



The Titans' Tribune

Home and School Working Together

January 10, 2025

Issue #9

Upcoming Dates

Hello LFMSS Families:

Happy New Year and welcome to our first Titan Tribune of 2025!

There are several important items and dates that are being shared within this Tribune.

Semester 2

Semester Two begins on Wednesday, January 29th for those students who are enrolled in semester courses. Grade 10-12 student timetables for semestered classes will be available on MyED BC after 3:30 PM on Monday, January 27th. Paper copies of timetables will not be available.

*Please refer to the document that provides specific details about how the last few days of January will be structured for Grades 8-12. *Grade 6/7 students are in session as usual.

Reporting

The Summary of Learning (for Semester 1 courses only) will be published in MyED BC on February 7th by 3:00 PM.

The Informal Learning Update #2 (for Gr. 8-12 linear courses only) will be communicated by your child's teacher during the week of Monday, Feb. 3rd – 7th. Teachers will communicate this progress in MyED BC (which will be made available on Friday, Feb. 7th by 3:00 PM).

The next Summary of Learning for Grades 6 & 7 will be in March.

Course Planning

Course planning is underway for September 2025. As needed, information will be shared with students and families about the timeline of events. One important date to highlight is the

- Jan. 13 PAC Meeting 7:30 pm
- Jan. 14 Grad Assessment – Literacy 12
- Jan. 15 Grad Assessment – Numeracy 10
- Jan. 16 Grad Assessment – Literacy 10
- Jan. 17 Alpine Sports
- Jan. 22 District Jazz Festival
- Jan. 23 Last Day of Semester 1
- Jan. 23 Gr. 6/7 Hot Lunch
- Jan. 24 Alpine Sports
- Jan. 24 & 27 Student Success Day
- Jan. 28 Semester Turnaround – No school for grades 8-12
Regular school day for grades 6-7
- Jan. 29 Semester 2 Begins & Gr. 8-12 linear classes resume
- Jan. 31 Alpine Sports

Please visit www.lfmss.sd35.bc.ca for the most up to date calendar of events.

COMMUNICATING with your school
GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING AN ISSUE OR CONCERN

- 1 Start with the employee whose action has given rise to the issue or concern
- 2 Contact your principal, vice-principal, or counsellor
- 3 Speak with a District Principal or Assistant Superintendent
- 4 When applicable, make an appeal to the Board of Education

Langley Schools

Parent Information session that is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 6th. See details of this session within this Tribune.

Water Fountain in the West Wing

The much anticipated water fountain has been installed in the west wing hallway! Now students will be well hydrated in all areas of our school (and reduce some of the traffic in the south wing area).

Our next Tribune will include more updates about student activities, athletics, and other updates as we begin the second half of our school year.0

Sincerely,

Ms. Carla Clapton
Principal
LFMSS

Semester News

End of Semester Transitions - Secondary

One of the most important measures of student success is the measure of student transitions, when students successfully move on to the next step in their educational journey. This might include a student who goes from one course to the next course (e.g., English 8 to English 9), from one grade to the next grade, from one level of school to the next level of school (e.g., middle to secondary), or to post-secondary opportunities. At the end of each semester, secondary schools have Transition Days, in which staff create opportunities for students to demonstrate key transitions goals and growth, and assist them in their transitions. Successful transitions are vital for students to build on the successes they have had, and prepare them for the new challenges in their new classroom, new school, etc. The Transition Days also allow for students to complete and present their major careers requirements. Some of the activities that occur during Transition Days in different secondary schools include:

- Mini-Capstone presentations by Grade 9 students;
- Capstone presentations by Grade 11 and 12 students;
- Careers and Capstone Fairs;
- Other connections and activities between schools to assist in student transitions

At the end of Semester 1, secondary schools also will have a Semester Turnaround Day, to be able to complete the many tasks that are necessary in ending one semester and starting another, including reviewing semester-end student report cards and re-working student timetables.

