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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear ACSS students and families,

As we move into the Thanksgiving weekend, we are reminded of the power of thankfulness and gratefulness. We, here at ACSS, are thankful to be part of the character-filled community that is Aldergrove. We are thankful to our students' parents and guardians, our community members and, most of all, to our students. Every day our students come to school with smiles on their faces, looking to make our school and the world a better place. We are very appreciative of their efforts as they strive to meet learning goals under, at times, stressful circumstances. Thank you, students! Thank you, also to our school staff – this past Tuesday was recognized by UNESCO as “World Teachers’ Day”. We recognize and celebrate all our staff on this day, whether they are teachers, SEAs, clerical staff, custodial staff, or staff who provide our students with any other support. The ancient African proverb, *it takes a village to raise a child* rings very true here at ACSS as we know that every adult on staff plays an important role in helping our students learn and grow in a healthy and safe learning environment. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

Thank you for reading this week's newsletter. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr. M. Palichuk
Principal
Aldergrove Community Secondary School



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Contact Tracing Information

Schools in the District are continuing to assist the Fraser Health Authority in contact tracing and case management. We appreciate the ongoing cooperation from parents/guardians in this process. To help support our families, we are sharing resources from the BC Centre for Disease Control which outline the contact tracing process in schools. You can view the Contact Tracing Infographic [here](#) and Contact Tracing in Schools resource [here](#).



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Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews are approaching rapidly and will be happening on **Wednesday, October 20 and Thursday, October 21**. Dismissal on both days will be at 1:55PM. Interviews on **Wednesday will run from 2:15-4:30** and **Thursday will be from 2:15-7:30**.

The schedule for classes will be:

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, acss.schoolappointments.com will be used to schedule meetings with your child's teacher. Appointments will be 10 minutes long with a 5 minute break in between time slots. **Parents will be able to book appointments from Friday, October 8 at 3:00PM through Tuesday October 19 at 3:00PM.** Instructions for how to book an appointment on the website can be found in this newsletter.

Please note that this year, parent-teacher interviews will be held in-person. All parents coming to the school for a meeting are required to wear a mask, sign in, and sanitize their hands upon entry to the building. Vaccine passports are NOT required to attend parent-teacher interviews. We will still accommodate parent requests for alternate appointment formats. If you would like to book a phone or virtual meeting instead, you are able to do so by selecting one of those options on the booking site.



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Parent Registration

Parents click on the "Register" tab and fill in the registration form to create an account.

Register for an Account

** All fields are required unless indicated **

Parent First Name:

Parent Last Name:

Phone:

Email Address:

Please enter only one valid email address.

Preferred User ID: (no spaces allowed)

Valid user ID's must be at least 4 characters long and can contain letters, numbers, or one of the following: the dash '-', the underscore '_', the at symbol '@', or the period '.'

Enter Your Password:

Enter Your Password Again:

Once parents have successfully registered, they will be logged into the system and can register their students.

Parent Appointment Scheduling

Parents can schedule appointments for any student that they have added to the system by clicking on the "Appointments" button beside the student's name. The parent is then taken to a page where they can select the teachers with whom they wish to meet. Multiple teachers can be selected by using the "Ctrl" key on a PC keyboard or the "Command" key on a Macintosh keyboard.

Spring 2011 PPT - Appointment Scheduling for Mike Foster

Student: Mike Foster

Select up to 4 teachers from the list.
Use the "Ctrl" key to select more than one.

Teachers

Spring 2011 PPT

- Chen, Mr. Science room 101
- Chen, Mrs. Parents room 102
- Fox, Ms. Math room 103
- Grog, Mrs. English room 104
- Jay, Mr. Classroom 1, Parents 105
- Reese, Mrs. Gym room 106
- Smith, Mr. Parents room 107
- Smith, Mrs. Parents room 108
- Todd, Mr. Parents room 109
- Zick, Mrs. Parents room 110

Time (Hours)

- Wednesday Apr 20 - 2:00pm to 4:00pm
- Wednesday Apr 20 - 5:00pm to 7:00pm
- Thursday Apr 21 - 2:00pm to 4:00pm



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Teacher Appointment Calendars

Next, parents are shown the calendars of the selected teachers.

Spring 2011 PT

If you are unable to schedule a time in the selected calendars, you may request a call back. You will be contacted by phone or email.

Student : Mike Foster

Appointment Date : Wednesday April 20th, 2011

	Chantal Kie Sponsor - room 115	Clayton Black Teacher - room 11C	Clay Kie Documentalist - room 115	Clayton Kie Teacher - room 11C
Call Back Request	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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8:45pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Appointment Date : Wednesday April 20th, 2011

The calendar above displays the appointment calendar for four teachers, and shows various appointment times that are unavailable for booking.

Parents can select appointment times by simply clicking the check boxes or by clicking in the time block beside the check box. Once an appointment time has been selected it will change to green.



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Teacher Appointment Calendars with Appointments Selected

Spring 2011 (PT)

If you are unable to schedule a time in the selected calendars, you may request a call back. You will be contacted by phone or email.

