



# Lake City Secondary School

April 2026 Newsletter

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## *Come on Spring!!*

### Important Dates

Apr. 3	Good Friday (no school)
Apr. 6	Easter Monday (no school)
Apr. 13	Dry Grad meeting
Apr. 14-15	Early Dismissal days
Apr. 20	PAC meeting
Apr. 20-23	Provincial Assessments
Apr. 21	Band Concert
Apr. 22	Earth Day
Apr. 24	Pro-D Day
May 7	Term 3 Learning Updates posted
May 18	Victoria Day Holiday
Jun. 8-19	Provincial Assessments
June 12	Grad 2026
June 13	Dry Grad

**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](#)

### School Safety

**Sign in at the office** - Just a reminder that all visitors to our school must check in at the office upon arrival. This includes all parents, community members, district staff and students who do not attend LCSS.

**Locked doors** – All doors are locked during instructional time except for our front doors at the main entrance. Some doors are unlocked during breaks and lunch when supervision is present.

**Worrisome behavior training** – All staff will take training in identifying and reporting worrisome behaviour to support risky behaviour early on.

**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.

## **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.

## **Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) Student**

Grade 10 students will be participating in an anonymous survey to collect data about health trends students. The survey will be conducted in April at school, and more information will be sent home with students in early April.

## School Bus Conduct

Overall student behaviour on buses has been good, but at times issues do arise so we are always looking to make things better for students. As part of these ongoing improvements, we will be introducing designated seating on our buses, by age group zones or specific seating to accommodate inclusive needs and to proactively promote positive behaviour. Age group zones will have the youngest students at the front of the bus, working backwards to the oldest students. This simple structure helps create consistency for students, supports positive behaviour, seats students with peers of a similar age, and makes our buses safer and more predictable for everyone. Many children benefit from clear routines, and this approach helps drivers focus on what they do best: transporting students in a safe and orderly manner. For more information about bus protocol please visit the link:

[Bus Protocol Information](#)

## 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.



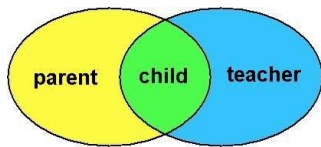
**Student of the Week** is selected by a different staff member each week based on positive actions of the students that contribute to our school's culture. Each teacher chooses their own criteria under a theme of the Indigenous Circle of Courage: Belonging, Mastery, Independence and/or Generosity. Student 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 April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the LCSS Commons!**

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

# GRAD 2026!!!

**Grad Photo Retakes** – Will be happening April 8 & 9 for any grads who missed out the first time or for any grads who need re-takes. **Grads, please sign up in the Career Center.**



## Dry Grad update

- Grads please send baby/childhood pictures to [erin.dell@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:erin.dell@sd27.bc.ca)
- Dry Grad Raffle tickets on sale now! \$10.00 per ticket with some amazing prizes (see below for more info)! To purchase tickets, contact [WLDrygradfundraising@outlook.com](mailto:WLDrygradfundraising@outlook.com).
- Any grads who need a ride for the parade please email [drygradparade2026@gmail.com](mailto:drygradparade2026@gmail.com)

**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.

**Connect Parenting Program** – If you are interested in a 10-week program to support youth struggling with depression, anxiety or other please sign up for this program. More information in the flyer below!!!

## 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](#)

## 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!!!

## Lake City Secondary Contact Information

<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*

[Inclusive School 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](#)

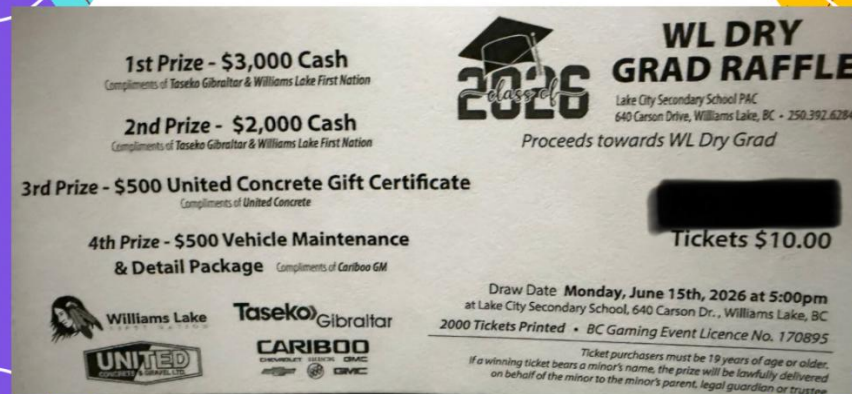
[Lake City Secondary Website](#)

[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***

# DRY GRAD RAFFLE



## \$10.00 PER TICKET

TO PURCHASE CONTACT:

[Wldrygradfundraising@outlook.com](mailto:Wldrygradfundraising@outlook.com)

1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE- \$3,000 CASH

2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE- \$2,000 CASH

3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE- \$500 UNITED CONCRETE GIFT CERTIFICATE

4<sup>TH</sup> PRIZE- \$500 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE & DETAIL

DRAW DATE:

**MONDAY, JUNE 15TH, 2026**



Canadian Mental  
Health Association  
Cariboo Chilcotin  
Mental health for all

## Are You a Parent, Adoptive Parent, Kinship Parent, Foster Parent, or Caregiver?

Is your pre-teen or teen struggling with depression, anxiety, or other intense emotional difficulties? Are they getting into trouble or having severe behavioural difficulties?



**Next Connect Parent Program -  
Williams Lake**  
Location: 201-35 Second Ave. South  
Date: Wednesdays starting  
April 8th  
Time: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

- Evidence-based **10-week** attachment-based program
- Helps parents and caregivers support youth ages 8-18 years
- Delivered **in-person** at Canadian Mental Health Association Cariboo Chilcotin (CMHA-CC)

Contact CMHA-CC to self-refer or to learn more!  
250-398-8220



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