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Dear Ladysmith Families,

It's remarkable how quickly time flies. We've completed one full month of the school year and are rapidly approaching the midpoint of the next. The academic year is now in full motion! Students and staff have found their rhythm, and we're seeing wonderful achievements and activities taking place in every classroom and across our entire district.

Homecoming week was truly special this year, with spirit-filled dress-up days at every school, energetic assemblies, and the parade that brought our community together. Lumberjack Pride was on full display throughout the week! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all community members who participated, whether you attended in person, contributed behind the scenes, supported from afar, or kept us in your thoughts. Your involvement makes these traditions so meaningful for our students.

A particularly significant moment this year was the inaugural induction ceremony for the Ladysmith Athletic Hall of Fame, where we honored ten outstanding individuals who have shaped our athletic legacy. This historic event celebrated coaches and athletes whose dedication and achievements have left a lasting impact on our school community.

As we continue through October, here are some key updates and important reminders:

October Parent-Teacher Conferences & No School Days

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for **Tuesday, October 14** and **Wednesday, October 22 from 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM**. Complete details about conferences will be sent from each building.

There is no school for 4K-5th grade on **Tuesday, October 14**. The elementary staff is participating in a professional development training on that day. Classes are in session for grades 6-12. **On October 17, there is no school for anyone.**

Free Meals Available to ALL Students

The School District of Ladysmith is proud to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students in all grades, regardless of family income. This means every student can start their day with a nutritious breakfast and enjoy a healthy lunch, at no cost to families. Also, participation benefits everyone. Higher participation in our meal program strengthens the entire school: Brings in federal dollars that keep the program running smoothly, allows us to maintain quality in both food and service, and helps family budgets by providing two nutritious meals each school day. Encourage your child(ren) to participate every day so we are able to continue this amazing program!

Using Data to Drive Student Success

This year we're taking a comprehensive approach to student assessment, using multiple data points to understand each student's needs and providing targeted support to ensure growth and achievement.

Throughout the year, students participate in various assessments that guide our instruction:

- aimswebPlus (Grades 4K-3): Wisconsin's state-selected early literacy screening tool measures fundamental reading skills including phonemic awareness, phonics, and reading fluency three times per year.
- FastBridge (Grades K-10): These computer-adaptive assessments provide quick snapshots of student progress in reading and mathematics, adjusting to each student's ability level.
- IXL (VariousGrades): This personalized learning platform allows students to practice skills at their own pace while providing teachers with real-time data on student understanding.
- Wisconsin Forward Exam (Grades 3-10): Administered each spring, this exam measures student performance in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies against Wisconsin Academic Standards.
- PreACT (Grades 9-10): This practice test helps students prepare for the ACT while providing valuable feedback on college and career readiness.
- ACT (Grade 11): All juniors take this college entrance exam, with the district covering the cost for students.

When data shows a student needs help, we can respond quickly with research-based interventions. We want our students to continue to grow and find academic success.

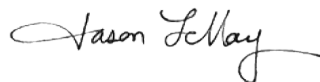
Beyond improving test scores, we're developing well-rounded learners with critical thinking skills, effective communication, collaboration abilities, and a genuine love of learning. We're teaching students not just what to learn, but how to learn—preparing them for college, careers, and lifelong success.

Student Attendance

Punctuality and good attendance is an important part of any student's success at school. It is important that your child attends school every day and on time. Arriving late to school disrupts the start to their day and missing excessive amounts of school can greatly impact learning and routine. As we progress through this school year, it is important to remember this and work to ensure your student(s) have good attendance and arrive on time. If you have questions about attendance please reach out to the building your student(s) attend. The elementary school day runs 8:00 AM - 3:05 PM and the middle/high school runs 8:00 AM - 3:20 PM.

I hope you all have a great October, and as always, **#GoLadysmith!**

Partners in the Future,



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