

THE VIKING VOICE

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Lockerby Composite School's weekly newsletter for Viking academics, athletics, extra-curriculars, and events!



WELCOME BACK!

Lockerby Composite School staff would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new Viking students and families into our school community, and of course welcome back all of our returning Viking students and their families!

We are certainly excited for the start of the new school year. Our overarching goal is to support our Viking students by providing them with opportunities to demonstrate overall expectations of their courses, while fostering and creating a supportive learning environment to build a sense of belonging.

Throughout the school year, this weekly newsletter will keep you up-to-date with classroom and school related events and news, as well as provide some important information for parents and students alike. We know that the 2026 – 2027 school year will be filled with fun, excitement, and rich learning experiences! Here's to an awesome year!

GRADE 9 ORIENTATION DAY

On Tuesday, August 25th, 2026, our Grade 9 students were able to come to the school for an initial high school Orientation Day! It was great to see so many new faces! A big thank you goes out to our Student Council members for helping to organize the event!



STAFF WELCOMES

Our Viking Community would like to extend a warm welcome back to Ms. Williamson and a warm welcome to Ms. Saarinen (Educational Assistant), Ms. Eastman (Administrative Assistant), Ms. Remington (English Department), Ms. Sirkka (English Department), Ms. Hockley (Special Education Department Head), and Mr. Lafreniere (Head Custodian)!



LOCKERBY GLOW-UP DAY!

On August 26th, the Viking Community came together for our 4th annual 'Glow-Up Day!' Staff, students, parents/guardians, and community members did some weeding, planting, and general maintenance to brighten-up the inside and outside of our school! A special thank you goes out to all of our volunteers. We would also like to thank Southview Greenhouse Growers for their support!



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Thank you

VIKING HOUSE SORTING CEREMONY - CLASS OF 2030

It's official! The Class of 2030 has been sorted into their Viking Houses (as part of our 3rd annual 'Viking House Sorting Ceremony')! Each Viking House has its own set of distinct principles and attributes. These principles and attributes (that are driven by the Viking students and staff within it) will be foundational to allow our Vikings to be able to engage in their classes, build good character, exhibit kindness, promote school involvement, showcase acts of leadership, demonstrate our overall Viking Values, and embody being a good classmate and mentor to others.

The Class of 2030 is now the third group of students to be a part of our Viking Houses. At the ceremony, our new Grade 9 Vikings were sorted into their respective Viking Houses (Alces, Bombus, Gavia, Salmo, Ursus, and Vulpes) and assigned their homeroom classes for their first year of high school. The Class of 2030 will remain in their Viking Houses throughout their time at Lockerby Composite School and will be participating in House activities throughout their high school careers. Each of our six Viking Houses are also composed of teachers, faculty, and staff.

This year's 'Viking House Sorting Ceremony' was live-streamed on our Youtube channel (@lockerbycompositeschool)...so visit our channel, grab some popcorn, watch the event! You can also visit our website and visit our Viking Houses webpages at <https://lockerby.rainbowschools.ca/school-profile/viking-houses/>



LOOKIN’ GOOD!

Our Viking Custodial Crew has been hard at work getting the school in tip-top shape for this past Wednesday! A big thank you to our Viking Custodial Crew (Mr. Lafreniere, Mr. Desjardins, Ms. Pigeon, Mr.. Rodgers, and Ms. Armstrong), who worked hard all summer long and have done an amazing job!

Thank You



GRADE 9 AND 10 STEP

As the new school year begins, a reminder that STEP students in Grades 9 and 10 study Science, Technological Design, Mathematics, and Geography/Civics & Careers for the entire school year. Combining these courses allows students to participate in STEP Integration Days. Under our STEP model, students complete their other courses (English, Physical Education, French/Ojibwe, History, Visual Art/Music, and other elective courses) while following a conventional semestered framework. In an evolving world that relies on the connection between science and technology, our enriching program structure provides students with an opportunity to solve complex problems, supporting year-round student learning.

Sample Grade 9 Student Timetable

	Semester 1 (September to January)					Semester 2 (February to June)				
Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Science	Math	Integration Day	Science	Math	Science	Math	Integration Day	Science	Math
2	Tech	Geography		Tech	Geography	Tech	Geography		Tech	Geography
3	Course 1					Course 3				
4	Course 2					Course 4				

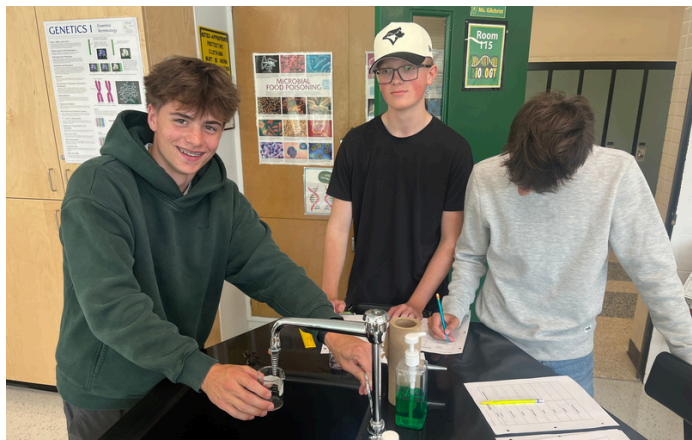
Sample Grade 10 Student Timetable

	Semester 1 (September to January)					Semester 2 (February to June)				
Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Course 1					Course 3				
2	Course 2					Course 4				
3	Integration Day	Math	Science	Math	Science	Integration Day	Math	Science	Math	Science
4		Civ/Car	Tech	Civ/Car	Tech		Civ/Car	Tech	Civ/Car	Tech



GRADE 12 BIOLOGY

Spotted around the building this week, Ms. Gilchrist's Grade 12 Biology class experimented with and examined the properties of the 'polar nature' of water!



