

26 August 2016

Dear Parents and Students:

This is an exciting time of year for both parents and students. As we move closer to the first day of school, we are all trying to enjoy the last few days of holidays as well as get ready for the beginning of another school year.

This is an outstanding school and I am so proud to be the Principal of Langley Fine Arts School. The teaching and support staff are passionate, dedicated professionals and, together with parents, focus on providing powerful learning opportunities for students.

Before we look forward to new experiences, I would like to share with you a couple of reasons to celebrate:

Throughout the past year, students had many valuable learning experiences – in both their academic and their arts classes. Memorable artistic highlights included numerous Visual Arts shows in the Mary Pratt Gallery, Dance shows, the Grades 1-12 Night of Choirs in December, the Elementary pod performances, numerous drama productions and countless other presentations and community events.

*Included in the highlights last year was the fifth year of our **Arts Matter Series**. Langley Fine Arts, once again welcomed incredible artists/speakers to share with students, staff and the greater community. We were thrilled to have the opportunity to learn about and from Lawrence Hill and Wade Davis. For many of our students and staff, the opportunity to interact with, to learn from, to perform for and alongside these renowned artists/speakers was a life-changing experience. Please stay tuned to our website for more information about upcoming speakers and more. Our extended thanks are offered to Donna Usher, Kevin Statham and the entire **Arts Matter** team.*

Students at Langley Fine Arts School have numerous opportunities to experience success in their Arts and their Academic subjects – inside and outside the official hours of the school timetable and at school, in the greater community and through a variety of virtual connections. Our students had opportunities to record music at the Warehouse in Vancouver, to attend Dance and Theatre performances, to travel to Victoria, to spend time learning and playing at Camp Jubilee to planning, planning and hosting the Indigenous Youth Conference and countless other wonderful opportunities to extend learning beyond the classroom. Within the school, our students were repeatedly provided with experiences that challenged them and encouraged them to grow academically and artistically.

One of the highlights of student learning that began in online communities through Butterfly Effect led to the invitation to Kenyan students, James, Victor and George, to join Langley Fine Arts School and to extend learning between students from LFAS and Kenya. Our entire community was greatly blessed by the presence of these outstanding students during the five months they were in Canada.

Each year, our graduates leave Langley Fine Arts School and pursue Post-Secondary opportunities. Congratulations to the Grads of 2016, many of who were offered scholarships to attend post-Secondary all over the world. We are proud of you and know that you will continue to be successful and will accomplish great things as Alumni.

Thank you to all of the parents who supported us throughout the year – driving on field trips, bringing in supplies (or cupcakes), attending performances, participating in the classrooms or as chaperones on extended field trips. We appreciate all of the many ways you support your children and the staff at Langley Fine Arts School. To our PAC, we want to extend our unending appreciation for the myriad of ways you support both the small and the big projects, and for the way you selflessly give many, many hours of your time to improve the learning experiences all the students have at Langley Fine Arts School.

The start of each year brings change. At the end of last year, we said goodbye to a few staff who would not be with us for this year. There are still a few staff positions left to fill, but I at this time I would like to extend a warm welcome to LFAS to:

Welcome (and welcome back) to:

Mrs. Janine Orlando - Counsellor

Ms. Tara Helps – Aboriginal Support Worker

Mr. Jonathan Harris – Vice Principal

Mrs. Kristen Bailey – Reading Recovery Teacher

Mrs. Katie Everson - Teacher

We say a fond farewell to:

Mrs. Madeleine DeLittle
Mrs. Amy McCallum
Mr. Travis Vandenberg

Mrs. Teresa Gares
Ms. Linsey Ernst
Ms. Amanda Younger

Mrs. Elaine Regier
Ms. Ute Goetzke
Mrs. Lisa Wolgram

Ms. Jenna Matson
Mrs. G. Kerr

School officially begins in just a few days! Please take a few minutes to read through the information provided in this newsletter, as it should assist you with understanding the schedule and expectations for the first days of school.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



Jon Bonnar
Principal

First Day of School - Tuesday, September 6, 2016

There are a few changes in the way that we have designed the first day of school for 2016/17. Please note the times and locations connected to your children.

First WEEK of School Schedule:

Grades 1-5 students will be in attendance Tuesday, September 6th from 9:00am – 10:30am. Homeroom lists will be posted the **morning** of September 6th in front of the school's main entrance and on the outside of each classroom door. Grade 1 – 5 fees (supplies, agenda, etc.) will be collected at this time. Please send payment with your child. If you are new to *Langley Fine Arts School*, please feel free to come into the main foyer by the office and consult with a map or one of the staff who will be available to greet you.

