

Good Evening Parents/Guardians of the LTJH Community:

Here is a look at the week ahead!

LT Celebration of Success Assembly

We will be celebrating student success at our final assembly during the afternoon of Tuesday June 21st. As the whole school will be in attendance for this assembly, only *Grade 8 parents of major award winners will be in attendance and have already been notified.*

During our LT Celebration of Success on Tuesday afternoon there will be a Smudging at the start of the ceremony. Below is a summary of what smudging involves and attached is a FAQ sheet.

Smudging is a tradition common to many First Nation People. Smudging refers to the burning of one or a combination of the sacred medicines; sweet grass, sage, cedar, and/or tobacco involving one or many people. Tobacco used as a sacred medicine is different than it being used recreationally. Also, at no time will the tobacco or any smudge material be inhaled directly or intentionally. A smudge produces a distinct aroma but the smoke associated with it is minimal and lasts a very short time.

A smudge is burned primarily for purification and to help to create a positive mind set.

The provisions of the *Smoke Free Places Act* of Nova

Scotia <http://novascotia.ca/dhw/healthy-communities/smoke-free-places-act.asp> are not applicable to smudging because subsection 3(2) of the *Act* reads “*Nothing in this Act affects the rights of Indigenous people respecting traditional Indigenous spiritual or cultural practices or ceremonies.*”

Last day of School is Monday, June 30th

Report Cards will be sent home electronically the morning of Monday, June 30th. Students will be dismissed at 11:10 to either walk home or wait for bus pick up. Buses will be arriving at the school four hours earlier (approximately 11:20am).

We realize that with the Canada Day holiday on Tuesday, absences may be higher than normal on Monday June 30th. If you know your child is going to be absent, please let the office know and remind your child to empty their lockers and take any personal belongings home before the Assessment and Evaluation Day on Friday, June 27th. Any unclaimed items will be donated.

School Supply Lists

School Supply Lists will be posted to the school website by the end of the day on June 30th.

SchoolsPlus supports for summer

Did you know? SchoolsPlus operates 12 months of the year! SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available to every school in Nova Scotia. Families and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus by contacting the SchoolsPlus facilitator for your school

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Learn more [here](#).

Important Dates

June 27th – Assessment and Evaluation Day (No classes)

June 30th – Last day of School (Report cards sent home electronically)

September 4th - First Day of School

All the Best,

Staff and Administration of LTJH