



Thunder Blurb: Sept 2026

Principal's Message



Welcome to the 2026 – 27 school year at Langley Secondary, the home of the Thunderbirds!

Please refer to the Welcome back letter emailed to the community on Aug 27th for more information. We welcome our new families to the LSS community, and welcome back our returning families! I sincerely hope that all of you have had a wonderful summer. It is a privilege to work with the Thunderbird learning community and continue to build on the school's culture of learning through meaningful relationships within a caring environment.

We are excited to have the **LSS addition** ready for the September 8 school opening. Teams have been busy setting up and equipping the new spaces to ensure they are ready for students and staff. The addition creates 300 new student spaces and includes two Foods Labs, a Maker/Design Lab, a Science Lab, and additional classrooms designed to support a wide range of learning opportunities. Students will continue to see some work following the occupancy in order to finalize some deficiencies.

Tues. Sept 8th will have our new grade 9's and new students to the building based on the schedule shown below. Homeroom lists will be posted in the front foyer and course schedules will be handed out in homerooms following a grade 9 assembly. We welcome gr 10 - 12 to the building on **Wed Sept 9th** with a homeroom to start the day. Course changes can be made from Aug 28 - Sept 18th through a link provided. There are no in person counselling appointments at this time in order to service requests efficiently. Please check Teams channels for information and use the QR code below for course change requests.

LSS is a thriving community. We encourage all students to get involved and try new things. Athletics, Fine Arts, Trades. Career sessions, Leadership and a variety of clubs are offered. Fall sports start quickly and Musical theatre will be holding auditions this month. Extracurricular activities create memories, new friendships and lend to a more successful experience in school.

All the best to all of you this year!

Diane Smillie, Principal

School Opening



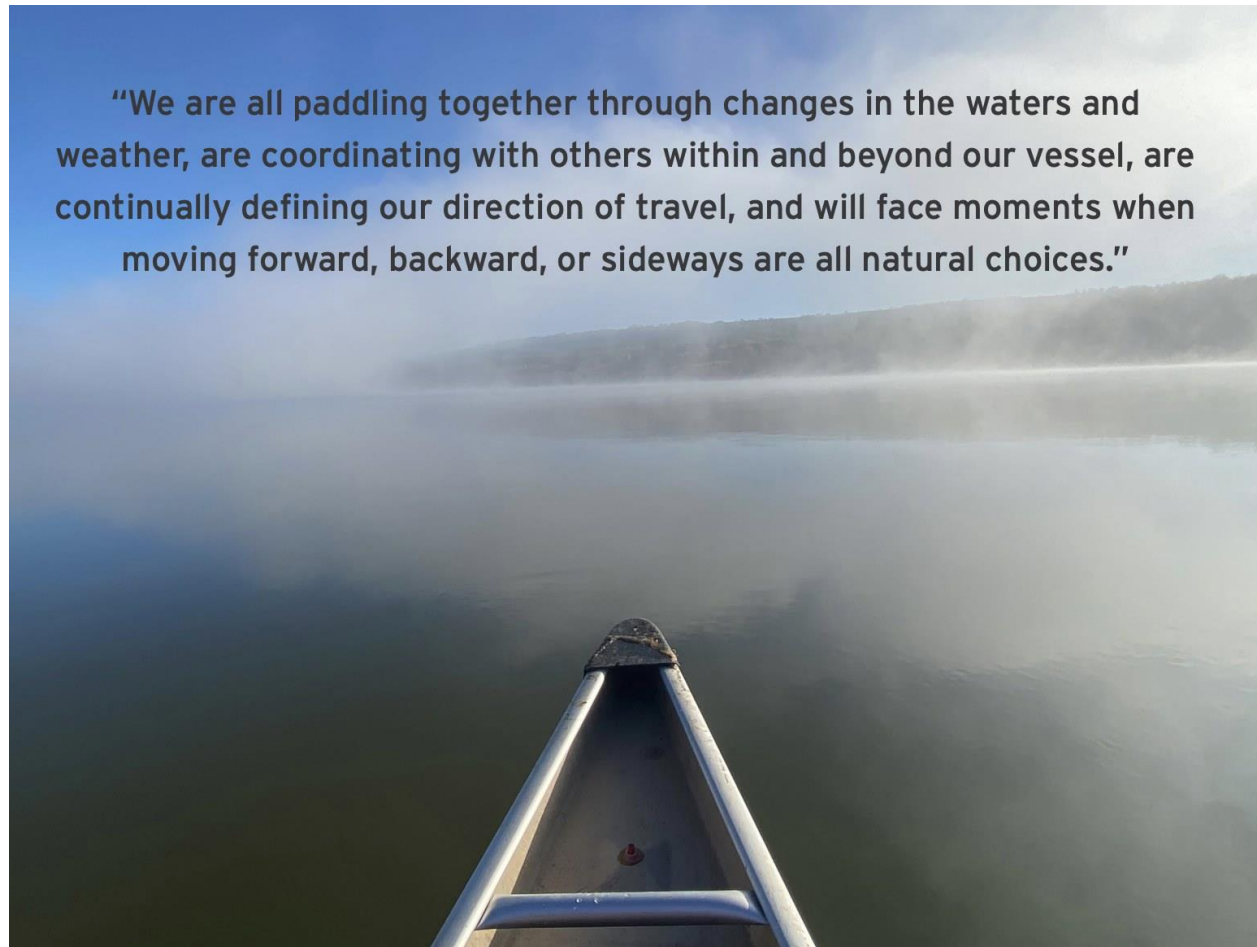
ORIENTATION DAY: September 8th (GRADE 9'S AND NEW STUDENTS ONLY)