We ask that once you know where you are going, please head back outside to wait for teachers to let you into your classroom. It is always a very busy day, and it is much easier for office staff and for new families if you remain outside until the teachers open their doors.

The first day is very exciting for students, for teachers and for parents. We ask that you allow us the opportunity to work with and to get to know your child. The best way for us to do that is for you to say goodbye to your child at the door. Please do not stay by the outside doors talking or waiting. It can be very distracting for students and makes their transition back to school more stressful.

The library will be open for parents to spend time with each other if they are waiting at school for their children to be done for the day. Thank you to our PAC who will be present to provide refreshments for parents.

Middle Years (Grades 6, 7, 8) students will be in attendance on Tuesday, September 6th – 10:30am – 12:00pm. Please meet in the Chief Sepass Theatre at 10:30 am. Students will be directed into learning groups from the theatre. **Gr. 8 fees will be collected at this time – please send payment with your child.** The fee sheet is on page 10 of this document. Grade 8 students will pay the applicable General student fees along with their TWO major choices.

The Middle Years is an exciting time! It is also a challenging time for parents, as their children's focus shifts from parents to peers. Although it scares us as parents, this is an important part of learning how to grow up and how to be successful. We will do everything we can to support parents by communicating with you and providing you with opportunities to connect with your child's teachers and to participate in their learning, but we ask that you respect the importance of this orientation day by **not accompanying your child into the theatre.** We can do a better job if we have the ability to focus our attention on the learning experiences of all of the students in the Middle Years.

Secondary Students:

Secondary (Grades 9-12) students will be in attendance in their homerooms on **Tuesday, September 6th** from 1:00pm – 2:30pm. Student homeroom lists will be posted throughout the front foyer walls. **FEES WILL BE COLLECTED AT THIS TIME.** Lockers will NOT be given out if fees are outstanding from last year. Lockers will be assigned and fees collected at lunch and after school in the Main Foyer on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be FULL DAYS for all students:

Grades 1-5 = 8:52am – 2:50pm

Grades 6-7 = 8:52am – 2:55pm

Grades 8-12 = 8:25 – 3:10pm

Homerooms and Fee Collections

Please put all fees on **one cheque per student** payable to LFAS. **A fee form can be found at the end of this letter;** you may print it off and use it to check off which fees you are paying and attach it to the cheque. Please send with your student the first day of school.

- For grades 1-5 – Teachers will collect student fees in class.
- For grades 6-7 – Teachers will collect student fees in class. Grade 7 students will not be issued their lockers until all outstanding and current student fees are paid.
- For grades 8-12 – Fees will be collected in homeroom on the first day. Please send with your student on the first day of school. For the first week of school, students can pay fees in the front foyer from 11:30am – 12:00. Students will **not** be issued their **lockers** until all outstanding fees are paid and books are returned.

Pay Student Fees Online!

We are very excited to announce that LFAS is offering the School Cash Online program. This program provides you with the convenience of paying online for school fees, field trips and other items related to LFAS. At this time we cannot accept credit cards, the method of payment is direct from your bank account.

Please follow the link below to register online (it takes less than 5 minutes). Once you have registered your LFAS student(s), you will be able to see when they have a new item posted online for payment. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline. *Some courses are not linked to students due to issues with uploading data. Please be patient if the fees do not match your student's timetable – we are updating daily.* You can still pay at the office at any time.

To set up an account and explore the system, please follow the instructions below.

Register Online:

Step 1: Please type in this link: <https://sd35.schoolcashionline.com/>

Step 2: Register by selecting "Get Started Now" and following the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the "click here" option, login and add your LFAS student(s) to your household account. To do this, you will need your student's school pupil number, (**not** their PEN) last name, first name, and date of birth. Students will know their student number as they use it to log into computers here at school.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have any questions during the registration process or while shopping online, please select the **SUPPORT** option in the top right hand area of the screen.

OUTSTANDING BOOKS Please return all outstanding text and library books to the main office.

STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORM

Students will be handed a student verification form in their homeroom. This form is the information we have in our system about our students. Please make any corrections in **red** ink (if possible). We need this form returned ASAP for safety reasons (we need up to date contact info) and to implement the upcoming Parent Portal System (this system allows parents access to student information including report cards).

