



# Lake City Secondary School

## September 2025 Newsletter

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### Important Dates

Sept 2	District Planning Day No students, staff only
Sept. 3	School Opens ½ Day
Sept. 10	Student Photos in the morning
Sept. 17	PAC Meeting 7:15pm
Sept. 29	Pro-D Day (no school)
Sept. 30	National Truth & Reconciliation Day (no school)
Oct. 13	Thanksgiving (no school)
Oct. 21	Photo Retakes
Oct. 21-22	Early Dismissal Days
Oct. 24	Pro-D Day (no school)
Oct. 29	Parent-Teacher night
Nov. 3- Nov. 7	Provincial Assessments

### District Planning Day (Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>)

The 2025-26 school year starts with a District Planning Day on Tuesday, September 2. This planning day is a unique opportunity for our entire organization to continue our engagement and learning with Indigenous language and culture. The district will be focused on connecting with our local Indigenous partners to learn traditional ways of teaching and connecting with youth. All staff will gather at their school or worksites to participate in a variety of activities. **Students are not at school this day.**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School

**Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> (½ day)**

**8:45am-11:30am**

We would like to welcome all students back to school this year, with a special welcome to our new students and staff. The first day is a ½ day and we would like to remind everyone to remain calm and patient while we get everyone organized.

Undoubtedly, there will be some unforeseen challenges, but we will get them resolved as quickly as possible.

### First Day (Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>) Procedures

**Grade 10 – 12 Students** – All students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 will go to their A block class (Homeroom) and will stay there for the remainder of the day. Alphabetical homeroom lists will be posted inside the front doors, on the office windows, in the commons and other spots around the school so students can figure out where their A block class is. Once students are settled in their classes, schedules and other necessary information to start the year will be provided.

**\*Gr. 10-12 students who have a Columneetza class in A block (Woodwork 10 – Mr. Denman, Metal 10/11 – Mr. Hacker, Auto 12 – Mr. Thomas) please go to the Lake City Secondary (not Columneetza) September 3<sup>rd</sup> and meet your teacher in the Commons.**

## School supplies



School supply lists are posted on the school Facebook page and listed at the bottom of this newsletter. A pen or pencil with lined paper and a binder will be sufficient for the first day. Do not bring all your school supplies on the first day, please wait for teacher direction.

**Student Schedules** will be given out on the first day or are available online via MyEd, (if you remember your log in ID and password). Instructions on how to log on and use MyEd will be emailed to all parents in early September so please monitor your Email.



**Counsellors** will be in the school starting Monday August 25<sup>th</sup> to address new registrations and scheduling 'glitches'. Please stop by the school between 9am to 3pm to see a counselor. **Please note course options are extremely limited as most courses/classes are full, changing classes 'to be with friends' will not be considered.** New student registrations will take priority.

**Newsletters.** School newsletters will be emailed out at the beginning of each month and posted to the school website. We also have a Facebook page that I would encourage you to join as it is used regularly and has very timely news. Please check verification forms and send back with any changes so we have up to date information.



**Student Verification Forms** – Student verification forms will be handed out to all students in early September. Please go over the information listed and make changes as needed. All forms should be signed and returned to the school as soon as possible. It is vital we get these forms returned so we have accurate contact information for all students. Please ensure the media release form and the Indigenous self-identification form is completed and returned as well.



## Bus Students

**School bus registration** - for the **2025-2026** school year is open. The online form is on the website under Schools – Bus Information ([Bus Information \(sd27.bc.ca\)](https://sd27.bc.ca)), All bus students, not just new bus students, must register.

## Code of conduct

Our School Code of Conduct is a living document that we continually amend and adapt to ensure our school is safe and student expectations are clear. We encourage feedback from parents to ensure our Code of Conduct is clear and helps guide student behaviour. Please become familiar with our Code of Conduct and contact school administration with any questions or comments:



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Student Code of Co

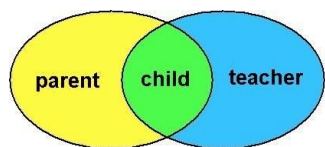
## Steps to Resolve Concerns

If you have concerns with a situation at the school there are steps to follow to ensure your concern is dealt with efficiently and properly. Please refer to [Steps to Resolve Concerns](#) for more information.

**Breakfast for Learning** our school offers some quick and simple breakfast food options to get the day going from 8:05am-8:30am every morning. Options include toast, fruit, yogurt, granola bars and tea. This grab and go breakfast opportunity is open for all students at no cost.

## Calling in Absences

At Lake City Secondary we feel regular attendance is a crucial component of academic performance. Students are expected to be on time and attend every class. If students are ill or cannot attend for other reasons, **it is up to the parent or guardian to notify the School Messenger system** at 1 (833) 582-6944, using the phone app, website login or calling the school. <https://go.schoolmessenger.com> All undocumented absences will be considered unexcused and may result in consequences. Poor attendance may result in a file review.



