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Dear Parents / Guardians / Students:

Another school year has concluded, with us saying goodbye to our graduating class of 2025, and to our retirees, Mrs. Sandra Sands, Mr. Mike Love, and Ms. Leslie Lawlor. Before we leave for the summer, we wanted to share additional information for the next school year. See below for details.

If you need to reach us over the summer, email general inquiries to Mrs. Sandra Thomlinson, Office Manager, at sydhs@limestone.on.ca. The Main Office and Student Services re-opens on Monday, August 25th, with Student Services open by appointment only on Monday, August 25th, Tuesday, August 26th and Thursday, August 28th. To book an appointment, use this link: online booking system. School starts back on **Wednesday**, **Sept. 3rd**, **2025**. A link to the school calendar can be found here: School Year Calendar. Grade 9 orientation day is the morning of Wednesday, August 27th. Student leaders should mark this day in their calendars, as we will call upon you to help with this day.

In closing, if students need mental health services over the summer, support is available through

- 9-1-1 (for mental health emergencies only)
- AMHS KFL&A Crisis Line (16 and over) Kingston & Frontenac 613-544-4229, Lennox & Addington 613-354-7388, Maltby Centre 613-546-8535, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
- Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868 or text CONNECT at 686868.

Have a safe summer!

Mrs. Molly Slate, Principal

INFORMATION ITEMS

Gr. 10 - 12 Pick Up: Timetable, Report Card, and Gr. 10 OSSLT Results

Student timetable, report card, and Gr. 10 OSSLT Individual Student Reports will be available for students in grades 10 to 12 to pick up in the main office during the week of July $7^{th} - 10^{th}$, and July $14^{th} - 17^{th}$ between the hours 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM. If students are unable to come in during this week, they can pick up when they return to school in the fall. In addition, students will be able to see final marks from this semester in their student portal in Aspen or $\underline{myBlueprint}$ as of July 7^{th} , 2025. Students can $\underline{check\ Aspen}$ for their timetable the last week of August before school returns. Also, a reminder that library books need to be returned or individuals will receive an invoice for the replacement cost.

<u>2024-2025 Yearbooks</u> – Yearbooks will arrive in the fall, and we will send out a Communicate Broadcast letting you know when and where they will be available for pick up.

School-Day – Families can pay school fees through School Day, an online payment and permissions program. During the school year, students will be able to purchase an optional student card (\$10.00) and a yearbook (\$40.00, received the next school year). Each product will be made available for payment in the fall, and parents with a school-day account will receive an email. Fees for individual extracurricular activities will be communicated by each staff advisor. Fall Sports include basketball, volleyball, field hockey, football, and golf. Fees range from \$85.00 to \$400.00. Check the announcements for start-up information, including the week before school. If financial support is required for any activities, reach out to the school.

Communication

Follow the school website news stories for updates. Ensure your contact information is updated if you make changes as we regularly send emails to share important information. LDSB also offers several electronic tools to support communication, including *Communicates* (Board and schools push *important messages* to students, families, and staff via *voicemail, email, or text message*), and the *School Messenger App* (student attendance management tool that allows for *two-way communication* between schools and families).





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Key Dates

For a list of upcoming dates, follow our month-by-month calendar on the school website, listen to PA announcements or see a copy of our <u>announcements</u> on the school website. A link to the school calendar can be found here: <u>School Year Calendar</u> School starts back on **Wednesday**, **Sept.** 3rd, **2025**. Photo Day will be on **September 17**, **2025**, and ordering information will come home in the fall.

2025-2026 Student Schedules / School Daily Schedule

The daily schedule follows. Students wanting to change their current schedule may email a counsellor (visit the <u>staff</u> website page for all emails) or book an appointment through the <u>online booking system</u> by grade (Gr. 9 – Mr. Rob McDougall, Gr. 10 – Mr. Jason Wimmer, Gr. 11 – Ms. Michelle Fraser, and Gr. 12 – Mrs. Katherine English. Our Vice Principals also have primary responsibilities for the following grades: Gr. 9 & Gr. 11 (Ms. Stevens), Gr. 10 & Gr. 12 (Ms. Ward).

DAILY TIMETABLE (WEEK A)

PERIOD	TIME
Slot A	8:20 - 9:35 a.m.
Break	9:35 - 9:45 a.m.
Slot B	9:45 - 11:00 a.m.
Break	11:00 - 11:15 a.m.
Slot C*	11:15 a.m 12:30 p.m.
LUNCH	12:30 - 1:20 p.m.
Slot D	1:20 - 2:35 p.m.

^{*} SHS runs a week A/B schedule. On Week B – periods C and D flip.

School Supplies and Dress Requirements

Students will require the necessary school supplies for individual courses as outlined: *Physical Education* - t-shirt, shorts / sweats, gym shoes (outdoor shoes will not be allowed in the gym); *Technology* – no shorts, closed-toe shoes; long hair tied back; *Science* – your teacher will instruct you on clothing for lab days; *Mathematics* – scientific calculator. We recommend purchasing the Casio FX-991 ESPLUS2 calculator It can be purchased on <u>Amazon</u> or at <u>Staples</u>.; and *General* – as communicated on first day handouts or by the classroom teacher for specific activities/locations. We also recommend, in addition to pens and pencils, that students consider bringing dry erase whiteboard markers to school daily. The LDSB Student Clothing Procedure is available here.

Textbooks and Lockers

Classroom teachers issue books at the beginning of a term. Students will be responsible for the cost of lost books. The Main Office will assign lockers and students will find out their locker at orientation or first day (listed on their timetable). Students must use a school lock and occupy lockers assigned to them. Students will be responsible for items found in the locker and should not give their combination to anyone else. Failure to abide by school rules may mean a loss of locker privileges. Lockers may be opened by the school if necessary.

Access to Technology

Students will be given the option to sign out a device for the school year. Devices are made available by classroom teachers when the class requires for daily use. Computers are also available in the library. Students with specialized technology needs should contact the Learning Program Support teacher Mr. Rob McDougall.

Medical Plans

We ask parents to notify the school if your child develops or has any changes to any emergency medical conditions. We will work together to complete a Medical Plan of Care (Epilepsy, Type 1 Diabetes, Asthma, Anaphylaxis, or any other life-threatening condition).