SECONDARY TIMETABLES/COUNSELLING

Students will receive a final copy of their timetable the first day of school. When requesting course changes, please be aware of the following:

- Grade 12 students and students with incomplete schedules have priority.
- Addition of resource or ESL blocks is also a high priority.
- Any requests for specific teachers will not be accepted.
- There are class size limits, which we must follow.

Course Changes will be done through the MAIN OFFICE with Mr. Bonnar. Forms will be available in the office for students to fill out and leave in a box. Mr. Bonnar will make a change, if possible, and a new timetable will be printed. Students will be paged to the office at the end of the day for their new timetable. Students are obliged to follow their timetable until changes have been made.

Note: One spare is given in grade 10 if the student is in two year long, outside the timetable courses at LFAS e.g. choir and drama ensemble. Applications can be made in September by filling out a form, which will be in the office and each application will be reviewed by the administration. In addition to carrying two outside the timetable courses at LFAS, junior students desiring spares must be academically successful and have shown from past behaviours that they will make good use of their spare block.

SIBLING APPLICATIONS

Please be aware if you have a child who is a sibling of an LFAS student and you would like them to attend Kindergarten in 2017 at LFAS, you must apply through the School District's website during the first two weeks of October 2016 for Choice Schools (such as LFAS). Information is available on the SD35 website at www.sd35.bc.ca. YOU MUST NOTE THAT THE CHILD IS A SIBLING on the application. The system does not have this information.

For any grade other than Kindergarten, please apply directly to LFAS either online at www.langleyfinearts.com or pick up a paper application in the office. AGAIN, PLEASE NOTE ON THE APPLICATION IF THE CHILD IS A SIBLING.

OFFICE PROCEDURES

Office hours are 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 pm. We ask parents to *help reduce the volume of phone calls to the office* by following these guidelines:

- **Absences & Signing Out** - If your child is going to be late to school, absent due to illness, or for an extended period of time, **PLEASE remember to call and let the office know.** If your child needs to leave for an appointment we require a note, a phone call or a parent/guardian to come into the office and advise staff the student's leaving. We spend a great deal of time phoning parents/guardians of children who are not accounted for and for whom we have not received notification of absence. If there was ever a case of a missing child, we lose valuable time phoning other families who simply did not call the office with their absence.
- **Secondary students** missing classes – An automated phone message will go home informing parents/guardians of the students' absence. PLEASE inform the office if your child will be absent or late.
- We ask that students **confirm in the morning or the day prior with parents, guardians or carpools as to where there are to meet after school.** **Please remind all students that the office phone is for emergencies only**, such as needing to go home due to illness, it is not for arranging play dates, or calling to chat with friends in between classes. Students in Grades 1-7 require notes from their teachers to use the office phone.
- **Explain and prearrange** with children a place to meet if they will be late being picked up. Do this at the beginning of the school year and remind throughout the year, (especially the younger ones). Have an arrangement for forgotten lunches, homework, etc., too.
- **Carpools:** The office has an updated carpool list for those who want to exchange contact and location information with others needing to carpool. Please let us know if you would like to be added to or removed from this list. Keep in mind that this list is distributed only to those wanting to carpool.
- Messages of an **emergency** nature **only** will be relayed to students.
- **School Calendar** - Please check the school calendar online for event information. The school website address is www.LangleyFineArts.com As well, staff email addresses can be found on the website under "Contact Us".
- **We need your CURRENT phone number and E-mail address!** All communication at Langley Fine Arts School is electronic (Synvoice) or online. All newsletters, memos, special announcements and school calendar are sent via email. This has been a great communication tool for our fast moving and complex Grade 1-12 School. Please ensure that we have

your correct e-mail address. **Please email cchorney@sd35.bc.ca to be added to our email list.** Please include your name and your student's name and grade.

- **"A" Block Spare Sign In** – Students who come to school during their "A" block spare, please remember to use the sign in book at the office. This is **VERY** important in case of an emergency, as we need to account for the student.
- **Volunteer Drivers** – If, at any point in the school year, you plan on driving for a field trip, please fill out the volunteer driver form, and bring in a copy of your driver's license and insurance and liability (the first two pages of your insurance).
- **Staff emails** – All of our staff email addresses can be found on our website <http://www.langleyfinearts.com/staff.htm>

Welcome to the Langley Fine Arts Cafeteria!

Hi! We are Jackie McFee and Erika Belyea and we operate the cafeteria at LFAS. Our company name is ALL GOOD EATS. We have been in business since 2010 and we currently operate the cafeteria at Aldergrove community Secondary School. This was the first school to pilot project the "Farm to School" program, with which we are still currently involved. Your cafeteria at LFAS will be open for **lunch service only (11:25 – 12:15)**. We offer a variety of homemade baked goods, cold salads, sandwiches, treats as well as soup, burgers, fries and more. We look forward to seeing you at lunch. Jackie and Erika.