Student : Mike Fester

Appointment Date : Wednesday April 20th, 2011

Class Name	Class #	Open Room	Open Room	Open Room	Open Room	Open Room
Room	Room	Room	Room	Room	Room	Room
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Appointment Date : Wednesday April 20th, 2011

Choose K2 Open Room Log Out

It is not possible for parents to select more than one appointment at the same time or to select more than one appointment with the same teacher. Javascript enabled browsers are required for this validation on the screen. If a parent uses a browser without Javascript enabled and attempts to schedule appointments with a conflict, the next screen will notify them of the errors.

Appointments Booked Successfully

Once the appointments are booked the screen will display the list of appointments for the student.

Current Scheduled Appointments

Mike Fester

Date	Teacher	Room
Apr 20 @ 10:20am	Blanco, Nathan	134 computer lab 1
Apr 20 @ 10:30am	Lee, Kim	Discovery's Room 101
Apr 20 @ 10:40am	Chak, K2	Science room 101
Apr 20 @ 10:50am	Open Room	French room 102

Print Appointments Book Appointments

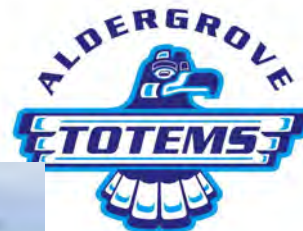


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Parents with More Than One Student

If a parent has more than one student at your school the teacher appointment calendars will have an additional feature displayed when the second (or third, etc.) student bookings are made.

Screen Shot 2011-07-11

If you are unable to schedule a time in the selected calendars, you may request a call back. You will be contacted by phone or email.

Student : Sandy Fester

Appointment Date : Wednesday April 20th, 2011

Time Slot	Teacher 1 (Available)	Teacher 2 (Available)	Teacher 3 (Available)	Teacher 4 (Available)
08:00am	Available	Available	Available	Available
08:30am	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
09:00am	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
09:30am	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
10:00am	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
10:30am	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
11:00am	Available	Available	Available	Available
11:30am	Available	Available	Available	Available
12:00pm	Available	Available	Available	Available
12:30pm	Available	Available	Available	Available
13:00pm	Available	Available	Available	Available
13:30pm	Available	Available	Available	Available
14:00pm	Available	Available	Available	Available
14:30pm	Available	Available	Available	Available
15:00pm	Available	Available	Available	Available
15:30pm	Available	Available	Available	Available
16:00pm	Available	Available	Available	Available

This calendar displays the appointment times for four teachers and shows "Unavailable" appointment times and there is a region that cannot be booked as these times have been scheduled already for another student, "Mike", and this parent is already busy at these times. Only if a sibling has an appointment booked, will the student's name be displayed for a parent, thus making it easier to book adjacent appointments.

Printing Parent Appointment Schedule

From the home page it is possible for parents to generate a PDF document with the list of their appointments. By clicking on the "Print Appointments" button a window will pop-up asking the parent what they wish to do with the document.

In Internet Explorer it is recommended that people click the "Save" button, save the file and then click "Open" to view the file. IE sometimes has a problem downloading and opening PDF documents that are generated from web sites.

Click "Open" after the download is complete to view the PDF.



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Parent Schedule PDF

If the parent has done well with their scheduling they will have a nice set of consecutive appointments. The generated PDF will list the appointment times, the student and the teacher with whom the appointment is booked.

Smallville High
Spring 2009 Parent Teacher Appointments

John Smith

Date and Time	Student	Teacher
April 30 @ 03:10pm	Bob Smith	M. Cantaloupe
April 30 @ 03:20pm	Bob Smith	M. Orange
April 30 @ 03:30pm	Jane Smith	G.S. Apple
April 30 @ 03:40pm	Jane Smith	T. Banana
April 30 @ 03:50pm	Jane Smith	C. Grape
April 30 @ 04:00pm	Bob Smith	C. Grape
April 30 @ 04:10pm	Bob Smith	R.D. Apple



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October 1, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians/Students,

Re: Communicating Student Learning

Our District's mission is to inspire all learners to reach their full potential and create a lasting legacy for the future. We acknowledge that all students have different strengths and our role as educators is to foster learning. Our District continues to value student assessment as a necessary part of the learning process. Educators have always provided parents/guardians, the answer to "How is my child doing in school?" Our District will continue to do this, but we want to inform you about the continuing shift in how we communicate student learning (report cards) which we believe will benefit all students in Langley.

This new method of communicating student learning focuses on the idea that learning is a journey that has no end. It requires educators and families to have a deeper, multi-dimensional, and holistic view of their child, rather than a simple check mark or letter grade. It involves more care, communication, and collaboration among teachers, students, and their families.

We recognize that this change may cause some concern or raise questions for some. Our commitment to students and families is to provide as much information as possible and be able to respond to your concerns. Our teachers and administrators have been trained on this new assessment process. We are confident in our staff and their ability to guide you through these changes and continue to enhance your child's learning journey in our school system and beyond.

The following information bulletin has been compiled by our leaders in our Instructional Services department. Their role is to develop our District's overarching education strategy including assessment. Our staff are excited to roll out this new way of communicating student learning beginning in this school year.

Sincerely,

Gord Stewart
Superintendent of Schools

Cette notification est importante. Si vous avez des questions à poser, n'hésitez pas à demander à votre enseignant(e) ou à votre administrateur(trice) de l'école.

