



Langley Secondary School

“Imagine, Engage, Act: Nothing Without Effort”

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“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”

Harriet Tubman

Principal's Message

October and November were busy months in the LSS community! The Grad Cruise was a fun way to start off the grade 12s final year at LSS. We had amazing weather for the cruise, and the students danced all night. Thanks so much to the parents who helped us with ticket taking at the school in preparation for departure! As well, a special thanks goes to the many teachers who joined us to help supervise the trip. The next Grad event is the Grad Coffee House, organized by the Grad Council.

On October 18, we connected with the community around World Food Day. The gym was decked out with booths from different community organizations and businesses. There were guest speakers from various organizations all with the purpose of engaging students and the community in understanding the importance of ending the world food crisis and eliminating child poverty. We were even recognized in Ottawa by MP Mark Warawa. The video clip can be found on our school website.

Halloween student events happened daily in the week leading up to Halloween and there was much student participation. The leadership students did a great job organizing these events. The “Death Valley” school dance was a huge hit. Our own student DJ, Akash Verma kept the students dancing throughout the evening. The students had a great time! Thanks to the parents who ran the coat check, and to the teachers who helped supervise. Halloween week culminated on October 31, when most of the students and staff dressed in costume. There were some very creative costumes!

We had a number of sports teams compete in the fall including Junior and Senior Varsity Football, Junior and Senior Boys Soccer combined, Junior Girls Volleyball, and our Swim Team. Our winter sports are just beginning with Junior Girls and Boys Basketball and our Langley United Wrestling Team. A special thanks goes out to the coaches who work with these teams throughout the season and provide opportunities for students to learn valuable skills such as leadership, teamwork, commitment, perseverance, discipline and good sportsmanship.

The PAC organized another successful Christmas Craft and Gift Fair near the end of November. There were an incredible variety of items for sale and the vendors appeared very happy with the turnout! This is a very important fundraiser for the school. Thanks so much to the PAC for organizing the event.

The Fine Arts Department has been busy preparing for their concerts, and for the Musical Theatre Production of Les Miserables coming up in February. There are lots of new displays of artwork around the school. What talented students we have at LSS!

December will be full of student events organized by our leadership students. There are lots of opportunities for students to participate. We also look forward to the final assembly of 2011 on December 16 – The Reindeer Games.

December would not be complete without the annual tradition of giving back. Ms. Bennett and the grade 12s are organizing their contribution to the Christmas Bureau and the Ishtar Transition House. The leadership students are organizing the student body to bring food for the food drive.

Giving back to the community is a vital part of being a good citizen. We often take for granted the food that we are able to eat, and how the gifts we give and receive bring us joy. Christmas is going to be particularly tough for some families this year. I am so pleased that our students are extending their hearts to the community and showing that they care.

On behalf of the staff, I want to thank parents and other members of the LSS Community for your support of this school and its students. We wish you and your loved ones a very happy holiday season. I hope you have many opportunities to enjoy this special time of year with friends and family.

Sincerely,

*Dawne Tomlinson,
Proud Principal, Langley Secondary*



Upcoming Events



DECEMBER

Dec. 1 – 15
Monday, Dec. 12
Thursday, Dec. 15
Friday, Dec. 16

Christmas Food Drive
PAC Meeting – 7:00 pm
Choir Concert
Last Day Before Christmas Vacation

JANUARY

Tuesday, Jan. 3
Monday, Jan. 9

Tuesday, Jan. 10
Thursday, Jan. 12
Friday, Jan. 13
Jan. 16 - Jan. 20
Jan. 24 - Jan. 25

Jan. 23 - Jan. 27
Wednesday, Jan. 26
Monday, Jan. 30

School Reopens
SPC Mtg – 6:00 pm
PAC Mtg – 7:00 pm
Immunizations
Evening of Dance – 7:00 pm
Late Start – 9:28 am
Photography Show & Film/Drama Shows
In-Class Exams
Last Day of Semester 1
Provincial Exams
“I” Resolution Day
Semester 2 Begins



Information About School Status During Inclement Weather



Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in Langley School District. So where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you have power in your home and an Internet connection, current information about Langley schools can be accessed at www.sd35.bc.ca. Click on the “School Status/Closures” QuickLink. If you don’t have connectivity, but your phone is working, call a relative or friend in an area that has not been affected by the storm and ask them to check the district web site for you. Current information is also posted on Langley School District’s Information Hotline at 604-532-1453. (Do not hang up if your call is not connected right away). Local radio stations are also informed of school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130 AM, CKNW 980 AM, Country Radio 107.1 FM or CBC 690 AM for updates. If you want to receive email notices about events in Langley School District subscribe to SD35 Updates by sending an email to updates@sd35.bc.ca with ‘Subscribe’ in the subject line.

