



# Redhawk

## RELEASE

**JANUARY 16, 2024**

**ISSUE #8**

### MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

We have had a fabulous return to school as our DW Poppy staff have enjoyed welcoming back students to their classes. Semester 1 is quickly coming to an end as the last day is **January 25<sup>th</sup>**. Please ensure you are encouraging your child to finish the semester strong and get their assignments completed and handed in.

There is a high chance of snow and freezing rain overnight so please ensure you have read our school closures procedure below so you know how to stay informed. Please do not call the school or email administration or office staff with questions regarding school closures as we are usually not able to reply in a timely manner.

Thank you for continuing to engage in our school newsletters so you are up to date with important events. Please note that if you need to access any of the old newsletters that they are posted on our website.

Have a great week!



**Jonathan Harris**  
Proud Principal  
DW Poppy Secondary School

### SEMESTER TRANSITION DAYS

To help prepare and support students for success, the District is sharing information with families regarding upcoming Semester Transition Days in secondary schools. Although this is not indicated in the District calendar, please note the following days:

- **Friday, January 26, 2024** - Semester Transition Day
- **Monday, January 29, 2024** - Semester Transition Day
- **Tuesday, January 30, 2024** - Semester Turn Around Day (no students in attendance).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>-24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS BEGIN**

**JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**LAST DAY OF SEMESTER 1**

**JANUARY 26, 29, 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**TRANSITION DAYS**  
**NO STUDENTS IN SESSION**

**JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
**SEMESTER 2 BEGINS**

**FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**REPORT CARDS ISSUED**

**FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**GRADE 9 & 10 COURSE SELECTION**

**GRADE 7 PARENT NIGHT – 6-7PM**

**PAC MEETING – 7PM**

**FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
**GRADE 8 & 11 COURSE SELECTION**

**FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**PRO-D DAY**  
**NO STUDENTS IN SESSION**

**FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FAMILY DAY**  
**SCHOOLS CLOSED**

**FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
**DIVERSITY & RESPECT WEEK**





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### What are Semester Transition Days?

As part of the District's Strategic Plan goals, schools are highlighting student transitions with various activities including but not limited to the following:

- Capstone Presentations and Celebrations for Grade 12 students
- Mini-Capstone Presentations for Grade 9 students
- Student Celebrations of Learning
- Additional Student Support Opportunities

### What does this mean for students?

- Not all students will be attending school on any or all of these days;
- Students who need to be at school on one or all of these days will receive communication from their school or teacher.

These days are structured with the intention to ensure a smooth transition for our students and help foster student learning.

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## **SCHOOL CLOSURES DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER**

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The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families. Please ensure you sign up for our schoolmessenger system. For more information about the system and how to opt-in to receive text messages, visit the District webpage [here](#).

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](http://www.sd35.bc.ca). Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict](https://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.

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## **SEMESTER 2 COURSE CHANGES**

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Counsellors are processing course changes for Semester 2 through the online form. It will be open from **January 15-19<sup>th</sup>**. QR codes to access the form are posted outside the counselling and main offices.



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## COURSE SELECTION 2024/25

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Course selection for 2024/25 will be taking place during course selection assemblies on **February 14<sup>th</sup>**. Students will have the option of entering their courses during the assembly using their own devices. Counsellors, administration, and support staff will be available during this time for support. Elective and core subject teachers will present their course options to specific grades on **February 13<sup>th</sup>**. Students should also review the Course Selection Guide prior to the course selection assembly. **See attached course guide.**

Please see the attached information for logging into and selecting courses in MyEdBC. We are asking that guardians ensure that students are able to log in to their MyEdBC portal, or have reached out to Ms. Heyes for password support. MyEdBC will remain open for course entry until March 8th.

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## CAREERS & TRADES WORKSHOPS

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### WANT TO BE A CHEF?

Are you a **grade 10 or 11 student** who is passionate about **cooking or wants to become a chef**? If so, this opportunity is for you! There will be a hands-on workshop held at Walnut Grove on January 30th from 10am-12pm. Please see Mrs. Dumais or Ms. Chesshire for an application, the **deadline is Thursday January 25th**.

