



# September 9, 2022

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Warm September greetings ACSS students and families,

We are very excited to be back at school teaching and learning with our students. We were excited to welcome our new Grade 9 students (and Grade 10-12 students new to ACSS) on Tuesday with a gathering in the sun-filled courtyard, some orientation activities (see the traditional handprint painting of our 2026 graduates below), and a celebratory lunch prepared by our new cafeteria commander, Mr. Tai.



The first meeting of our Parent Advisory Committee is set for Monday, September 19<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.





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Over the summer break we had the floors in both our large gym and Dramnasium refinished. As you can see in the photos below, the floors look shiny and new. Thank you to our district maintenance staff, our custodians, and the gymnasium floor refinishers, for all their superb work at our school this summer!





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We are also amid having some of our hallway floors replaced. As you can see in the photos below, the new flooring is yet to be installed. The now common "supply chain issues" term has caused us to have a little delay. We excitedly await the installation of our new floors!







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

Corene Beach – Office Assistant

Tristan Boomer – Learning Support

Nicholas Bruce – PHE/Math/Expos

Debbie Cave – English/Social Studies

Dylan Coulter – English/Video

Brock Foerster – Learning Support

Anya Gimpel – Career Advisor

Kim Haber – PHE

Devinder Kaur – Learning Support

Ruth Kreisch – Learning Support

Amy Kim – Home Economics

Lindsey Lloyd – French

Chris McBeth – Learning Support

Lara Petrie – Vice-Principal

Chris Probert – ADST

Vince Rahn – English

Zack Russell – Careers & Learning Support

Vance Sanderson – ASW

Rada Stojanovic – SEA

Brooklyn Wilson – Learning Support

April Yoo - ISP EA

Mr. M. Palichuk

Principal

Aldergrove Community Secondary School

**For the most up-to-date information regarding school events and happenings please visit:**

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

Instagram – [@acss.totems](https://www.instagram.com/acss.totems)

Facebook - [@aldergrovecommunitysecondary](https://www.facebook.com/aldergrovecommunitysecondary)

Twitter - [@acsstotems](https://twitter.com/acsstotems)



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## 2022 Upcoming Dates

September 20 — Photo Day

September 23 — School Improvement Day - ***school not in session***

September 30 — National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - ***school not in session***

October 6 — Grad Cruise



**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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## **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