MUSIC AT LOCKERBY COMPOSITE

The Music Department is off to a great start with the first jazz band rehearsal! Other ensembles will be meeting next week, starting with the Wind Ensemble on Tuesday and Concert Band on Wednesday!



LOCKERBY ROBOTICS

Calling all Vikings! Interested in participating in taking the new Vex Robotics Course? Or interested in joining our Robotics Club? Please see Mr. Campeau in Room 101 at lunch anytime next week to discuss options!



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

This week, the Outdoor Education class spent the afternoon learning about fire safety and then put their skills to the test! Each group built a successful fire to end their first week back at school.



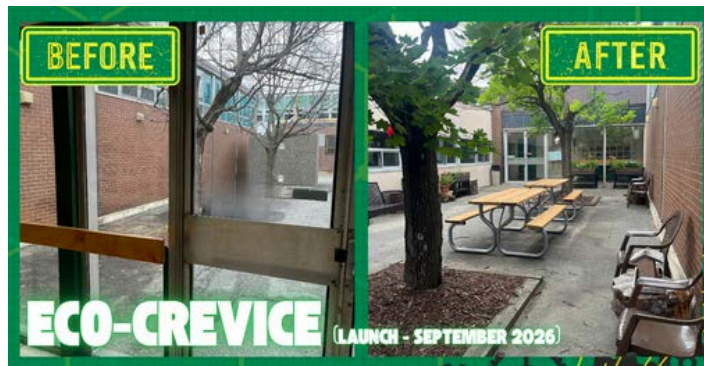
EXTREME MAKEOVER - LOCKERBY EDITION

Exciting changes continue at Lockerby Composite School!

Over the summer, The 'Longship Dining Hall' got a bit of a facelift! Our Viking-themed Cafeteria now has character (and a new air hockey and ping-pong table)! Additionally our 'Eco-Crevise' was completed! An official unveiling will be coming in the next two weeks!

Our school is now home to close to twenty 'Display Screen!' Our new upcycled televisions around the building are proudly showcasing our Viking Morning News stream, school announcements, The Viking Voice, and student photos! Additionally, the Fjord Fieldhouse received a new coat of paint and a new entrance, while our Auditorium got a new stage...and...our Science Hallway now has student scientific research displayed from our Canada-Wide Science Fair participants and bronze medallist!

Last but not least, new air units and duct work was installed and our crawlspace was reinforced. Suffice to say, everyone's been working hard to refresh our school spaces.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Students Council would like to welcome back Lockerby Composite School students and staff. They are looking forward to another great year and have some exciting activities planned for everyone! If you would like to see to get involved in Lockerby Student Life please follow them on Instagram @lockerbystudentscouncil.



WELCOME TO THE NORSE NOOK

The Norse Nook is open from 7:45am - 2:45pm each day. The Norse Nook is the place to be! Come gather, study, and checkout a book or technology.

The Norse Nook is also pleased to be able to continue to offer services to students that includes book circulation, classroom visits, library orientation and research assistance on our databases! We're looking forward to a great year!



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THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY





Congratulations to Sadie! Sadie will serve as Student Trustee on the Rainbow District School Board for the 2026 - 2027 School Year. She will also be Co-Chairing the Student Senate which includes representatives from the Board's secondary schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island.

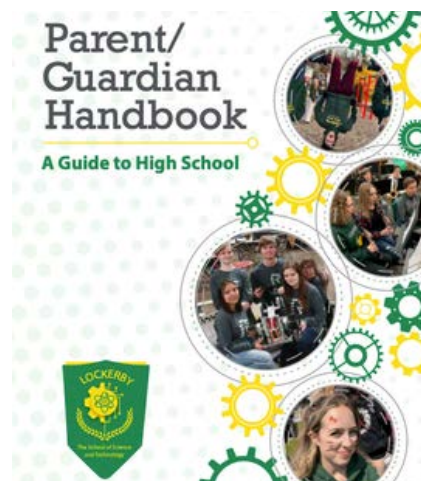
"Our Student Trustees represent the student voice. Together, they contribute to our vision, mission, values and priorities, with student achievement and well-being first and foremost," said Board Chair David Farrow. He added: "As they participate in Board meetings, they will have an opportunity to learn more about public education locally and provincially."

