



# September 23, 2022

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Hello ACSS students and families,

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](http://www.acsstotems.ca)

The first meeting of our Parent Advisory Committee has been rescheduled (due to the implementation of the Day of Mourning on September 19<sup>th</sup>) to Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Becoming involved with the PAC is an excellent way to get involved in your child's education. Please consider attending the meeting and helping with our school PAC and their initiatives.

As September continues, we are finalizing changes to our school timetable and student schedules. We have welcomed many new students to our school this year and our enrolment count is higher than projected. Thus, we have been challenged with rearranging our schedules to best meet the needs of all our students. Thank you for your patience and understanding with regards to this occurrence.

Please welcome the following new staff members to ACSS for the 2022-2023 school year:

Sarah Chan – Teacher (English/Social Studies)

Jacob Chisholm – Teacher (Math)

Joel Stadie – Teacher (Career Education & Grade 8 Expos)

Elena Hurd – SEA

As more staffing changes occur throughout the year, they will be announced in the school newsletter.



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE cont'd.

This past week saw students and teachers settling into classes and engaging in meaningful teaching and learning. Grade groups have been meeting with school admin and staff as a way to ease students into the school and remind them of all the services and opportunities available to them, as well as to reinforce the expectations and responsibilities of each of us in the ACSS community.

Thank you to all the parents, guardians, students, and families who visited us Thursday evening for our annual Meet the Teacher Night. It was wonderful to see our staff interacting with students and their families! We hope that you enjoyed the barbecued smokies and gained some good insight of the staff working with your children, our students.

Thank you for reading this week's newsletter. All of us here at ACSS are looking forward to a wonderful school year of learning at ACSS!

Mr. M. Palichuk

Principal

Aldergrove Community Secondary School





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## 2022 Upcoming Dates

September 30 — National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - ***school closed***

October 6 — Grad Cruise

October 10 — Thanksgiving - ***school closed***

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***



## ACSS Music Dept

Choir is starting up! All students Grades 9-12 are welcome to come and join, even if you've never sung before. Rehearsals are Mondays 7:40 - 8:40 am and Thursdays from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. See Mrs. Mills if you have any questions.



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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>

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



**ALDERGROVE\_TOTEEMS**



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## GRAD 2023 NEWSLETTER

Friday, Sept 22 2022

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

### COMING UP: GRAD CRUISE

## Welcome to Grad 2023!

Welcome to the Grad 2023 newsletter. Here you will find all the pertinent info for your graduation year including dates, links, and some photos as the year moves forward. This will be the 8th graduation at ACSS that I've coordinated and I am happy our grads are able to enjoy an entirely "normal" graduation year!



## Important Dates

- **October 6th** - Grad Cruise - Semi-formal dinner cruise around Vancouver Harbour. Grad permission forms & payment due **Sept 29th**. Grad guest forms due **Sept 22nd** (payment due upon approval of grad guest). Forms were sent home with grads at the most recent grad meeting on Sept 15th.
- **November 13 - 16th** - 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. If you are interested in being on the Dry Grad committee, please let me know. We have a group of parents who have begun preliminary fundraising for the Dry Grad event but are looking for some key players who are willing to be the primary committee organizers. 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.







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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](https://fraserhealth.ca/schoolhealth)

### Healthlink BC

Health questions? Call 8-1-1 anytime 24/7 or visit [www.healthlinkbc.ca](https://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](mailto:schoolnurselangley@fraserhealth.ca)

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



Revised: Sept 15, 2022



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Bimbo Canada is generously donating 1,000 lbs of bread products to Langley Schools every week!

- bagels
- tortillas
- buns
- loaves
- treats



- Each week, between Tuesday 1pm and Wednesday 10am, you can pick up from a HUB nearest you (see below).
- Pictures will be posted to the Bimbo Bread Pick Up teams channel.
- Bread products can be used for in-school food programs or distributed to families at your school.

Douglas Park  
Community  
School

5409 206 St.

Aldergrove  
Community  
Secondary School

26850 29 Ave.

RE Mountain  
Secondary School

7633 202A St.

Contact us  
[info@lsdf.org](mailto:info@lsdf.org)  
604-617-5140

Thank you to our project partner,  
Langley Meals on Wheels and our  
donor, BIMBO Canada!



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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](https://langleycity.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](https://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](https://gov.bc.ca/GetVaccinated)
- Influenza vaccine – [immunizebc.ca/clinics/flu](https://immunizebc.ca/clinics/flu)

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