



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear ACSS students and families,

Happy New Year! I hope that the winter holiday season allowed you to have restful family time. The spell of cold weather and the increased COVID health and safety measures certainly added some stress to our lives, but I hope that all in our community were able to have an enjoyable break, regardless.

We are looking forward to welcoming students back to classes on Monday, January 10th. As you know, the Ministry of Education delayed the return to classes for all students in BC so that schools could develop enhanced health and safety measures. At ACSS we are implementing these measures now so that we are ready next week to welcome our students back to complete their semester one classes. Thank you for your understanding.

ACSS newsletters will continue to be published every Friday in 2022 – we do plan on separating out the ongoing information items from the weekly admin and staff messages. So please look for a more condensed version of our newsletter – one that highlights timely weekly messages about school events and happenings. As well, we will continue to compile information items from the school district, the school, and the community and we will keep them in an appendix-style package of information items.

All of us here at ACSS extend good wishes to all in our community for a healthy, happy, and safe 2022. All the best to all of you.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr. M. Palichuk

Principal

Aldergrove Community Secondary School





Key Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday, January 10 - First day of classes after winter break
- Wednesday, January 26 – Final Day of Semester One Classes
- Thursday, January 27 – Semester Transition Day (Classes Not in Session)
- Friday, January 28 – Semester Transition Day (Classes Not in Session)
- Monday, January 31 – Semester Turnaround Day (Classes Not in Session)
- Tuesday, February 1 – First Day of Semester Two Classes





New School COVID Measures

Here is the information staff will be giving to all students.

We look forward to having you back for a regular 8:45 AM start on Monday (Block A – Day 2).

As we continue to ensure that we are all safe and healthy while at school, we ask that you:

- Wear your mask at all times when in the building (except when you are eating lunch).
- Sanitize your hands whenever you enter or re-enter the building.
- Try to maintain physical distancing in classrooms.
- Do not hang out in the hallways during transitions between classes.
- Wash your hands frequently.

What has been re-instated or changed?

Entrances to the building will be assigned per grade (the same structure as the 2020-21 school year).

- Gr. 9 and 10's must enter through the library foyer doors only.
- Gr. 11 and 12's must enter through the main foyer doors only.
- No other doors are to be used to re-enter the building (unless for an emergency). This includes the main gym foyer doors.
- BGMS students will only be accessing the Art room entrance

The Dramnasium will be used as an eating area during the lunch hours for a limited number of students.

Gr. 9 and 10's may use the Dramnasium on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Gr. 11 and 12's may use the Dramnasium on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Fridays will be on an alternate schedule and will be communicated next week.

*Students may continue to eat lunch in a classroom, in the hallways (as long as they are sitting and physically distanced) as well as outside.

There will be a limit of two people at a time in washrooms.

Please do your very best to abide by the COVID-19 protocols that are structured for schools to keep you and every one healthy and safe.

We cannot wait to see you!



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 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 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.