Congratulations

LCS PARENT/GUARDIAN HANDBOOK

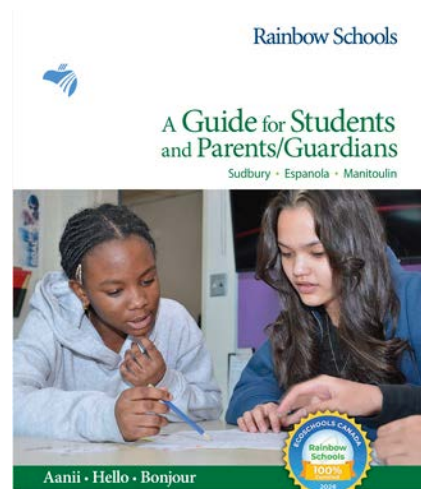
Through the support of our School Council, Lockerby Composite School was able to put together a valuable resource for all of our Parents/Guardians. The booklet itself contains information about our high school, our school culture, policies/procedures, and general details about our students' four-year educational journeys.

The digital guide can be found on our website under the 'Frequent Links' tab (School Handbook). A big thank you goes out to School Council members that contributed to its production, and a special shout-out to Jen G., for all of her hard work in digitizing all of the information!



RDSB PARENT/GUARDIAN HANDBOOK

The Rainbow Schools Guide for Students and Parents/Guardians also contains important information that will serve as a handy reference throughout the school year!



For Your
INFORMATION

THIS WEEK IN VIKING ATHLETICS...

Practice and Tryout Information

Attention all students interested in Varsity Tackle Football. Practices have already begun! No experience is necessary to join the team! Please see Mr. James in Room 203 or in the Football Locker Room across from the Longship Dining Hall if you have any questions.

Junior and Senior Boys Volleyball tryouts were held this past week and they continue into next week. Please see Mr. Beausoleil for more details (Google Classroom Codes: png4fk4v and szy46qlg respectively).

Attention Hoopers! The Junior and Senior Girls Basketball tryouts began this past week. See Ms. Gilchrist in Room 115 for Junior Girls information or Mr. Coulas in Room 152 for Senior Girls Information.

Junior and Senior Flag Football tryouts began this past week as well. No experience is necessary. Potential Junior Flag Football athletes are asked to see Ms. Prevost in Room 102, and Senior Flag Football athletes are asked to see Mr. Patrie in Room 215 for more information!

Calling all Tennis players! Mr. Meikleham (who can be found in Room 223) is recruiting interested athletes to join the team this year. The SDSSAA City Championships are only a few of weeks away!

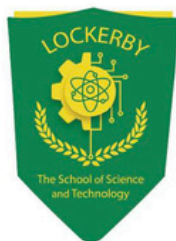
Our Cross Country Running Team is in season and coaches Mr. Abols, Ms. Svalina, and Mr. Gieselman are still looking for new recruits! Stayed tuned to Vikings Morning News for information about practices next week. Next week, runners from high schools across the Greater City of Sudbury will participate in the first Preliminary Race.

Calling all cyclists! The Mountain Bike team will begin practicing soon. If students are interested in being a member of the 'Vikes with Bikes Team,' please see Mr. Abols in Room 111 to be added to the team Google Classroom!

Thank you to all of our golfers who came out on Thursday to participate in our 2026 Lockerby Golf Team tryouts! Congratulations to Ryan M., Kaiden T., Parker D., Lowell H., and Hudson S., who will be representing our Boys team. And congratulations to our two Senior Girls, Leah D. and Bailey M., who will be representing our Girls team.







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September 8, 2026

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Dear Viking Community:

We hope all is well and we hope that you were able to relax and make special memories with your friends and families during the summer months. We are certainly excited for the start of the new school year and we are thrilled to welcome our students and staff back to school! We also want to extend a welcome to the newest members of our Viking Community. Now that September is upon us, it is time to look forward to a wonderful 2026 – 2027 school year.

Please know that our staff of educators have been preparing diligently for the new school year and we are grateful to our amazing custodial staff who have been working all summer to get our school in pristine shape. Our Main Office staff have also worked hard over the past few weeks to ensure a smooth start for our Viking students and families.

Lockerby Composite School is a great high school to learn and grow. We are proud of our school community and have high expectations for each and every student. Together, with our dedicated staff, we strive to make connections with students to help them feel valued, accepted, and safe. Whether it be through STEP or our traditional school programming, know that we will continue to provide the best education to our students; know that we will also continue our commitment to have an inclusive school environment for all. We also hope that all Vikings will be actively engaged in school life and foster a lifetime of learning.

Throughout the school year, we hope that you will look forward to our weekly newsletter, *The Viking Voice*, that will be delivered to your email inbox and through Rainbow Schools' new communication platform, Edsby, each week. *The Viking Voice* will be a great way to stay up-to-date with all things happening at Lockerby Composite School. Likewise, if you have questions or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school staff, as we want to make sure that our lines of communication consistently remain open.

Again, we look forward to embarking on this new school-year journey together. Here's to a great 2026 – 2027 school year!

Sincerely,
LOCKERBY COMPOSITE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

RE: STUDENT ACTIVITY (\$30) AND ATHLETIC FEES (VARIES)

Welcome to a new school year!

At Lockerby Composite School, your student will experience many learning opportunities, some made possible with supplemental fees. Our school's student activity fee (\$30) supplements a student's school experience through materials and activities such as student recognition programs, Student Council activities, guest speakers, and co-curricular activities. Enhanced programming and materials are voluntary enrichments or upgrades to the curriculum or co-curricular activities and are beyond what is necessary to meet the learning expectations for a course.