هذا إشعار مهم. إذا كان لديك أي أسئلة، فيرجى التواصل مع معلم طفلك أو مسؤول المدرسة.

這是一個很重要的通知。請大家翻閱它的內容，這樣我們就可以及時知道學校的情況。

هذه تلميح مهم. إذا كان لديك أي أسئلة، فيرجى التواصل مع معلم طفلك أو مسؤول المدرسة.

이것은 중요한 공지사항입니다. 이 내용을 번역할 수 있는 문제가 발생할 수 있습니다. 학교에서 공지하는 것에 대하여 정확하게 알지 못할 수 있기 때문입니다.

Đây là một thông báo quan trọng. Xin vui lòng nhớ người dịch để bạn có thể biết thêm những thông tin về trường học.

Este es un aviso importante. Por favor consiga que alguien se lo traduzca para que usted pueda mantenerse bien informado sobre la información de su escuela.

Iti ay isang mahalagang paksa. Mangyari po lamang ay magkaroon ng isang tagasalin ng wikang itinatagpuan sa impormasyon ng paaralan.

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COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING Information for Families

Where were we prior to September 2021

In the 2021 school year, elementary and middle schools transitioned to using the Ministry Proficiency Scale to communicate student learning. Secondary schools continued to utilize letter grades at grades 8 and 9.

Where we are now?

Our secondary schools are beginning the shift away from assigning letter grades on report cards at the grades 8 and 9 level over this year and next school year. Instead, teachers will use the Ministry's Proficiency Scale (below) as a component of communicating student learning with families. We strongly encourage families to read the Langley School District Communicating Student Learning information [here](#). This shift also aligns with the [Draft Ministry Reporting Order](#) which will come into effect September 2022.

Proficiency Scale	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. "I don't get it yet, but I'm trying." "I am just getting started and learn best with help."	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. "I'm starting to get it." "I get some of it, and I am beginning to do more and more on my own."	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. "I get it." "I can do it on my own."	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning. "I really get it and can teach others how to do it." "I go beyond what is expected of me."

What does this mean for you and your child?

We believe it is important families receive meaningful information about their child(ren)'s learning.

This shift will:

- ✓ Focus on learning as a continuous process
- ✓ Support a better understanding of learning; focus on next steps
- ✓ Encourage student reflection and goal setting
- ✓ Empower students to take ownership of their learning
- ✓ Foster hope, efficacy (belief in themselves) and a culture of learning



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Why the shift in communicating student learning?



This change in reporting practice can be seen across the province, as school districts work to better align themselves with the Ministry of Education's reporting policy and with BC's redesigned curriculum.

Research is clear that traditional letter grades signal the end of learning by suggesting that a particular subject is mastered or completed, but learning is actually a continuous process. The use of the Ministry Proficiency Scale will allow teachers to share where a student is currently at in their learning, as well as where they are going next. This

model fosters a growth mindset for students, the empowering confidence that our abilities will continue to develop with hard work, effort and determination.

The Ministry Proficiency Scale, as seen above, describes student learning based on widely held expectations for the grade level and time of year. Proficiency levels, and the language of 'Emerging', 'Developing', 'Proficient', and 'Extending', will be used to describe student progress in all subject areas within a model of communicating student strengths, areas for growth, and ways to support learning at home and at school.

What can parents/guardians do to prepare for this shift?

We know families have always been involved in their child's education. We want to build on that success and invite parents to continue to engage with teachers and staff moving forward.

As a start, we encourage parents to take part in a **Family Information Session** which will be hosted virtually on **October 14th at 7:00 pm**. The Family Information Session will be hosted by the District's Director of Instruction, Dawne Tomlinson, and District Principal of Instructional Services, George Kozlovic.

To join the info session, click [here](#). Prior to this online meeting, you are able to submit questions [here](#).

If you are unable to participate, please note the event will be recorded and posted on our District website [here](#).

Thank you for supporting your child, and our school, as we make this transition towards communicating student learning in a more meaningful way for both families and students.





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Breakfast Club

Grab and Go Breakfast Club 8:15-8:40 daily

Thank you to all of our partners, staff and students for their continued support. A huge thank you to Langley Sources for their weekly baked goods, breads, cheese and extras. Langley School Foundation also supports with yogurt, apple sauce and eggs. Also a thank you to the Township of Langley Firefighters Charitable Society for a supply of granola bars. Sincerely yours; The Breakfast Club Team.



Volunteers

Cynthia at Laughing Stock Ranch is looking for volunteers to help with pony rides. Volunteer days and hours are flexible and could possibly lead to a job. Please see Lacey in room 155 if you are interested.



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Key Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, October 11 – Thanksgiving
- October 12 to October 15 – Interim Report Week
- Monday, October 18 - PAC Meeting
- October 20 and October 21 – Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Friday, October 22 – Provincial Professional Development Day
- November 1 – November 5 Careers Week at ACSS
- November 1 – 5 Provincial Assessment Week (Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, Literacy 12)
- Thursday, November 11 Remembrance Day
- January 11, 2022—Grade 9 Immunizations
- April 5, 2022—Grade 10 Immunizations

ACSS Totems Face Masks For Sale

We have ACSS face masks for sale on school cash online. \$12 each





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International Student Program Celebrates Autumn Harvest





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The Terry Fox Run

Terry Fox said, "anything is possible if you try." Inspired by his amazing example, our school is proudly taking part in this year's Terry Fox School Run. Please consider supporting us in our "try" and help us raise much-needed funds for cancer research. Thank you!