Opening Day Schedule for Tuesday, September 028 2026		
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 & ALL New Students	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 School Tour	1:30 PM- 2:00 PM	Front Foyer
Gr 9 Class Photo	2:15 – 2:30	
Grade 9 Dismissal	2:30 PM	

Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 7 No School	Sept 8 8:30 AM Staff Meeting (Small Gym) 11:30 AM Grade 9 Assembly (Large Gym) 1:00 PM New Grade 10-12 Orientation	Sept 9 (A1) 5 min A1 HR (All Students) A1 B1, C1, D1 REP Time Activity 2:00 PM All Call Resource Teachers	Sept 10 (C2) 5 min A1 HR C2, D2, A2, B2 REP Time Activity Day 2 Dept Head Mtg	Sept 11 (D1) 5 min A1 HR D1, C1, B1, A1
Sept 14 5 min A1 HR A2, B2, C2, D2 AVID Activity	Sept 15 5 min A1 HR B1, A1, D1, C1 Grade 10 Assembly	Sept 16 No Homeroom D2, C2, B2, A2	Sept 17 No Homeroom C1, D1, A1, B1 Gr 11 Assembly	Sept 18 No Homeroom D2, C2, B2, A2 Gr 12 Assembly

Important Dates on the Horizon



Tues. Sept 8: Schools Open with Grade 9's only (Gr 9 Assembly)

Wed. Sept 10: First Full Day for all students

Tues Sept 15: Grade 10 Assembly

Thurs Sept 17: Grade 11 Assembly

Fri Sept 18: Grade 12 Assembly

Fri Sept 18: Last day for course changes

Wed Sept 23: School Photo Day

Thurs Sept 24: Grad Cruise (Gr 12's only)

Mon Sept 25: School Improvement (Staff Only)

Tues Sept 29: Orange Shirt Day

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



Parent Consent Forms

Parent Consent Forms on MyEdBC

Each year, Langley Schools asks families to complete a set of parent consent forms for their child. These consent forms are required by our schools to ensure the health, safety, and security of all students. Beginning in this school year, Langley Schools will be using the MyEdBC parent portal to collect this information. During the second week of school, please watch for an email from the MyEdBC system notifying families to log in to the MyEdBC parent portal to complete the online consent forms.

A set of consent forms will need to be completed for each child attending a Langley school. It is advised to access MyEdBC and complete the parent consent forms using a desktop or laptop as the process requires the full site version (which is not mobile-friendly). For step-by-step instructions, please read [here](#). More information can be found on the District website [here](#).

If your email address or contact information has changed, please call your school to correct it in our files. If you have not received an email regarding consent forms by the end of September or have any questions/concerns, please contact your school administrator.

Course Change Requests

COURSE CHANGE REQUESTS

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

Starting on **Friday, August 28th**, 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 18th**.

The form link will also be 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: [Course Change Request Form September 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Counsellors will not be taking in person appointments during this time. Your counsellor may contact you via teams if a conversation is required regarding your request.