In addition to the above fee, students participating in our Viking Athletics Program are to pay athletic fees. Our athletic fees will be determined on a sport-by-sport basis rather than a universal fee. This change reflects the varying cost structures associated with different sports. Each sport will now have its own designated fee, ensuring that the fees accurately align with the specific financial demands of each athletic endeavour. This athletic fee, in part, covers some of the costs of uniforms, officiating, equipment, and the Sudbury District Secondary School Athletic Association fees (SDSSAA). Please consult our Athletics Department and your student's coach throughout the sports seasons for details regarding the applicable fees, as this new approach allows for a more tailored and equitable fee structure.

These fees can be paid conveniently and securely through School Cash Online. Information about School Cash Online can be found on the reverse side of this letter. We invite you to take a few minutes to sign-up, if you haven't already done so. **Please note that cash or cheque payments will not be accepted.** Additionally, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Lockerby Composite School. We are looking forward to another great year!

Sincerely,
LOCKERBY COMPOSITE SCHOOL
Per:

RYAN LAFRANIERE
Principal



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Introducing



Rainbow District School Board has launched a new communications platform.

Parents/guardians have been invited to sign up for Edsby by email.

If you did not receive an email about Edsby, please ensure your child's school has your current email address.

You will be able to download the Edsby application to your computer, laptop or smartphone and access board and school information from anywhere at any time.

Five reasons to sign up for Edsby:

1. Report and track your child's attendance at school
2. Receive timely updates about important events
3. Read the latest news from your child's school/board
4. Connect with your child's teacher
5. Get updates on your child's learning

Create an Account with edsby Parent Guide

- 1 Check Your Email**
 You will receive an email invitation to set up your Edsby account. Click the link in the email to begin setup.
 Important! If you have multiple children, you will receive separate invitations, but only need ONE login.
- 2 Create Your Account**
 Enter your first and last name. Your email address will be your username. Choose a secure password and confirm it.
 Click "Create Edsby Account" to finish.
- 3 Access Edsby**
 Mobile App: Download the Edsby app from the App Store (iOS) or Google Play Store (Android). Open the app and log in with your email and password.
 Web Browser: Access Edsby from rainbowschools.edsby.com

Additional Resources
[Creating your Parent Account Video](#)

NEED HELP? CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE.

More features will be available throughout the school year.

As we streamline our communications with families, Edsby will become an important two-way channel between the school and the home, and the home and the school, for both our elementary and secondary schools.

We are excited to share Edsby with you and know you will enjoy using this new platform.

To learn more, visit the Edsby for Parents website.

School Cash Online - Safe, simple, secure

Do you have a SchoolCash Online account?

If not, please visit rainbowschools.schoolcashionline.com to register.

SchoolCash Online helps parents/guardians and community members pay school-related fees. School forms are also completed through SchoolCash Online, including field trip forms, consent forms, and School Council nomination forms.

SchoolCash Online is as easy as 1, 2, 3:

1. Receive email notifications of new fees, new forms or items available for purchase, including field trips, yearbooks, spirit wear, athletic fees and more.
2. Pay for school fees and complete forms anytime, anywhere, with a simple click.
3. Keep track of all school items and activity fees, and manage all students in your household from one location.

We encourage all parents/guardians to register now, so you'll be ready to complete required forms and make online payments from home.



NEW

You can now purchase lunch for your child in Chartwells cafeterias through SchoolCash Online.

For convenience, two options are available.

Option 1 - Pre-order and pay for a meal by the end of the current month for the following month.

Meals are available on Mondays and Fridays based on a set menu for each week. Your child's meal will be ready for pick up in the cafeteria on the designated day. Chartwells is offering healthy options, with a focus on vegetables and protein.

Best part: You can customize the order. No onions. No problem.

You will have the option to remove them when you pre-order through SchoolCash Online. The order will be prepared and labelled for your child, so they do not have to wait in line.

Important: If your child is absent on the day of the pre-ordered meal, it cannot be cancelled or reimbursed.

Option 2 - Get a ZipThru card in the cafeteria and load it with money for lunch through SchoolCash Online.

Your child will move through the cafeteria line quickly.

Best part: No need to carry a credit card or cash.

**All remaining School Cash Online
will be available by
Wednesday, September 16th, 2026**



<https://rainbowschools.schoolcashionline.com/>



**Beginning soon
in Room 223**

RAINBOW SCHOOLS - PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Rainbow District School Board is committed to working in partnership with parents/ guardians. Our School Board encourages all parents/guardians to take an active interest in their students' education. The helpful hints and handy tips below (published in the Back to School Guide - link in this newsletter) is designed to inform and inspire parents/guardians to expand their roles as teachers, nurturers and mentors at home, at school and in the community.

Be PRESENT. Make EVERY DAY count.

Success in school starts with being present. When students attend school regularly, they are well on their way towards learning, growing and reaching their goals. Every day counts towards building knowledge, confidence and skills that lead to achievement both inside and outside the classroom.

The evidence is clear. Regular school attendance improves student achievement. Prioritizing attendance helps students stay on track, perform better academically, and achieve long-term success. It also promotes good habits.



Here's how you can help your child be present to learn:

Establish expectations

- ♦ School is important for many reasons. It is essential for your child's future.

Have a routine

- ♦ Set a schedule with a regular bed time and wake up time.

Plan and prepare

- ♦ Organize school supplies, clothes and lunches the night before to avoid morning delays.

Be punctual

- ♦ Make it a habit to arrive at school on time each and every day.

