



Ladysmith Intermediate School

TIGER WEEK September 4-8, 2023

Welcome Ladysmith Intermediate School Families;

It is with great pride and pleasure that I write this letter of introduction to you as Principal of Ladysmith Intermediate School. I am honored to have the opportunity to return back to LIS. I have been dedicated to the field of education for more than twenty years. I have worked in a variety of settings ranging from K-12 schools in urban, rural and First Nations communities. My most recent administrative experience was at Journey Middle School before returning back to Ladysmith Intermediate. I am excited and eager to bring my skills as an educational leader to Ladysmith Intermediate School and work with you as a partner in education to ensure your child's success.

On behalf of the staff of Ladysmith Intermediate School, I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2023/2024 school year! We look forward to a fantastic year of learning with you to ensure our children are reaching their full potential. In order to ensure success at Ladysmith Intermediate School, our budding superstars need support from both school and home. A strong partnership makes all the difference in a child's education.

As part of the transition back to school, we planned a variety of fun engaging events and activities for the first week back that relate to our moniker, The LIS Tigers. This is designed to be a fun way for students to begin school and meet new friends, while they wait for the final organization of class lists. Our hopes are that students will be settled in their classes by Friday, September 8, 2023.

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Classroom Assignments	On the first day of school, your child's temporary classroom placement for the few days will be posted outside the front entrance of school and on lower black top area on 4 th avenue on portable white boards.
School Supplies	School Supplies are ordered by classroom teacher. Class memos regarding fees will go home the first week of school.
Tuesday September 5th	<p>11:00 am-12:00 pm: Students will read temporary class assignment on white boards on blacktop along 4th avenue and in front of school. Next, students will proceed to their reporting area outdoors. Students are encouraged to bring a snack and we know students will be excited for the first day of school, but we respectfully ask that they not arrive too early or enter the building prior to the bell.</p> <p>Grade 4's- Report to gymnasium. Grade 5's- Upper playground area (4th Ave) Grade 6's- Report to black top (4th Ave) Grade 7's- Report to grass field</p> <p>All students will be dismissed at 12:00 pm. Students will not return to school that afternoon.</p>



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<p>Wednesday September 6th</p>	<p>8:35 am- Warning Bell 8:40 am-2:26pm- Regular Schedule- Full Day of classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should bring water bottle, snack & lunch. • Students are encouraged to bring healthy foods. • Students will be provided with a few forms, please sign and return.
<p>Thursday, September 7th Friday, September 8th</p>	<p>8:35 am- Warning Bell 8:40 am-2:26pm- Regular Schedule- Full Day of classes</p>
<p>School Hours</p>	<p>School Hours for 2023-2024 School Year Warning Bell 8:35 am Monday-Friday Schedule 8:35 am – 2:26pm Short Recess: 10:15 am- 10:30 am Long Recess: 11:45 am- 12:26 pm</p>
<p>Attendance</p>	<p>We ask parents/guardians to call the school before 9:00 am at (250) 245-3351 or email Info@LadysmithIntermediate to notify the school of your child’s absence. Please follow up with a note to your child’s teacher when your child returns to school so the teacher can address any missed work, homework issues, etc. Also a reminder that if students need to leave early, they should be signed out in the main office.</p>
<p>Transportation</p>	<p>School buses will be running to accommodate school times. Please see the school district website for busing information https://www.sd68.bc.ca/</p> <p>If you have a student who will be riding the bus for the upcoming school year, and you have <u>not</u> registered yet please do so ASAP with your child’s student number at this link: https://www.sd68.bc.ca/transportation/ Any Questions? Contact the Transportation Department 250-741-5214.</p>
<p>Closed Campus</p>	<p>Ladysmith Intermediate School is a closed campus. This means that students are not permitted to leave the school grounds during lunch time or recess break. Special circumstances can be arranged by contacting the school principal.</p>
<p>Lunches & Snacks</p>	<p>We recycle and compost at LIS. This year we will limit the amount of garbage cans in our school. We are striving towards an environmentally friendly school with the goal of no garbage. Pack it in-Pack it out: Please send foods in reusable containers, metal water bottles, cloth lunch bags etc. We also ask students to take home any garbage and snack/lunch wrappers.</p>
<p>Personal Devices</p>	<p>Our main goal is to help students to use modern technology in a balanced and healthy manner that supports academic and social/emotional development. It is imperative that students be able to focus during the</p>



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	<p>day on learning activities, as well as in person social interactions with staff and peers. LIS always appreciates your support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devices such as phones, tablets, iPads, and Chromebooks may and can be used in classrooms for educational purposes only, with staff permission. Students are not permitted to have devices out or earbuds in at any other time. • To minimize disruption to learning, we ask parents to not text or call students on their phones during the day until 2:26 pm. In case of emergency, where students need to be contacted, parents are asked to call the office. If your child needs to call or text you, they should ask the adult supervising to text or make a phone call at office. • In keeping with the use of technology for learning, from time-to-time teachers may allow students to use their personal electronic devices for educational purposes in class. Students are responsible to use electronic devices in an ethical manner that is respectful to self, others, and the school community at all times. Please note: Should you choose to allow your child to bring expensive devices to school; it is his/her sole responsibility to ensure the security of devices at all times. • Personal devices are not allowed outside, and therefore should be put in lockers or carried in a pocket if traveling between classes. This is to maximize their physical activity and socializing time. • Students needing to communicate with family should come to the office to use a school phone. If they must use their cell phone to contact a parent, students must ask a staff member for permission and proceed to the office to limit classroom distraction. • Students are not permitted to take photos or videos of other students unless for a teacher approved class project, and students are not allowed to post pictures of others online. Devices, including Chromebooks, are not to be used for texting, social media, entertainment purposes including gaming. • Please note that some teachers have students use their own phones or tablets in class for research or uploading assignments and/or assessments. • Personal devices are not to be shared or handled by others.
<p>Parent Advisory Council (PAC)</p>	<p>One of the greatest indicators of student success is the degree of involvement parents have in their child’s education. One of the best ways of becoming involved is to participate on the school Parent Advisory Council. First meeting is Thursday September 7th 6:30pm at LIS or TEAMS</p>



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Divisions	Div. 1 Mr. Vanstone (Gr.4) Div. 2 Mr. Paugh (Gr.4) Div. 3 Ms. Greenwood (Gr.4/5) Div. 4 Mr. Middleton (Gr.5) Div. 5 Mr. Rogers (Gr.5) Div. 6 Ray Swatez (Gr.5/6)	Div. 7 Mr. Vincent (Gr.6) Div. 8 Mr. Bown (Gr.6) Div. 9 TBD (Gr.6) Div. 10 Ms. Bradley (Gr. 6/7) Div. 11 Mr. Wells (Gr.7) Div. 12 Mrs. Leveque (Gr.7)
Class Placements	Each year student placement requires 'final touches' once 'non-returning' and 'new' students are identified. We ask for your patience and understanding as we refine class placement.	
School-Wide Events in September	Sept. 7th PAC Meeting 6:30pm-8:00pm Sept. 23rd Open House (Meet the Teacher Night & PAC Meeting) Sept. 29th – Orange Shirt Day (Observed)	

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