

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF **LADYSMITH** **DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**

School District of Ladysmith
1700 Edgewood Ave East
Ladysmith WI 54848

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Welcome

from District Administrator Paul Uhren

Dear Parents of the School District of Ladysmith:

First, where did the summer go! The District has been extremely busy getting all our facilities ready for the new school year. Exciting things are happening across our district.

Teachers from across the District will be having their annual in-service August 21, 22 and 23. This is the time for the teachers to prepare their rooms and their lessons for the new school year.

The Ladysmith Middle and High School will hold their Open House for parents and their child on Wednesday, August 22 from 6 until 7:30 pm. Please stop by, meet your child's teachers, and drop off their supplies.

Our new Ladysmith Elementary School will be open for parents and their child to attend Open House on Monday, August 27 from 4 to 6 pm. Please stop by, meet your child's teacher, drop off their supplies, and get acquainted with the new building (the former middle school) located at 115 E 6th St S.

This year our District will begin a new era of learning. We will begin school on August 28, 29, and 30. Many districts across the state have begun to use this method of getting a jump start on the school year by holding these three days before the official start of school on or after September 1. Technically these three days are considered Summer School, however these are extremely important days for your children to attend. The teachers will be going over the classroom/course expectations, reviewing previously learned information, completing tasks that typically would have been completed on the first days of school. Also, with the new elementary school, these days are needed for the children to learn new procedures and their new surroundings.

These days will also bring in much needed state funds to help balance our school budget without costing the district any extra money. "How can this be," you may ask? The State of Wisconsin required districts to count their instruction time using the combination of Instructional Hours AND Instructional Days. A few years ago, the State Legislature eliminated the Instructional Days portion, so that left the requirement of Instructional Hours that each district must meet. With the Ladysmith School Board approved 2018-2019 School Calendar of 174 instructional days, we are able to meet the required Instructional Hours. This change allows us the flexibility to move 3 of the days that would normally be in the calendar to August 28, 29 & 30th as Summer School days. Summer School is funded completely outside of the regular school year. If every student attends these 3 days in August, our district will see an increase of state aid of just under \$200,000.00, helping to better balance our budget. In order to take advantage of the full dollar amount, we will need ALL students to be in attendance on August 28, 29 & 30th.

Not only are these days important for our school budget so that we can continue to offer the programs we have to all of our students, but these days are extremely important for your child's learning. I hope that you will seriously consider sending your children to all three days in August. Student's direct instruction is not reduced with this calendar if students do not attend the three days in August.

Because these days are considered Summer School, Breakfast and Lunch will be provided FREE OF CHARGE for all students that attend school on August 28, 29 and 30. Again, this is at no additional cost to our district as this is completely funded through the National Hot Lunch Program.

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Contact Information

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Principal:
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Counselor:
Leah Bunton
Secretaries:
Jessica Larson & Jody Coughenour
Phone Number:
715-532-5464

Ladysmith Middle & High School

Principal:
Dr. Robert Lecheler
Counselors:
Stacey Armitage
Doug Dieckman
Secretaries:
Carrie Becker, Sue Vandoorn,
Lori Rozak & Lynn Neisinger
Phone Number:
715-532-5531

District Office

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Paul Uhren
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School Psychologist:**
Kelli Vetterkind
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Human Resources Specialist:**
Jane Nelson
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NEW FOR 2018

School Start Time:

8:30 AM

School End Time:

3:45 pm

Skyward and Emergency Notification System

The School District of Ladysmith utilized Skyward as an electronic tool to record student information regarding academic progress, lunch accounts, teacher contact information, etc.

Did you know you can also update your address, phone numbers and emergency contacts by logging into your Family Access? You can! Simply log into Skyward and select the "Student Info" tab. Once that new window opens, go to the upper right hand corner and click on "Request Changes for (student name)." A drop down menu will open and select the area or areas that you need to up-

date. Once you have made the changed, click "Save." The district administrative assistant will review the requested changes and apply the changes. She may contact parents to verify if she has any questions.