### FILM & TV INDUSTRY

If you're a **grade 9-12 student** interested in the **film and TV industry**, there's a tour at Martini film studios coming up on Wednesday February 7th! This is an all-day event starting from 8:15am all the way to 4pm. There will be opportunities to learn more about acting, stunt doubling, directing, producing, make up, and more! If you're interested, please see Ms. Chesshire or Mrs. Dumais for an application. **The application deadline is Friday January 26th.**

### TRAIN IN TRADES INFORMATION NIGHT

The SD35 Career Education Department is excited to bring back the **Pathways to the Future Event** on **February 1, 2024** from 7:00-8:30pm at Walnut Grove Secondary School.

This event is open to all interested families from middle years and beyond with the following goals for students and parents/caregivers:

- to build knowledge of district trades and career programs
- to benefit from learning about the Youth Apprenticeship program in our district
- to build connections to career success, both within our district programs and beyond, through post-secondary pathways

Representatives from various post-secondary institutions, Skilled Trades BC, as well as our Youth Train in Trades & Dual Credit instructors will be in attendance to answer questions and share information. This event is a great one-stop-shop for families to start learning about pathways to future student success!

**Pathways to the Future Poster (7) (1).png**



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## GRAD HOODIES

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Grad hoodies are **available for order again** until **January 31st** through [schoolcashonline.com](https://schoolcashonline.com). Hoodies are \$75 and available to try on in Miss Bowick's room.

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## GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

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- The next Graduation Assessment sessions are scheduled from **January 16<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**.
- Students who are taking **Math 10, English 10 or English 12** classes this semester are registered to write with their entire class.
- All exams are scheduled to be written in the Learning Commons.
- Student names with dates and times are also posted in the front foyer and outside the main office.

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## GRADE 11 & 12 SCHOLARSHIPS

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### District Scholarships

The 2024 D.W. Poppy & District Scholarship application is now open. Students can pick up an application from the **Counselling Office** or access it on the **DW Poppy Website** under Student Life > Scholarship Information. The submission deadline is **February 29**. Please keep an eye on the Poppy Grad 2024 Teams group for other scholarship opportunities or visit your counsellor.

### Sassy Langley Award

SASSY Langley for 2024 is up and running for its ninth year. In that time, \$100,000 has been awarded to Langley students headed for post-secondary education. Last year, 61 applications were received, of which 95% were from Grade 12 Langley School District students.

Further details and the application form are attached. This year's deadline is **Friday, March 15, 2024** at 11:59PM. Please contact George Bryce at [gbryce66@shaw.ca](mailto:gbryce66@shaw.ca) with any questions.

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## PREVIOUS INFORMATION

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### DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

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The front entrance of the school parking lot is very busy during drop-off and pick-up times as we have many students who are bussed to school. Please do not drop off or pick-up your children directly out front of the school as it causes challenges when busses arrive to unload or pick-up. We appreciate your cooperation in minimizing the traffic at the front of our school.

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### A SEASON OF THEATRE

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Across the District, our drama/theatre programs are gearing up for another fabulous year of musical and theatrical productions featuring Langley's students. Please get out and support the Arts in our schools by attending one or all of the shows that will be happening in the new year. Individual show times and ticket sales will happen through each school's own website. Click below to see more information.

**[Season of Theatre 2024.pdf](#)**





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## BASKETBALL TRAINING ACADEMY AT DW POPPY

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The Dedicated Basketball Academy is working in partnership with DW Poppy and our elementary feeder schools to provide amazing basketball expertise and training to our students. See the attached brochure for more details. Don't miss out on your opportunity to register!