***Mental health emergencies are excluded from this restriction.**

Counsellors:

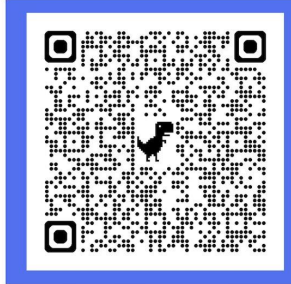
Amber Blount: Last Names = A-G (Avid 11 & 12)

Michele Ware: Last Names = H-O (Avid 9 & 10)

Inder Kauldher: Last Names = P-Z (ELL)

Course Change Requests

All Gr. 9-12 course changes must be submitted via the online form below.



Counsellors will **only** be accepting course change requests via the online form. Your counsellor will contact you on TEAMS if an appointment is required.



Please remember to check your MyEd account regularly to see if your course change request has been completed.

Student Support Services

Administration

- Principal: Ms. Smillie
- VP: Mr. Gollub (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

Family Support Worker:

- Mr. Sanchez

Drop off and Pick up



WE ASK STUDENTS TO USE THE CROSS WALK DUE TO THE HEAVY VOLUME OF TRAFFIC AND MAINTAIN A COURTEOUS ORDER WHILE STEPPING ONTO THE TRANSIT BUS.

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.

New Program offer for Gr 6 - 11 Students!



LANGLEY
NFL FLAG
LANGLEYFLAG.COM
FOOTBALL

*MORE THAN A GAME.
IT'S YOUR GAME.*

GET IN THE GAME!

NFL FLAG FOOTBALL
GRADES 6 - 11

**INFORMATION SESSION
FOR NEW PROGRAM**

SEPT 14

**PETER EWART
MIDDLE SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM**

5PM

**LOW OR NO COST,
NO BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATING.**

**WORK WITH
A REAL COACH**

**LEARN A NEW
SPORT OR SKILLS**

**PLAY ON
A TEAM**

PRACTICES

POTENTIALLY
MONDAYS / WEDNESDAYS
AFTER SCHOOL
@ PETER EWART
MIDDLE SCHOOL
3:30PM - 5PM

GAME NIGHTS!

CHANCE TO PLAY GAMES
ON **FRIDAY NIGHTS**

@ NOEL BOOTH
ATHLETIC PARK

NEW FRIENDS. NEW SKILLS. BIG PLAYS.

ARE YOU IN?

VISIT **LANGLEYFLAG.CA**
TO LEARN MORE

COME TO THE INFO SESSION
AND BE PART OF SOMETHING
AWESOME!

School Photo Day: Wed Sept 23rd



School Photo Day is coming up on Wednesday, September 23rd!

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 12th.

Grad Cruise comes early this year! Thurs Sept 24th



The Grad Cruise is booked for Thursday September 24th bringing the Grads of 2027 together early. Tickets for the Grad Cruise are on sale on school cash online. Max capacity is 300. Student price is \$120.00 covering the cost of food, drink, DJ, transportation and a 3 hour cruise on the vessel, 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.



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 season has begun with the first home game this Friday, Sept 11th and it's not too late to let Coach Macleod know if you are interested in playing.

Seasonal Sport Schedule		
Fall Sept-Nov	Winter Dec-Feb	Spring Mar-Jun
▪ Boys Soccer ▪ Cross Country ▪ Football ▪ Volleyball	▪ Basketball ▪ District Team Wrestling	▪ Badminton ▪ Girls Soccer ▪ Golf ▪ Hockey ▪ Rugby ▪ Track and Field



Musical Theatre News! This year's musical theatre production will be "Hadestown: Teen Edition" by Anaïs Mitchell.

Hadestown intertwines two mythic tales — that of young dreamers Orpheus and Eurydice, and that of King Hades and Queen Persephone — as it invites you on an unforgettable journey to the underworld and back. Performed by a vibrant ensemble of actors, singers, dancers, and musicians, HADESTOWN asks audiences to imagine how the world could be.

Recently the Broadway pro-shot version was released in theatres and is now on Amazon Prime, and clips of the Tony performance are available online, which will give some context for the sound and feel of the show.

Students interested in performing in the production can attend rehearsals starting **Monday, September 14th 5-8pm** in the Dramnasium.

Students interested in being part of the technical crew can stay tuned for when Technical theatre classes begin after school on Wednesdays.

Contact Mr. McMath, Mr. Tressel, Mr. Nield, Mr. Lopez, or Ms. Schiefer with any questions.