The District began utilizing a new Emergency Notification System four years ago. For those new to the District, this is an automated phone, email and text messenger program.

It is extremely important to either update your contact information as it changes OR contact your child's building office and change it with the

building secretary.

Our district also has a new web site. Included with this web site is an app for your phones. If you download the app, you can also get push notifications directly to your phone, much like when you get a new email or notification from a program from a news organization.

Check it out on at the Apple Store or Google Play. Search for "School District of Ladysmith."

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

As a parent of a student in the School District of Ladysmith, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers, and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

Whether the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.

Whether the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.

The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and if so, the subject(s) of

the degrees.

Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child, and if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please send your request in writing to Lana Nelson, Human Resource Specialist at the School District of Ladysmith, 1700 Edgewood Ave East, Ladysmith, WI 54848.

SUBSTITUTE HELP WANTED

Teachers, Para-Professionals, Bus Drivers, Custodians, and Food Service Personnel.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please visit our Job Postings page on our website at www.sdlwi.org and click on MENU—Employment Opportunities under District Office. All jobs are applied for through WECAN. If you have any questions, please contact the district office at 715-532-5277.



HIGH SCHOOL YEAR- BOOK ORDERS

Order a 2018-2019 High School Yearbook

Go to: www.yearbookforever.com

or contact the LHS Office with any questions

SUPPORT OUR LUMBERJACKS AND LUMBERJILLS

NO ENTRANCE FEES for all non-tournament contests.

PROGRAM NEWS

The School District of Ladysmith is dedicated to the success of each unique individual through active involvement and collaboration of students, staff, family, and community. Together, we will strive to create and provide a quality education with the opportunity for all students to learn in a supportive, student-centered, and safe atmosphere that will prepare them to be competent, productive, responsible, and respectful citizens of our ever changing global society.

Ladysmith Academic Curriculum

Ladysmith teachers and staff have been working together to ensure that our locally approved curriculum is preparing our students to meet the challenges and rigor of the Wisconsin Academic Standards, as outlined by State Superintendent Tony Evers. The School Board, as required by law, approved our curriculum, which is based upon the Wisconsin Academic Standards, again at their July 2018 meeting.

Professional Learning Communities

Our professional learning communities provide teachers the time to work together to evaluate our programs based upon student data, identify what is working well, identify what needs improvement, and collaborate to develop solutions to help all students succeed. Time is set aside for teachers to work together in each building, as well as district-wide.

Interventions and Progress Monitoring

Ladysmith teachers are presently developing assessments, based upon their curriculum that they are teaching. Students' progress is presently being monitored through end of unit assessments, FAST and PALS. This data is utilized to assist in the identification of students and their deficits in skills.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LADYSMITH STUDENT RECORD POLICY

Student Records

A student's records must be provided to the parents or guardian of a minor, judge, law enforcement officer who are individually designated by the school board and assigned to the district, faculty member, or courts when subpoenaed.

Keep in mind that under state law, school districts are required to make student records available to district employees who are required by the DPI to hold a license, law enforcement officers who have been determined by the school board to have legitimate educational interests, including safety interests, in the records.

Contents will include all records relating to an individual student other than notes or records maintained for personal use by teachers or other certified personnel which are not available to others, and records necessary for and available only to persons involved in psychological treatment of a student.

All behavioral records will be destroyed one year after the date the student graduated from or last attended the school unless the parent or guardian gives permission that the records may be maintained for a longer period of time.

Progress records are kept for at least 5 years after a child graduates. Transcripts are kept indefinitely.

Pupil records must be transferred to another school or school district when written notice is received from an adult pupil or parent or guardian or upon written notice from the other school or school district that such pupil has enrolled. All requests for inspection or for transfer to another school or school district should be directed to the building principal or designee.

Parents/guardians or adult students have the right to seek amendment of the student's educational records that the parent/guardian or adult student believes to be inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights. Requests for such amendments should be directed to the building principal or designee.