Please refer to the LFMSS “End of January 2025” document that is specific to our school.

If you have any questions about semester end activities, please contact the school’s Administration.

January 2025 Transition Days and Semester Turnaround



Thurs. Jan. 23	Last day of Semester 1 courses
Fri. Jan. 24	Selected Grade 8-12 students for Transition Day #1 Grade 6 & 7 students in attendance CLC Capstone Presentations and Grade 10 Mini-Capstone
Mon. Jan. 27	Selected Grade 8-12 students for Transition Day #2 Grade 6 & 7 students in attendance Grade 8/9 Career Fair (in AM)
Tues. Jan. 28	Semester Turnaround Day (Grade 8-12 students not in attendance) Grade 6 & 7 students in attendance
Wed. Jan. 29	Semester 2 Begins / Grade 8-12 Linear courses resume Grade 6 & 7 students in attendance

Parent Information Evening

Parent Information Evening Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025 6:00- 8:00 PM – LFMSS Small Gym

Please join us for an information session in our small gym on Thursday, Feb. 6th. During this session, you will be provided with information about our school and you will also have the opportunity to ask questions about how we may support your child's smooth transition from elementary to middle school.

6:00 – 6:45 PM LFES' current Grade 5 families transitioning to Grade 6
New Grade 5 families transition to Grade 6
Coghlan's current Grade 7's transitioning to Grade 8

- Introduction to the school and some LFMSS Staff
- The life of a Grade 6 Student at LFMSS
- The life of a new Grade 8 Student at LFMSS
- Question & Answer period
- School tours (optional)

If you have older children at LFMSS, there will be a second session...

7:00– 8:00 PM Current Grade 8 – 11 LFMSS Students

- Introduction to some LFMSS staff
- Introduction to the graduation program and requirements
- Required academic courses for graduation
- Elective options
- Question and Answer period

LSS Sports Academies Information Night: Middle/Secondary

Are you looking for a way to fuel your passion for hockey, baseball or softball while still achieving your academic goals? Langley Secondary's sports academies may be the perfect fit! These high-performance skills-based programs combine on-and off-field or ice training, strength and conditioning education, and the B.C. school curriculum. Hockey academy participants will have at least 40 on-ice sessions during the semester, while baseball/softball students will spend two blocks every day in academy programming. Learn more at an upcoming information session, which is scheduled for Feb. 11, 7 pm at the LSS Learning Commons. See poster [here](#) for details. For info on baseball/softball read [here](#) or hockey read [here](#). Please note, this info session does NOT include the LSS Soccer Academy.



LSS Sports Academies Information Night

Baseball Semester 1

Softball Semester 1

Hockey Semester 2

Students can attend
LSS all year or for the
semester of Academy

Langley Secondary School
Learning Commons
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 7pm

This night is an opportunity for students and parents to find out information regarding the Baseball, Softball and Hockey Academies Offered at LSS. For any further information please contact: tbannister@sd35.bc.ca

Wood Working Class with Mr. Devita



Canteen Cards – Now Available

Grades 8-12 parents who want to send your kids with lunch money — on a loadable card, is now available. Please go to the link below and fill out the form then E-transfer the payment of the card to lfmsspac@gmail.com and we will email you with instructions for pickup.
<https://airtable.com/app5HrZXjPgY936n6/pageECuY8Fu8R49tr0/form>

Information About School Status During Inclement Weather

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in the Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites or www.sd35.bc.ca. Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict. If you don't have internet 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 website for you. Local radio stations are also informed of school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM for updates.

Please note that Langley District schools are all considered 'open' until a decision to close is required. Decisions on school closures are usually made by 6:30am. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school based on safety and individual circumstances. If you feel it is unsafe for you or your child to travel to or attend an open school for any reason, please keep your child home and report an absence to the school.

