



# Lake City Secondary School

## March 2026 Newsletter

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# *Come on Spring!!*

### Important Dates

- Mar. 4-10 Grad Photos
- Mar. 11 Parent Teacher Night
- Mar. 13 Last day before Spring Break
- Mar. 16-27 Spring Break
- Mar. 30 Return from Spring Break
- Apr. 3 Good Friday (no school)
- Apr. 6 Easter Monday (no school)
- Apr. 14-15 Early Dismissal days
- Apr. 20-23 Provincial Assessments
- Apr. 24 Pro-D Day
- May 7 Term 3 Learning Updates
- May 18 Victoria Day Holiday

**Parent-Teacher Interviews** – are taking place at the school **Wednesday March 11** from 5-7pm. Please stop by to meet and talk to teachers.

**2026-27 Student Course Selection** has begun so Gr. 10 & 11 students have started choosing the courses they would like to take next year. Course handbooks have been emailed out and are available on our school website. If you have questions, please contact school counselors.

**Grade 12 - Career Life Connections (CLC)** is graduation requirement that must be completed outside of the timetable. Grade 12 students will receive a letter grade for this course. If Grade 12 students do not complete the 3 component requirements, they will not graduate. The 3 components are: online course work, work experience and a Capstone project. Any questions please contact Ms. Nowotny at the school.



### 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:

[LCSS Code of Conduct](#)

**The Inclusive Calendar** is a great resource to see the different holidays and observances happening in BC and Canada so check out the School District's Inclusive calendar at: [Inclusive School Calendar](#)

## **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.

**Student Learning Survey 2025/2026** - The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. In February, 2026 the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 10-12, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

**Parents**, please take a few minutes to complete the survey electronically at [Student Learning Survey](#). Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section. The e-survey site will be open until May 1, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

## **School Bus Conduct**

Overall student behaviour on buses has been good, but at times issues do arise. For more information about bus protocol please visit the link:

[Bus Protocol Information](#)

## **Student Homework Support Group**

The Cariboo Chilcotin Partners for Literacy will be running tutoring and homework support at Lake City Secondary! This tutoring session is specifically for Indigenous students but all students are welcome to attend every Tuesday and Thursday in the LCSS Library from 3:30-4:30.

## 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.

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**Breakfast for Learning** - our school offers quick and simple breakfast food options to get the day going from 8:05am-8:40am every morning. Options include toast, fruit, yogurt, granola bars and tea. This grab and go breakfast opportunity is free and open for all students.

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**Snacks** – healthy snacks are available to all students at no charge during breaks and the office always has snacks ready to go.

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**Lunch** – Each day there are lunch options students can purchase at a discounted price. Options could include taco salads, pasta, soup, sandwiches, hot dogs, pizza and more! If students are hungry but have no money they just need to let the office know and we will ensure they will get lunch.



**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.

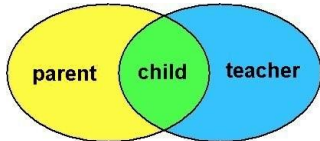
## Grade 10 & 12 Literacy and Numeracy Assessments

All Grade 10 students are required to complete a Grade 10 Literacy and Numeracy Assessment and Grade 12 students must complete a Grade 12 Literacy Assessment to meet graduation requirements. There are two more scheduled assessment sessions: April 20-23, and June 8-19. **All Grade 10 & 12 students are required to write these assessments as part of their graduation requirements.** Students will be informed of their exam schedule at least a week in advance. Students can rewrite these assessments to improve their marks if they choose.



**Accessibility Plan Feedback Survey** Cariboo-Chilcotin School District No. 27 is a partner in the Northern BC Accessibility Working Group and is a member of the Northern BC School District Accessibility Plan 2023-2026. This plan was developed collaboratively by the

Northern BC School District Advisory Committee with input from our school district and is aligned with the Accessible BC Act. The Act emphasizes visibility for persons with disabilities, inclusive education and training, and stronger focus on accessibility, empathy, and sensitivity in schools. If you would like to provide feedback please use the link: [Accessibility Survey](#)



**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. All parents are invited to attend Lake City Secondary PAC meetings. The meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each month at 7:15 pm in the library.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> in the LCSS Library – 7:15pm**

**Volunteering at the School** – All parents 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>

Lake City Secondary Access Code: **3RMX4S4KYY**



**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! **Next Dry Grad meeting is Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the LCSS Commons!**

**See below for more information about Dry Grad.**

# GRAD 2026!!!

**Grad Photos** – Will be happening from March 4 - March 10. **Grads, please sign up in the Career Center.**



**2026 Graduates!** - Please ensure that you check in with Ms. Nowotny and Ms. Palmer at the Career Centre to ensure that all your graduation requirements are being met, as well as your work experience and CLC/Capstone course work.

