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Dear Ladysmith Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! Whether your family is new to the School District of Ladysmith or returning for another year, we're delighted to have you in our Lumberjack Community.

With a little over a month until classes begin on **September 2**, our entire school team is ready to make this another year of growth, discovery, and achievement for every student. Our commitment remains unchanged: providing a safe, supportive environment where all students can reach their full potential.

Throughout the year, stay informed about district happenings through my monthly family updates, building communications, and our social media channels.

As we prepare for the first day of school, please review these important reminders:

#### **Registration**

Registration for the upcoming school year opens on Monday, August 4. To register, you will need to log into your Skyward Parent Portal by clicking [HERE](#). If you do not remember your login or password, you may contact the LES or LMHS main office for assistance. It is very helpful, and important, to register your student(s) as soon as possible so that any issues that might arise during the registration process can be handled quickly. If you have any questions about registration please contact the school offices.

#### **Districtwide Open House on Wednesday, August 27**

A reminder that the Districtwide Open House will be on Wednesday, August 27 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to drop off school items, meet staff and familiarize your student(s) with the buildings.

#### **School Picture Day**

The elementary school will be having picture day on August 27. The middle and high school will have their picture day on September 8. Details for ordering pictures will be shared with families. Retakes will occur in October. All students need to have their picture taken, regardless of whether or not a family plans to order pictures.

#### **Bus Routes/Times**

Bus routes for the 2025-26 school year will run the same schedule as last year within 10 minutes of your scheduled times. If you are a new bus rider or have a busing change, you will be contacted with your scheduled times. Remember to be flexible with times as we start a new school year. If you have any questions, please call Tami Moore at LES, 715-532-5464 ext 11000 or email her at [tmoore@sdlwi.org](mailto:tmoore@sdlwi.org).

#### **Change to School Day Start and End Times**

The first day of school will be September 2, 2025. For the 2025-2026 school year, the start and end times of our school days will be changing. School will start at all schools at 8:00 AM. Dismissal time will be 3:10 PM at the elementary school and middle/high school will be 3:20 PM. The middle/high school will continue to have a late start on Wednesdays. Look for more information on this in future communications.

#### **New Staff to the School District**

Over this summer we did have some staff transitions and new hires across the school district. Please

welcome these newest additions to our staff and be sure to say “hello” as they join our team for the 2025-26 school year! They will all be featured on our Facebook page starting in August.

### [New Administration at the Middle/High School](#)

Please join us all in welcoming our Mr. Kirk Yudes as the interim middle/high school principal for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Yudes will also be retaining his athletic director duties. The school board and I are looking forward to the leadership Mr. Yudes will provide the middle and high school this upcoming school year. Over the years, Mr. Yudes has served in many capacities within the school district: assistant principal, athletic director, coach and teacher. His familiarity with our school district, staff and students made him a natural fit for this position.

### [School Supply Lists](#)

A list of school supplies can be found on our district website, or by clicking [HERE](#). Reminder that some courses, notably at the high school, may have additional fees. If you have any questions about school supplies please feel free to contact your building office.

### [2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

The School District of Ladysmith 2025-2026 school year calendar can be found on our website, or by clicking [HERE](#).

### [Free Breakfast and Lunch Program Continues](#)

We are pleased to inform you that the School District of Ladysmith will be implementing the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) while participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for School Year 2025-2026.

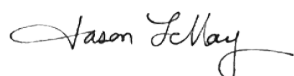
This means that all enrolled students of the School District of Ladysmith are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to your household each day of the school year. Your child (ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application. This federal program provides one (1) complete breakfast and lunch per day free of charge. No “only or extras” are covered - those are additional costs and the student must maintain a positive balance to make those purchases

***\*The district will still be requesting applications from households with a student participating in the CEP; however, receipt of free breakfast and lunch meals does not depend on returning it. Completing the application is still necessary for other programs such as the LES afternoon milk break and the Title I program and may be used to determine if your household is eligible for these additional benefits.*** If we can be of any further assistance, please contact the Food Service Director at shayden@sdlwi.org or 715-532-5531 ext 28300.

If you have questions or need assistance throughout the year, please reach out to your child's school. We're here to support you and your student(s) as we work together to make this a successful year of learning and growth.

Thank you for your partnership, and I look forward to seeing everyone soon. Here's to another great year as Ladysmith Lumberjacks! [#GoLadysmith!](#)

Partners in the Future,



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District Administrator