Talk about attendance

- ♦ Think big picture. Regular attendance will help your child realize their dreams.

Value school

- ♦ Encourage your child's attendance by valuing school work and celebrating success.

Keep communication open

- ♦ Need support to get your child to school? Talk to school staff. They can help with strategies.

NEW

In recognition of the significant impact that attendance and participation in class have on achievement, the Ministry of Education has mandated that attendance and participation in class count towards a student's final mark in secondary school - 15 per cent in Grades 9 and 10, and 10 per cent in Grades 11 and 12.

Excused absences will not affect a student's mark.

Parental Involvement

Improves Student Achievement

Support 100% Attendance

Some types of absences are unavoidable, but taking students out of school unnecessarily is disruptive for learning and reduces chances for success.

Chronic absenteeism is an outcome of frequently missing school either by arriving late, departing early or being absent from school. You can promote strong attendance patterns by reinforcing with your child the importance of being at school every day and on time.

Students need to be present to learn.

Encourage personal best

Help your child by encouraging them to do the best in school and at home. Remember, personal best does not mean perfect, and learning is not the same as high grades. Children, like adults, need the freedom to make mistakes and to learn from them.

Make learning a priority

Your attitude towards school attendance, education and involvement in the school makes a strong and lasting impression on your child. Show your child, by example, that learning is a priority.

Schedule study time

Set up an area for homework away from noise and distractions. Post a family calendar that schedules school project deadlines, after-school activities, mid-term dates, exam periods and report card dates.

Show interest in school work

- ◆ Talk about school each day.
- ◆ Ask to see class work.
- ◆ Have your child read aloud to you.
- ◆ Show appreciation for good efforts.
- ◆ Read to and with your child from a variety of materials.
- ◆ Encourage your child to discuss new ideas and opinions.

Make direct contact with the school

Try to make early and positive contact with your child's teacher. Visit the school or phone your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Offer suggestions for success

Help your child use the following strategies to improve performance in school:

- ◆ Read the assignment when it is given.
- ◆ Keep a list of new vocabulary.
- ◆ Review notes before a test.
- ◆ Proofread assignments to catch errors before completing a final draft.

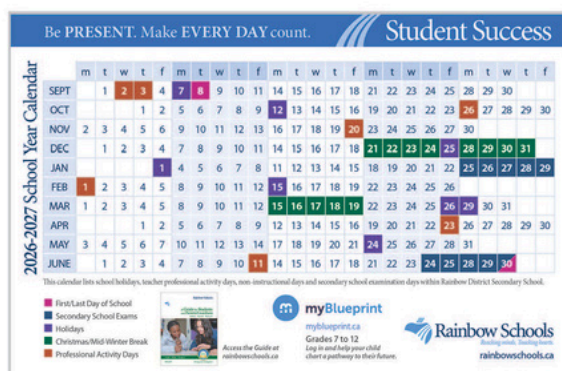
Help set goals

At the beginning of each term/semester, help your child identify three or four goals. Put the goals where they can be frequently seen. (The refrigerator is always an excellent spot.) Make sure the goals are specific.

Get involved

Attend school activities such as information nights, parent/teacher interviews and School Council meetings. When your children see you involved, they will also see education as a high priority. Encourage your child to join school clubs, teams or activities.

When YOU value education, your CHILD values education.



All students will receive a card calendar for 2026-2027.

Please keep it in a handy place so you can reference it throughout the school year.

STUDENT SERVICES

Students are reminded to join the Student Services Classroom. The Google Classroom is an excellent starting point for students to access a number of resources including: community service opportunities, scholarships, job opportunities, academic support. Additionally, students are able to book appointments with individual counsellors using the Google Form within the classroom.

Volunteering Opportunities

Halloween at Dynamic Earth

Volunteer at Dynamic Earth from October 2nd to October 30th, 2026 (Friday to Sunday evenings). Volunteers must be 14 years of age. Students must apply by Friday, September 18th, 2026 (email careers@sciencenorth.ca).

Cinéfest Sudbury International Film Festival

Cinéfest is looking for volunteers for their upcoming event, which runs from September 13th - 21st, 2026. Students are encouraged to apply early at: <https://cinefest.com/get-involved>.

