

Uy' skweyul Ladysmith Secondary Students and Families,

Tomorrow, Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, is the last day of semester 1. It is also a turn around day where most students will not be in session unless a teacher has communicated that they need to come in and demonstrate additional learning. Please connect with your student's teacher directly if you have any questions about whether they are required to be in attendance.

The first day of second semester is Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to have students start their learning in their new classes and would like to take the opportunity to issue some important reminders and introduce some new processes to families. We are working hard to continue fostering our culture of care and learning at LSS. This means being in supervised learning spaces to take part in the plethora of meaningful learning opportunities offered within our school community. To this end, beginning Monday, we will be asking all staff and students to complete an "Exit Form" when they are going to work in a different space (such as the key, learning commons, etc). This will allow staff to support students with their learning as they will know what students need to work on and where they need to be. We have also noticed a tremendous amount of students in the hallway during instructional time, and we are getting curious and collecting some data to help us come up with proactive solutions to support our students with their learning! As always, we want to remind families that there is a Ministry Order for cell phones not to be in use during instructional time.

We are also beginning our planning for the 2026-27 school year. The course catalogs for the 2026-27 school year are now on the school website. If you have questions about course selection or student programming, please reach out to your counsellor. Course selection will be occurring between February 4 and 6<sup>th</sup> for current grade 8 to 11 students.

Thanks kindly and hay cep' qa,

Shelley Gvojich & Alistair King

**Upcoming events:**

- January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Last Day of Semester 1 (Course Completion Day)
- January 26<sup>th</sup> – Start of Semester 2
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hold and Secure Drill
- February 4<sup>th</sup> – Report cards tentatively released to families on MyEd portal
- February 4<sup>th</sup> – Grad photo retakes
- February 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> – Course Selection
- February 9<sup>th</sup> – Pro -D Day (No School)
- February 16<sup>th</sup> – Family Day (No School)
- February 17<sup>th</sup> – Lockdown Drill
- February 17<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – Student Learning Surveys

- February 26<sup>th</sup> – Ladysmith Heritage Society Awards

### **PAC Corner.. Your voices matter!**

#### *Sensory Light Cover Pilot*

Earlier this school year, the PAC voted to pilot a project to install **fluorescent light covers** to help support students who face sensory challenges. We are grateful to the teachers who volunteered to participate in these initial phases.

At this month's meeting, we finalized the logistics, and these covers should be installed in the participating classrooms within the next few weeks. **Note:** This project is funded independently and will not replace or impact the funds set aside to support various school departments.

#### *Rugby Returns to LSS!*

For the first time in over ten years, **Rugby is coming back to Ladysmith Secondary!** This has been a largely student-driven initiative, and the PAC was thrilled to direct some funding toward their new uniforms. We can't wait to see our athletes representing LSS on the field again.

#### *Join Us*

Our next meeting is scheduled for **February 18 at 6:00 pm**. Please consider joining us—your input and perspective are always welcome as we look for new ways to support our school community.

#### **Attachments:**

- "What's on This Week?" from Kwumut Lelum Child and Family Services.

### **Questions?**

**Please contact our main office at [info.ls@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:info.ls@sd68.bc.ca) or 250-245-3043**

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