The cafeteria is for student in Gr. 6 – 12.

Students in Gr. 6 and 7 may purchase items and then return to their classrooms to eat.

There is one food vending machine in the cafeteria and 3 drink vending machines in the school.

Elementary Fees information**Grade 1 to 7 students:****Emergency kit** **\$10.00** (new Students to LFAS only)**Yearbook** **\$15.00** (Optional)**Performance Pass** **\$20.00** (**all students**)

Throughout the year, our students attend numerous in-house arts performances put on by classes, Majors or Pods. These performances take place in the Chief Sepass Theatre and are often matinee runs of the various shows produced each year. Students are regularly charged a small amount to attend these performances. This money is used to offset costs associated with the performance and using the Chief Sepass Theatre. Instead of a small ticket price being charged several times throughout the year, we are requesting that all students (Gr. 1-12) pay for a yearly LFAS Performance Pass at a cost of \$20. Teachers will ensure that students participate several in-house performance-based field trips per year. As with all enrichment field trips or Academy Fees, hardship policies will apply.

Supplies:

Grade 1	\$48.00 Classroom supply kit
Grade 2	\$26.00 Classroom supply kit
Grade 3	\$43.00 (agenda, sketch book, classroom supply kit and dictionary)
Grade 4	\$16.00 (sketch book, agenda, classroom supply kit)
Grade 5	\$14.00 (sketch book and agenda)
Grade 6	\$14.00 (sketchbook and agenda)
Grade 7	\$14.00 (sketch book and agenda)

Sign up online to pay at <https://sd35.schoolcashonline.com>

Students can pay fees in their classroom by submitting the form on the following page to their teacher

This form can be submitted to your homeroom teacher:

LANGLEY FINE ARTS SCHOOL ELEMENTARY FEE STATEMENT 2016/17

Grade 1 to 7 students:

Emergency kit	\$10.00 (new Students only)	_____
Performance Pass	\$20.00 required for all students	_____
Yearbook	\$15.00 (Optional)	_____

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Grade 6	\$14.00 (sketch book and agenda)	_____
Grade 7	\$14.00 (sketch book and agenda)	_____
Total Paid:		_____

Please make cheques payable to Langley Fine Arts School.

Sign up online to pay at <https://sd35.schoolcashonline.com>

STUDENTS NAME: _____ **Grade** _____

General Secondary Fees

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\$20 Student fee is payable by all secondary students. \$2.00 of this goes to Student Council to help pay for activities/events for students, \$6.00 for an agenda book, and \$12.00 for operating costs, e.g. maintaining lockers, sending students to workshops (e.g. Restorative Action training) and other student-related expenses.

\$20 Cultural fee is payable by all secondary students. These funds are used to pay for outside cultural performances, majors' workshops, guest artists/speakers, in-house performances, etc.

The **\$70 Grad fee** is payable by Grade 12 students only. These funds pay for the rental of grad gowns, rental of the venue for commencement, various other costs associated with the commencement ceremony, engraving awards plaques and other grad-related expenses.

Specialty Academies – Academy Fees

Academy fees at Langley Fine Arts School help to support the arts-based courses that are available to students. These course fees help to offset the costs associated with offering enriched arts programs. The fees assist in purchasing specific supplies, to provide guest artist experiences, to help repair instruments and to support key technology needs.

The fee structure has been adjusted to reflect current costs and expenditures, and has been tightened to demonstrate groups of courses that have similar funding needs.

The fee structure is designed to ensure equity of access for all students in our Grade 8-12 Arts Program.

Our fee structure, has been approved by the Langley Fine Arts School Parent Advisory Council and the School District #35 (Langley) Board of Education.

