



**PATERSON PRESS “All the news that’s fit to print!” Sept 12-23 PARENTS**

<p><b><u>Monday Sept. 12</u></b> Volleyball camps Boys 3-4:45 Boys 4:45-6:30 (See details below)</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday Sept. 13</u></b> Volleyball camps Girls 3-4:45 Boys 4:45-6:30  School Picture Day</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday Sept. 14</u></b> Parent Evening 6:30-7:30 (see Below) FRIM VQ meeting 5:45PM learning commons Invited Volleyball Tryouts begin</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday Sept. 15</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Friday Sept. 16</u></b> <b>Tiger Spirit Day</b> – Wear your Tiger gear or school colors to support your homeroom in the challenge!</p>
<p><b><u>Monday Sept. 19</u></b> Select Choir Auditions begin Club Volleyball begins 3-4:30 every Monday Large Gym School Council 6:30PM Learning Commons</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday Sept. 20</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday Sept. 21</u></b> LSAA Cross Country Meet at Nicholas Sheran Park starts 9AM</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday Sept. 22</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Friday Sept. 23</u></b> Terry Fox Friday Toonies for Terry and School walk in Health Class</p>

Welcome back Paterson families! Instead of a month end newsletter, we send home the “Paterson Press” every second Friday. If you have feedback, please let us know! Call (403-329-0125) or email [darryl.christiansen@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:darryl.christiansen@lethsd.ab.ca)

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 any questions or need assistance with these services, call Leanna or Jennifer in the office at 403-329-0125.

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We have had a great start over our staggered entry with our amazing students. We are excited to start the year with assemblies, activities, sports, fine arts and clubs! We hope to see you at our school in September!

Sincerely,

Darryl Christiansen – Principal

- **Parent Night – Wednesday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – 6:30-7:30 PM** – you are invited to meet with your child’s core teachers on next Wednesday to find out more about their classrooms, communication and plans for the school year. Our PE teachers will also be available to touch base with you if you wish. Your child’s core teachers will send you an email to let you know where they are meeting the parents. Core teacher dyads or homerooms will hold two identical sessions from 6:30-6:55 and 7:00-7:25 so choose the one that is right for you. Administration and counselling will also be available to answer questions at the office. We hope to see you that evening.
- **FRIM Voyage Quebec Parent Meeting** – This meeting will be held on Wed. Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 PM in the Learning Commons prior to Parent Night.
- **School Council** – The first meeting of the year is scheduled for Monday September 19th at 6:30-7:30PM in the Learning Commons. Come on out and find out about what is happening at Gilbert Paterson and how you can be involved!
- **Picture Day** – Pictures take place **Tuesday September 13th**. No packages or funds are needed on this day. Students will receive proofs and package order information at a later date.

- **Lunch, Vending Machines and Food Options** – We are waiting for delivery of our beverage vending machine and will be stocking our food vending machine with appropriate snack choices. We do not have a food provider or commercial kitchen option but are looking at some options for some lunch time food services or special lunch days through volunteers.
- **2021-22 Awards Evening** - We will be handing out Academic Honor Roll, Athletic, Fine Arts and Citizenship awards for the last school year to our current grade 7/8 students on Wednesday Sept. 28th at 6:30PM in the large gym. If your child is receiving an award, you will receive an invite through email by Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Tiger Athletics** – Volleyball Camps for all students interested in the sport will be held from **Sept. 8, 12, 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please see the specific times above. All students meet in the large gym for their camp and we may split to small gyms as needed. All students get three days of camps with selected players then invited back for the final stages of tryouts for our rep and development teams. All other players will be invited to be part of our club volleyball program on Mondays after school. We ask that players change at home if at the late practices. Students will begin Cross Country in PE class next week with school teams being formed prior to the LSAA Cross Country Meet Wed. Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at Nicholas Sheran Park. Students who qualify will receive further information.
- **Option and Activity Fees** – Fees for option courses and activities will be assigned in mid to late September on School Cash Online. We will notify you further in the next Paterson Press.
- **Friday September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** – Please note this was recently passed as a federal statutory holiday and as a result, there is no school for staff or students on this day.
- **PODCAST CLUB** - Come check out the Podcast club! Our first meet is Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> after school (2-3pm) in the Learning Commons. Join us if you are interested in talking about your favorite books, recording, editing or designing posters for the episodes. Check it out at <https://soundcloud.com/gpthebooknook>

#### FINE ARTS INFO

#### **Notes from the Band Room - IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS**

Our beginner band clinics are going to be held this coming Tuesday, Sept. 13 (3:15 attendance in the band room) 3:30-5:00 (clinic) and Wednesday, Sept. 14 - 2:45 (attendance) 3:00-4:30pm at Paterson. All beginner band students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are to attend both days to ensure my beginners learn the proper playing techniques on their instruments. Local musician specialists will assist your child on their instruments each day. Please ensure your child has an instrument and supplies for these clinics. A letter was sent home outlining what each instrument needs for supplies. All fees for band will be posted on your "School Cash Online" account towards the end of September. To see all fees associated with band please visit the band website. [www.gpmsinstrumentalmusic.weebly.com](http://www.gpmsinstrumentalmusic.weebly.com)

**Paterson Production 2022-23** presents *Treasure Island!* This year's production is a classic! We will be running auditions starting **September 19<sup>th</sup>**. All students who are interested in auditioning must attend a mandatory meeting **Tuesday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at lunch in the drama room** and auditions run from Sept. 19-30. The production will run February 13-16<sup>th</sup> in our GPMS Small Gym Theater.



**GPMS Choir News** - Welcome back everyone! Select Choir auditions will take place in grade level option Choir classes as singers for this choir are chosen from those enrolled in one of the grade level choirs.

**HANDBELLS** - The Handbell Choir looking for more ringers this year. If you are interested in playing Handbells, please sign up on the sheet outside the choir room. Students of all grade levels and experience are welcome to attend. Practices will be Mondays and Wednesdays at lunch beginning the week of the 26<sup>th</sup> of September.

**Rock Band!** If you are interested in this club, please see Mr. Bexson in Room 210 to sign up and get more information.