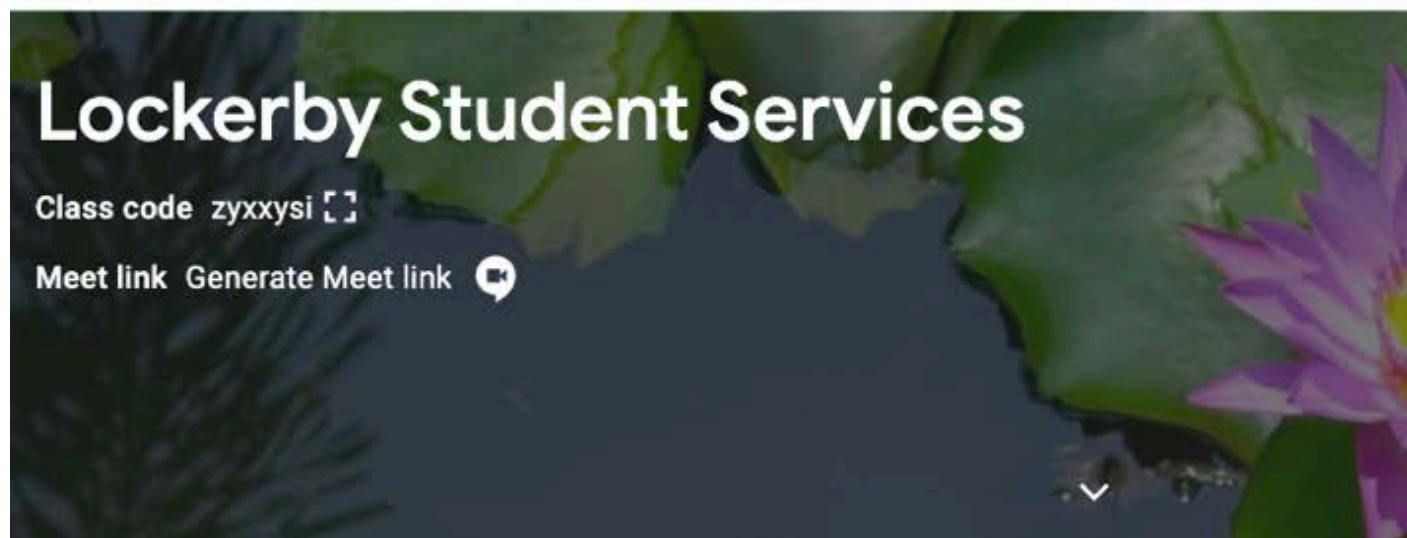
Winter Clothing Drive

The Winter Clothing Drive is supervised every year by Cooper Equipment staff. Students would be responsible for helping collect clothes from people who drive to either of the four Canadian Tire parking lots. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mr. Bourre at bourrec@rainbowschools.ca

Enrichment

Business Panel for High School Students & Families

Students interested in pursuing business at university are invited to attend an upcoming free virtual business panel on Saturday, October 3rd, 2026, from 2:00pm - 3:00pm (featuring students with experience at RBC, Goldman Sachs, Microsoft, and Boston Consulting Group). The panel will be led by current university students and alumni at top business schools. During the session, speakers will cover what they wish they had known in high school, how to build experience before university, what makes an application stand out, how to choose the right program and career path, internships, how to succeed on campus, and the mistakes to avoid. Use this link to register for the panel: <https://forms.gle/G5G4GhQTEDu3J3wM7>



STUDENT SERVICES

Post Secondary Presentations

University Information Program

Ontario's universities are coming to Laurentian University this fall! The Regional Fairs travel across the province, offering fair-style events that allows the gathering of information about Ontario's universities. Learn about programs, campus life and anything else that may help decide which Ontario university to choose. The event is on Tuesday, September 15th, 2026 from 5:15pm - 7:15pm

Ontario University Fair

The annual Ontario University Fair is back this year and is being held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The event is fair-style, with booths from Ontario universities, and it allows the gathering of information and the option to chat with representatives one-on-one. For more information, visit their website: <https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/>. The event runs Saturday and Sunday, September 26th & 27th, 2026 from 9:30am - 5:00pm

College Information Program (CIP)

Boreal College will be hosting the 2026 College Information Program on Friday, October 23rd, 2026. The College Information Program (CIP) is an opportunity for students to meet with representatives from 18 of the colleges in Ontario.



LaurentianUniversity
Université**Laurentienne**



A promotional graphic for Lockerby Composite School Vikings merchandise. The background is a green map of the school's location, overlaid with a yellow and green circuit board pattern. At the top center is the Lockerby Vikings logo, featuring a black and yellow horned helmet with the word 'LOCKERBY' above it and 'VIKINGS' in large green letters below. The text 'INTERESTED IN PURCHASING VIKEWEAR?' is written in large, bold, green capital letters in the center. Below this is a large QR code inside a black rectangular frame. At the bottom, the text 'SCAN THE QR CODE' is in green, and 'Online Store Link' is in large, bold, black capital letters. Various pieces of merchandise are displayed: a green hoodie with the Vikings logo on the left; a white long-sleeved shirt with 'LOCKERBY COMPOSITE VIKINGS' on the front in the lower left; a black drawstring bag with the Vikings logo in the bottom left; a green t-shirt with the Vikings logo on the right; a black and green striped beanie with a pom-pom and the Vikings logo on the right; and a pair of black athletic pants with a small Vikings logo on the right.

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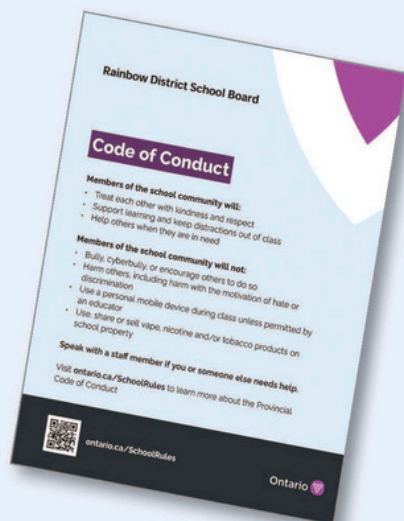


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Online Store Link

Code of Conduct

Cell phones/mobile devices, social media and signage



As part of its commitment to supporting the safety, security and well-being of every student in Ontario, the Ministry of Education released a strengthened Policy/Program Memorandum (PPM) 128 – Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct.