Introducing this year's Lss PAC executive 2026-2027.

President: Cathy Worrall

Vice President: Alex Joehl

Secretary: Kristina Peters

Treasurer: Kirandeep Kaur

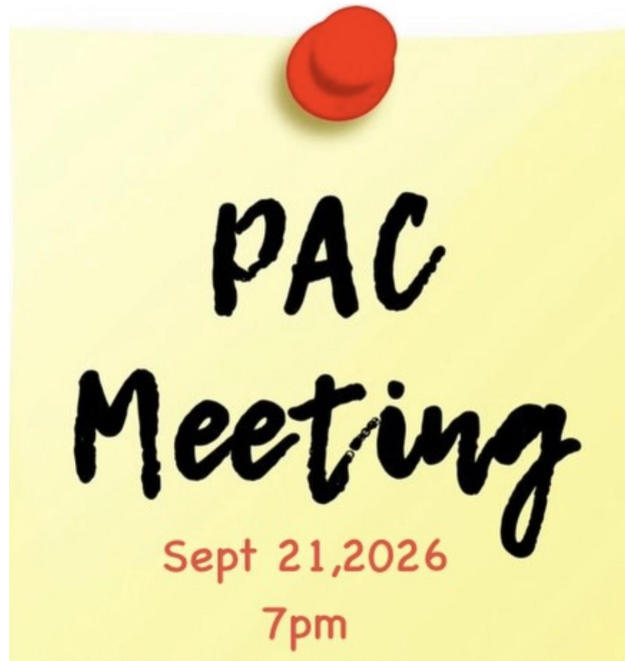
DPAC: Gina Twellmann

Mal: Solanlle Panguinao

Mal: Cindy Chung

Mal: Ciara Barber

Thanking you in advance for your time and work on behalf of our school.



School District News



Parent Code of Conduct

[Parent Code of Conduct](#)

The Langley School District is committed to fostering safe and caring schools that promote mutual respect, cooperation, and social responsibility, and support optimal learning. Trauma Informed Practices and Procedures promote the creation and maintenance of safe, inclusive, equitable, welcoming, and nurturing school environments.

Families play an important role in helping students achieve success as well as helping create a compassionate learning community. Just as students are expected to follow the District's [Student Code of Conduct](#), there is an expectation for parents/guardians to uphold the District's [Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct](#).

[Accident Insurance](#)

The District is pleased to offer families access to two voluntary student accident insurance options for the 2026/2027 school year.

Although enrollment is optional, these plans can provide additional accident-related coverage and benefits beyond those available through standard health care programs.

Please note that enrollment is completed online directly through the provider. Families may choose either of the following options:

[Insure My Kids](#)

OR

[Study Insured](#)

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.

[e-scooters and e-dirt bikes](#)

Beginning in September 2026, the Langley School District will prohibit e-scooters and e-dirt bikes on all school sites. This ban applies for elementary, middle, and secondary schools.

Legally, E-pedal bikes are permissible at secondary schools; light e-bikes for students aged 14

and 15, and standard e-bikes for students aged 16 and older. E-pedal bikes are permissible at all schools for adults.



September 2, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: E-Scooter and E-Bike Guidelines in Langley Schools

As students, staff, and families get prepared to start a new school year and review health and safety information, the Langley School District is outlining new guidelines around the use and storage of e-scooters and e-bikes at schools. Beginning in September 2026, the **Langley School District will prohibit e-scooters and e-dirt bikes on all school sites. This ban applies to elementary, middle, and secondary schools.** Legally, E-pedal bikes are permissible at secondary schools; light e-bikes for students aged 14 and 15, and standard e-bikes for students aged 16 and older. E-pedal bikes are permissible at all schools for adults.

School administrators and staff will promote, support, and enforce these guidelines, in alignment with existing District administrative procedures, [AP 350: Student Code of Conduct](#) and [AP 355: Student Expectations and Consequences](#).

Health and safety are a priority. We rely on everyone's support to maintain a healthy, safe, and positive learning environment – in and out of the classroom. These guidelines will be shared with students at the start of the school year along with other important information. We ask for parents/guardians to have conversations with their children about these guidelines and to promote understanding and compliance.