<http://www.terryfox.ca/AldergroveCommunitySecondarySchool>

The Route





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Still interested in Choir?

It's not too late! Choir rehearsals are Monday mornings from 7:40-8:40 am and Thursdays from 3-4 pm. Everyone is welcome....even if you have no singing experience. We would love to see you!



Programs of Choice – Registration Period is October 4 - October 20, 2021

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, U-Connect, and Career Education Programs (secondary). The registration period begins October 4, 2021 and ends October 20, 2021. 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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This newsletter is produced for the Career Education Department at ACSS and will be published weekly for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have any questions, additions or suggestions for future items please let us know – thanks!

Do you have any Career Questions? Please come and talk to Mrs. Gimpel in the Counsellor's office or email her at agimpel@sd35.bc.ca



POST-SECONDARY BC

FOR STUDENTS

FOR PARENTS

FOR COUNSELLORS

Find your post-secondary future at the 2021 PSBC Virtual Fair!



- Watch live presentations from 29 post-secondary schools across BC
- Connect with institutional representatives through text and video chat
- Download program information and watch additional video content
- Sign up easily for more information from any institution
- Door Prizes: Every student who visits the fair will be automatically entered into a draw for one of twenty-five \$100 Amazon gift cards.
- Survey Prizes: Fill out our Guest Survey after the event, and you'll be entered into a separate draw for another \$100 Amazon Gift Card.

Fair Schedule



The Virtual Fair will be open from 9:00am to 7:00pm on the following dates:

October 7th and 19th

November 3rd, 9th and 18th

December 1st and 7th

REGISTER NOW: <https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/virtual-fair/>



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SFU's Faculty of Applied Sciences invites you to join them in a series of online information sessions, hosted by faculty advisors and current students, throughout the Fall!

SFU's Faculty of Applied Sciences is for those who see problems as opportunities and are ready to discover their potential for shaping a better tomorrow. Home to the Schools of Computing Science, Engineering Science, Mechatronic Systems Engineering, and Sustainable Energy Engineering, they are shaping the next generation of leaders in technology and engineering. They offer rewarding areas of study complemented by unique learning experiences that foster innovation and an entrepreneurial spirit.

The online sessions will be taking place on the following dates and times:

Future Students Information Session: Computing Science and Software Systems

October 13, November 10 or December 8 Time: 4:30-5:30pm

Future Students Information Session: Learn about Applied Sciences

October 20 or November 3 Time: 8:00am-9:00 am

or November 17 Time: 4:30-5:30pm

Future Students Information Session: Engineering Sciences, Mechatronics Systems Engineering, Sustainable Energy Engineering

October 27 or November 24 Time: 4:30-5:30pm

RSVP: <https://www.sfu.ca/fas/prospective-students/events.html>

The zoom link will be sent to students upon registration. Those events without registration sites up yet will open closer to event time.



HIGH SCHOOL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Are you interested in a career in business? Get more information on how to become a CPA

CPA High School Ambassadors are motivated and organized student leaders in grades 10 through 12 who love to learn. Gain volunteer experience with one of Canada's largest professional organizations and develop your skills by completing tasks that help promote the accounting profession.

How to apply: Complete the application form found [here](#), and describe in 60-100 words why you would make a great CPA High School Ambassador.

Submit both by email to ambassadors@bccpa.ca. Visit www.bccpa.ca/ambassador for more information. Application Deadline – December 3, 2021!



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Health Services - Career Spotlight Session
October 20, 3:15pm-4:15pm
Learn about the different careers in the Health Services Industry! Presenters from various backgrounds in this field will talk about their occupation/role as well as their career journeys.
Q & A will follow each speaker!
Registration required at careerred.sd35.bc.ca/css





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Langley School District has curated a list of virtual PSI sessions for our students. For most of the sessions below, you will receive a link to join the session after you have registered. Visit the individual schools to sign up.

PSI NAME	DATE	TIME
Capilano University	Nov. 20	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Douglas College	Nov. 24	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
KPU	Nov. 4	4:00 - 5:00 PM
Langara	Nov. 1	4:00 - 5:00 PM
McGill	Sept. 28	9:00 - 9:45 AM EDT
Queens	Sept. 23 & 30	4:00 & 7:00 PM
Quest	Oct. 26	6:00 - 7:00 PM
SFU	Oct. 20	5:00 - 6:00 PM
SFU	Nov. 12	1:00 - 2:00 PM
TRU	Nov. 8	4:30 - 5:30 PM
U of Alberta	Oct. 27	6:00 - 7:00 PM MST
TWU	Nov. 15	4:30 - 6:30 PM
U of Calgary	Nov. 17	4:00 - 5:00 PM
U of Guelph	Oct. 18	6:00 - 7:00 PM
U of Sask	Nov. 15	5:00 - 6:00 PM
U of Toronto	Oct. 12	7:00 - 8:00 PM
U Vic	Nov. 2	6:00 - 7:00 PM
UBC - Sauder	Oct. 18	3:00 - 4:00 PM
UFV	Oct. 13	5:00 - 6:00 PM
Waterloo	Oct. 26	4:30 - 5:30 PM



Date: October 13, 2021 | Time: 5:00-6:30 pm | Cost: Free |

Visit www.uvic.ca/wlc on October 13 at 4:50 pm for link.

