



**PATERSON PRESS** “All the news that’s fit to print!” **Dec. 3-21 PARENTS**

<p><b><u>Monday Dec. 3</u></b> Report Cards out 8AM on PowerSchool</p> <p>Gr. 6 Team building Assembly Block 4</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday Dec. 4</u></b></p> <p>Rep host FLVT</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday Dec. 5</u></b> <b><i>Ugly Christmas Sweater Day</i></b></p>	<p><b><u>Thursday Dec. 6</u></b></p> <p>Rep @ St. Francis Dev host St. Francis</p>	<p><b><u>Friday Dec. 7</u></b></p> <p>Tiger Classic Bball Starts at 11AM, Good luck Rep teams!</p>
<p><b><u>Monday Dec. 10</u></b> Choir Handbell Concert 7PM College Drive</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday Dec. 11</u></b> Gr. 6 Booster Juice fundraiser closes</p> <p>Rep @ Baker Dev host Leth Christian</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday Dec. 12</u></b> <b><i>Christmas Character Day</i></b></p>	<p><b><u>Thursday Dec. 13</u></b></p> <p>Band Winter Concert 7PM Southminster</p>	<p><b><u>Friday Dec. 14</u></b></p> <p>Dev Girls @St. Francis Tourney</p>
<p><b><u>Monday Dec. 17</u></b> Pictures with Santa (noon hour)</p> <p>Grade 8 Great Kids Awards week</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday Dec. 18</u></b> Pictures with Santa (noon hour)</p> <p>Rep Teams @ ICS</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday Dec. 19</u></b> <b><i>Christmas Best Dress Up Day</i></b></p> <p>Hot Lunch Day</p> <p>Talent show rehearsal after school</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday Dec. 20</u></b> Talent Show Block 2-4</p>	<p><b><u>Friday Dec. 21</u></b> Gr. 8 Breakfast 7:45 Small Gym</p> <p>Movie Mill all students (see below) PJ Day</p>

***School is out for Christmas on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at noon and resumes on Monday January 7<sup>th</sup>. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!***

**Other news...**

- Have you registered for:  
**PowerSchool?** <https://ps.lethsd.ab.ca/public/>  
**School Cash Online?** <https://lethbridge.schoolcashionline.com/>  
**Safe Arrival?** <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>
- If you have not registered for **PowerSchool**, your child will receive a letter to bring home with your log in information. PowerSchool allows you to track grades, attendance and receive e-report cards. Please register! **School Cash Online** lets you pay for any fees, hot lunches or other activities easily and hassle free. **Safe Arrival** lets you easily report a student absence through the website, toll free number or mobile app. If you have any questions or need assistance, call Leanna or Kathy in the office at 403-329-0125. **Please update any changed contact information for your child or family with our office.**
- Parent Council** – The next meeting is Mon. Jan. 21 at 7 PM in the foods room. Check here for council minutes and agendas. <http://gp.lethsd.ab.ca/School%20Council.php>  
**THANK YOU** to all the parents who sent food for the staff appreciation lunch on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. Another huge thank you to Mrs. Bly for organizing this treat for the staff!
- FRENCH CLUB** - In January, Mme Schultchen and Mme Valgardson will be starting a French Club at GPMS. This club will be open to all tigers – French immersion, French as a second language, and English students alike! The French Club will meet once every two weeks at lunch break, and will celebrate French language and culture. Stay tuned for more information in the new year. À bientôt!

- **GOOD LUCK MR. HURLEY!** – Mr. Hurley (8CD LA and Social) is finishing his time with us on December 14<sup>th</sup> as Mrs. Greve is returning from her maternity leave on December 17<sup>th</sup>. We wish him the best in all of his future teaching and hope to see him back subbing in the New Year at our school.
- **THANK YOU TO OUR INTERN TEACHERS** – Ms. Latilo, Ms. Latta and MRS. Meier are all completing their final university teaching internship with us this month. They have done a great job in the classroom and with many other school activities. We wish them the best as they embark on their careers!
- **TERM 1 REPORT CARD** – The term 1 report card is available on PowerSchool on Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00AM. If you still do not have an account, please contact the school for assistance. If you require a paper copy, please contact the office as well. If your child is part of the District Report Card pilot that utilizes ongoing PowerSchool, comments, you will have received an email prior stating how your child's report card will look different from those teachers.
- **TERM 1 HONORS RECOGNITION** – We will be honoring all recipients of honors in term one with a formal letter home and recognition on our honors board in the hall way. Thank you to all students for the hard work they put into their studies.
- **PATERSON'S GOT TALENT** – We can't wait to see what hits the Paterson stage on Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup> for our talent show. Students have completed their auditions and are ready to share their talents with the school!
- **TIGER ATHLETICS** – Our Basketball season is in full swing with our REP and DEVELOPMENT teams starting league and tournament play. Our club team meets every Wednesday and some Fridays. All players are invited. Between our 3 programs, we have over 110 students playing basketball. Schedule can be found at <http://gp.lethsd.ab.ca/documents/general/Basketball%20Schedule%202018-19%20%20Nov.%2021.pdf> Our Rep teams are hosting the Tiger Classic on December 7/8 so come to see some great basketball!
- **TIGER FINE ARTS** – The Winter Concert season is upon us and we are looking forward to some beautiful music! The Choir / Handbell concert is Monday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at College Drive Community Church. The Band concert is Thursday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Southminster Church. Watch for emails from Ms. Lewis about the Band Christmas Plant fundraiser and where and when to pick up your plants. Thanks for your support of our fine arts programs.
- **CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AT PATERSON** – Beginning in December, we will have Angel Tree gift tags available in our office for anyone who wishes to buy a gift for a deserving child this season. Our families benefit directly from this program. Also, if you or your group/business are interested in supporting local Paterson families during the holiday season, please contact Ms. Oviatt in our counselling department for more information.
- **CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES** – Check the calendar above for fun dress up days and Santa photos throughout December sponsored by our Student Leadership groups. We will also have all students go to the Movie Mill on Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>. Students walk to the movies and there are different movies for grades 6, 7 and 8. More information will be sent home the week prior regarding the movie choices and times.
- **TIGER GEAR STILL AVAILABLE** – School hoodies and t-shirts can be purchased through school cash online at any time. See Ms. David for more information.
- **GRADE 6 BOOSTER JUICE FUNDRAISER** – Our grade 6 students are selling Booster Juice Cards to raise money for their spring field trip to Drumheller. They thank you for your support of this exciting trip.

- **MATH HELP for PARENTS** – Starting January 10<sup>th</sup>!

**Math Help Sessions for Parents!**

Drop-in

What is my kid learning in math?  
I wish I could help my kid with math.  
Can math be less painful?  
Can it even be fun?  
Come and find out!

Kids of all ages are welcome with Parents!

Games and activities! Refreshments! Encouragement! One-on-one help! Information! Basic skill training!

Thursdays, 6:30-7:30  
January 10-February 7, 2019  
Gilbert Paterson Middle School  
2109-12<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Joy Morris is a math professor who is also a parent. She will be assisted by math education students from the university. Information will be aimed at middle school math, but all parents, all abilities, and all questions are welcome!

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