The School Policy (#8330) regarding school records may be reviewed at the School District Office or on the district website, www.ladysmith.k12.wi.us/page/3356. A copy will be provided when requested. Complaints regarding student records may be made to the Family Policy Compliance Office, US Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave SW, Washington, DC 20202-4605.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The School District of Ladysmith does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, sex or gender, including transgender status, change of sex or gender identity, disability, age (except as authorized by law), military status or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability in any of its student programs or activities (Policy #2260). All Career and Technical Education programs are open to all students.

The district also complies with the requirement to reasonably accommodate a student's sincere held religious beliefs with regard to examinations and other academic requirements.

COMMUNITY ASSISTING STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS (CASS)

Our Community Assisting Students and Schools (formerly Senior Tax Exchange Program) has been very popular program that has led to many citizens making a lasting impact in our schools. Our CASS program is available to district residents who are at least 18 years of age and are not an employee of the School District of Ladysmith. This program provides opportunities for senior citizens to work in our schools. In exchange for work completed, senior citizens receive payment up to \$362.50. We can no longer apply this amount directly to your taxes per the IRS.

To apply for this program, citizens can call the District Office at 715-532-5277 x21310.

The CASS is an excellent opportunity to become involved in our schools and make a difference for our children, staff and community. We look forward to more senior citizens taking advantage of this program!

HOMELESS CHILD OR YOUTH

By law, the School District of Ladysmith must enroll a homeless child or youth immediately upon request and provide needed transportation. Homeless children/youth are entitled to equal access to free and appropriate public education and comparable services as all children in the district.

For information regarding enrolling a homeless child or youth, please contact each building counselor (found on the front page of this newsletter).

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

The purpose of the Facebook page is to keep students, parents, alumni and community members up to date on the latest happenings in our district. You can find us (and "Like" us!) at "School District of Ladysmith" or at www.facebook.com/School-District-of-Ladysmith.



WHO DO I CALL? WHEN...?

- ⇒ Call your child's building office to report them absent.
- ⇒ If you have a busing issue, contact Carrie Becker at the LMHS.
- ⇒ If there is a change in busing for one day, contact your child's school.



Welcome Letter (continued from page 1)

Due to the fact that the new Elementary School is now located at 115 E 6th St S and many students will be crossing Worden Avenue before and after school, the Board voted to change all school's starting and ending times for students to avoid the end of shift of a factory near the new elementary location. Our new starting time will be 8:30 am and the new ending time is 3:45 pm. Busses will run 15 minutes later than last year. So for example, if your pick up was 7:45 am last year, you would be picked up at approximately 8:00 am this year. For the first few days of school, as the bus drivers get used to their new routes, please have a window of approximately 10 minutes before and after that pick up time before calling the school to find out if the bus is running late or missed your child. Again, school starting time will be 8:30 am for all schools and

school ending time will be 3:45 pm for all schools.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's school and speak with the building secretary or principal.

Thank you,



Paul Uhren
District Administrator

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LADYSMITH ANNUAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION REFERRAL AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES

Upon request, the School District of Ladysmith is required to evaluate a child for eligibility for special education services. A request for evaluation is known as a referral. When the district receives a referral, the district will appoint an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team to determine if the child has a disability, and if the child needs special education services. The district locates, identifies, and evaluates all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in private (including religious) schools, elementary schools and secondary schools located in the school district.

A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker, or administrator of a social agency who reasonably believes a child brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability has a legal duty to refer the child,

including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child's parent that the referral will be made.

Others, including parents, who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability may also refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides.

Referrals must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. A referral may be made by contacting Kelli Vetterkind, Director of Special Education, School District of Ladysmith, at (715) 532-5277 x21402, or by writing her at 1700 Edgewood Avenue East, Ladysmith, WI 54848.

Summer Skills Academy

The School District of Ladysmith Summer Skills Academy had another successful summer of course offerings for students in grades 4k-11. A wide variety of courses were offered ranging from swim lessons, arts & crafts, beginning/advanced band lessons, to literacy and mathematics. Students enjoyed working with a great group of teachers from a variety of schools and backgrounds providing students with immense amounts of knowledge. Student enrollment reached approximately 540 students.