Women have made great strides in the labour force, but there is still much to address in order to close the gender gap. Women Leading Change in STEM, highlights powerful voices leading change across industries in which women remain underrepresented.

Join us for a conversation with STEM leaders Denise Williams, First Nations Technology Council, Julie Angus, Open Ocean Robotics, Mina Hoorfar, UVic Engineering and Computer Science and Sue Paish, Digital Supercluster that will connect, inspire and empower.



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Applying to Post-Secondary

Most Institutions will be open for applications in early October. Applying early is advised. Students do not have to have courses completed to be able to apply ... as long as they are currently taking the course in Semester 1 or are registered to take the course in Semester 2!

BE AWARE of APPLICATION OPENING DATES AND DEADLINES: Some program admissions are on a first qualified, first admitted basis until seats are filled. That's why applying early is important.

If students need some help applying, book an appointment with Mrs. Luteijn or Mrs. Gimpel in the Counselling office.

Parents: Check out this site for valuable resources

<https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/for-parents/>



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Announcement for our new Athletics Team Store

This is where we sell our PHE Gym Strip now. Parents and students will now be able to purchase their gear online through our Team Store, copy and paste the link below. The deadline to order gym strip is **Friday, October 8, 2021!**

www.totemsathletics.com





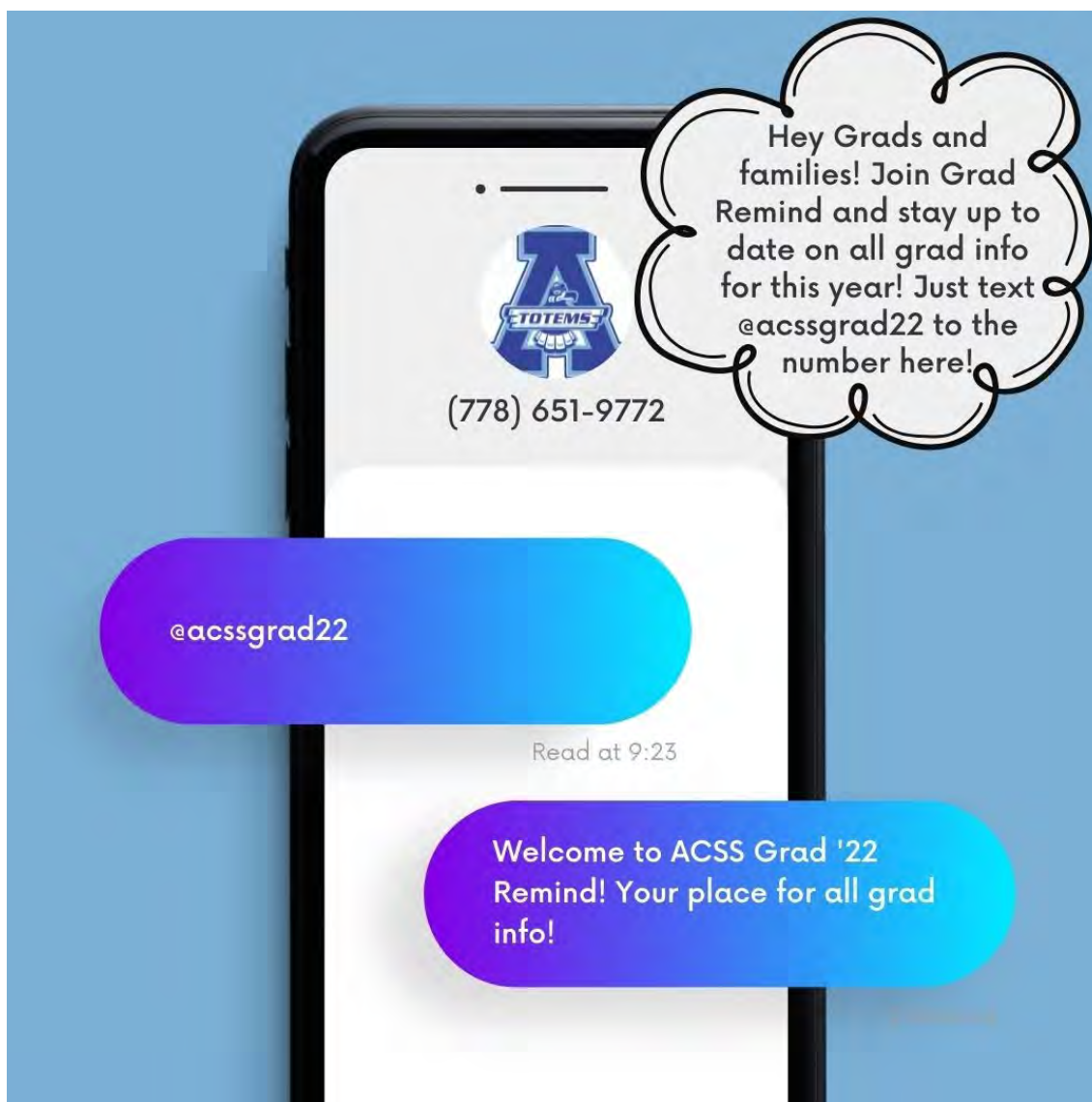
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GRAD 2022





