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Principal's Message

Welcome to 2019! As the New Year begins it reminds us of new beginnings and opportunities for happiness, joy and prosperity. We have many great activities and opportunities for students to explore for the remainder of the school year. Our hope is that each student germinates at least a few ideas and thoughts that will enhance their lives and those around them.



Ed Young

January



NEWSLETTER 2019

LADYSMITH SECONDARY

A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT GRADE 8 REGISTRATIONS

Grade 7 students are automatically registered and scheduled at Ladysmith Secondary for Grade 8, as Ladysmith is our catchment high school. There is no need to apply to Ladysmith Secondary as this is automatically taken care of for your child.

Students wishing to transfer to a secondary school other than our catchment area high school, should notify their Principal and Grade 7 teacher and apply online here: [Student Online Registration](#)

If you are interested in applying for one of our District Secondary Academies, please visit our website for more information here: [District Secondary Academies](#)

Registration opens on Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

JULY IN JANUARY

The school will be celebrating July in January on Wednesday January 30th. This is a school spirit day when we dress up like it's July and wear our shorts, sunglasses and beach hats. In the past we have had a picnic on beach blankets in the gym but with the school's increased size we won't be able to have that part this year but we will have our school dance in the gym in the afternoon. Parents are invited to come along and join us in the Bunny Hop, YMCA, Macarena etc. It's always a great afternoon of multi-age fun. Please remind your students they don't have to wear their summer gear if it's snowing!! They can change at school. Thanks for your support of our school spirit in advance.

Mrs. Saunders



School-Wide Dates to Remember:

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| January 21 | Family Literacy Week Kick-off Assembly |
| January 21-28 | Family Literacy Week |
| January 23 | DancePlay, Div 1, 4, 5, 13, 14 9:00-10:00
Duffle Bag Theatre, Whole School 10:30-11:30 |
| January 30 | July in January, 12:30 p.m. |
| February 4 | Cedar Assembly, 9:15 a.m. |
| February 6 | Whole School-Hip Hop Dancers, 9:00-9:45 a.m. |
| February 8 | Report Cards Go Home with Students |
| February 13 | Ocean Day |
| February 14 | Valentines Day Primary Dance 10:45-11:30 a.m. |
| February 18 | Family Day—No School |
| February 25 | District Pro-D—No School |
| February 26 | School Based Pro-D—No School |



A note from Mme Patrice and Miss Fall in the library:

We are very excited that Family Literacy Week starts this Monday, January 21! The theme for this year's celebration is **"Reading is my Superpower/ Mon superpouvoir, c'est la lecture"**. Our Read-A-Thon is now well underway and staff has been very pleased to see so many excited Reading Superheroes! Please don't forget that reading calendars and superhero photos must be returned by **Thursday, January 24**. There are many great book prizes up for grabs, so don't miss out! Please read last week's information letter for details on the many events taking place next week. You are most welcome to attend both the Kick-Off Assembly (9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 21) and the Celebration Assembly at (9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 28).



Thank you for your vital support in helping your child to become a Reading Superhero!



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kindergarten Registration Starts Now...

If your child will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2019. It's time to register for Kindergarten.
Online registration will begin Wednesday, January 9, 2019.
Registration is online only.
Website <https://sd68.vivosforms.com>
Email ereg@sd68.bc.ca



GRADE 7 NEWS

Thanks to all who supported Division 17's 5th Annual École North Oyster Christmas Store. The grand total that was raised was **\$1,400**, all going towards various Grade 7 year end activities, including the Grade 7 year end school sleepover. Thank you to all in our school community who donated such fabulous items to our sale and to those who came out and/or sent their child with money and purchased those things for their friends and families! A special thank you to those amazing folks who checked in with me and saved the day with last minute supplies!!! **HUGE** thank you to Division 16 for helping with wrapping! We could not have done it without you!!

Please note that we are **still accepting items** for the store for next year, so if you are doing a spring clean-out please keep us in mind! Donations can be dropped off at Miss Fall's class anytime during regular hours for the rest of the school year.



VIU MARINER'S VOLLEYBALL GAME

All students and parents are invited to a VIU Mariner's Volleyball game at VIU on Friday, February 8, 2019. The women's team plays at 6 p.m. and the men's team plays at 8 p.m. Mme Zoe will be there at 6 p.m. Admission is \$2 for students and \$4 for adults. For an extra \$1, a piece of pizza is included! ENO's volleyball teams have been working hard at developing skills and learning the ins and outs of the game since October. This is an awesome opportunity to see some seriously awesome volleyball and support our local sports teams. Please let Mme Zoe know if you are able to attend at zoe.dusting@sd68.bc.ca.



PAC NEWS

We had a very successful bottle drive on Sunday, January 13, 2019. Thank you to the North Oyster Fire Department for volunteering! It is always amazing to see a community come together. Our next bottle drive is Sunday, May 26, 2019—Save your Bottles.

Hot lunch and hot dinner ordering is now open so please head on over to www.munchalunch.com to place your orders.

NEXT HOT LUNCH: JANUARY 24, 2019

Information for the School

We appreciate every phone call to let us know your child will be late or absent. If you arrive late and drop off your child in their classroom, please come by the office to let us know that your child is here. Thank you.

Cold/Wet Weather



As the cold weather is now upon us, please ensure your children come to school with weather appropriate clothing. Students go outside during recesses each day, with very few exceptions. Hats, mittens, proper footwear and warm coats are essential in cold weather. At École North Oyster we are appreciative of the wonderful outdoor spaces available for play and learning and we believe in providing fresh air activities for all our students.



Guidelines When Your Child is Ill

Cold and flu season is upon us! In order to prevent the spread of germs, please remind your children to wash their hands regularly. Vancouver Island Health Authority also recommends keeping your child at home for 48 hours after symptoms subside if they have been vomiting. If your child is ill and going to be away from school, just phone the office and we'll be sure to excuse them for the day.



Have a Wonderful Month










School Registration 2019-2020

To register your child in Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized **registration will begin on January 9, 2019 at 8 a.m.** Pacific Standard Time. The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you.

Take a moment and ask yourself the following questions:

1. Is my child new to Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools?
2. Do I have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2019 that will be entering Kindergarten? **Applications must be received by June 15, 2019 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.**
3. Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion?
4. Do I want to register my child in Early French Immersion? **Applications will be received until January 31, 2019, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2019. Late French Immersion Students are placed as space permits.**
5. Do I want to register my child in secondary academies?

Lottery	Try-outs/ Audition
 Hockey	 Lacrosse
 Soccer	 Performing Arts
 Beach Volleyball	 Jazz
 Baseball	
6. Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? **Applications are due March 31, 2019.**

Applications will be received until March 1, 2019, at which time student selection will be determined either by lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified in May 2019.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE SD68.BC.CA OR BY EMAILING EREG@SD68.BC.CA