If you have further questions or wish to volunteer your time next summer to work with these wonderful students please contact Summer Skills Academy Director Chelsea Anderson by emailing her at canderson@sdlwi.org. We look forward to seeing every one next summer in addition to many new faces!

NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LADYSMITH

State Statute 118.30 (1)(g)(a)(1)

By August 1, 1998, each school board shall adopt pupil academic standards in mathematics, science, reading and writing, geography, and history. The school board may adopt the pupil academic standards issued by the governor as executive order no. 326, dated January 13, 1998.

The School District of Ladysmith Board of Education has approved the following standards prior to July 2, 2015 and reaffirmed their approval annually and again on July 18, 2018, as required by WI State Statutes.

Mathematics	WI State Standards
Science	WI State Standards and NextGen Science Std.
Reading	WI State Standards
Writing	WI State Standards
Geography	WI State Standards
History	WI State Standards

State Statute 115.385(4)

Annually, each public school, including a charter school, and each private school participating in a parental choice program under s. 118.60 or 119.23 shall provide a copy of the school's accountability report to the parent or guardian of each pupil enrolled in or attending the school. Each school shall simultaneously provide to the parent or guardian of each pupil enrolled in the school a list of the educational options available to children who reside in the pupil's resident school district, including public schools, private schools participating in a parental choice program, charter schools, virtual schools, full-time open enrollment, youth options, course options, and options for pupils enrolled in a home-based private educational program.

Public Schools:

Elementary:	Ladysmith Elementary School
Middle:	Ladysmith Middle School
High:	Ladysmith High School

Private Schools participating in Parental Choice Program:

Our Lady of Sorrows (OLS) is participating in the Parent Choice Program.

Charter Schools:

For a list of Charter Schools in the state of Wisconsin, stop in the School District of Ladysmith District Office or go to www.dpi.wi.gov.

Virtual Schools:

For a list of Virtual Schools in the state of Wisconsin, stop in the School District of Ladysmith District Office or go to www.dpi.wi.gov.

Full-Time Open Enrollment:

Any student that lives within the School District of Ladysmith attendance boundaries has the option of attending any school district in the state of Wisconsin at no cost to the student. Forms do need to be filed with the Department of Public Instruction (www.dpi.gov) during the Open Enrollment Window (February through April). If applying for Open Enrollment outside of that window, a paper copy needs to be filed with the district that you are open enrolling to. Transportation is the responsibility of the student's family.

Youth Options:

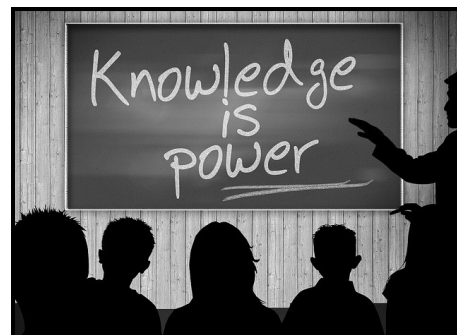
Any student enrolled in the School District of Ladysmith may opt to take a course at any UW School at no cost to the student if the student has exhausted all options for courses in that field in the district. An example would be if a student has taken all the math courses offered at SDL and wishes to take an advanced class for college credit. The School District of Ladysmith pays the college for the cost of attending that course. Transportation is the responsibility of the student's family.

Course Options:

Any student enrolled in the School District of Ladysmith may opt to take a course in any other school district at no cost to the student if our school district does not offer the similar class. The School District of Ladysmith pays the other school district the cost of attending that course. Transportation is the responsibility of the student's family.

Options for Pupils Enrolled in home-based private educational program:

On July 14, 2015, Governor Walker signed into law that all children in the state of Wisconsin that are eligible based upon the public school's requirements, may participate in all extracurricular activities. This may include participation in clubs, sports, or school sponsored activities. Please contact each Building Principal for more information regarding requirements.