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Grad 2022 Hoodies are available to order on SchoolCashOnline for \$55 each. This order will run until mid-October and will be delivered to students before Christmas break. We will run a second and final order in January for delivery before Spring Break.

Hoodies are available in Navy Blue and Light Grey with the above design. We only order exact amounts and will have no extras.





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EMPOWERING YOU Building Resiliency

Empowering You is a 10-week program that provides mental health education to help young adults develop skills that enable them to cope with challenges in life. The ultimate aim of Empowering You is to help youth aged 17 to 21 to manage stress, moments of anxiety, mood challenges, and relationship difficulties through self-awareness, coping strategies (e.g., mindfulness), connecting with nature and physical activity.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The goal of this program is to develop a sense of connection and belonging among participants in the 10-week program while learning about tools and techniques to manage their mental health. The program will run once a week for two hours. The first hour is dedicated to learning and information. During the second hour, young adults engage in physical activity which gives them an opportunity to experience and practice the information and learning. The program builds largely on the work of Jill Rathus and Alec Miller (2015) and dialectical behaviour therapy (DBT) and more specifically their DBT Skills Manual for Adolescents.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The overarching guiding principle for Empowering You is to **create a safe space** by:

- ✓ Creating and supporting positive experiences and peer relationships.
- ✓ Ensuring programming is standardized, age-appropriate and builds on best practice.
- ✓ Incorporating and practicing emotional, physical and mental risk management.
- ✓ Practicing strength based and trauma informed approaches to facilitation

PARTICIPANTS

Empowering You is a program for youth, aged 17 to 21, including youth in care or aging out of care, to assist with managing stress, moments of anxiety, mood challenges and relationship difficulties.

WHERE AND WHEN

Aldergrove – Exact location TBA,

Tuesdays, 3:30 to 5:30 pm | Oct 12 to Dec 14



Email for more information or to register: empoweryou@bcrpa.bc.ca



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New Daily Health Check Form – Digital and Print Version

Thank you for continuing to conduct a daily health check with your child. It is an important measure to help keep our school community healthy and safe. To better assist families, the Ministry of Education has developed an online K to 12 Health Check which can be found here: <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck>

A mobile phone app version can also be downloaded, called K to 12 Health Checker.

Print versions are available in multiple languages on our District website [here](#).



Fraser Health COVID-19 School Update – Immunization for 12-17 year olds

Health Canada has approved the use of the Pfizer vaccine for youth aged 12 to 17. British Columbia is expanding the COVID-19 Immunization Plan to include this age group.

Youth are excited to protect themselves and their families.

Children aged 12 to 17 can register to get vaccinated now by going to www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated, calling 1-833-838-2323 or in person at any Service B.C. centre. Once child(ren) are registered in the provincial system they will be contacted at a later date via the method they indicated (either email or text) to book their vaccine appointment.

Household and group vaccination options are also available to make it easy for households to be immunized at the same time. Multiple young people in a household can attend one booked appointment and be vaccinated together. Young people accompanying adults to the adult's new vaccine appointment can register on site and do not need to be registered or booked in advance. Just let clinic staff know you have arrived.

Ensure all family members bring identification and ideally, their personal health card if they have one.

In the coming days, schools will receive an information package to be shared with families with key information such as how to prepare for and what to expect during your child's vaccine appointment.

More information can be found at www.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated and at www.fraserhealth.ca/vaccine



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COVID-19 Guidelines 2021-22 – Frequently Asked Questions

Why is there no mask mandate for students in K-3?

As announced by the province, masks for students in K-3 are no longer required. The District will be encouraging students in K-3 to wear a mask. Mask wearing for these students continues to be a family/caregiver choice. Masks are only one layer of protection. As per public health, the best way to protect everyone is for people who are eligible to get vaccinated.

As announced by the province, masks will continue to be required for all K-12 staff, students in grades 4-12, and visitors when indoors and on buses (with exceptions). See further information regarding bussing [here](#).

Masks are not required for students, staff, and visitors when outdoors.

Why is there no vaccine mandate for students and staff?

As announced by the province, students, staff, and visitors are not required to be vaccinated but it is strongly recommended. The District is encouraging all students, staff, and visitors to get vaccinated before the start of the school year. As advised by public health, vaccines are the best way to keep everyone healthy and safe, especially those in the community who are not eligible to get vaccinated.

Walk-in vaccination clinics are available for anyone over the age of 12 years old. For more information on vaccine clinics in Fraser Health, read here: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/vax#.YSw77tNKibs>

Why is there no vaccine passport required for students and staff?

