



**“Conquer thyself,
then conquer the world.”**

PATERSON PRESS “All the news that’s fit to print!” *Sept 26-Oct.7 Parents*

<p><u>Monday Sept. 26</u> CLUB volleyball 3:00-4:30 small gym 6:30PM – FRIM Parent VQ fundraising meeting Learning Commons</p>	<p><u>Tuesday Sept. 27</u> E-Sports Club 3:00-4:30 Learning Commons (LC)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday Sept. 28</u> Gr. 7/8 Awards Evening 6:30 Large Gym Podcast Club 2PM Learning Commons</p>	<p><u>Thursday Sept. 29</u> Maker Space Club – Lunch - LC School Orange Shirt Day</p>	<p><u>Friday Sept. 30</u> National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (no school for staff or students)</p>
<p><u>Monday Oct. 3</u> CLUB volleyball 3:00-4:30 small gym Feed the Bug week begins – bring in your food donations</p>	<p><u>Tuesday Oct. 4</u> E-Sports Club 3:00-4:30 Learning Commons</p>	<p><u>Wednesday Oct. 5</u> Zone Cross Country Meet at Nicholas Sheran Park starts 9AM Indigenous and Allies Club – Lunch - LC</p>	<p><u>Thursday Oct. 6</u> Jersey Day – Wear your favorite NHL team to mark the new season (or any sport) Maker Space Club – Lunch - LC</p>	<p><u>Oct. 7</u> Turkey Trot Feed the Bug Wrap-up</p>


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

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.

- **Parent Night – Thank you for coming out last week! We had an excellent turn out and it was great to see so many students and parents!**
- **School Council** – The first meeting of the year took place this week. Our next meeting is Monday October 17th 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!
- **Lunch, Vending Machines and Food Options** – Our vending machines are up and running this week for students to access snacks and beverages. we are looking at some other food options for special days with some parent and vendor 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. Invitations to families receiving awards were sent out this week.
- **Tiger Athletics** – Thank you to the over 130 students who expressed an interest in playing volleyball at Gilbert Paterson this year. Our 4 teams have their seasons under way. Club volleyball takes place each Monday from 3:00-4:30 in the large gym for students interested in developing their skills as well. The LSAA Cross Country Meet took place this week with Paterson runners winning 5 of 6 age division titles. We will share some top finishes in our next press. The Zone meet for bantam and midget runners takes place in Lethbridge on Wed. Oct. 5th at Nicholas Sheran Park. Interested team members will have brought home an information sheet this week. Deadline to enter is Monday Sept. 26th.
- **Option and Activity Fees** – Fees for option courses and activities will be active on School Cash Online on Friday, September 23rd.

- **Band Concert** – The fall concert takes place **Wed Oct. 19th** in the large gym. Check out Ms. Lewis’ band website. www.gpmsinstrumentalmusic.weebly.com
- **Paterson Production 2022-23** presents *Treasure Island!* This year’s production is a classic! Auditions started **September 19th**. Students can check out the bulletin board outside the drama room for more information about backstage opportunities as well. The production begins rehearsal next month with the performances in February. 
- **PATERSON E-Sports Club** – This competitive gaming club meets with Mr. Proulx – Tuesdays 3:00-4:30 – Learning Commons. Come on out and test your skills!
- **The Paterson GSA Club** – This club starts this Oct. 17th at lunchtime on Mondays in the art room for any interested students. Weekly meetings will provide the chance for LGBTQ2S+ students and allies to connect in a safe, inclusive, welcoming environment. The Paterson GSA will offer various opportunities, including peer support, safe space, education awareness for LGBTQ2S+ issues
Inclusiveness, equity and equality to flourish throughout the entire student population, support for students who are or have experienced bullying, informal activities such as art activities, games, and spending time with supportive peers (information adapted from Government of Alberta, 2021, <https://www.alberta.ca/gay-straight-alliances.aspx>) . If you have questions about this club, please contact Darryl Christiansen or Christine Oviatt.
- **TIGER GEAR** – GPMS Tiger Gear is available for purchase from School Cash Online. Items include t-shirts, hoodies, and sweatpants. Details regarding price and design are available on SchoolCash online and the website. To purchase: Select and purchase item(s) using SchoolCash online. Print the receipt and bring to Ms. David in room 109 (Foods room) to pick up your purchase. Wear your Tiger Gear with PRIDE! Contact Ms. David for questions or sizing inquiries.
- **Feed the Bug** – We will be collecting food for this District wide cause the week of October 3-7th. We will be collecting non-perishable food items through our homerooms and leadership students throughout the week for this worthy fundraiser for the Lethbridge Food Bank.
- **Annual Turkey Trot Fun Run** – Students will be doing a fun run in health class on Friday Oct. 7th where they try to guess their lap time and try to win some fun prizes. Students will get more info about the run and dressing up in PE classes next week.
- **Scholastic Book Fair** - We will be returning to an in-school Book Fair this year on **Oct 17-21st (the end of that week is Parent Teacher interviews)**. Please see the link for more info about the fair and pre-ordering. All purchases help support our Learning Commons! <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5179628>
- **Friday Sept 30 – National Truth and Reconciliation Day – no school** – We will celebrate this day as a school on Sept. 29th with Orange Shirt Day and a school wide activity that week wear students decorate orange rocks with messages that support the spirit of reconciliation that will be displayed in the school.

Friday Sept. 16th - TIGER SPIRIT DAY – Class selfie samples!

