



Week at A Glance

	Week of December 7th - December 11th
Mon. Dec 7th	Festive Hats (Students are encouraged to wear Festive hats to school until December 18th)
Tue. Dec 8th	
Wed. Dec 9th	
Thur. Dec 10th	Lock Down Drill
Fri. Dec 11th	Pajama Day (Filming of LIS Express)

Dear LIS Families,

At Home Learning: We recognize that some families have made difficult choices that result in some of our learners at home at this time. We want to support you to provide your child with opportunities to continue to learn and grow. The link below will give you some ideas for students to explore literacy, numeracy, social emotional learning and some technology suggestions.

<https://learningathome.sd68.bc.ca/>

Dressing for Winter: Here at LIS we value outdoor play. Please ensure your child is dressed properly for the weather. We plan to be outdoors for recess and community field trips barring any inclement weather.

Holiday Performance: All students in "LIS Express" need to wear Pajamas on December 11th. Students in grades 4-7 will be singing selections from "The Polar Express". First viewing will take place on Microsoft TEAM's on December 17 at 1:00pm and second showing will take place at 6:30pm.

LADYSMITH SECONDARY (GRADE 8 REGISTRATIONS)

Grade 7 students are automatically registered and scheduled at Ladysmith Secondary for Grade 8, as Ladysmith is our catchment high school. There is no need to apply to Ladysmith Secondary as this is automatically taken care of for your child.

Students wishing to transfer to a secondary school other than our catchment area high school, should notify their Principal and Grade 7 teacher and apply online here: [Student Online Registration](#).

If you are interested in applying for one of our District Secondary Academies, please visit our website for more information here: [District Secondary Academies](#).

Registration opens on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 8:00am.

Weekly Quote: *"The price of greatness is responsibility"* – Winston Churchill



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Attendance- Please remember to inform the office if your child will be late or absent. Please phone 250-245-3351

When a student is late: Please have them come to our front door and knock on the door; someone will come let them in. Then they will need to come into the Office and sign in.

Building Access- Parents will not be able to enter the school this year (all exterior doors are locked) and teachers will be communicating with you by phone or video call. In rare and urgent situations in person meetings may be able to be arranged.

Covid Protocol if Your Child is Unwell

Please use the Daily Health Check form each morning to ensure your child is healthy and not exhibiting any respiratory symptoms. If any students or staff are sick, they must not come to school. This will be essential in keeping our school community safe this winter. Parents must also check with a medical professional or call 811 to ensure their child does not have COVID 19 before they can return to school. Students must also be symptom free before returning to school.

[Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools](#) (Please Click on Link)

Upcoming Dates to Remember

December 11th – Pajama Day (**Filming of LIS Express**)

December 14th- 18th Holiday Spirit Week

December 17th – Virtual Christmas Assembly (**Tentative**)

December 18th- Last day of classes winter break

December 19th -January 3rd Winter Break (**School not in session**)

January 4th – School reopens

Mental Wellness Supports

Mental wellness during COVID-19

[Check out our latest Mental Check In Newsletter for November 2020](#)

SD #68 Mental Wellness During Covid

<https://www.sd68.bc.ca/covid-19/staying-mentally-well-during-covid-19/>

Ease <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/mental-health-substance-use/child-teen-mental-health/ease>

Syeyutsus Framework for Community Wellness

[Useful tips, links and resources](#) to assist families during COVID-19



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Holiday Spirit Days December 14-18

We'll be showing some Tiger Pride the week of December 14-18, as we gear up for a theme-day each day in a few weeks.

Monday: Red and Green Day

Tuesday: Ugly Holiday Sweater Day

Wednesday: Holiday Sock Day

Thursday: Candy Cane Day wear red & white

Friday: Holiday (or regular) PJ Day

Class door decorations will start on Dec 1st. We'll announce the winner of our Door Decorating Contest on Dec 17th.

Festive Hat Day's- starting on Monday December 7th students are encouraged to wear festive hats to school.

Students must wear Pajama's to school on Friday December 11th for recording of LIS version of "Polar Express"



PAC Corner

Send in your receipts! We are having a **49th**

Parallel Receipt contest to see which class can bring in the most receipts. We are able to exchange these for gift cards which help support our lunch program and concession.

Please keep an eye on your email as well, there are some fundraisers and events coming up this spring that we will need some extra help for.

Thank you to those who attended last night's PAC meeting. We have some exciting new things on the horizon. We are still in need of several parents to coordinate various

Ladysmith Resource Centre Fundraiser

The Ladysmith Resources Centre (LRCA) is once again collecting donations for their annual Christmas Cheer Fund. This year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, they are asking for donations of cash or cheques rather than food and toys. If you wish to donate, you can do so by mailing a cheque to LRCA, or by donating online through their website. To donate online, please visit www.lrca.ca and click on the donate tab and select "Christmas Cheer" under the fund drop down menu.

Students are collecting donations as well. The class with highest amount raised will win an DQ ice cream party on December 17th.

Ladysmith Resource Centre has done so much for families in our community. Rather it's a toonie or loonie, any amount helps. Thank you in advanced for thinking about others during this holiday season.



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Playground Expectations

We've been working hard to interact with one another in peaceful, respectful ways on our playground, and to engage in activities that are safe and comfortable for everyone to play.

At LIS, we take care of ourselves and each other.

We will be:

- **Honest**
- **Kind**
- **Respectful**
- **Thoughtful Before We Act**

We're hoping to enlist parent help in checking-in with your children and reaffirming our expectation that students will play in ways that do not involve play-fighting, tackling or jumping on one another. It's also important for everyone to speak respectfully to adults and students, and using polite, appropriate language at school.

Thank you so much for your support!

SCHOOL CLOSURES

If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be made on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM, WAVE 102.3 FM, and 91.7 COAST FM) by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis.

In addition, the district will post the information on the district's website, Twitter, Facebook, and mobile app.

Please keep in mind, however, that there may be situations where this is not always possible, for example, power outages or technical problems. The most reliable method is to listen to the local radio stations.



**We are Kind..We are Compassionate..
We are LIS**