**Parent Advisory Council:** A strong relationship between the school and parents is very important in a child's education, and one way of being involved with the school is to be a member of the PAC. Last year's PAC was a very dedicated group, which was really appreciated. We are hoping that the same will be true this year, and with your help, this can come true. All parents are invited to attend Lake City Secondary PAC meetings. The meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:15 pm in the library. Meeting days and times may change depending on availability of our new PAC.

**FIRST MEETING: Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> in the LCSS Library – 7:15pm**



**Student of the Week** is selected by a different staff member each week based on positive actions of the students that contribute to our school's culture. Each teacher chooses their own criteria under a theme of the Indigenous Circle of Courage: Belonging, Mastery, Independence and/or Generosity. Student of the Week pictures will be posted on our Facebook page and in the WL Tribune.

**Picture Day** – is **Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** for all LCS students in the **morning**. Photo order sheets and more information will be distributed to students close to the date. These are the individual portrait photos. If your child is away, retakes are Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.



**Volunteering at the School** – All volunteers volunteering their time to support school events must have a criminal record check completed before they start helping out. This includes driving students, dry grad, coaching, helping in a classroom, etc. To apply online go to the link below and enter the password:

Online Link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

Williams Lake Campus Access Code: **3RMX4S4KYY**

## School Sports Teams and Clubs



Sports teams, and other student extracurricular activities will be up and running. Students are asked to listen carefully to announcements for information. Sports teams include: Rugby, Soccer, Volleyball, Wrestling, Basketball, Badminton, Mountain Biking, Cross Country and Track and Field. School clubs include LGBTQ+, Enviro, Model UN, Student Voice, and 'Greenologists'. Many others may develop – keep your ears open 😊

**Salmon Trip 2025 - September 17-19** - The goal of this trip is to involve young people in activities that help them appreciate how a watershed works—the animals, the plants, the water, the geography, and the role of human interaction. Space is limited and students must complete an application (attached).

Some of the activities will include: monitoring salmon health, identifying stream invertebrates, hiking, learning the importance of salmon and healthy watersheds from First Nation leaders, and working with UNBC researchers.

Cost is \$50 but see Ms. Riplinger or Mr. Cook if this is prohibitive. Activities on this trip can also be incorporated into a capstone project!



**Grad 2026** – LCSS Graduation Ceremony is Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> and dry grad is Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>. The Dry Grad committee is always looking for volunteers so more information will be coming soon. As always lots of volunteers will be needed to pull off another great dry grad!

## GRAD 2026!!!

**Attendance & Success:** There is a direct correlation between student attendance and success. Please talk to your child about attending regularly and staying caught up with homework and assignments. If your child is struggling with attendance and/or falling behind, please contact their teacher directly at any time. LCSS is actively working to improve attendance and engagement for all learners.

## Attendance Matters!!!

<b>Administration Team</b> Curt Levens, Principal Yvonne Davis, Vice-Principal Nara Riplinger, Vice-Principal	<b>Clerical Team</b> Jennifer Stirling, Office Front Desk Kelsey Chappell, Office Records & Registration Coralee LeBourdais, Office Finance Kyla Mathews, Office Records & Registration
<b>Counselling Team</b> David Julius, School Counselor Steve Carpenter, School Counselor Kim Nowotny, Career Center Michelle Palmer, Career Center	<b>Student Support Team</b> Elannie Hunlin, Indigenous Support Worker Karen Grant, Indigenous Support Worker Karen Dillabough, Indigenous Support Worker Lora Fairbrother, Youth Engagement Worker

### *Student/Parent Resources*

[Suicide Crisis Helpline: 988](#) Call or text for a safe place to talk, 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

[ERASE](#) (Expect Respect & Safe Education) Anonymous reporting tool for students.

[Vaping Information for Parents](#)

[Screen time and digital device information for Parents](#)

[Lake City Secondary Website](#)

[Lake City Secondary Facebook Page](#)

***Lake City Secondary acknowledges that our school is located on the unceded territory of the Northern Secwepemc where we are honoured to live, laugh and learn***



## **LAKE CITY SECONDARY**

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### **2025 -2026 General School Supply List Grades 10 – 12**

Required school supplies for the secondary level vary from class to class but in general the basic needs for students at the Grade 10 to Grade 12 level are as follows:

#### **Item & Quantity**

- 3 – Ring Binder (2" or 3") - 1
- Subject dividers pack of 5 dividers - 1
- Loose leaf paper (lined) 400 sheets - 1
- Pens (blue or black) - 5
- Pencils - 5
- Eraser - 1
- Ruler (30cm) - 1
- Pencil crayons pack of 24 - 1
- Scientific Calculator – 1
- Combination lock – 1
  
- PE strip (shorts, shirt and runners) for any students taking a Physical Education course (PHE 10, Active Living 11-12, Fitness and Conditioning 11-12, Outdoor Education 11-12, Hockey 10-12 and Volleyball 10-12)

These supplies may need to be replenished from time to time throughout the year depending on usage. Students will be notified of any other supply requirements by their subject teachers.

***If obtaining school supplies is problematic, please contact the school for financial assistance.***

Sincerely,

*Curt Levens*

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Principal  
Lake City Secondary School