Wednesday, October 19 and Thursday, October 20**. Dismissal on both days will be at 1:55PM. All blocks are shortened as there is no RTI time to accommodate this.

Wednesday will be our short day (2:15-4:30) and Thursday will be our longer night (2:15-7:30).

8:45-9:50 Period 1

9:55-11:00 Period 2

11:00-11:35 Lunch

11:40-12:45 – Period 3

12:50-1:55 – Period 4

As in past years, [School Appointments - Aldergrove Community Secondary School](#) 1 will be used to schedule meetings with teachers. **Appointments will be 10 minutes long.** The booking system will be open from **Friday, October 7 at 3:00PM through Tuesday October 18 at 3:00PM**. Please note that this year, **parent-teacher interviews will be in-person**. If you would like to request a phone or virtual interview through Teams, you can do so when you book your appointment.

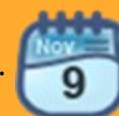




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School Appointments - Parent Instructions

1. Go to [School Appointments - Aldergrove Community Secondary School](#)
2. Register for an account by clicking the "**REGISTER**" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "**Register Now**" button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "**Add a Student**" button. Click "**Insert New**" button to add more children.
4. Click the "**date**" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments.
5. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with. Use the "**Ctrl**" or "**Command**" key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.
6. Select how your meetings will be held. The default is in person. You only need to do this if you want a phone or Teams meeting.
7. Then click the "**View Calendars**" button.
8. Click on available time slots to book your appointments to make your bookings.



Appointments Will Be: ☒ Virtual Meeting
☐ By Phone



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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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Hey Totems, All students in PHE this year can purchase PHE strip on our school athletics store. Orders can be made till Oct 21!

Link to the website:

<https://totemsathletics.com/collections/phe-gym-strip>

All things Athletics and Rec Instagram- follow @aldergrove_totems on Instagram for news about totems athletics, sports, Rec leadership, inter-murals and more!



Aldergrove Athletics is looking for basketball coaches. The following teams need coaches for their season.

Sr Boys Basketball

Jr Boys Basketball

Grade 9 Boys Boys Basketball

If interested in coaching, please contact Ms. Pollastretti by email.

emily.pollastretti@sd35.bc.ca

BASKETBALL
COACHES NEEDED



SR BOYS COACH
JR BOYS COACH
GRADE 9 BOYS COACH



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GRAD 2023 NEWSLETTER

Friday, Oct 7 2022

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

Important Dates

- **October 18th** - Dry Grad Meeting 7pm in the library. Come help coordinate your child's Dry Grad event and help organize fundraising initiatives to make the cost of Dry Grad accessible for all ACSS grade 12s!
- **October 26th** - School Photo Retakes. Any students who missed their ID card photo day in September can sit for retakes. We encourage all grade 12s to sit for photos as these photos will be used for GoCards/Student ID, in MyEd (staff view) and in the Library system.
- **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.
- **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

Dry Grad

- **Dry Grad is a parent organized event that takes place immediately after Banquet/Prom.** The purpose of Dry Grad is to provide a drug and alcohol free event and ensure our graduates have a safe afterparty. The first Dry Grad meeting took place on Tuesday October 4th. All parents of graduates are encouraged to participate in the Dry Grad committee. While the school is unable to actively participate in Dry Grad fundraising and organization, we are more than willing to assist with communication to the grads and their families as well as attend organizational meetings and provide logistical support.





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USE YOUR VOICE



Langley City Elections

Vote on October 15, in advance, or by mail.

For more information, visit langleycity.ca

Election Day: Use of School Sites

On Saturday, October 15th, many school gyms across the District, specifically in the Township of Langley, will be used as local election polling stations from 8am to 8pm. As guided by Section 81 of the Election Act, "accommodation in a school that is the property of a board of school trustees under the School Act must be made available by the board for use as a voting place." No District sites in the City of Langley will be used on election day. Please take note of extra pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the area of these sites on election day. The District appreciates the support and co-operation from families and members of our community. The District is encouraging everyone who is eligible to do their civic duty and vote. For more information and to see the full list of sites visit our District webpage [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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Regional Immunization Program



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COVID-19 Guidelines – September 2022

COVID-19 is still in our community. Our schools will continue to prioritize health and safety and follow protocols to prevent the spread of any communicable diseases. As always, we will be following the current COVID-19 guidelines in K-12 schools which are similar to how we ended the last school year. You can view the guidelines [here](#). We are sharing important reminders for students, staff, and families, to help keep our school community safe:

- Stay home when sick
- Be aware of your health daily
- Practice proper handwashing hygiene
- Practice proper coughing and sneezing etiquette

Below is an excerpt from the guidelines on What To Do When Sick:

What To Do When Sick

Staff, students, or other persons who are exhibiting new symptoms of illness (including symptoms of COVID-19 or gastrointestinal illness) should stay home and follow the BCCDC guidance outlined below:

If the person is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms

BCCDC Guidance

The [When to Get Tested for COVID-19](#) resource or the [B.C. Self-Assessment Tool](#) provides more information on whether you should get a test for COVID-19. Those unsure or concerned about their symptoms should connect with a health care provider or call 8-1-1.

Staff, children, or other persons in the school setting who test positive for COVID-19 should follow the guidance on the [BCCDC website](#) as to how long they should self-isolate. They can return to school when they no longer need to self-isolate as long as symptoms have improved, and they are well enough to participate in regular activities. Schools should not require a health care provider note (e.g., a doctor's note) to confirm the health status of any individual, beyond those required to support medical accommodation as per usual practice.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping maintain positive and safe learning environments. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

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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](#)



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