



August 2022

Dear LCS Elementary Families,

It is our hope that your summer was filled with reconnecting with family and friends, with rest and relaxation. This is a beautiful land that we live in and we hope you've had the opportunity to explore and play in God's creation! Some of the highlights in my summer come from sitting around a campfire, playing in the water at the beach, and long wandering walks with friends in the sun. We are so grateful that we can place our hope and trust in a very big God; this is truly a place where we can rest and breathe in renewed life.

As September approaches, our administration, teachers, and support staff are all working hard, readying themselves to welcome and care for your children. We are eager to invite them into the awe and wonder of learning and exploring their place in God's world!

Included in this letter is information on:

- September start up
- Nut aware information

September Start up

Class lists

Class lists will be posted on the LCS website on Friday, Sept 2 at 12:00pm (*note: lists will not be posted at the school, they will only be online*). Please remember and be assured that a considerable amount of time, thought, effort and prayer has gone into making the class lists. Many factors such as balancing learning support resources, gender ratio, academic ability, learning style, previous classroom experiences and student friendships each play a significant role in class placement. Your loving encouragement and positive support will help your child if they experience uncertainty about the coming year.

Chapel

We are excited about chapel this year! We will continue alternating primary and intermediate chapels, with a number of full K-5 chapels sprinkled through the year. Parents are invited to join us for chapel. Classroom teachers will keep you informed as to when your child has chapel.

Bussing

If you signed up for your child to ride the school bus you should be contacted in the fourth week of August, or the first week of September. If you have not heard anything by September 3, contact the CCSTA at admin@ccsta.net or call 778-986-9011. For those who are new to the bus system, please be aware that it often takes a few days for the routes to fall into a rhythm so you may choose to make alternate arrangements for the first day or two of class.

Scheduling

The school day starts at 8:30, and ends at 2:50.

- On Tuesday, September 6, Grade 1 - 5 students will attend for a half day, needing to be picked up at 12:00.
- On Wednesday, September 7, the regular schedule commences.
- There is a later school start for students on Friday mornings with the day beginning at 9:10. Staff members, on the other hand, have an earlier start so that we can devote the 75 minutes before school to Professional Learning Communities that ultimately benefit our students.
- ***For those of you with a child entering Kindergarten, you will have received an email about the transition into the Kindergarten school year.*

8:30 (9:10 Friday)	Bell rings and classes start
10:15 - 10:30	Recess
12:30 - 12:45	Lunch
12:45 - 1:15	Recess
2:50	Dismissal

There is no staggered start to the beginning of the school day. School starts at 8:30 and we thank you for the effort it takes to develop routines with your family to bring children to school to start at 8:30. This allows for a positive transition to the start of the day for the class as a community.

Understandably, the first week of school is a unique time in the school year. We expect that many parents will want to accompany their children to their classroom door during the first few days. We look forward to connecting with you and seeing you in our hallways!

Supervision

Outside supervision begins at 8:15 am (8:55 am for late start Fridays). Students should be dropped off between 8:15 and 8:30 (8:55 and 9:10 for late start Fridays) so that classes can begin promptly. *Please note that we are unable to provide child care before this time.* If it is necessary for students to be dropped off before 8:15 in the morning, these children will have to remain outside, unsupervised until supervision begins. If necessary, supervision will be provided in the covered area next to the playground for students on late start Fridays between 8:15 and 8:55 am.

Students are dismissed at 2:50 at the end of the school day. They are to exit immediately through their regular doors to the front of the school. Students need to remain at the front of the school unless they have first met with their parents/guardians at the front of the school and have been accompanied to the back of the school to be supervised by them. This means that students may only be in the field or forest if their parents are with them.

Students should be picked up by 3:15 pm. After school staff supervision is provided until 3:15 pm. After that point, any students whose rides have not arrived will wait by the front doors.

Please pray that God will bless our communal effort to make LCS a place where He is honoured, each person is valued, and where students are invited into a thriving Christian learning community serving together to empower students to have impact in a changing world.

We are looking forward to seeing most of you on Tuesday, September 6! Blessings on the remainder of your summer, and we hope you are able to soak up every last sunshine-y (or cloudy) day!



Lori Carpenter
Principal



Anita Wood
Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT Safety Information



Langley Christian Elementary School is a community where parents, students, and teachers all work together to provide a positive, happy, and safe learning environment for all. In order for all of our students to attend school safely, every classroom from Preschool – Grade 5 is designated as NUT-AWARE. We have some students at almost every grade level with very serious LIFE THREATENING NUT ALLERGIES! We are asking that you do not send any lunches or snacks that contain any type of nuts or nut oils. We recognize that this policy makes packing your child's lunches and snacks a little more challenging; however, this is also a very concrete way of living out our vision of Christian community – caring for one another, ensuring that all can belong.

If your child has nuts in their breakfast (cereal, peanut butter etc.) it is VERY IMPORTANT that your child brushes his/her teeth thoroughly, and washes their face and hands before coming to school. For many of the children with nut allergies – nut residue from a child who has had peanut butter on their hands and then touches something that they touch afterwards is enough to cause a severe and life threatening reaction.

GOOD SNACK/LUNCH IDEAS

- *fruit
- *veggies and dip
- *meat and cheese
- *pickles
- *yogurt
- *plain or multigrain Cheerios
- *raisins/craisins
- *fruit leather/fruit snacks
- *popcorn
- *teddy grahams
- *crackers (stone wheat, Breton, Premium Plus)
- *Arrowroot cookies
- *NO-NUT Nut Butter
- *Dare cookies (the ones with the nut-free symbol)
- *Quaker granola bars (the ones with the nut-free symbol)
- *President's Choice (Superstore) brand has a number of identified nut-free snack products

FOODS TO AVOID

- *peanut butter/almond butter etc.
- *nutella type chocolate/nut spread
- *trail mix
- *anything prepared with peanut oil
- *breads that contain nuts/pine nuts
- *potato chips (if fried in nut oil)
- *granola bars with nuts

Please read labels on packaged foods before sending them to school – when in doubt please leave it at home.

THANK YOU FOR CARING THROUGH YOUR COOPERATION