

Fall 2024

Dear High School Parents, Caregivers and Students:

Welcome back! I hope you had a refreshing summer. Our dedicated staff and teaching faculty can't wait to welcome you to LCS this September. **You're not just coming back to school**; **you're stepping forward in your journey**.

**Connect:** Build Meaningful Relationships. At LCS, you're more than a student number. Our school experience fosters strong, genuine relationships. Here, you belong to a community where you are truly known and supported.

**Thrive:** Grow Uniquely. Everyone has their own story and rhythm. Our Christian learning environment is tailored to be formational and resonate with your values. You're not just learning here; you're flourishing.

**Equip:** Unleash Your Potential with Purpose. Education is your tool and your voice. We strive to ignite that inner fire. Our commitment to teaching excellence ensures you are equipped not only with knowledge but with skills that matter, empowering you to make meaningful contributions anchored in Christ's teachings.

## We are thrilled to have you join us as we create a story of purpose, connection, and growth together.

The information in this letter will help ensure a smooth transition back to school.

## **Upcoming Dates:**

**Tuesday, September 3** is a half day of school for all new students only. We will host a morning of orientation for all of our Gr. 9 students and new students in Grade 10, 11 and 12 (9:00am - 12:00pm).

**Wednesday, September 4** will be the first day of school for all students, and begins at 8:20am. Students are encouraged to be here by 8:15am so that they can find their Community Group classrooms. Students can bring all of their belongings directly into their Community Group classroom; Community Group Teachers will provide them with schedules, introductory information, and an overview of the week's classes.

**Thursday, September 5 (Gr. 9's only)** is our first Grade Day of the school year. All grade 9 students will be traveling via school bus to Camp Luther for a day of fun, community building, and

growth. All other students (Gr. 10-12) will have a regular school day, and begin by meeting with their Community Group at 8:20am.

**Friday, September 6** is a regular school day. Friday follows the late-start schedule with classes beginning at 9:00am.

Monday, September 16 will be the Gr. 10 Community Day @ Camp Luther.

Tuesday, September 23 will be the Gr. 11 Community Day @ Camp Luther.

## Reminders, Procedures & Updates:

As a new or returning family, we know you have lots of questions. Below you will find an introduction to our systems and next steps for the transition into LCS High.

Here are a few more details about some of our systems:

- *Community Groups:* Each student is assigned to a House based community group that they will be a part of for their entire high school journey. Think of it as a small group, as they also attend the required weekly Chapel together as a class every Friday.
- *MyEd Accounts:* We use MyEd to handle all academic records. In high school, students and parents have their own user accounts where they have more ownership over the student's academic records. A note to new families and Grade 9's: We are working hard at getting you set-up in our system. Please keep an eye out for further information about logging into MyEd later this week.
- *Student Email & Google Classroom:* Each student will be set-up with an LCS Student email account. Students will use Google Classroom on a daily basis for their course assignments. To access Google Classroom, have your child log in using their school Gmail account and you will be given a parent code to access our classrooms and news feeds.
- *Blackbaud:* Langley Christian has moved to Blackbaud to manage all fees and permission forms (tuition, hot lunch, athletic and academic fees, field trips, etc). Here is the <u>link</u> to login to Blackbaud. If you have not yet set up a Blackbaud account, this link will prompt you to do so. If you have a Google account, I'd suggest choosing the option to Login with your Google account. If you do not have a Google account, you should create a login using your password and email address. Once you login, any forms or contracts that need to be completed will show up on your front page. *School Cash Online is no longer in use.*
- *Gym Strip:* Information on purchasing a Gym Strip will be made available by the Health and Physical Education department in early September, during your child's first class.
- Dates & Schedule:
  - 2024-25 <u>Bell Schedule</u>.
  - *Trimester System:* At LCS we are on a Trimester-Linear fusion system, but essentially, students will have two types of classes, Linear and Trimester:

- Linear courses run all year long on a three day rotation (three per year; 1st period).
- Trimester courses run everyday for the length of the term (two per term; 2nd & 3rd period).
- *Day Schedule:* Each school day is either a day A, B, or C, and corresponds to your linear classes. A copy of the Day Schedule will be provided September.
- Attendance: We have a very convenient and easy to use <u>Attendance Form</u> available on the LCS website under the Parent Tab where you can let us know about any sick days, late arrivals, early departures, or vacations! We no longer take phone in or email submissions for attendance, so if your student needs to stay home for any reason, fill in the form and we will make sure students are accounted for on a daily basis.
- *Cellphone Policy:* At LCS, we have adopted a No Cellphone use policy during school hours. Students are to have their cell phones in their lockers or bags at all times if not, it will be taken away and a parent/guardian will be required to pick it up after school. If you need to get ahold of your student during the day, you can email them directly or call the school and we will get a message to them or can have them call you back on the school phone. Thank you for your cooperation in this positive change to the school culture.
- Useful links: We have compiled many useful links under the Parent tab on LangleyChristian.com for your convenience. Here you will find links to Blackbaud and MyEd, updated yearly and bell schedules, volunteer applications, and the Attendance form. You can always follow us on Instagram (@lcs.highschool) for helpful reminders and updates as well.

## With very best wishes and gratitude for your partnership in the journey ahead.

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