



Lake City Secondary School

February 2026 Newsletter

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Important Dates

- Feb. 2 Semester 2 begins
- Feb. 12 Semester 1 Learning Updates sent home
- Feb. 13 Pro-D Day
- Feb. 16 Family Day (no school)
- Mar. 2-8 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

Semester 2 – Last day of classes for Semester 1 was Friday Jan. 30. Semester 2 starts Monday Feb. 2. Most classes are very full so there is not much room to accommodate class change requests. If changes are needed students should see a counselor. Semester 1 Learning Updates will be posted to MyEducation BC on Feb. 12.

Semester 1 Course Failures and Withdrawals

Students who failed or were withdrawn from a course in semester 1 need to connect with a school counsellor to determine your schedule for the future. Most courses are required to graduate, so for Grade 12 students this is especially important!

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](#)

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.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet 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. A few reminders about some of the basic rules for riders.

School bus rider rules:

Student behaviour is a significant factor in bus safety. Traveling on a school bus is a privilege which may be suspended or revoked if a student is not observing Codes of Conduct and the following procedures:

1. Students should be at the bus stop 10 minutes before scheduled pickup time.
2. Passengers must remain seated while the bus is in motion.
3. Students shall sit facing forward with their feet in front of them.
4. Do not put arms, hands or head out the window.
5. The aisle of the bus must be kept clear at all times.
6. No food or beverages may be consumed on the school bus. (other than a student's personal water bottle).
7. Do not throw garbage/objects on the floor or out the window.
8. Loud or noisy behavior is prohibited, as this is distracting to the Bus Driver.
9. Guest riders are not permitted to ride on the school bus.
10. Parent permission is required before a passenger may be dropped off at an alternate stop AP 770(5.3).
11. Possession/use of drugs, tobacco, vape pens or alcohol is prohibited on the school bus.
12. Musical Instruments may be permitted on the school bus provided the student can hold the instrument in their lap or store it under the seat. (check with your bus driver before bringing band instruments onto the school bus).

For more information please visit the link:

[Bus Protocol Information](#)

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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.

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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.

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.

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.

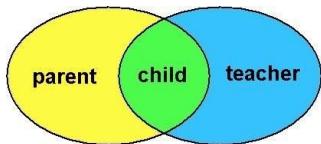


Course Scheduling

Planning for next year is underway and a big part of that is helping students pick their future courses. In late February and early March, counselors will be working with Gr. 10 & Gr. 11 students to help them choose classes for next year. Course selection booklet will be sent out to students and parents soon!!

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. 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: Tuesday Feb. 24th in the LCSS Library – 5:30pm

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**

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 2026 – LCSS Graduation Ceremony is Friday June 12th and dry grad is Saturday June 13th. 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 Feb. 9th 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.

Scholarships – Scholarship packages were handed out to all Grade 12 students on Dec. 9. For any students needing scholarship information please visit <https://jeannettegobolos.wixsite.com/jeannette-gobolos> , or go visit Ms. Gobolos in Room 110 for an in-person discussion. Deadline to apply for scholarships is **February 4!**

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](#)

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!!!

Administration Team Curt Levens, Principal Yvonne Davis, Vice-Principal Nara Riplinger, Vice-Principal	Clerical Team Jennifer Stirling, Office Front Desk Kelsey Chappell, Office Records & Registration Coralee LeBourdais, Office Finance Kyla Mathews, Office Records & Registration
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