



## ***Thunder Blurb***

Langley Secondary School

Community Newsletter: Issue #1

### Principal's Message



I am delighted to welcome you to the new school year and to share news and events throughout the year in a bimonthly newsletter "Thunder Blurb"

With over 1300 students attending Langley Secondary School, we offer comprehensive programming with a variety of unique options for students. With a developmentally integrated academic curriculum and robust extracurricular program, LSS has been enjoying successes

which are reflective of its able student body and its qualified, involved and caring faculty. Performing and fine arts, athletics, community service and school social activities supplement a well-rounded experience. I encourage students to get involved in the variety of offerings at the school. Please visit our website for more information and reach out to the school with questions.

We believe all students can be successful, and we strive to create a safe and supportive environment for all.

Please know that we are experiencing growth and with that construction continues on site with limited interference with the exception of upgrades to some older washrooms and final details on additional portables required. Please bear with us as we navigate solutions and look forward to completion mid September.

Diane Smillie, Principal

## School Opening



**ORIENTATION DAY: September 3rd (GRADE 9'S AND NEW STUDENTS ONLY!)**

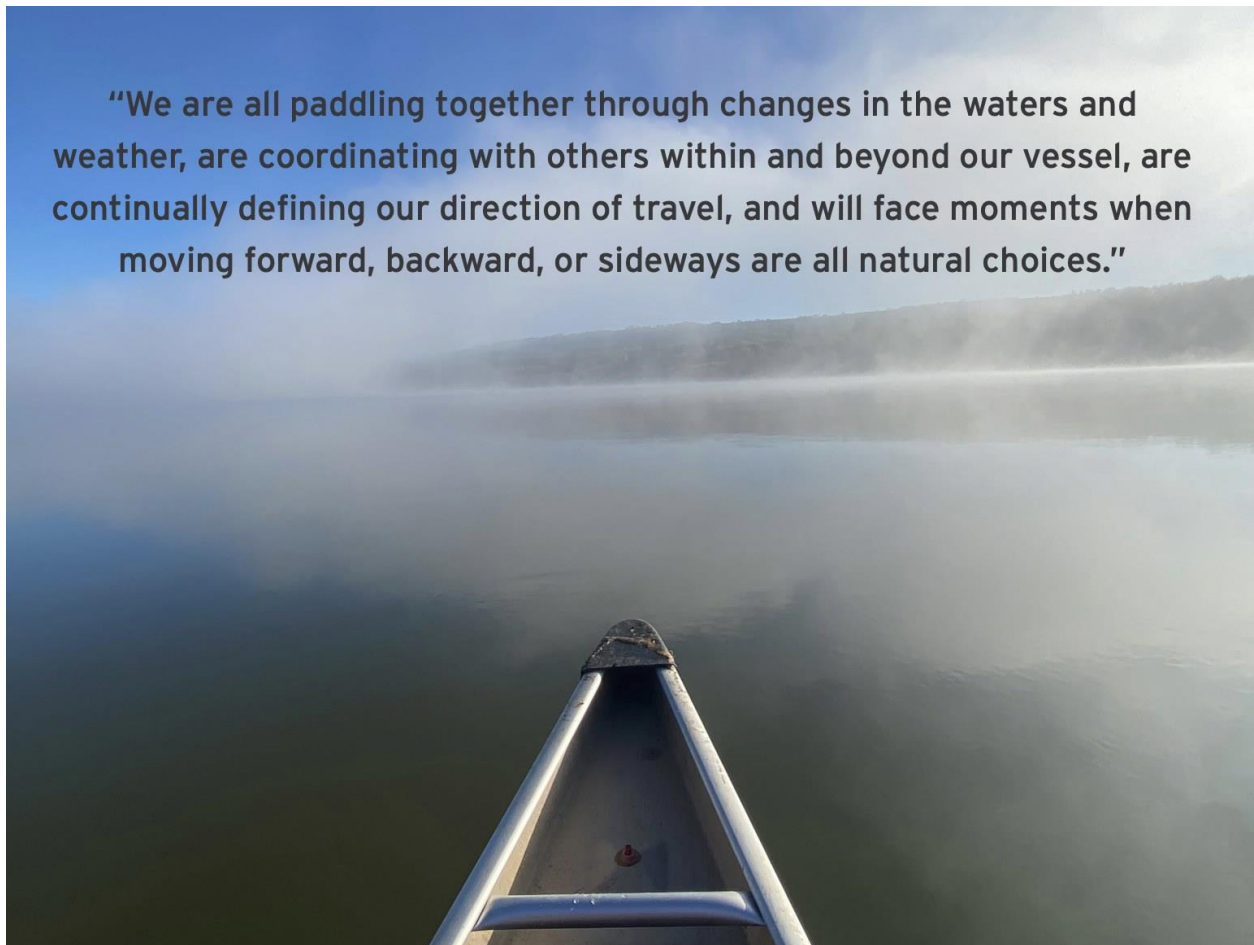
Opening Day Schedule for Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 03, 2024		
Staff Meeting	8:30 AM- 11:00 AM	Small Gym
Assembly for Grade 9	11:30 AM -12:15 PM	Large Gym
Lunch for Grade 9 & New Students (10-12)	12:15 PM – 1:00 PM	Outside Learning Commons
New Grade 10-12 Orientation	1:00 PM	Learning Commons
Grade 9 Home Room Orientation	1:00 – 1:30 PM	Assigned Grade 9 Home Rooms
Gr 9 Tour	1:30 PM- 2:00 PM	
Gr 9 Class Photo	2:15 – 2:30	Castle Lobby
Grade 9 Dismissal	2:30 PM	

