

## GILBERT PATERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## Re: Term 2 and 3 Options

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we make preparations for terms 2 and 3 we are pleased to welcome Lauren Jensen to our teaching staff. Ms Jensen, along with other staff, will be teaching option classes at the Grade 7 and Grade 8 levels. Some of our new offerings include more opportunities for Driver's Ed and Yoga, as well as Entrepreneurship, History Rocks, Leadership and Foodology. During the week of November 1 – 8, the PowerSchool parent and student portals will be closed to allow for amendments to schedules. Students who have gaps in their classes, or who have been double enrolled in a class, will be addressed first. Last spring student option selections were input electronically which gives us the opportunity to view what classes were requested. We will be doing our best to honour those selections knowing that certain classes have limits to the number of students able to participate as well as the number of course offerings available.

Once the portal re-opens, students will be able to view their schedules online. We will be altering our process for requests to option changes for this round given the circumstances are unique. Requests for option changes will be accepted via email only, directed to <a href="mailto:lindsey.hagen@lethsd.ab.ca">lindsey.hagen@lethsd.ab.ca</a>, from November 9-14. Please note that given the sheer volume of requests anticipated, emails will be attended to in the order they are received and individual replies may not be feasible. Requests can be made for both terms 2 and 3 during this time.

Starting on November 18, we will be printing and distributing revised schedules to students at all grade levels in preparation for the start of Term 2 on Monday, November 25.

Again, we extend our gratitude for your patience as we work through these PowerSchool and scheduling challenges.

Sincerely,

Darryl Christiansen – Principal