

# Lions Gate Christian Academy

LGCA is a community rooted in the teachings of Jesus where all students are *loved, challenged and equipped* to be purposeful contributors in their communities.

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## Newsletter – January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dear Parents,

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2*

This week we had the privilege of having our British Columbia Ministry of Education Monitoring Inspection, which happens every two years. This inspection is crucial to maintaining operations at LGCA as it provides evidence for our continued accreditation as an Independent School operating within BC. Just as our students undergo testing, LGCA was just put to the test to ensure that we are able to maintain the standards the Ministry of Education sets for us. Our inspector, Mr. Henry Contant, the former Executive Director of the Society of Christian Schools in BC, spent the entire afternoon at LGCA observing and witnessing our various learning environments and facilities. We finished the day reviewing various policies and documents that again are crucial to our accreditation. The great news is that Mr. Contant openly endorses the Christian education that we offer at LGCA and is pleased to recommend us for continued accreditation and certification. As we talked, I was reminded of many reasons why we can take pride in being members of the LGCA learning community. Of course it's a pleasure to enjoy being in the top 7% of all elementary schools in the province and in the top 14% of all high schools in the province according to the Fraser Institute results. It's fantastic that we can enjoy the multicultural and interdenominational learning opportunities as we engage in a world-class BC Christian education. We can also take pride in that our students do not study in a bubble. We address the issues that they confront in the world we live in as we equip them to meaningfully contribute to society. Just as I encourage students to relish and enjoy a testing opportunity, undergoing this recent inspection helps us be reminded of the many blessings we enjoy at LGCA.

**Adam Reid – Principal**

### Chapel

Tomorrow is split chapel at 8:50 am for elementary and 9:50 am for secondary. Parents are invited to attend.

### Parent/Teacher Conferences –Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>

Parent/Teacher conferences will take place next week on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> between 2:30 pm and 6:00 pm and Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

**PLEASE NOTE** that Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> is an early dismissal day - 1:50 pm. The school buses will be at the school at 1:50 pm for the early dismissal. Please ensure that you are at the respective bus pick up locations by 2:15pm on Wednesday to pick up your child.

### Elementary School – Grade K-7:

Sign-up sheets are now posted outside the Kindergarten to Grade 7 classrooms. Please sign up for these conferences. Note some grades will be holding student led conferences – this will be indicated on the sign-up sheets.

### **High School Conferences: Grade 8-12**

High School sign-up sheets are located outside the school office in the hallway. Parents are encouraged to sign up or get their students to sign up for these conferences.

### **Missions Fest – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

Tomorrow, Friday January 26<sup>th</sup> the Grade 5's, 7's and 9's will be attending Missions Fests. Students are required to wear their school uniform and bring a bagged lunch for this event. Please be at school promptly as the bus will leave at 8:30 am. They will be bused to and from Missions Fest.

### **High School Language Challenge Exams**

High School Students who signed up to take a language challenge exam are reminded that the exams take place Saturday and Sunday, January 27th and 28th at Delta Secondary School. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation.

### **Elementary Athletics:**

Grade 6 & 7 Girls CESS Basketball Tournament will be during the day on February 8, Thursday at Carver Christian High School. 7650 Sapperton Avenue Burnaby 604-523-1580

The Grade 6/7 CESS Boys Basketball tournament will be on Thursday, February 8 at Highroad Academy 46641 Chilliwack Central Road, Chilliwack.

### **We are looking for parent drivers for both Girls & Boys tournaments.**

Please contact: Ms. Freeman at [cfreeman@lgca.ca](mailto:cfreeman@lgca.ca) as soon as possible if you can help with driving or for more information.

### **High School Athletics**

The Sr. Boys Basketball team has shown some improvement in their play as they defeated King David High School Junior team in OT yesterday. We are looking forward to a rematch against the school as we play their senior team.

The High School Jr and Sr Ultimate team is looking for a coach and team parent. If you are interested or you know someone who might be please contact the High School Athletic Director, Paul Chong ([pchong@lgca.ca](mailto:pchong@lgca.ca)). The Ultimate season will be from Mid-February to Mid-April.

### **Collectables**

This is a reminder to parents and students that collectables i.e. Pokemon cards, Grossery Gang, etc. should not be brought to school.

### **Non-Uniform Day – Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Student Council is holding a non-uniform day for **Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12. Elementary will be a CRAZY hair day and High school will be a Retro Day. Students need to bring a toonie to participate in this event. If students do not participate they are to wear their LGCA uniforms.

### **Pastor's Tea – Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

We are hosting a Pastor's tea at the school on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 11am. We would love to show our Pastor's what we offer at LGCA and take them on a school tour. Evites have been sent out to Pastor's. However, we are asking you to please mention this tea to your Pastors and encourage them to stop by the school for this tea. Thank you.



## Open House and Fine Arts Evening – Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> is the school Open House and Fine Arts from 10am-12:00 pm and from 6:00 pm to 8:00pm. If you know of families who are interested, please encourage them to attend. Word of mouth is our best advertisement. Thank you!

### School Closures:

**NOTE: There will be no school for students on:**

<b>Mon, February 12<sup>th</sup></b>	-	<b>Family Day – No School for Staff and Students</b>
<b>Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	-	<b>PRO D day – No School for Students</b>
<b>Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	-	<b>Curriculum Implementation Day – No School for Students</b>

### Looking Ahead:



#### January

Fri	26	Missions Fest Grade 5,7,9
Wed	31	<b>Early Dismissal – 1:50 pm</b>
Wed	31	Parent/Teacher Interviews 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm

#### February

Thur	01	Parent/Teacher interviews 3:30pm – 6:00 pm
Fri	02	Non-Uniform day K – Grade 12
Tue	06	Pastors Tea at the school - 10-11am
Wed	07	K-Gr 2 Science Workshops at school
Thur	08	Grade 6/7 Basketball Tournament for boys and girls
Fri	09	Grade 3-7 Science Workshops at school
Mon	12	Family Day – No School
Wed/Thur	14/15	Outdoor Ed to Manning Park
Wed	14	Non uniform day – Valentine’s Day - Red, White, Green – K-12
Thur	15	Grade 4’s North Vancouver Archives
Mon	19	Chemistry trip to TWU
Thur	22	Pink Shirt Anti-bullying day
Thur	22	Open House – 10-12 noon and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Thur	22	Fine Arts Evening
Fri	23	PRO D Day – No School for students
Fri	23	Grad Pictures at the School