**Calendar – September 4<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (ALL STUDENTS!)**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 2 No School	Sept 3 8:30 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Grade 9 Assembly/Orientation 1:00 PM New Grade 10-12 Orientation	4 5 min Homeroom (All Students) A1 B1, C1, D1 REP Time Activity Day 1	6 5 min Homeroom C2, D2, A2, B2 REP Time Activity Day 2	8 5 min Homeroom D1, C1, B1, A1 No REP Time (Altered Bell) Pep Rally @ Stadium 1:30 PM
9 5 min Homeroom A2, B2, C2, D2	10 5 min Homeroom B1, A1, D1, C1 Grade 10/11 Grade Assembly	11 School Photos B2, A2, D2, C2	12 C1, D1, A1, B1 Grade 12 Grade Assembly	13 D2, C2, B2, A2

## Important Dates on the Horizon

**“We are all paddling together through changes in the waters and weather, are coordinating with others within and beyond our vessel, are continually defining our direction of travel, and will face moments when moving forward, backward, or sideways are all natural choices.”**



Tues. Sept 2nd: Schools Open with Grade 9's only (Gr 9 Assembly)

Wed. Sept 3rd: First Full Day for all students

Tues Sept 9th: Grade 10 Assembly

Wed Sept 10th: Last day for course changes

Thurs Sept 11th: Grade 11 Assembly

Fri Sept 12th: Grade 12 Assembly

Wed Sept 17th: School Photo Day

Thurs Sept 18th: Grad Cruise (Gr 12's only)

Mon Sept 29th: School Improvement (Staff Only)

Tues Sept 30th: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (School Closed)

## Drop off and Pick up



As we head into the new school year we just want to communicate some guidelines for parents around pick up and drop off and give some information on the various pick up and drop off areas.

### Front of School (56 Ave)

This area is for pick up and drop off only, parking spaces are very limited and available elsewhere. Please be advised it is not legal to turn left into this area when travelling east on 56th Ave. RCMP have advised they will be doing traffic patrol on this street.

### CLA Parking Lot

The staff at CLA allow parents to use their parking lots for pick up and drop off, however the space is sometimes booked for movie productions and events. We will communicate out any

instances where it will become available. Students need to exercise caution and cross the street at the crosswalk light to get to the church parking lot as the road is very busy during pick up and drop off times. CLA has also asked us to remind everyone to drive slowly and obey posted signage in their parking lot

#### North Side Parking Lot

We have a large parking lot that we share with McLeod Athletic Park Stadium on the north side of the school. There is a lot of parking available and we encourage parents to use this lot as much as possible during pick up and drop off times as it has the most entrance/exit points and best traffic flow on site. Exiting left out of the parking lot will take you back to 216th St.

#### West Parking Lot by Gym

Please do not use this parking lot for pick up and drop off. It is intended for use as a staff parking lot, and spaces are very limited with the addition of two portables on site.



### COURSE CHANGE REQUESTS

Please note that counsellors are extremely busy with timetables and course change requests at this time of year. We request that you respect our course change request policies (listed below), and thank you for your patience as we may not be able to return non-urgent calls or emails right away.

