

# LGMS - Back to School Information 2024-25

Classes for the 2024-2025 school year will begin on Monday August 26, 2024

*“Welcome back to school Trailblazers! We hope that you are as excited as our staff is to start a new year of learning together. Our school motto is to reach for the peaks and so take a moment to think of all the possibilities there are ahead for you. None of us know what the future brings but together we will explore its mysteries and uncover wonders in our world. Here’s to a great year ahead of learning!”*

**Welcome to all our new students joining us from other schools and to our new staff members.**

**\*PLEASE NOTE: Student’s Homeroom teacher’s name available on PowerSchool/Parent portal on Friday August 23rd.**



## **Opening Day:**

Class lists for **Grade 5, 6, 7 and 8** students will be posted in the **gathering area** and homeroom teachers will greet students at their classrooms.

## **School Instructional Hours – Grades 5 - 8**

Supervision will start outside at 8:20 a.m. when buses arrive.

Warning bell at 8:38 a.m.

School instructional hours are:

8:40 a.m. – 3:20 p.m. Monday-Friday

Recess is from 10:05 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

Lunch is from 12:25 – 1:20 p.m.

## **Half day Fridays:**

Classes begin - 8:40 a.m.

Dismissal - 12:00 p.m.

## **Attendance Information**

If your child is going to be absent or late, please leave a message on our Attendance Line at 403-678-6006 - press 1 to leave your message.

### Lunch Supervision Program

Grade 5-6 students will remain on school property during the lunch hour. They will eat lunch in their classroom. Parents have been asked to complete the annual Demographic Form to indicate if their child will go home for lunch daily.

Grades 7 & 8 may leave the school site during lunch hour if parents indicate this on the demographic form. This is a privilege for our older students and we expect a high standard of conduct whilst students are downtown as they continue to represent our school. This privilege may be re-evaluated as the year progresses as we want to be mindful of the number of our students flooding the core of our town with no supervision.

### Code of Conduct

Our expectations of conduct are:

- Respect yourself
- Respect others
- Respect property
- Respect environment

Activities or behavior which endangers the safety of students and/or staff, which infringes on the rights of others, or which shows disrespect to students, teachers, staff members or school or personal property will not be tolerated.

### School Bus Services

Canadian Rockies Public Schools provide school bus service to Lawrence Grassi Middle School. Children are allowed just one bus stop after school – while you do not have to use the bus every day, when you do, it has to be at the same location.

- Routes and schedules are published on the CRPS website at [www.crps.ca](http://www.crps.ca)
- Please call the Transportation Department at 403-678-5545 to register or for more information.

## Food for Learning

Food for Learning is a program available to students at Lawrence Grassi Middle School. The purpose of the program is to provide a nutritious snack and lunch to children who could benefit from a daily supplement of a nutritious, balanced meal. This program is supported by community and corporate donations and dedicated volunteers. It is a no-fee initiative. The program will begin the second or third week of school.

## LGMS Families' Handbook

Please refer to the handbook for families at LGMS on our website for further information about our school.

## Important Dates

Monday, August 26	Opening Day
Thursday, August 29	Lifetouch Photo Day
Monday, September 2	Labour Day – Holiday
Thursday, September 12	Open House/Meet the Staff 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Thursday, September 12	Parent Council 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, September 20	Terry Fox Run
Friday, September 20	PLN Afternoon – Students dismissed at 12:00 pm
Monday, September 30	School Closure - Recognition of National Truth and Reconciliation Day
Friday, October 4	PLN Afternoon – Students dismissed at 12:00 pm
Tuesday, October 8	Lifetouch Photo Retake Day
Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving – No school
Friday, October 18	PLN Afternoon – Students dismissed at 12:00 pm
Wednesday, November 6	5 – 8 p.m. Progress Meeting-Student-Teacher Conference
Thursday, November 7	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Thursday, November 7	4 – 7 p.m. Progress Meeting-Student-Teacher Conference
Friday, November 8	8:30 a.m. -12 p.m. Progress Meeting-Student-Teacher Conference
Friday, November 8	PLN Afternoon – No classes for students
Friday, November 11	School Closure - Remembrance Day
Friday, November 15	PLN Afternoon – Students dismissed at 12:00 pm
Friday, November 29	PLN Afternoon – Students dismissed at 12:00 pm
Friday, December 13	PLN Afternoon – Students dismissed at 12:00 pm
Friday, December 20	Half Day School Closure - Students dismissed at 12:00 pm
Friday, Dec. 20- Jan. 5	Winter Break
Monday, January 6	Students return to school after the winter break