



**PATERSON PRESS** “All the news that’s fit to print!” **Dec. Jan 9-20 – PARENTS**

<p><b><u>Monday Jan 9</u></b> <b>Happy New Year 2023!</b> Classes resume</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday Jan 10</u></b> Grade 7/8 Basketball Club 2:50-4PM</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday Jan 11</u></b> Grade 6 Basketball Club 2-3:15PM</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday Jan 12</u></b> Grade 7/8 Basketball Club 2:50-4PM</p>	<p><b><u>Friday Jan 13</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Monday Jan 16</u></b> Parent Teacher Interview sign up opens 9AM (Interviews are Jan 26/27)</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday Jan 17</u></b> Grade 7/8 Basketball Club 2:50-4PM</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday Jan 18</u></b> Grade 6 Basketball Club 2-3:15PM</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday Jan 19</u></b> Grade 7/8 Basketball Club 2:50-4PM  Treat Day (TBD) to purchase at lunch</p>	<p><b><u>Friday Jan 20</u></b> Spirit Day – Beach Day  FRIM Voyage Quebec Beach Day Dance 12-1:30pm Small Gym</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](mailto:darryl.christiansen@lethsd.ab.ca)

Have you registered for:

**PowerSchool?** <https://ps.lethsd.ab.ca/public/>

**School Cash Online?** <https://lethbridge.schoolcashonline.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,
E-Sports Team	Tuesdays – 3-4:30PM– learning commons (other days TBD)
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

- **Welcome Miss Zawalusky** – Miss Z has been an intern teacher on our grade 7 team this fall and will be assuming the teaching duties for 7C/7D Humanities with the retirement of Mrs. Litwin. She is excited to join our staff and work with our students.
- **School Council** – The next meeting was scheduled for Mon. Jan. 16th at 7PM in the Learning Commons or on Teams link. Due to a scheduling change to Division School Council to that date, we will hold our meeting **Wed. Jan 25**. We thank School Council and all parents who helped for the December Staff Appreciation lunch – it was an amazing and appreciated holiday treat! Thank you!



- **Term 1 Honor Roll** – Students who achieved an 85% average in their four core classes (or 5 FRIM core classes) received a congratulatory letter last 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** – We hosted the annual Tiger Classic Rep Boys and Girls Tournament on Dec. 9/10<sup>th</sup> and it was a huge success. The Boys lost in the final to Raymond and the Girls defeated Magrath for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. We thank all the staff and student volunteers and FRIM families who provided the canteen as Voyage Quebec fundraiser. Club basketball continues next month at the regular times until January 27<sup>th</sup>. We thank the parent group of Mr. Higginson, Mrs. Keraiff, and Mr. Billyard who are helping our staff coaches to provide some extra club basketball times for students.



- **Fine Arts** – Our Winter Concerts were amazing again this year and helped to make spirits bright this season. Congratulations to Ms. Lewis, Mr. Leavitt and all band, choir and handbell students!



- **HEALTH CLASSES** – Students will be starting the Human Sexuality component of Health on January 13<sup>th</sup>. It will run January 13, 20, 24, Feb. 3, 10. If your child did not already have consent from the registration package to participate, you did a message home prior to Christmas for you to indicate your preference for them to be included.

- **WELLNESS TEAM – Angel Tree and Food Hampers** – Thank you to all families who donated to these two important events in our community; we sincerely appreciate your support.



- **Grade 8 French immersion Voyage Quebec fundraisers: Deerview Meat products and First Aid kits: Dec 12-Jan 16th to raise funds for their June 2023 trip.** Check out our school website at <https://gp.lethsd.ab.ca/parents/voyage-quebec-fundraising> or ask one of the Gr. 8 FRIM students for purchase info. There will also be a **Beach Day Dance on January 20<sup>th</sup>** in the small gym from 12:00-1:30 with all proceeds from the admission and concessions going to Voyage Quebec.



- **FRENCH TUTOR:** Are you looking for a tutor that could help your French Immersion student? Please contact Mme Thorsen for more details. [Catherine.thorsen@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:Catherine.thorsen@lethsd.ab.ca)

- **BIG THANK YOU to United Way and No Frills West** for their donations of feminine hygiene products. In the new year, we will be placing free products in grade 6 washrooms as part of a pilot project.



- **New Year presentations:** Shand Watson from our Education Making Connections Team will be sharing a DIVERSITY and RACISM conversation with our Grade 8s and the ORDINARY HERO program with our Gr.6s.



- **January 26/27 Parent Teacher Interviews** – Information about signing up for an interview time will go out after the holidays and sign up begins Jan. 16th. Interviews are Thursday 3:30-8:00PM and Friday 8:00-11:40.

- **PATERSON's GOT TALENT – Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>** – The return of our talent show was big success! Thanks to all the students who put their talents on display and to staff who organized the event. What a fun way to end off 2022!



- **LEADERSHIP 7 Pictures with Santa and Theme Days** – They raised \$120 for Angel Tree and had a lot of great photos! Thanks to the volunteer Santas! Thank you as well to our Grade 6 Leadership for their fun Christmas theme days! We also enjoyed the Paterson Mystery Singer Christmas Carol contest and the Grade 8 Great Kid draws this last week.
- **Happy Holidays to all GPMS families!** – On behalf of all the staff at GPMS, I wish you the best of the season and hope that your family has a safe, healthy and peaceful holiday break and we wish you all the best for 2023! Thank you for your support of your child and our school and we look forward to an awesome year ahead.

Darryl Christiansen - Principal

