Lake City Secondary School

October 2026 Newsletter

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Important Dates

Oct. 12 Thanksgiving (no school)

Oct. 13-14 Grad council retreat

Oct. 21 5:00-7:00 Parent-Teacher night

Oct. 23 Pro-D Day (no school)

Oct. 27 PAC Meeting

Oct. 27- 28 Early Dismissal Days

Oct. 29 6:30 Dry Grad Meeting

Oct. 30 Photo Retakes

Nov. 2- Nov. 6 Provincial Assessments

Nov. 11 Remembrance Day (No School)

Nov. 13 Term 1 ends

Nov. 23 Pro-D Day

Nov. 27 Term 1 Learning Updates posted

Orange Shirt Day

Last week LCSS students were engaged in a wide range of Indigenous activities including bannock making, smoking fish, participation in a variety of Indigenous activities in their classrooms to learn about Truth and Reconciliation. A huge thank you to Chris Blain from WLFN who set up the incredible "Remembering our Friends" display for the week, sharing 24 enlarged photographs roughly corresponding in timeline order from 1891 when the residential school first opened, leading to the investigation now. A shout out to Karen Grant and Karen Dilabough making and serving a school wide lunch of Bannock and smoked salmon, and all teachers for the learnings presented in classrooms.

Newsletters School newsletters will be emailed out at the beginning of each month and posted to the school website LCSS Website. We also have a Facebook LCSS Facebook page that I would encourage you to join as it is used regularly and has very timely news.

Student Verification Forms – Student verification forms were handed out to all students a couple of weeks ago. We tried to go online for the process, but there was a glitch so it did not work. 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.

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 2026 2027

ERASE Information for Caregivers: Caregiver resources can be found at: erase for Adults - Province of British Columbia. ERASE posters are in classrooms and posted around the school.

Please bookmark and check out these FREE sessions/information from ERASE:

1. Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities, FREE Upcoming Remote Sessions – Next session is November 25, 2026 at 6:30pm.
2. Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding Against Cyberbullying and Sextortion, FREE Upcoming Remote Sessions – Next session is October 13, 2026 at 6:30pm.
3. Raising Digitally Responsible Youth: A Guide for Parents and Caregivers, FREE Digital Download (this guide will be continually updated by Safer Schools Together)

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.

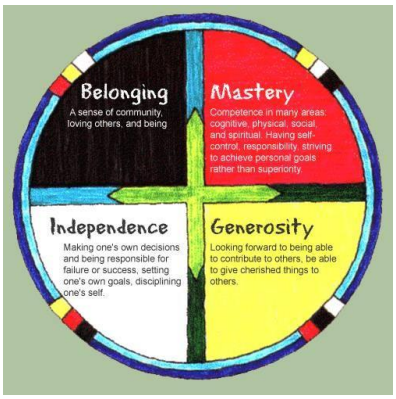
Parent Teacher Night – This year, Parent Teacher Night will be held on Wednesday, **October 21st 5-7pm.** This a great opportunity to come meet teachers and get an update on your child's progress. If you can't make it to Parent Teacher Night, please reach out to teachers through email anytime throughout the school year.

Breakfast for Learning - our school offers 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 free and open for all students.

Snacks – healthy snacks are available to all students at the office at no charge during breaks

Lunch – Each day there are lunch options students can purchase for $2 - $2.50. 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 Tribune.

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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. October's meeting is a budget meeting on the 27th of October and November's meeting is set for the 16th at 7:15.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 27th in the LCSS Library – 5:00pm

Student Photo Retakes – is **Friday October 30th** for any students who need retakes or missed getting their picture taken the first time.
If a student likes their first picture (from seeing their ID card), but did not order a package then, they can come see Steeve (Photographer), give him the order package and tell him they want the picture from the first picture day.

If a student does not like their first picture, they can get retakes. If they already paid for a package, ***they must bring those photos back*** on retake day and give them to the photographer in order to get the new retakes.

Order forms and payment must be given directly to the photographer on retake day. We ***cannot*** accept them at the office.

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:
Weblink: Security Programs Division - Screening Portal
Unique Access Code: 3RMX4S4KYY

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. 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, Darts, and 'Greenologists'. Many others may develop – keep your ears open 😊



Grad 2027 – LCSS Graduation Ceremony is Friday June 11th and dry grad is Saturday June 12th. 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 Tuesday Oct. 13 at 6:30pm in the LCSS Commons!**

Grad Council - trip to Gavin Lake October 13 & 14. Any interested Grade 12s are welcome to attend, help plan school-based activities for your grad class this year! Permission forms in the Career Centre, $30 for the trip.

Attendance & Success: There is a direct correlation between student attendance and success. Please talk to your child about attending class every day 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.

Bus Passes: Just a reminder that students who are registered bus riders should have their bus passes with them when they ride. If your child loses or damages their bus pass, replacement cards can be purchased from the office for a replacement fee of $10.

Administration Team Yvonne Davis - Principal Kevin McLennan – Vice-Principal	**Clerical Team** Jennifer Stirling, Office Front Desk Kelsey Chappell, Office Records & Registration Coralee LeBourdais, Office Finance
Counselling Team David Julius, School Counselor Steve Carpenter, School Counselor Kim Nowotny, Career Center Michelle Palmer, Career Center	**Student Support Team** 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

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