**Grad Parade** – Any grads who need a ride for the parade please email [drygradparade2026@gmail.com](mailto:drygradparade2026@gmail.com)

### **SCREEN TIME - Protecting Youth Online**

Violent online groups are targeting children and teens through social media and gaming platforms, coercing them into harmful acts and spreading extremist ideologies. Parents and caregivers should watch for warning signs like secretive app use, sudden interest in violent content, or withdrawal. Learn more and get prevention tips: [RCMP Report](#)

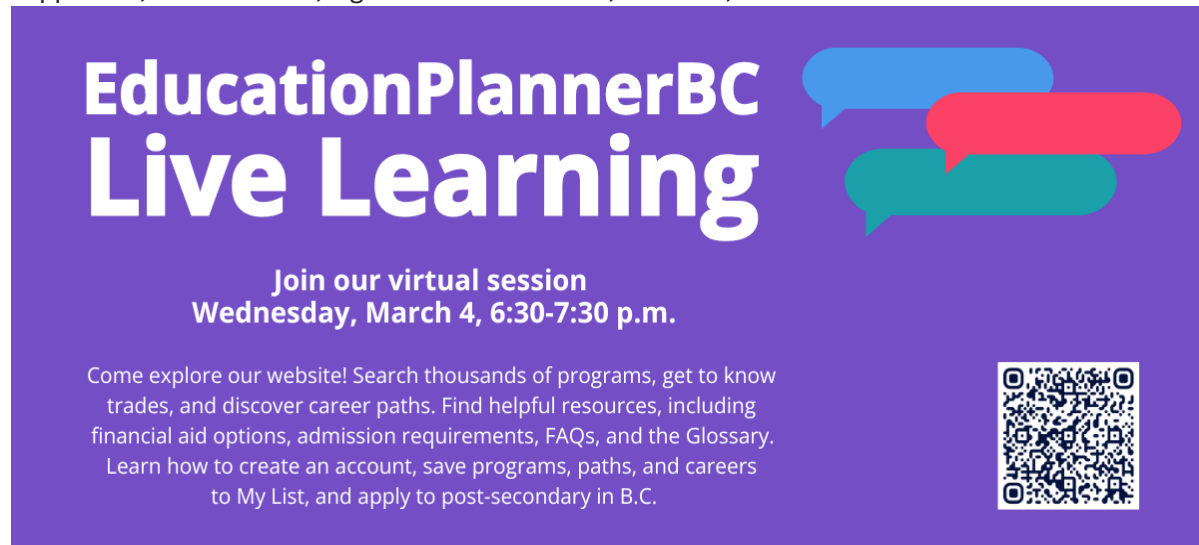
### **Education PlannerBC Live Learning**

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-7:30pm. MS Teams.

Register [here](#)

Event Calendar: <https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/events/epbc-live-learning-march>

These free sessions are open to anyone interested in learning about post-secondary education and career planning. They will be especially helpful for high school students in grades 10-12, parents and student supporters, adult learners, high school counsellors, teachers, and career advisors.

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**EducationPlannerBC  
Live Learning**

Join our virtual session  
Wednesday, March 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Come explore our website! Search thousands of programs, get to know trades, and discover career paths. Find helpful resources, including financial aid options, admission requirements, FAQs, and the Glossary. Learn how to create an account, save programs, paths, and careers to My List, and apply to post-secondary in B.C.



[EducationPlannerBC.ca/events](https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/events)

### **School Sports Teams and Clubs**



Sports teams, and other student extracurricular activities are up and running. Students are asked to listen carefully to announcements for information.

Upcoming spring sports include badminton, boys and girls rugby, girls soccer, mountain biking and track and field. School clubs include LGBTQ+, Enviro, Model UN, Student Voice, Darts, and 'Greenologists'. Many others may develop – keep your ears open 😊

**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!!!

<p><b>Administration Team</b>          Curt Levens, Principal          Yvonne Davis, Vice-Principal          Nara Riplinger, Vice-Principal</p>	<p><b>Clerical Team</b>          Jennifer Stirling, Office Front Desk          Kelsey Chappell, Office Records &amp; Registration          Coralee LeBourdais, Office Finance          Kyla Mathews, Office Records &amp; Registration</p>
<p><b>Counselling Team</b>          David Julius, School Counselor          Steve Carpenter, School Counselor          Kim Nowotny, Career Center          Michelle Palmer, Career Center</p>	<p><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</p>

## *Student/Parent Resources*

### **Inclusive Calendar**

[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](#)

[Healthy School BC Information](#)

***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***