



PATERSON PRESS “All the news that’s fit to print!” **Dec. 5-23 – PARENTS**

<p><u>Monday Dec. 5</u> The Paterson 10 days of Giving begins (see below) FRIM Voyage Quebec Fundraiser begins</p>	<p><u>Tuesday Dec. 6</u> Grade 7/8 Basketball Club 2:50-4PM</p>	<p><u>Wednesday Dec. 7</u> Grade 6 Basketball Club 2-3:15PM Everything Christmas Theme Day School Council Staff Appreciation Lunch FRIM VQ parent meeting 7PM</p>	<p><u>Thursday Dec. 8</u> Grade 7/8 Basketball Club 2:50-4PM Bootsma Donut Sale at lunch</p>	<p><u>Friday Dec. 9</u> Tiger Classic Rep Tourney Fri/Sat</p>
<p><u>Monday Dec. 12</u> Choir / Handbells Concert 7PM College Drive Church</p>	<p><u>Tuesday Dec. 13</u> Grade 7/8 Basketball Club 2:50-4PM Pictures with Santa Dec. 13-15 at lunch</p>	<p><u>Wednesday Dec. 14</u> Grade 6 Basketball Club 2-3:15PM Whoville Theme Day</p>	<p><u>Thursday Dec. 15</u> Grade 7/8 Basketball Club 2:50-4PM Last day for Angel Tree donations Band Concert 7PM Southminster Church</p>	<p><u>Friday Dec. 16</u></p>
<p><u>Monday Dec. 19</u></p>	<p><u>Tuesday Dec. 20</u></p>	<p><u>Wednesday Dec. 21</u> Christmas Meme Theme Day Talent Show Dress Rehearsal afterschool</p>	<p><u>Thursday Dec. 22</u> Talent Show 10:00-11:30 Large Gym</p>	<p><u>Friday Dec. 23</u> Grade 8 Holiday Breakfast 8AM Christmas PJ Day and Movie Mill – all grades (More info will be sent out prior)</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.

Paterson Clubs / Activities – Times and Places – We will update club information here in the Paterson Press.

GSA Club	Mondays – lunch hour – art room – starts Oct. 26th
Jazz Band	Mondays / Wednesday – lunch hour – band room
Treasure Island Production	Mondays / Wednesdays – 3-4:30PM – drama room (2 casts)
Handbells Club	Mondays / Wednesdays – lunch hour – choir room
Basketball Clubs	Gr. 6 – Wed 2-3:15, Gr. 7/8 – Tues/Thurs 2:50-4PM, no club Dec 19-23
E-Sports Club	Tuesdays – 3-4:30PM– learning commons
Indigenous and Allies Club	Tuesdays – lunch hour – learning commons
Select Choir	Tuesdays / Thursdays – lunch hour – choir room
Rock Band Club	Tuesdays /Thursdays 3-4:30PM – room 210
Podcast Club	Wednesday – 2-3PM – learning commons
Maker Space Club	Thursdays – lunch hour – learning commons

- **BEST WISHES, MRS. LITWIN** - I would like to wish **Mrs. Litwin** all the best as she has decided to retire at the end of December and join her husband in their next adventures. Congratulations on her career that included almost 25 total years at Gilbert Paterson! We appreciate and value all your commitment to the students over the past years.



Congratulations

- **School Council** – The next meeting is Mon. Jan. 16th at 7PM in the Learning Commons or on Teams link. School Council will be putting on a Staff Appreciation lunch on Wed. Dec. 7. Please see yesterday's email or use the link below to sign up.
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pb1kNpXtPcN3unRbCBIxsCasXdzw2H_8Pr3ygo4oNhA/edit?usp=sharing
- **Parent Feedback Wanted** – We are looking for feedback from parents as to how they use PowerSchool and other methods of feedback and areas that we can address. The survey will stay open until Fri Dec. 16th. Please follow the link: https://lethbridgesd.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6YINX3IQkgjCDYi
- **Term 1 Honor Roll** – Students who achieved an 85% average in their four core classes (or 5 FRIM core classes) will receive a congratulatory letter next week in their classrooms. Students who maintain that academic standing for the school year will receive a medal in our year end awards. Congratulations to all students for your hard work!
- **Tiger Athletics** – Basketball is in full swing with our rep and development teams and club basketball. See the club chart for dates and times for each grade. We have almost 140 students playing in our 3 programs. We are excited to host our Tiger Classic Rep boys and girls tournament on Dec. 9/10th. Good luck to all teams!
- **Fine Arts – Fine Arts** – Our Winter Concerts are coming this month! Choir/Handbells are Monday Dec. 12 and Band is Thursday Dec. 15. Watch for more information directly from Mr. Leavitt and Ms. Lewis regarding tickets, drop off times, etc.
- **Leadership Activities - Grade 7 Leadership** organized World Cup Soccer Intramurals Nov 29-Dec 1. Homeroom teams had the opportunity to complete in soccer-based challenges while fellow classmates cheered them on. A special thanks to Mme Valgardson for facilitating events as well as Mr. Bardock, Mr. Palmer, and Mr. Dekens for being the our guest participant at each grade level. Pictures with Santa will be returning this year! Photos are taken in the student centre at lunch time and this year each grade level will have a designated day (Grade 6 - Dec 13, Grade 7 - Dec 14, Grade 8 - Dec 15). Photos are \$1 with donations being used to purchase Angel Tree gifts for youth in need. This team has also worked to film a short promotional video to share information about donations currently being accepted for Angel Tree and our Paterson 10 Days of Giving campaign that is used to create food hampers. **Grade 8 Leadership** have been helping out around the school updating some of our bulletin boards with current information and seasonal themes. They are going to begin creating holiday cards that will be distribute to local seniors facilities. **Grade 6 Leadership** have been organizing our Christmas theme days for December that you see in the calendar!
- **PATERSON'S GOT TALENT!** – We are excited to see the return of our Talent Show this year on Thurs. Dec. 22nd! We are looking for music, comedy, and other special talents you may want to share! The big show happens in the large gym. The auditions are done and now we are preparing for the big show. There are a wide variety of interesting acts – it will be awesome!