As announced by the province, students, staff, and visitors are not required to show proof of vaccination. As per the province, schools are controlled environments with comprehensive health and safety measures already in place and attendance of students, staff, and visitors is taken daily. Half of K-12 students are under 12 years old, not eligible for vaccines, and therefore, the vaccine passport would not be applicable.

A vaccine passport could be applicable, when and if schools host an event (like a concert open to parents/public). Schools will share additional information with the community where and when appropriate.

Why are there no cohorts and physical distancing required?

As announced by the province, cohort and physical distancing is no longer required. However, the District will be working with administration and school staff to develop creative ways to maximize space amongst students and staff in classes. Strategies may include using directional arrows and posters in hallways, spreading out desks and tables in a classroom, and encouraging everyone to respect others' personal space. Taking classes outdoors will continue to be encouraged.

Will the District improve ventilation in schools?

The District upgraded HVAC systems with MERV 13 filters in all sites including portables prior to last year school year. These upgrades meet and exceed provincial ventilation requirements.



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Will students be able to take online courses online if they feel unsafe? Will there be the Transition Support Model in September?

There continues to be a range of choices for students and their families in September. The District will not be offering the Transition Support Model for this school year. Students will be able to learn online through Distributed Learning programs offered at [U-Connect](#) (Elementary, Middle, Secondary) or [Langley Education Centre](#) (Secondary). Students also have the option of [homeschooling](#). If you have questions about options for your child, please connect with your school administrator.

If a student enrolls in a Distributed Learning program or chooses homeschooling, will they be able to save their spot at their catchment school or choice school?

Due to significant increases in student enrolment K-12 in the Langley School District, if a student chooses to enroll in a Distributed Learning program or is homeschooled, the school will not be able to save a student's space at their catchment school or choice school. In the event a student leaves for the school year, they will have to re-enroll for their catchment or choice school and follow regular procedures regarding registration and timeline. If you have questions, please connect with your school administrator.

Why can't the District implement its own guidelines?

The District takes direction from the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Office regarding public health matters. The District also follows regional and local health and safety measures developed by the Fraser Health Authority. Changes to any health and safety guidelines can only come from public health authorities. The District defers to health authorities on decision making as they base their advice on science and data collected by public health. The District trusts health experts and their work to help keep our students, staff, and community safe.

Why are the guidelines in schools different from other community settings (e.g., restaurants, stores, recreation centers)?

The District takes direction from the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Office. As per the province, all schools follow the health and safety outlines in the [BCCDC's Public Communicable Disease Guidance for K-12 Schools](#). Other sites within the Langley School District (non-education sites such as the school board office) follow WorkSafeBC guidelines which are different from school settings. Other community settings will have health and safety measures in place implemented by the province and/or regional/local authority.

Isn't the District concerned about COVID-19 exposures in schools due to increasing case counts/Delta Variant?

The District shares the community's concern over COVID-19 cases. The District acknowledges that as long as there is COVID-19 in the community, there will be exposures in schools. The District understands the more eligible people are immunized; the less likely school exposures may lead to transmission. The District is confident the COVID-19 measures in place for the school year will help in protecting the health and safety of students, staff, and community members.

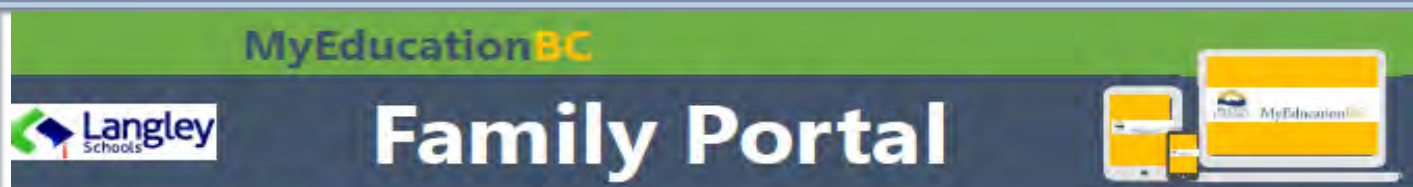


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Haven't
logged in
for over
90 days?

Passwords are good for 90 days to protect your child's data.
You will be prompted to change your password.

you may need to log
back in with your
new password after
resetting password.

Invalid Login
after changing
your password?

Forgot
your
password?

Click "I forgot
my password" on
the Log on screen.

The recovery
process asks for your current
Login ID, Email address, and
your security question.
They are **Case Sensitive**.

Invalid
Login?

☒ Both Login ID and Password
are **Case Sensitive**.

☒ Pop-ups are **Enabled**.

☒ Close your browser
completely* and try again
or try with **another
browser**. (Chrome, Firefox,
Microsoft Edge etc)

* Closing browser completely
on Mobile/Tablet, click [here](#).



Login ID: sd35-xxxxxxx
both logins and passwords are case sensitive.
Logins should be all lower case.



One login ID
should give parents access to all their
children's information.



Published Report Cards

It is recommended that you save the PDF documents as
the report card is only posted on the Family Portal for a
limited time.



How to use the Family Portal
Please visit our website [here](#).



Need Help?