All school boards in Ontario are required to restrict cell phone/mobile device use in schools, restrict access to social media on school networks, communicate student distractions through report cards, and post signage on expectations.

Rainbow District School Board supports the guidance from the Ministry of Education which is reflected in our Code of Conduct. This guidance will foster positive school climates to support student achievement and well-being.

Use of Cell Phones and Mobile Devices

All members of the school community must not use personal mobile devices during instructional time except under the following circumstances:

- for educational purposes, as directed by an educator
- for health and medical purposes
- to support special education needs

For Students in Grades 7 to 12

For all Grade 7 to 12 students, personal mobile devices are stored in lockers or assigned personal spaces out of view and powered off or set to silent/do not disturb mode during the instructional period, except when their use is explicitly permitted by the educator under the circumstances outlined above. Mobile device use is permitted before the start of the school day, at lunch and after school.

If the educator sees a personal mobile device that is not stored out of view during the instructional period, they must require the student to store the device in their locker or assigned personal space immediately.

For Students in Grade 6 and below

For students in Grade 6 and below, personal mobile devices are stored out of view in their personal space and powered off or set to silent/do not disturb mode throughout the full instructional day, except when their use is explicitly permitted by the educator under the circumstances outlined above.

If an educator sees a personal mobile device that is not stored out of view, they must require the device be stored for the instructional day and the device must be placed, by the student, in their personal storage area with their other belongings.

The student is responsible for their personal mobile device, how they use it and the consequences of not following the school board's administrative procedure on personal mobile devices.

Restricting Access to Social Media on School Networks

School boards are now required to restrict access to all social media platforms on school networks and school devices. Social media platforms can only be used by students at school for educational purposes, directed by an educator. Students are unable to access social media through school networks.

Elementary and Secondary Report Cards

Report cards will include information for students and their parents about classroom distractions, where applicable, including those related to the use of personal mobile devices. This will be communicated using the section of the report card reserved for comments on learning skills and work habits in the Elementary Report Cards and in the comment box reserved for course comments in the Secondary Report Card.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL VISITORS ENTERING THIS FACILITY

Rainbow District School Board is committed to providing safe, respectful and inclusive workplaces for its employees.

The Occupational Health and Safety Act mandates that workplaces be free from harassment and violence.

Visitors entering this property are expected to refrain from using profanity, verbal and physical abuse, and any form of threatening behaviour.

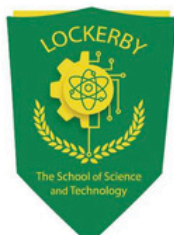
Thank you for your positive contribution to our working and learning environment.

Signage in Schools

School boards are required to have signage in schools to communicate behaviour expectations that are consistent with a safe learning and teaching environment.

In addition to the Government of Ontario signage, Rainbow District School Board has developed signage that will be posted on the main entrance of all buildings.

To learn more about the provincial Code of Conduct, click here to access the parent guide.



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September 3, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians:

RE: IMPORTANT UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENT AND ATTENDANCE

Welcome to the 2026 – 2027 School Year!

As we begin the new year, we would like to share an important update with you and your student. We ask that you please review this information together as it will impact your student's final grades in school.

The Ministry of Education has introduced **mandatory requirements** on how students are assessed and evaluated in secondary schools in Ontario.

Starting this September, **attendance and participation will count towards the final grade** for each course. This change recognizes and reinforces the importance of regular attendance, active participation, and engagement in learning to success in school.

The Ministry of Education has also implemented **mandatory examinations**. Students will be required to complete an in-person final exam for most secondary courses.

Please note the following school year examination dates:

- **Semester 1 - January 25 to 29, 2027**
- **Semester 2 - June 24 to 30, 2027**

Teachers will communicate the new assessment and evaluation requirements in course outlines that will be provided to students during the first week of school.

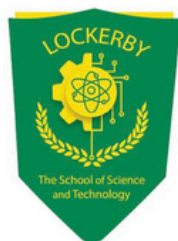
Generally, for Grades 9 and 10, the final course mark will be based on:

- 65% - Classroom work completed throughout the course
- 20% - Mandatory final evaluation(s), which may include a written examination and/or culminating task, depending on the subject
- 15% - Attendance and participation
 - excused absences will not count against the final grade



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Generally, for Grades 11 and 12, the final course mark will be based on:

- 65% - Classroom work completed throughout the course
- 25% - Mandatory final evaluation(s), which may include a written examination and/or culminating task, depending on the subject
- 10% - Attendance and participation
 - excused absences will not count against the final grade

Teachers will continue to use varied and ongoing assessments to gather evidence of learning, participation, and engagement.

Throughout the school year, students can expect a greater emphasis on:

- Regular attendance
- Punctuality and on-time arrival to class
- Engagement in learning including:
 - assignment completion
 - in-class work
 - classroom conversations and observations
 - contributions to a positive classroom culture
- Preparation for final examinations

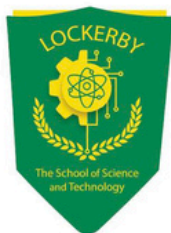
Rainbow School Board encourages and supports community-based extra-curricular, athletic, cultural, and other educational activities that may require a student to be absent from school. Absences that are a result of participation in sport or other activities that contribute to a well-rounded education will be considered as excused. Parents/guardians are responsible for:

- Informing the school, in advance of the school day, if their student is not able to attend school. These may include illness and other unforeseen circumstances, such as inclement weather;
- Contacting the school to attain an excused absence for community-based extra-curricular, athletic, cultural, and/or other educational activities including cultural days and holy days;
- Providing information or documentation to support an excused absence if requested;
- Talking to your student regularly about the importance of attendance, organization and upcoming assessments;
- Contacting the school should you have any questions about the Ministry of Education's changes to assessment and evaluation and/or course expectations for your student.