Provincial Exams—January 2012

*All Provincial Examinations are designed to be completed within two hours. Students are permitted up to an additional 60 minutes, if required.

DATE	SUBJECT	Administration Mode	TIME *
January 23 – 27, 2012 Monday – Friday	Apprenticeship and Workplace Mathematics 10 Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-Calculus 10 Maths: métiers et milieu de travail 10 Maths: fondements et pré-calcul 10	E E E E	*As scheduled by LSS on any of these days from 9 am to 3 pm
January 25, 2012 Wednesday	English 10 BC First Nations Studies 12 Études des Premières Nations de la C.-B. 12	E+P E E	9:00 am - 11:00 am
	Social Studies 11 Sciences humaines 11	E+P E	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
January 26, 2012 Thursday	English 12 Français langue première 10	E+P E	9:00 am - 11:00 am
	Science 10 Sciences 10 Communications 12	E+P E E+P	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
January 27, 2012 Friday	Français langue seconde-immersion 12** Français langue première 12** English 12 First Peoples Civic Studies 11 Éducation civique 11 English 10 First Peoples	E E E E E E	9:00 am - 11:00 am 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm



Belize 2012 Fundraiser

On **Thursday, December 15th**, come on over to **Me-n-Ed's Pizza Parlour** and have a pizza in support of **Langley Secondary School's Volunteer trip to Belize!**

In March 2012, twenty three students are spending their Spring Break helping out those less fortunate in a small village near Belize City. They will be contributing to a number of areas of need in one of the local schools, doing everything from building a chicken coop for a scholarship fund to educating the children and teens in the area.

But they can't do this alone! If you come in on the 15th and **mention their cause**, the **15% of your proceeds** shall go towards their trip!

So on December 15th, come in for a slice and help them help the people of Belize!

*"Tell me and
I'll forget,
show me and
I may
remember,
involve me
and I'll
understand."*

Chinese Proverb



Congratulations to our own Braedon Dolfo who won a Bronze Medal on November 15, 2011 in Mexico at the Parapan American Games. He has qualified to compete in the London 2012 Paralympic Games!!!



Winter Workouts for ALL Divisions begin the 1st week of January. These sessions are FREE of charge and they give the kids a great opportunity to sharpen up their skills before heading out to the fields. These clinics also give the players a chance to meet new friends and coaches alike. Feel free to invite one of your friends from school to join you at the clinics.

T-Ball Open to boys and girls born in 2005 / 2006

Mondays (5:45 to 7:00 pm) at Shortreed Elementary Gym (27330 28 Avenue)
from January 9th to March 5th (except February 20th).

Tadpole Open to boys and girls born in 2003 / 2004

Wednesdays (6:30 to 8:00 pm) at Peterson Road Gym (23422 47 Avenue)
from January 4th to March 7th

Mosquito Open to boys and girls born in (2001 / 2002)

Tuesdays (7:30 to 9:00 pm) at Betty Gilbert Gym (26845 27 Avenue)
from January 3rd to March 6th

PeeWee Open to boys and girls born in (1999 / 2000)

Wednesdays (8:00 to 9:30 pm) at Parkside Gym (3300 270 Street)
from January 4th to March 7th

Bantam Open to boys and girls born in (1997 / 1998)

Mondays (8:00 to 9:30 pm) at Parkside Gym (3300 270 Street)
from January 9th to March 5th (except February 20th)

Midget Open to boys and girls born in (1994 / 1996)

Thursdays (8:30 to 10:00 pm) at Parkside Gym (3300 270 Street)
from January 5th to March 8th

Please come prepared with glove, bat, protective equipment (jock or jill), clean non-marking shoes and water.

For any questions please visit our website: www.aldergrovemineorbaseball.com and feel free to contact the appropriate Division Coordinator listed in the "Contact" section.



FLY ON THE WALL

Student leadership held a hilarious event in the cafeteria. Staff members were duct taped to a pole and then left to hang. One strand of tape was cut at a time. Last staff member left on the pole won! Thanks in particular to the science department who had 3 teachers participate!



Stand Up

LSS Dancers will be presenting their end of semester show **Thursday Jan 12th, 2012** 6:00 pm in the small gym.



The dancers will be standing up for violence, discrimination, cancer, individuality and much more. Tickets are \$5 each and will go on sale next week.

Happy Holidays from the LSS Staff....

