



LDSS NEWS

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Principal's Message



Hadeeh and Hello!

This is the first newsletter of Semester Two. With the first semester now complete, there is a bit of housekeeping and then we are full steam into a very busy term three.

Both School and Ministry Assessments went smoothly last week, and Learning Reports will be sent home with students next week. The envelope will contain the Learning Report and a Credit Summary (for grades 10-12). Please take time to review all pages and contact the school with any questions. We are presently calculating the Honour Roll, Principal's List, and Distinction List which will be attached to the next newsletter.

Winter Sports are quickly wrapping up and Zones are happening in several sports. I want to thank our many coaches, bus drivers and community volunteers who give up their time freely so our students can have the best High School sports experience. We couldn't do it without you.

Finally, our PAC is very busy planning for several Spring events. They include the Valentine's Day Dance, and a reception to be held during "Talk About Learning" time. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive group of parents. We would like to take this time to send out a huge thank you to Pam Higginson who has finished her career as the LDSS PAC Chairperson. Pam worked tirelessly for our school and our students. Her shoes will be difficult to fill, but fortunately we have dedicated parents ready to continue with the PAC work. Please reach out if you are interested in helping with any of their activities.



2024-25 Amended School Calendar

At its Regular Meeting on Monday, January 20, 2025, the SD91 Board of Education approved the following change to the 2024-25 school calendar:

The April 2025 professional development day has been moved from Friday, April 25 to **FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025**.

You may view the District's approved yearly school calendars under the About Us tab at www.sd91.bc.ca.

Parent / Teacher Communication

What you can expect from us; What we need from you

Welcome to Semester 2! As we continually work to strengthen home/school communication to increase student success, you can expect:

The school will contact you when:

- There is an attendance concern.
- Assignments are not being completed.
- The student is having difficulty understanding the course work.
- Behavior is inappropriate and not quickly resolved.

We ask that parents/guardians:

- Email teachers first directly to discuss concerns.
- Notify the office (250-692-7733) regarding absences for illness and appointments.
- Give at least 2 weeks' notice for extended absences during the school year.

Teachers are not expected to package up learning. Classroom instruction is a dynamic, face to face experience. Much of teachers' assessment is based on observation of students engaged in tasks, that cannot be replaced by a worksheet or assignment. Students who miss classes, miss learning.

All members of the school community need to understand:

- Excusing a student still shows up as an absence.
- Excusing a student ahead of time prevents the daily attendance callout.
- When students miss learning it is their responsibility to make up that learning.

Parents, Guardians, Students, and Teachers can access the support of:

- School Counsellors (Mrs. Dezamits, Mrs. Brown)
- Inclusive Education Staff (via Mrs. Gray)
- Vice Principal (Mr. Little)
- Principal (Ms. Peterson)



LAKES DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL

LDSS UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

February 07 th	Pro-D Day
February 17 th	Family Day (NO CLASSES)
February 19 th – 21 th	Grad Photos
March 19 th	Talk About Learning Time (Early Dismissal)
March 24 th – April 4 th	Spring Break (NO CLASSES)
April 18 th	Good Friday (NO CLASSES)
April 21 st	Easter Monday (NO CLASSES)



Learning to Lead™

Learning to Lead™ is a leadership opportunity open to self-identified girls in Grades 10–12. Participants gain confidence through interactive workshops and activities within a fun and supportive community of friends and mentors.

What You'll Learn

- Learning to Lead™** is all about helping youth develop their leadership skills with:
- **Interactive learning** through workshops, group-based discussions, and hands-on activities.
 - **Lasting connections**, with like-minded peers, that have common values around learning and growing.
 - **Inspiring mentors**, who can offer advice and guidance for the next steps.

Spring 2025 Dates

- Learning to Lead™** Spring will take place via **Zoom** over **four** sessions on Wednesdays in April, from 6 – 8 PM PST:
- **April 9:** Opening Circle & Introduction to Leadership
 - **April 16:** Owning Our Strengths & Values
 - **April 23:** The Mentor
 - **April 30:** The Not-so-Subtle Art of Confidence and Closing Circle

REGISTER TODAY!

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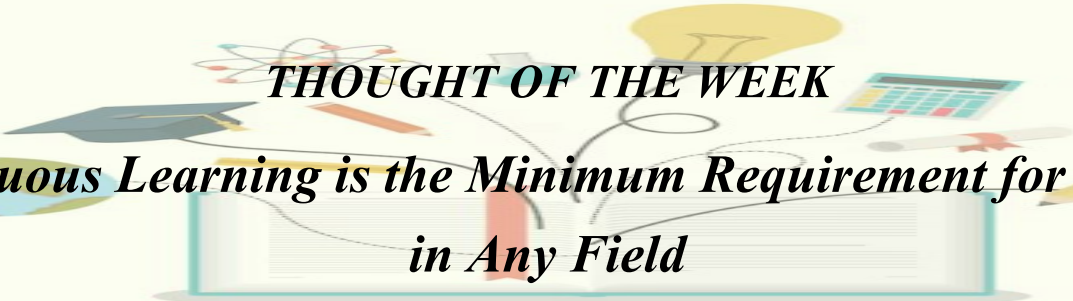


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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*Continuous Learning is the Minimum Requirement for Success
in Any Field*



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Rise and Shine



Tools for Mental and Emotional Wellness

✦ **SPRING 2025** ✦
APPLICATIONS OPEN! ✦



Rise and Shine is a wellness program for girls and gender diverse youth ages 15–24. This program contains 7 workshops designed to help youth develop essential skills to nurture their mental and emotional health and walk away with valuable and practical tools for navigating their resilience and building their confidence.

Rise and Shine will take place via Zoom over 7 sessions from 10–11:30am PT:

- **March 17th:** Welcome and Opening Circle
- **March 18th:** Self-Awareness and Thinking Traps
- **March 19th:** Boundary Setting
- **March 20th:** Self-Compassion
- **March 25th:** Stress and Anxiety
- **March 26th:** Sadness and Depression
- **March 27th:** Self-Care

Applications close March, 13th.
Join us and apply today!

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TO REGISTER**