School Nurse's Page

Head Lice

They're the words no parent wants to hear. Every year as many as 12 million children are affected by these small pests. They attach to hair and feed on blood from the scalp, which causes itchiness. The good news is that lice are not harmful, but they're inconvenient and highly contagious. The most common symptom of head lice is itching. It's the body's reaction to the bites from lice. Lice/louse are very small-about the size of a sesame seed-and they can be tan, brown, or gray. Lice eggs, called nits, are easier to see because they don't move and appear in large numbers. A female louse can lay up to 400 eggs in its three week life cycle. They may look like dandruff, but unlike dandruff, nits can't be removed by shaking them off, brushing or washing. Also, another sign are small red bumps from scratching. Irritation from scratching may lead to scabs, blood spots, or red marks on the scalp, behind the ears, or on the back of the neck.

The School District of Ladysmith has a no nit policy, meaning students with nits and/or live lice are sent home for treatment and extraction of the lice eggs (nits). I strongly encourage checking your child's hair anytime you may notice excessive itching and/or send them to the nurse's office, where

we will be more than happy to examine the student. These small pests just take time and patience to get rid of. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the nurse's office for more information.

EpiPen4Schools program

Epinephrine is the first-line of treatment for anyone experiencing an anaphylaxis reaction. Anaphylaxis is a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction which can occur within seconds or minutes of exposure to something an individual is allergic to, such as a peanut or the venom from a bee sting. Therefore, access to epinephrine is very important. I am pleased to announce the School District of Ladysmith is part of the EpiPen4Schools program offered by Mylan Specialty. This program supplies each building access to a Junior and an Adult strength EpiPen in an event a person experiences a life-threatening allergic reaction in the school setting. I do need to stress **this does NOT take place of the parent/guardian responsibility of supplying medication** for their diagnosed child. This supply is to assist in coverage until the parent/guardian can bring their supply in. This is a great program and saves our district not only funds, but lives.

Jennifer Lechleitner, RN, MBA: District Nurse

New Elementary Open House For the Public

On September 12, 2018 from 4:30 pm until 8:00 pm, the new Elementary School will hold an Open House for the public to see the work that was completed on the building over the past 18 months. You will have the opportunity to tour the building, see the changes made to make this building the best place for our elementary students for years to come.

Thank you for your support of this project and your continued support of the School District of Ladysmith.

LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER



2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR



21-23 Staff In-service + 1
 Floating Day
 28 First Day of School
 31 No School

AUGUST '18						
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FEBRUARY '19						
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7 4:30 – 8 Parent Teacher
 Conferences – All Schools
 8 8 – 12 Parent Teacher
 Conferences – All Schools
 8 No School
 11 Teacher In-service Day
 28 Last Day of Tri 2

3 Labor Day – No School

SEPTEMBER '18						
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MARCH '19						
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31						

1 Teacher In-service Day
 1 – 8 No School
 11 First Day of Tri 3

25 4:30 – 8 LMHS Parent
 Teacher Conference
 26 8 – 12 LMHS Parent
 Teacher Conference – **No
 School for 4K - 12 Students**

OCTOBER '18						
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APRIL '19						
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28	29	30				

19 No School

16 Last Day of Tri 1
 19-26 No School
 26 Teacher In-service Day
 27 First Day of Tri 2
 29 4:30 – 8:00 LES Parent
 Teacher Conference
 30 8 – 12 LES Parent Teacher
 Conferences – **No School for 4K
 - 5 Students ONLY**

NOVEMBER '18						
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MAY '19						
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27 Memorial Day – No
 School

24-31 No School

DECEMBER '18						
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JUNE '19						
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6 Last Day of Tri 3 – Early
 Dismissal at 1 pm
 6 Staff In-service 1-4 pm
 7 Emergency Closure Make
 up Day

1 No School

JANUARY '19						
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27	28	29	30	31		

Calendar Days - Students

Tri 1 = 56
 Tri 2 = 59
 Tri 3 = 62

Calendar Days – Staff

177 Student Contact Days
 2 Parent Teacher Conference
 7 Professional Days

- Begin of Term
- End of Term
- No School
- Teacher In-service