Career and Secondary Education Information

SD#35 Youth Train in Trades Workshops 2024-2025

Workshop	Location	Date & Time	Application Due
Hairstylist	ACSS	Dec. 5, 1:00 - 2:30 pm	Nov. 21
Electrical	DWP	Dec. 17, 8:00 - 11 am	Dec. 3
Piping & Plumbing	LSS	Jan. 16, 9:00 – 11:30 am	Dec. 19
Automotive	ACSS	Jan. 27, 10:00 – 11:30 am	Jan. 13
Carpentry	ACSS	Jan. 27, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Jan. 13
Pro Cook 1	WGSS	Jan. 27, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Jan. 13
Horticulture	KPU Langley	TBD	TBD

If you are planning to attend any of the workshops, please pick up an application at the Career Center or download it from your TEAMS Thank you.



Support Series: GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT TRAINING

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS | 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Grade 10 - 12 Students Only!

Dates:
 - Tuesdays: Feb 11, 18, 25 and March 4
 - Thursdays: Feb 13, 20, 27 and March 6

Apply Now!
Limited seats!

Through experiential learning opportunities, participants will develop their supportive skills & practical strategies for coping with loss. Completion Certification provided.

See your Career Advisor for an Application!
Applications due Thursday, Jan 23!

IMPORTANT INFO for future SFU students:



Application Deadline: January 31, 2025



Campus Tour



Virtual Tour



Entrance Scholarships (deadline December 15, 2024)



UGOLA Family Scholarship (deadline January 25, 2025)



Grade 8-12 students are invited to submit your video about safety in the workplace and you could win a cash prize!

More info at:





Show up, speak up for safety

2025 Student Safety Video Contest 

Deadline for submissions is April 1, 2025

JOIN OTHER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO SOLVE

LANGUAGE THEMED PUZZLES

SFU is a local site for the North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad (NACLO). NACLO is a fun and educational contest for U.S. and Canadian high-school students in which contestants compete to solve compelling and creative puzzles in linguistics and computational linguistics

SFU will host NACLO at the Burnaby Campus on January 23, 2025.

The contest runs for 3 hours, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

MORE INFO:



Attention Young Canadians:

If you are a young person passionate about: leadership, politics, and change.

LEARN MORE >



Get Ready for the Forum for Young Canadians National Summit 2025!

Are you ready to dive into the heart of Canadian civic engagement, meet some of the country's top decision-makers, and make your voice heard on the issues that matter? Then the Forum for Young Canadians National Summit is your chance to shine!

In March 2025, Ottawa will host over 100 students aged 14 to 18 each week for an immersive, hands-on experience like no other. You'll learn about how decisions are made in Canada, meet Senators, Members of Parliament, and other influential leaders, and gain the tools you need to make a real difference in your community. This is your opportunity to be a part of something BIG.

SD35 Career Education

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

Exploring Langley School District's Trades & Career Opportunities

Scan to watch last year's video:



SAVE THE DATE!

04 DAY

FEB MONTH

25 YEAR

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Langley Events Centre



PROFESSIONAL COOK 1 WORKSHOP

JANUARY 27, 2025
10:00 - 12:00pm

See your Career Advisor for an Application! Applications due January 13, 2025



For Grade 10 - 11 students



CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE
ST. MARK'S COLLEGE
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



FUTURE LEADERS' NIGHT



JAN. 23
6 - 8 PM

GET INFO ON TOP SCHOLARSHIPS, STUDENT STORIES + MORE



CARPENTRY WORKSHOP

JANUARY 27, 2025
11:00am - 12:30pm

See your Career Advisor for an Application! Applications due January 13, 2025



For Grade 10 & 11 students

AUTOMOTIVE WORKSHOP

JANUARY 27, 2025
10:00 - 11:30am

See your Career Advisor for an Application! Applications due January 13, 2025



For Grade 10 & 11 students

B&B
CONTRACTING GROUP

WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY

SPRING BREAK 2025

GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN THE CIVIL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY!

B&B Contracting Group is a leading full-service civil contractor in the Lower Mainland and across BC. We specialize in residential land development, local improvement projects, excavation, shoring, concrete and rail work.

