



# Lake City Secondary School

## October 2025 Newsletter

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### Important Dates

- Oct. 5 Teacher Appreciation Day!!!
- Oct. 13 Thanksgiving (no school)
- Oct. 14 Dry Grad Meeting
- Oct. 21 Photo Retakes
- Oct. 21 Safer Schools Presentations
- Oct. 21 PAC Meeting
- Oct. 21-22 Early Dismissal Days
- Oct. 23 Community Youth Services Fair
- Oct. 24 Pro-D Day (no school)
- Oct. 29 Parent-Teacher night
- Nov. 3- Nov. 7 Provincial Assessments
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day (No School)
- Nov. 14 Term 1 ends
- Nov. 24 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 and meat, participating in Indigenous activities in Boitanio Park, learning about Truth and Reconciliation, and lots of other events. Shout out to teachers and students for making this a priority!

**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 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.

## 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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## 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 29<sup>th</sup> from 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.

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**Breakfast for Learning** - our school offers quick and simple breakfast food options to get the day going from 8:05am-8:30am every morning. Options include toast, fruit, yogurt, granola bars and tea. This grab and go breakfast opportunity is free and open for all students.

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**Snacks** – healthy snacks are available to all students at no charge during breaks and in most classes.

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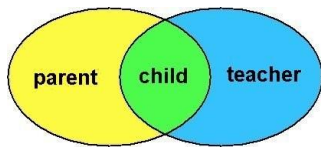
**Lunch** – Each day there are lunch options students can purchase at a discounted price. Options could include taco salads, pasta, soup, sandwiches, hot dogs, pizza and more! If students are hungry but have no money they just need to let the office know and we will ensure they will get lunch.



**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.

## 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.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> in the LCSS Library – 5:30pm**

**Student Photo Retakes** – is **Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup>** 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. Absolutely no free retakes for students who chose to dress inappropriately their first photos. They must pay for another photo package.

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:

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



**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 Tuesday Oct. 14 at 6:30pm in the LCSS Commons!**

# GRAD 2026!!!

**Grad Council** - trip to Gavin Lake October 14 & 15. 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.

**Safer Schools Together** – Will be hosting a series of presentations for students, staff and parents. There will be more information to follow but tentative dates and times are:

Oct. 21 – Student session at 12:30 “Establishing Safe, Caring, and Respectful Digital Communities” (12:30pm LCSS gym)

Oct. 21 – Staff session at 4:00 “Socials Media Awareness/Management to Ensure Safe and Caring School Communities (4:00pm Columneetza gym)

Oct. 21 – Parent Session at 6:00 “Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship, and Cyber-Bullying (6:00pm Columneetza gym)

**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](#)

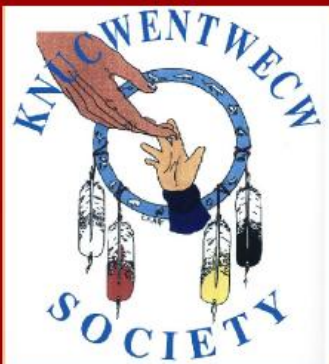
[Lake City Secondary Website](#)

[Lake City Secondary Facebook Page](#)

[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***





**Save the Date**  
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**Society is hosting**

**Twíwt (Youth) Gathering**

**Dates: October 23, 2025 (Youth)**

**October 24, 2025 (Caregivers/Staff)**

**Location: Lakecity Secondary Gym**

**Phone: 250-392-2995**

**Contact Shae or Joslyn**