Students can pay fees in their homeroom the first day of school by submitting the form on the following page. Fees will be collected (and lockers assigned) in the front foyer at lunch and after school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**LANGLEY FINE ARTS SCHOOL
SECONDARY (GR. 8 - 12) FEES 2016/17**

General Fees:

Student fees (all students)	\$ 20.00	_____
Cultural fees (all students)	\$ 20.00	_____
Performance Pass (all students)	\$ 20.00	_____
Lock (if needed)	\$ 5.00	_____
GRAD FEE (Gr. 12 only)	\$ 70.00	_____
Emergency Kit (new students only)	\$ 10.00	_____
Optional: Yearbook (before Dec. 16)	\$ 50.00	_____

Academy Fees – Majors

Dance 8	\$ 50.00	_____
Drama 8	\$ 60.00	_____
Music 8	\$ 50.00	_____
Visual Arts 8	\$ 50.00	_____
Dance 9/10	\$ 75.00	_____
Drama 9/10	\$ 75.00	_____
Music 9/10	\$ 60.00	_____
Visual Arts 9/10	\$ 80.00	_____
Photo 9/10	\$100.00	_____
Dance 11/12	\$ 75.00	_____
Theatre 11/12	\$ 100.00	_____
Music 11/12	\$ 65.00	_____
Photography 11/12	\$ 120.00	_____
Visual Arts 11/12	\$ 100.00	_____
Writing 11/12	\$ 100.00	_____

Elective Course Fees**Performance Courses (Junior - Semestered)**

Dance Technique	\$30.00	_____
Dance Composition	\$30.00	_____
Choreography 9/10	\$ 30.00	_____
Musical Theatre 9/10	\$ 30.00	_____
Improvisation 9/10	\$ 30.00	_____
Acting on Camera 9/10	\$ 30.00	_____
Stagecraft 9/10	\$ 35.00	_____
Drawing & Painting 9/10	\$ 35.00	_____
Multimedia 9/10	\$ 35.00	_____
Ceramics 9/10	\$ 50.00	_____
Physical Acting 9/10	\$ 30.00	_____
Vocal Studies 9/10	\$ 30.00	_____
Recording /Composition 9/10	\$30.00	_____

Technology-based Courses Junior – Semestered

Computer Arts 9/10	\$25.00	_____
Photography 9/10	\$ 65.00	_____
Video Production Level 1	\$ 50.00	_____
Video Production Level 2	\$ 50.00	_____

Senior Elective Courses

Digital Media Arts 11/12	\$50.00	_____
The Mix (Blue Dog Press)	\$ 50.00	_____
Computer Animation 11/12	\$ 50.00	_____
Film/Television 11/12	\$ 60.00	_____
Fabric & Fiber 11	\$ 65.00	_____
Photography 11/12 (Elective not for photo major)	\$ 90.00	_____
Ceramics & Sculpture 12	\$ 60.00	_____
Musical Theatre 11/12	\$ 50.00	_____
Advanced Placement Visual Art 11/12	\$ 75.00	_____
Choreography 11/12	\$ 50.00	_____
Recording & Composition 11/12	\$50.00	_____

Music Ensembles

	\$ 25.00	_____
If enrolled in ANY choir or ensemble		

PD \$ _____	PD \$ _____
Date: _____	Date: _____
Initial _____	Initial _____

Please Note:

Semester **TWO** course fees are due by February 1, 2017, or can be paid with fees in September.

Fee questions? Contact Tara Henry: thenry@sd35.bc.ca

Make cheques payable to
Langley Fine Arts School

Sign up to pay online:

<https://sd35.schoolcashonline.com>

[You will need your student's pupil \(library login\) number](#)

Bell Schedules 16/17

Secondary – Grades 8 – 12

Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
8:25 Welcome bell					
8:27-9:25	A 8 Major	A 8 Major	A 8 Major	A 8 Major	A 8 Major
9:27-10:25		B1	B2	B1	B2
10:28-11:26	B1	B2	C1	C2	C1
11:27 – 12:11 Lunch					
12:10-1:08	C1	C2	D 9/10 Major	D 9/10 Major	C2
1:11-2:09	D 9/10 Major	D 9/10 Major		E 8/11/12 Major	D 9/10 Major
2:12-3:10	E 8/11/12 Major	E 8/11/12 Major	E 8/11/12 Major		E 8/11/12 Major

Middle Years – Grades 6 & 7

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:52	Warning Bell				
8:57-9:41	Arts Integration 1				
9:44-10:27	Arts integration 2				
10:30-11:27	Core (including: PE, French, Health, Personal Planning)				
11:27 - 12:11	LUNCH – Warning Bell 12:05				
12:11-1:20	SciMatics & Humanities				
1:20-1:35	Recess				
1:35-2:55	SciMatics & Humanities				

Elementary – Grades 1 – 5

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:52	Warning Bell				
8:57 – 10:42	Core & Arts				
10:42 – 11:10	Pre-Lunch Time (Outside)				
11:10	Warning Bell				
11:10 – 11:26	Eating time (Inside)				
11:26 – 1:10	Core & Arts				
1:10-1:25	Recess				
1:25-2:50	Core & Arts				