The District is continuing to work with our partners including the Ministry of Education and Child Care, the Ministry of Transportation and Transit, ICBC, and the Langley RCMP on promoting public safety. The District is aware of the concerns with underage e-scooter usage as well as recent evidence indicating an increase in injuries in children and youth riders.

If you have any questions about these new guidelines, please speak with your school administrator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mal Gill".

Mal Gill
Superintendent of Schools



School District #35 (Langley) | 4875 222 St., Langley, BC V3A3Z7 | (604) 534-7891
www.sd35.bc.ca | www.facebook.com/LangleySchoolDistrict | @LangleySchools

Message from the City of Langley



Notice of Community Opinion Vote

Important information. Please have someone translate.

Renseignements importants. Veuillez demander à quelqu'un de les traduire pour vous.

ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ। ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰ ਕੇ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਕਿਸੇ ਤੋਂ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰਵਾਓ।

Mahalagang impormasyon. Mangyaring ipa-translate o ipasalin mo ito para sa iyo.

중요한 정보. 영어를 아는 분에게 한국어로 알려달라고 하세요.

Información importante. Por favor, pídale a alguien que se la traduzca.

معلومات هامة. رجاء أطلب من شخص ما أن يترجمها لك.

During the local government election this October, eligible Langley City voters will have the opportunity to participate in a separate, non-binding Community Opinion Vote. The results of the vote will help determine if the City should continue planning for two facility expansions:



Expansion of Al Anderson Memorial Pool to provide year-round access

Current estimated capital cost: \$73 million

Estimated tax impact for homeowners = about 2.95% per year for four years, then remain the same until the loan is paid (over a period of thirty (30) years or less).

This means for an:

- Average single-family home = an increase of about \$100 per year for the initial four years
- Average multi-family home (including owned condos) = an increase of about \$45 per year for the initial four years



Expansion of Timms Community Centre combined with a new Performing Arts and Cultural Centre

Current estimated capital cost: \$107 million

Estimated tax impact for homeowners = about 4.29% per year for four years, then remain the same until the loan is paid (over a period of thirty (30) years or less).

This means for an:

- Average single-family home = an increase of about \$150 per year for the initial four years
- Average multi-family home (including owned condos) = an increase of about \$65 per year for the initial four years



Important Updates from Fraser Health



School Vaccination Information for Parents

Getting vaccinated on schedule is the best way to protect yourself from many dangerous diseases. Public health regularly checks immunization records for students in Grades 6 and 9 to help make sure they are up to date on vaccines.

We offer all routine vaccines needed for students in Grades 6 and 9 when students are in school.

Families can check their child's immunization records online to see if they need any vaccines by logging into immunizationconsent.gov.bc.ca/s/ then looking at "Immunization forecast".



Give consent for the child's vaccines online

This year, students, parents, or caregivers of students in Grades 6 and 9 have the option to provide consent for vaccines online. **You can fill out consent now or any time before the school clinic.**

To give online consent for immunizations, scan this QR code or go to immunizationconsent.gov.bc.ca/s/.



Note: If you identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Métis or Inuit), please contact your local health unit to learn about additional vaccines that may be available to Indigenous students.

If vaccines are needed, please see [Vaccines | HealthLink BC](#) for more information on the specific vaccine your child needs.

What if the child had vaccines but they are not on their immunization record?

If the child's record is missing vaccines they already had, please do the following:

1. Find the paper record at home, if one was given to you at the time of vaccination.
2. If you do not have records at home, contact the health care provider who gave the vaccines and ask for a copy of the immunization record.
3. Report the immunizations by:
 - Scanning this QR code to submit the records
 - or
 - Submitting it online by going to: FraserHealth.ca/immunizationform.



For more information

- B.C.'s immunization schedule: [Immunizations schedule for children | HealthLink BC](#)
- Fraser Health information and resources on immunizations: FraserHealth.ca/immunize

If you have questions, please call your local public health unit.

Public Health Units					
Abbotsford 604-864-3400	Agassiz 604-793-7160	Burnaby 604-918-7605	Chilliwack 604-702-4900	Cloverdale 604-575-5100	Guildford 604-587-4750
Hope 604-860-7630	Langley 604-539-2900	Maple Ridge 604-476-7000	Mission 604-814-5500	New Westminster 604-777-6740	TriCities (Port Moody) 604-949-7200
Newton 604-592-2000	North Delta 604-507-5400	North Surrey 604-587-7900	South Delta 604-952-3550	White Rock 604-542-4000	