Please submit a request through our website
<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/myedbc-family-portal-help/myedbc-request-for-assistance-form/>

For more information

<https://www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/myedbc-family-portal-help/>

SD35 Family Portal 2020

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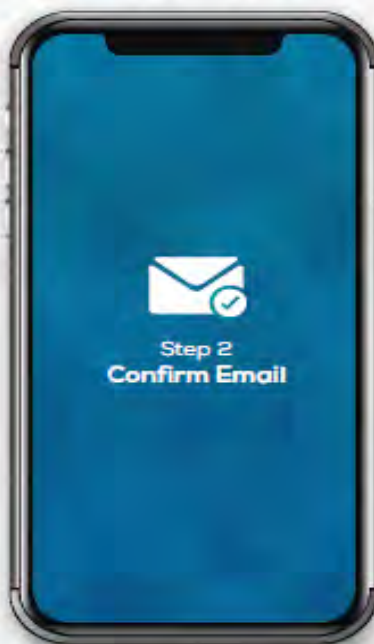
For safety and efficiency reasons, Langley School District would like to reduce the amount of cash & cheques coming into our schools. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE!
It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child.



Step 1
Register

Go to
<https://sd35.schoolcashionline.com>
and click on **Register**.

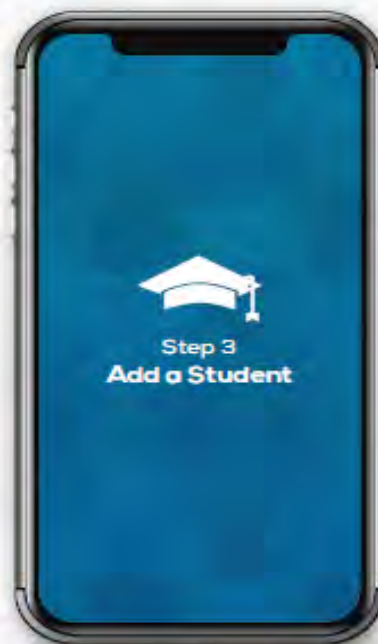
- ✓ Enter in your first name, last name, email and create a password.
- ✓ Select a security question.
- ✓ Check YES to receive email notifications



Step 2
Confirm Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account (check spam).

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site, prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password to log in.



Step 3
Add a Student

This step will connect your child to your account.

- a) Enter the School Board Name.
- b) Enter the School Name.
- c) Enter Your Child's **Student Number, Last Name, Date of Birth**.
- d) Select **Continue**.
- e) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the **Agree** box and select **Continue**.
- f) Your child has been added to your account.

If you require assistance, select the **SUPPORT** option in the bottom right hand corner of the screen or go to helpdesk.supportschoolcashionline.com

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FAQs

I've forgotten my password

Click on the "Forgot your password?" link to reset your password. A temporary password will be sent to the email address registered with your account.

How secure are my purchases?

KEV Group's top priority is to keep your personal information safe. Go to <https://helpdesk.supportschoolcashonline.com> and see Security for Security Policy and Privacy Policy.

What if I can't find my student?

Contact your school to confirm your student's details (sign up criteria) to ensure it matches exactly with what was entered in your school's records.

What if I can't see any items?

Each school creates their own items for purchase and assigns them to students. Once assigned, they will appear online under the student tab.

Need Help?

Go to helpdesk.supportschoolcashonline.com



Langley School District #35 - Langley



Contact your school office directly for the following issues:

- ✓ You require a refund for items purchased on School Cash Online
- ✓ When adding to the cart, the item displayed prevents you from completing your purchase correctly
- ✓ You made a purchase on an item incorrectly and want to change your order
- ✓ You are missing items that you thought were available to purchase. Items are created by the school and School Cash Online displays those items for parents to purchase

How To Make Online Payments for Your Student Fees using

SchoolCashOnline

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School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.

- ✓ Conveniently make payments for student fees online
- ✓ Stay connected and informed of all school activities
- ✓ Never miss out on field trips, school events, yearbooks and more

All you have to do is register, attach your students and in no time, you will be able to make payments online.

How to Register

1. Go to <https://sd35.schoolcashonline.com/> and click on Register

- ✓ Enter in your first name, last name, email and create a password.
- ✓ Select a security question.
- ✓ Check YES to receive email notifications

2. A confirmation email will be sent to you
 - Check spam

3. Follow the instructions in the email.

Your email is used as your username in your profile.



How to Add a Student

1. Sign In to School Cash Online
2. Go to MY ACCOUNT.
3. From the drop down menu, select My Students.
4. Click to add a student.
 - a. Type in your School Board Name
 - b. Select School Name from the list.
 - c. Enter Student Criteria (as set by your School Board)
 - d. CONFIRM

You can add up to 8 students on your profile.

How to Make a Payment

1. You will be able to view any available items attached to your students that are set up on your account.
2. Select the item that you would like to purchase and click "add to Cart".
3. Once you have finished adding items to your cart, select "Check Out" to make payment.

You can pay for multiple student's items in one Check Out.

Payment Types Accepted



Credit Cards



eCheck



Stay connected by receiving email notifications of new fees.



Never miss out on field trips, yearbook sales, and school events.



Pay required fees any time, any where.



Students no longer risk carrying cash and checks to school in their backpacks.