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## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES & RESPONSE

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Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Schools follow emergency procedures to ensure students, staff, and any visitors in our schools or sites are safe when unexpected incidents or events happen. At the start of every school year, administrators, teachers, and staff review these emergency procedures. Schools practice a set number of drills annually in preparation for unexpected situations. The District encourages families to become familiar with these staff emergency procedures and the drills that are completed in our schools. You can read them in the Staff Emergency Procedures Poster [here](#) or find them posted in areas throughout our buildings. If you have any questions or concerns about emergency procedures, please get in contact with your child's teacher or administrator.

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## BREAKFAST BISTRO & HOMEWORK HELP

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The Breakfast Bistro is open and ready to serve our students. Stop in and have a snack! Needing homework help? Come talk to the Education Assistants in the breakfast bistro and book a time.

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## SCHOOL FEES

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Every year, there are fees payable to the school for different items, including student fees, grad fees, donation items, any athletics related items, workbooks, etc. The Langley School District uses an online system to collect these fees as it is user friendly and saves students from having to carry cash. Please go online at <https://schoolcashonline.com/> to register your child(ren). You will get an email notification any time a new "item" is available for purchase and the first item you will see are the student fees for the coming year. Please email Mrs. Bezanson at [mbezanson@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:mbezanson@sd35.bc.ca) if you have any questions regarding school cash online or school fees.

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## BELL SCHEDULE

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Please note the **Bell Schedule** below:



BELL	SCHEDULE	M	T	W	Th	F
Welcome	8:50	Day 1/2	Day 2/1	Day 1/2	Day 2/1	Day 1/2
Period 1	8:55 – 10:05	A	B	ABCD	C	D
MTSS	10:10 – 10:45	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial
Period 2	10:50 – 12:00	B	A	BADC	D	C
Lunch	12:00 – 12:35					
Period 3	12:40 – 1:50	C	D	CDAB	A	B
Period 4	1:55 – 3:05	D	C	DCBA	B	A

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## TUTORIAL TIME

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Tutorial is instructional time built into the DW Poppy daily schedule that supports students' learning. During tutorial time, students may choose to meet with teachers for support within their timetable or work in areas of passion to extend their learning. Tutorial time (Multi-Tiered Student Supports, or MTSS) is scheduled every day for 35 minutes.

<b>Welcoming Bell</b>	<b>8:50</b>
Period 1	8:55 -10:05
<b>Tutorial</b>	<b>10:10 – 10:45</b>
Period 2	10:50 – 12:00
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:00 – 12:35</b>
Period 3	12:40 – 1:50
Period 4	1:55 – 3:05

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## CALENDAR

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Students use "My School Day" App to help keep organized with block orders and the school calendar. Check it out under "Student Life" on our website. Homeroom teachers will help students navigate this App as it is a tool that all students are encouraged to use.

[Click here for District Calendar 2023-24](#)

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## STAYING CONNECTED – COMMUNICATION TOOLS

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Good communication between home and school is critical to ensuring student success. We have a few structures in place to help share information. To stay informed, please be sure you use the following online methods.





**Redhawk Release:** Good communication between home and school is a critical factor in student success. We encourage parents to read the monthly newsletter “Redhawk Release” and pay close attention to school emails for important information. We welcome your involvement, and your suggestions.

### SchoolMessenger

The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families. As we welcome our new families to our schools, some parents/guardians may receive a text message notifying them about SchoolMessenger. For more information about the system and how to opt-in to receive text messages, visit the District webpage [here](#).



My School Day - [Click here](#)



Website: <https://dwps.sd35.bc.ca>

### Follow Us On:



Instagram: @dwpoppysecondary



Facebook: @DW Poppy Secondary Parent & Guardian Page

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## ILLNESS/ABSENCE

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It is always best to keep sick children home from school. If a student is away for an extended amount of time, please contact their teachers to arrange for work that they can complete at home or on TEAMS.

DW Poppy has an automated system to contact the home of every student who is absent to inform parents of their child's absence. Please contact the school at **604-530-2151** or by email at [dwpattendance@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:dwpattendance@sd35.bc.ca) to avoid the automatic call and help inform us of any absences. This not only saves us from making an unnecessary call, but if there are students who need our help, it helps us to identify them faster.