- COUNSELLING – Angel Tree and Food Hampers** - The Wellness Team will once again be offering ways for you to help our local families during the holiday season: Paterson Family Holiday Hampers Food Drive: "THE 10 DAYS OF GIVING". Our Team will select one family from each grade that could benefit from a Holiday Hamper filled with food to help sustain them through the holiday break. We gratefully ask students to bring in a non-perishable food donation from the list in their classrooms (see list below for reference) from December 5 - 16 and place it in the bin at their entry door. Thank you, in advance, for helping to support our Paterson school community. THE 10 DAYS OF GIVING ITEMS: (toilet paper rolls, canned soup (cream/chunky soup for a meal), canned veggies, pasta/rice, pasta sauces, canned protein (tuna, chicken, ham), granola bars, breakfast items (cereal, oatmeal), fruit cups, peanut butter)

Angel Tree Program: We are proud to again support Lethbridge Family Services Angel Tree program as a community drop-off location. "Angel" tags highlighting a local, anonymous child in need of a gift for the holidays are now available from the school's main office. Students are welcome to ask their teacher if they can ask for a tag from the office or have one dropped off at their class by Ms. Oviatt or Mrs. Smith, and then bring an unopened gift (with tag) back to the school to be donated. If you prefer not to shop, there is an ONLINE donation option for the Angel Tree program at <https://www.lfsfamily.ca/content.php?p=112>. Your previous support with this program has been amazing

If there are any families that are finding they need extra support with items such as food, clothing, or holiday items, please call or email our Family School Liaison Counsellor: Cheryl Smith at 403-329-0125 or cheryl.smith@lethsd.ab.ca or our Teacher Counsellor: Christine Oviatt at 403-329-0125 or christine.oviatt@lethsd.ab.ca.

- Pick Up, Parking and Traffic** – I would like to remind everyone again as the weather turns of this ongoing issue. We have been reminding students on our end of the importance of not getting out of cars in the middle of the street or darting through traffic as we continue to have near miss situations. We ask again that all parents please help to ensure that drop off, pick up and parking afterschool is safe and orderly for all. We all know the challenges of pick up and drop off at a large school in a full residential neighborhood and ask that you do not stop in the middle of the street to drop off students or make U-turns and help your children make safe decisions when crossing the street or exiting vehicles. We will be asking LPS to help monitor the situation moving forward as needed to ensure safety. Thank you for doing your part to ensure the safety of our students.

- PODCAST CLUB** - A few members of the podcast club had the opportunity to collaborate with a podcast called the Book Club for Kids <https://www.bookclubforkids.org/> with American Journalist and Author Kitty Felde. The students chose the book, 'Flickers' by Arthur Slade and recorded the episode in the Lethbridge Community College library podcast studio. An excerpt of the book will be read by CBC Because News host Gavin Crawford. The episode will be coming soon on the Book Club for Kids -podcast!



- 6K Radio Project** – The 6K French Language Arts class has been working on a language project for the radio. Their finished projects will air on the airwaves of CKXU 88.3 FM (online at ckxu.com) on Sat, Dec 24 from 11am to noon. Re-broadcasts will be Tue, Dec 27; Sat, Dec 31; and Tue, Jan 3 (all times from 11am-noon). Check it out!
- December 8 - Boostma Bakery - Chocolate Christmas Donuts - \$2 at lunch.** Thank you to Eddy's Bistro and Catering and Boostma Bakery for providing homemade wellness hampers for our families in need.