Students may make course change requests via online form only. Course change requests will NOT be accepted through Teams chat, email, or voicemail. Please check your MyED portal account for the most current/accurate schedule of classes before submitting a request. The last day for first semester course changes is September 10th. The form link is posted on Teams, along with a grid of the timetable and more detailed instructions. The grid shows students which courses may be available in certain blocks. *Students are required to use the grid as a guide prior to submitting a form.* Link to form: <https://forms.office.com/r/AQRJQvkGW7>

**ONLY Grade 12s and students that are new to LSS (excluding Grade 9s from Stafford) may book an appointment to discuss their timetable with counsellors.**

Students will be contacted via Teams if their course request is successful.

## **STUDENT FEE SCHEDULE 2025-2026**

*Legislation and Student Fees*The School Act requires that instruction in an educational program be provided free of charge to every student of school age who is resident in British Columbia and enrolled in an educational program in a school operated by a District. It dictates that schools cannot charge fees for anything that is referred to as “educational resource material.” These are all materials and equipment necessary to meet the learning outcomes or assessment requirements of an educational program provided by the District.

*The District may charge fees for goods and services, as defined under School Regulation 265/89. These goods and services are provided by the District in accordance with Ministry Orders and the School Act section 82(3).*

*Financial Hardship*The District is committed to ensuring that no student of school age will be denied an educational program due to financial hardship. Within the fiscal ability of each school and the District, no student is to be denied access to programs, events or field trips that are aligned to and enhance the BC curriculum.

*If you have any questions about school fees, please speak with your administrator.*





Fall Sports will begin immediately with tryouts advertised on the school instagram. Follow [lssthunderbirds](#) to find out information for Cross Country and when tryouts are for Volleyball and Boys Soccer. Football have begun practices but it's not too late to let Coach Macleod know if you are interested in playing. This year we offer both a junior and senior team.

Seasonal Sport Schedule		
Fall Sept-Nov	Winter Dec-Feb	Spring Mar-Jun
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Boys Soccer</li> <li>▪ Cross Country</li> <li>▪ Football</li> <li>▪ Volleyball</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Basketball</li> <li>▪ District Team Wrestling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Badminton</li> <li>▪ Girls Soccer</li> <li>▪ Golf</li> <li>▪ Hockey</li> <li>▪ Rugby</li> <li>▪ Track and Field</li> </ul>

Grad Cruise comes early this year! Thurs Sept 18th



The Grad Cruise is booked for Thursday September 18th bringing the Grads of 2026 together early. Tickets for the Grad Cruise are on sale on school cash online. Max capacity is 185. Student price is \$110.00 covering the cost of food, drink, DJ, transportation and a 3 hour cruise on the vessel, "Magic Charm" in the beautiful Burrard Inlet. Students are to be at the school by 4:00pm. Busses leave the school at 4:15 pm and return by 10:30 pm. This is open to Grade 12 students only no guests will be permitted at this event.



## School Photo Day: Wed Sept 17th



School Photo Day is coming up on Wednesday, September 17th!

Artona will be on site taking photos for staff and students. Students will be called to the learning commons by grade throughout the day.

*For Grade 12s, these photos will not be your grad photos but will be used for your student IDs throughout the year.*

**If you miss your photo day, retakes will take place on November 5th.**

## Stay in Touch!

The main office is open from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm. Events and announcements are found on the school's instagram, website and newsletter.

### Langley Secondary School

Visit us on:

**Website** at [www.https://www.sd35.bc.ca/lss](https://www.sd35.bc.ca/lss)

**Instagram** at langleysecondary and lss thunderbirds

- **Administration**

- Principal: Ms. Smillie
- VP: Mr. Kilvert (A-K)
- VP: Ms. Johnson (L-Z)

- **Counsellors**

- Ms. Blount (A-G) (Sr AVID)
- Ms. Ware (H-O) (Jr AVID)
- Ms. Kauldher (P-Z) and ELL

**Clinicians**

- Chelsi Collard
- Amanda Hille

**Aboriginal Support Worker**

- Dave White

- **Youth Care Worker**

- Diaz Kambere
- Maina Manodon

- **School Liaison Officer**

- Cst Millar

- **Athletic Director**

- Mr. Paul / Mr. Sheppard

- **Careers:**

- Rachel Kiers / Ms. Warmerdam / Ms. Seymour

- **Family Support Worker:**

- Mr. Sanchez

## Marshalling Area: Twin Rinks



In the event of an emergency evacuation, students will be guided to **Twin Rinks at 5700 Langley Bypass, Langley, BC**. This is our designated marshalling and family reunification area, where families can safely reconnect with their children.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe.