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School days for the Class of 2021 are winding down as they make plans for their baccalaureate service and graduation ceremony. The seniors' final day of classes is Tuesday, May 11th.

Baccalaureate services for this year's graduates will be held on **Sunday, May 9th** at the Langford Lutheran Church beginning at 7:00 PM. The public is invited to the service and a reception honoring the graduates immediately following the service.

Graduation ceremonies for the 2021 LAHS graduating class will take place on **Saturday, May 15th** at 2:00 PM in the Langford Area School gymnasium. The ceremony will be livestreamed on the school's Facebook page.

Honor graduates this year are Colin Frey, Alyssa Keough, Emily Palmer, Bryce Peterson, and Connor Smith.

The seniors have chosen maroon and black for their class colors and a white rose with gold tips for their flower.

Their class motto is "Only the brightest stars can outshine the darkness."

Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

Highlighting May

- 3 – Spring Music Concert at 7:00 PM
- 6 – 2020-21 Awards Program at 7:00 PM
- 9 – Baccalaureate at Langford Lutheran Church at 7:00 PM
- 10 – School Board Meeting at 7:00 PM
- 11 – LRC Track Meet in Ipswich
- 12 – Elementary Track & Field Day at 1:00 PM
- 14 – Last Day of School Students dismissed at 1:30 PM
- 15 – Graduation at 2:00 PM
- 20 – Region Track Meet in Britton
- 24 – Region Golf Meet
- 28-29 – State Track Meet in Rapid City

AWARDS PROGRAM IS MAY 6TH

Students, parents, grandparents, and community members are cordially invited to join the Langford Area School staff in a celebration of student achievement. This event will be held on **Thursday, May 6th beginning at 7:00 PM in the gymnasium.**

Students will be recognized for their outstanding achievements over the past year in academics and extra-curricular activities. Awards will be presented to the honor graduates, Principal Award winners, Students of the Year, along with announcing this year's recipients of the "LAHS Brightest and Best" Award. This award was created to recognize high school students for their outstanding academic achievement throughout the school year.

Please plan to join us May 6th as we celebrate the accomplishments of our students. If you are not able to attend, the evening's program will be livestreamed on the school's Facebook page.

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May is here and summer break is zooming toward us. I hope everyone has a safe, fun, and well-deserved break! I have loved my first year at Langford! I want to thank everyone for being so welcoming! I am already planning for next year and I am looking forward to getting to know the students, staff, and parents even more!

For our seniors, the final countdown has begun. Now everything gets even more fun, and it's time to live your life your way. Congratulations on your great achievement! I hope you'll always find yourself as happy and full of big, crazy dreams as you are today!

Many juniors took the ACT in April and have received their scores. Anyone who wishes to take the ACT or re-take it to improve their scores can register at act.org. There are test dates on June 12th and July 17th. ACT now uses a "superscore" which means a student

would pick his or her highest test scores in a section from across multiple sittings. This ability to mix and match individual section scores from different test dates typically yields a "superscore" that is higher than an ACT composite. Now, there is even more benefit to re-take the ACT because they will look at the highest score in each section.

There are still a few scholarships with summer deadlines. Make sure you are checking the school website because some of the scholarships are specifically for students in our area. Also, make sure to check out my counselor's corner page on the school website. It is located under the *For Students* tab. You will find information on scholarships, FAFSA, visiting colleges and tech schools, relaxation techniques, anger management tips, and much more!

Happy Summer to all!

PIZZA DELIVERY DATE IS MAY 12TH



The PAWS pizza fundraiser experienced tremendous success thanks to all of you. We sold 1,632 pizzas. Yes that's one thousand, six hundred and thirty two pizzas that will be delivered to the school on Wednesday, May 12th which is the day of the elementary track & field.

Each family that sold pizzas should come to the lunchroom right after track & field and pick up your pizzas. All pizzas need to be picked up that day as the school does not have enough freezer space to store these pizzas. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

**Last day of school is Friday, May 14th.
Students will be dismissed at 1:30 PM.**



Music Notes

by Mrs. Wieser

The LAHS Spring Concert “Legends” will be held on Monday, May 3rd at 7:00 PM. The concert will feature selections by legends from various musical genres. The concert band, junior high, and high school choirs, and soloists are scheduled to perform. Music awards will also be presented. Come and hear our talented youth as they perform their final concert of the year! The concert will be livestreamed on the school’s Facebook page.

Congratulations to the middle school music students on their contest performances! I’m very proud of how far these students have come this year after facing such a long break due to COVID last spring. They have made great strides and improved so much this year! I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the music boosters for their support throughout the school year. Without this valuable organization, our music pro-

gram would not be able to thrive. From fundraiser efforts, to donations for meals, travel, to making donations and purchasing equipment, the music booster parents are to be commended on their generous and positive support of our music students.

If your child is interested in attending a summer music camp, please contact me for information.

This year, we graduate 19 seniors who are involved in our music program and classes! It has been my pleasure to work with each and every one of them in developing their musical skills. Many of them have been members of honor ensembles and are leaders in both instrumental and vocal music. They will be missed and we certainly wish them the best as they journey into life, whether it is college, the military, or the work force. Congratulations, graduates!!



LAHS Spring Music Concert

“LEGENDS”

Monday, May 3rd at 7:00 PM



It's hard to believe that May is here and we are sending out the last newsletter of the year. It's even harder to believe that this is my final newsletter to all of you.

Retirement is so bittersweet. With a heart full of gratitude, I look back on all the memories I've made while serving as superintendent of the Langford Area School District.

When we moved to Langford in July of 2000, I didn't know how long we would be here. The quotes, "Time flies when you're having fun" and "The most beautiful moments always seem to accelerate and slip by quickly" really sum up my time here.

Thank you for the best memories over the past twenty-one years.

I remember hearing words of advice about surrounding yourself with good people and your days will be filled with good things. I have been fortunate to experience that during my time at Langford. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your superintendent.

The teachers and school staff have been the absolute best to work with. Thank you for your dedication and caring in helping students grow and succeed. You made me want to be a better administrator.

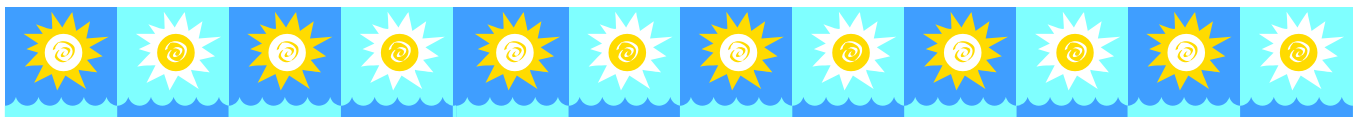
Thank you to all the students who make our school a great place to be. I pray that each of you leave Langford Area School with tools to be successful in whatever you choose.

Thank you, parents, for entrusting us with your children, and for being our partners in giving them the keys to unlock their future. Thank you to all the communities of the Langford Area School District for your overwhelming support and goodwill.

To my present and past Board members, thank you for your steadfast support and the unwavering confidence you have shown in me. Your vision and counsel is instrumental in keeping the District's traditions strong and providing the best educational opportunities possible for our students.

Eleanor Roosevelt said, "Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints on your heart." Thank you for so many great footprints on my heart.

Before summer vacation hits, there are still many activities taking place in the next few weeks such as the awards program, music concert, track meets, and of course, graduation. I hope to see many of you during these events.



The 2021-22 School Calendar for next year is on page 8 of this newsletter. The first day of classes next year is August 18, 2021.

SCHOOL CALENDAR ADDITION



The weather has caused for some track meets to be cancelled or postponed. The middle school track meets have been hit hard and because there were only a few meets scheduled. Therefore a new meet has been added.

Ipswich is hosting a middle school meet on Friday, May 7th beginning at 2:00 PM for us to attend. The LRC track meet on May 11th held in Ipswich will also have separate events just for middle school athletes.



Track & Field Day is Friday, May 12th



This year's annual Track & Field Day for elementary students will be held on Wednesday, May 12th beginning at 1:00 PM in the Park of the Pines just south of the school.

Students will be participating in running, jumping, and throwing events under the direction of PE teacher Mr. Reints.

We hope that parents are able to accommodate work schedules so that they can join us for this End-of-the-Year Celebration.

We Love Our Teachers!

Celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week: May 3 - 7

END-OF-THE-YEAR REMINDERS

Cleaning Out Gym Lockers

Please remind your child to take home any clothing left in their gym locker. If they are missing an article of clothing, please have them check with Shelly or Vicky. Students' Cubbies and book lockers will also need to be cleaned out.

Don't forget to return all library books and pay late fines by Friday, May 7th. Thank you.

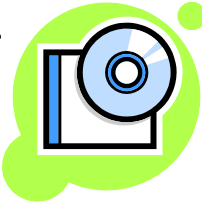
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Final Lunch Bill

Take Note of Final Lunch Ticket Payments

Final lunch ticket notices have been sent home with students. Although all breakfasts and lunches were free this year, some students have an outstanding balance on their account due to buying extras. If you have a question about your child's lunch account, please contact JaKelle at the school. All lunch accounts should be **paid in full by May 14th**. Thank you for your cooperation.

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We have once again recorded some school events that have taken place over the past year. Events that are available on DVD this year include the following:

- Christmas Concert,
- Elementary & HS spring music concerts,
- Prom Grand March
- Seven Brides for Seven Brothers and
- 2021 Graduation ceremony.

AVAILABLE

Order forms are available at the school office or on the school web-site. If you have questions, please call Sheila at 493-6454. A donation (\$3.00) is suggested for each DVD ordered.

Vaccination Clarification

Adolescents ages 11 and older need the first two shots for entry into 6th grade:

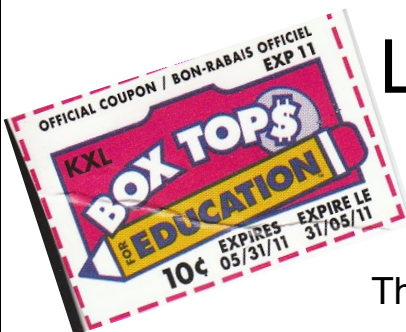
- 1 dose of Tdap – this is a booster dose including protection against tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis. Coverage usually lasts around 10 years and then another booster is needed.
- 2 doses of Meningococcal vaccine that covers serogroups A, C, Y, and W-135. The 1st dose is given at 11 years and a booster is needed at 16 years or older. Common brand names of the vaccine are Menveo and Menactra.

The following two vaccines are recommended by health professionals but not required:

2 doses of Meningococcal B vaccine – this vaccine only covers the B serogroup. Common brand names are Bexero and Trumemba. If your child only received Menveo or Menactra they did not receive protection against Meningitis B. Meningococcal meningitis is a rare but serious disease caused by bacteria called Neisseria meningitidis. It can lead to an infection of the lining of the brain and spinal cord or to septicemia, which is an infection of the blood. Meningitis can strike without warning and progress quickly. Symptoms are often mistaken for the flu in early stages.

A 2 or 3 course series of HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine. HPV is a very common virus. HPV vaccine is important because it protects against cancers caused by HPV infection. If your child starts the series at 14 years or younger, a 2-dose series can be given, but if your child starts vaccination on or after their 15th birthday a 3-dose series is required. HPV vaccine is best for boys and girls aged 11-12 years as the vaccine produces better immunity to fight infection when given at a younger age.

* Please review your child's immunization record to check for vaccines that have been given. If you have any questions please contact Cari Price, Community Health Nurse, at 448-2744 (Monday, Thursday, and Friday) or your primary care provider.



Last call for Box Tops and Ken's or Kessler's receipts.

They can be dropped off at the school office or sent to school with your child.



Langford Area School District 45-5

Adopted 2021-22 Calendar

August 2021						
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8/6 FB Practice Begins
 8/13 VB/CC Practice Begins
 8/16 Staff Inservice
 8/17 Staff Orientation Day
 8/18 First Day of School
 9/3 NO SCHOOL - Inservice
 9/6 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
 10/11 NO SCHOOL
 10/18 End of the 1st Quarter (41)
 10/22 NO SCHOOL - Inservice
 10/22 P/T Conferences
 11/24 NO SCHOOL - Vacation
 11/25 NO SCHOOL - Vacation
 11/26 NO SCHOOL - Vacation

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12/22 End of the 2nd Quarter (42)
 12/23 - 1/4 NO SCHOOL
 Christmas Break
 1/4 Classes Resume
 1/14 NO SCHOOL - Inservice
 2/3 P/T Conferences

March 2022						
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2/4 NO SCHOOL - Inservice
 2/21 NO SCHOOL - Vacation
 3/9 End of the 3rd Quarter (44)
 3/17 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
 3/18 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
 4/15 NO SCHOOL - Good Friday
 NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday
 4/18

April 2022						
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5/13 End of the 4th Quarter (43)
 5/14 Graduation

May 2022						
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