Are you a Grade 12 student looking for hands-on work experience? Join our team for a paid work experience placement in the field during the 2025 Spring Break (March 17-28).

What you'll gain:

- Real-world experience: Work alongside experienced professionals on local civil construction projects.
- Potential for future employment: Gain valuable skills and knowledge that could lead to summer job opportunities and beyond.

What you'll need:

- Reliable transportation to and from the worksite.
- Your own personal protective equipment (PPE): steel-toed boots, appropriate clothing, etc

To apply: Please submit your resume and cover letter to tmihalech@bbcontracting.com by February 15, 2025.

BUILD A FUTURE www.bbcontracting.com 3077 188st
Surrey BC tmihalech@bbcontracting.com

DEA -X Challenge 2025

The 2025 IDEA-X Challenge will kick off on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at the SBO. This year's challenge was created in conjunction with the BC Ministry of Forestry!

There has been a significant increase in visitors in recent years to the Harrison Lake area, creating new challenges for the ecosystem and surrounding communities. In 2023, vehicle traffic on the Sts'ailes (West Harrison) Forest Service Road was approximately 42% higher than what it was in 2012, with more than 78,800 people visiting the area. The rate of human-caused wildfire has also increased at an alarming rate.

As a result, the 2025 IDEA-X Challenge is to: "Design a culturally sensitive and environmentally responsible solution to reduce human-caused wildfires in the Harrison Lake area, while minimizing negative impacts on First Nations cultural practices, ecosystems, and wildlife."

This year's challenge has a new component. All teams will present to a small panel at the "First Pass" event, from this, between 6-8 teams will move on to the final stages.

Students are encouraged to create teams with members who have a variety of skills. One member from each team should register for the IDEA-X Kick-off. (Please note, team members cannot change after the kick-off event).

UP TO \$20,000
IN SCHOLARSHIPS



2025
Challenge

Design a culturally sensitive and environmentally responsible solution to reduce human-caused wildfires in the local Harrison Lake area, while minimizing negative impacts on First Nations cultural practices, ecosystems, and wildlife.

More Information



LEARN MORE AND
ENTER YOUR SECONDARY
TEAM AT
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/4E48JED](https://bit.ly/4E48JED)



40 Avenue Road Updates

The project is expected to take four to five months to complete, and as a result, 40 Avenue is expected to remain closed until summer 2025, subject to project funding, culvert supply, and environmental approvals.

[Road closure: 40 Avenue between 212 Street and 216 Street is closed until further notice. - Township of Langley](#)

Students in Distress and School Safety

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Our schools follow emergency procedures to help keep students, staff, and the community safe. Depending on the situation, communication to parents/caregivers is needed to keep families informed about incidents in our school, such as during lockdowns, hold & secures, and room clears. Sometimes these incidents may not be emergencies but are medical crises. It is important to note that the decision to send communications to families is dependent on a variety of factors including the nature of what happened, who has witnessed or was directly impacted by what happened, as well as student and staff privacy. Although communication is unique and dependent on the specific situation, there are times when a student is in distress and the incident may require a message or letter to families. In addition to communication to parents/caregivers, teachers and staff may debrief with students after an incident that may have upset them. In some cases, the school counsellor may offer support to students in need. As always, we want families to let us know if your child requires support. If you have any questions or concerns about communication related to emergencies or incidents, please reach out to the school.

Volunteer Approval and Training

There is a new District process for adults volunteering in Langley schools. All volunteers who are more than just casual volunteers must complete a Criminal Record Check, the Refresher/Training video, and complete the Volunteer Application Form, all on the School District Website. The link is: <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/our-district/volunteer-at-the-langley-school-district/> The password to access the information is **SD35Volunteer**

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 or are in a situation of financial hardship, please contact the school counsellor or administrator.

Community News

Here are a few items from the Langley School District's Community Bulletin Board. For more community events please visit <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/news-events/community-bulletin-board/>