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Success in school starts with being present and making every day count. When students attend school regularly, they are well on their way towards learning, growing and reaching their goals.

Every day counts towards building knowledge, confidence and skills that lead to achievement both inside and outside the classroom. Prioritizing attendance helps students stay on track, perform better academically, and achieve long-term success.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to working with you and your student.

Yours sincerely,

LOCKERBY COMPOSITE SCHOOL

Per:

RYAN LAFRANIERE
Principal



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Course marks will be based on:

65% - Term Work
20% - Mandatory Final evaluation
15% - Attendance and Participation

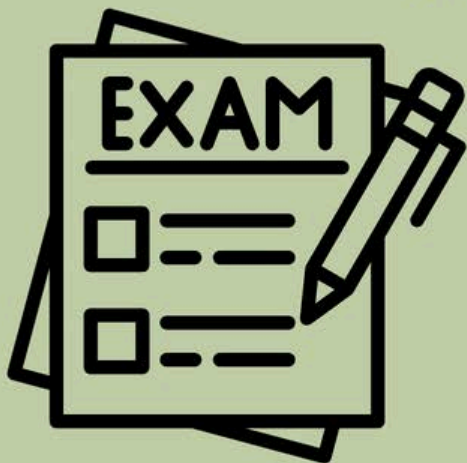


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**Starting this year, there will be the implementation
of mandatory examinations**



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Financial Literacy Graduation Requirement



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Grade 10

YEAR

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Every
Wednesday



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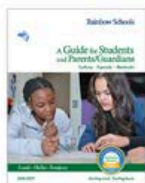
Student Success

2026-2027 School Year Calendar

	m	t	w	t	f	m	t	w	t	f	m	t	w	t	f	m	t	w	t	f	m	t	w	t	f
SEPT		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30		
OCT				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30
NOV	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30				
DEC		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31	
JAN					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29
FEB	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26					
MAR	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31		
APR				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30
MAY	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31				
JUNE		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30		

This calendar lists school holidays, teacher professional activity days, non-instructional days and secondary school examination days within Rainbow District Secondary School.

- First/Last Day of School
- Secondary School Exams
- Holidays
- Christmas/Mid-Winter Break
- Professional Activity Days



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Grades 7 to 12
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Wear Pink Day

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Stand Up Against Bullying

Pink Shirt Day Canada

Wednesday, February 24, 2027

**National Day for
Truth and Reconciliation**

— ORANGE SHIRT DAY —

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

To honour the children who never returned
home and Survivors of residential schools



Make a Difference: Join a School Council

To Parents/Guardians:

Successful education requires a strong partnership between the school, the home, the staff and members of the community.

School Councils serve in an advisory capacity to the school Principal and the Board to promote continued excellence in education, placing the overall interest of students first.

School Councils engage parents in their child's learning and provide a powerful network of support.

You can nominate yourself (See Self-Nomination Form) or someone else (See Candidate Nomination Form).

Elections for School Council must take place within 30 days of the school year start.

To find out more, contact the Rainbow School nearest you.

Please return this nomination form to the Principal at your child's school.

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

☐ Self-Nomination Form

I wish to declare my candidacy for a position as a parent/guardian representative on the School Council.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ (Home) _____ (Bus) Email: _____

I am the parent/guardian of _____, who is currently registered at this school.
(name of student)

I am an employee of the Board. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please include a brief autobiography on the back of this form or on a separate sheet attached to this form.

☐ Candidate Nomination Form

I wish to nominate _____ for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the School Council.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ (Home) _____ (Bus) Email: _____

I am the parent/guardian of _____, who is currently registered at this school.
(name of student)

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Board. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does this person know they are being nominated? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Nominator's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please include a brief biography of the candidate you have nominated on the back of this form or on a separate sheet attached to this form.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is being collected under the authority of the Education Act and will be used for the purpose of establishing School Councils. For more information, please contact the Principal.



WEEKLY CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

Ms. Rogerson, our school Social Worker, will be at Lockerby Composite School next week.

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| Monday, September 14th | • Grade-Level Meetings (Grade 9) |
| Tuesday, September 15th | • Grade-Level Meetings (Grade 10) |
| Wednesday, September 16th | • Pizza Day
• School Cash Online available
• Grade-Level Meetings (Grade 11) |
| Thursday, September 17th | • Grade-Level Meetings (Grade 12)
• Wear Pink Day |
| Friday, September 18th | • PICTURE DAY |



Welcome back!



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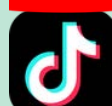
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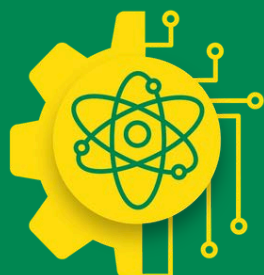
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