




PATERSON PRESS “All the news that’s fit to print!” **Feb 6-17 – PARENTS**

<p><u>Monday Feb 6</u> Leadership 8 selling Valentine’s Day candygrams/cards for \$2 from Feb. 6-8 at lunch</p>	<p><u>Tuesday Feb 7</u> School Division Town Hall 6:30 PM Victoria Park – thank you to those signed up Grade 6 intramural lunch in the gym</p>	<p><u>Wednesday Feb 8</u> LSAA Basketball finals at RI Baker (girls 4PM, boys 5:15) Grade 7 intramural lunch in the gym</p>	<p><u>Thursday Feb 9</u> Grade 8 intramural lunch in the gym</p>	<p><u>Friday Feb 10</u> Last day of Human Sexuality lessons in health classes</p>
<p><u>Monday Feb 13</u> Treasure Island Production all week (see schedule of performances below)</p>	<p><u>Tuesday Feb 14</u> Valentines Day Red or White Color Day Bootsma Bakery cupcakes - \$1 – for sale at lunch</p>	<p><u>Wednesday Feb 15</u> Pink Shirt Day </p>	<p><u>Thursday Feb 16</u></p>	<p><u>Friday Feb 17</u> Last day of classes before Family Week No school Feb. 20-24 Classes resume Feb. 27</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

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

School Cash Online? <https://lethbridge.schoolcashionline.com/>

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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
Handbells Club	Mondays / Wednesdays – lunch hour – choir room
Badminton Clubs	TBA after tryouts – early March (see info below)
E-Sports Team	Tuesdays – 3-4:30PM– learning commons (other days TBD)
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	Wednesdays – lunch hour – learning commons (New day!)

- Tiger Athletics** – Our basketball teams will be wrapping up their seasons at the end of January with Rep teams competing in the LSAA Finals taking place on February 8th at RI Baker. Thank you to all coaches, players and parents for another successful season.

BADMINTON – Tryouts will start after Family Week on Monday Feb. 27th. Specific times and dates are at the end of the Paterson Press and will be shared around the school. Due to our school production and student absences prior to Family Week, tryouts will begin after Family Week. Please note that the main tournament for teams is the LSAA finals on April 18th (grade 6), 19th (grade 7) and 20th (grade 8). Students must be available to play those evening to be eligible for the specific team. We have a team with boys and girls at each grade level.

- TREASURE ISLAND** – The cast and crew of our Paterson Production have been working very hard to prepare their show for this year - TREASURE ISLAND. We look forward to being able to present this to a variety of audiences including some of the Elementary Schools in our Division as well as our own student population with evening performances for community members and families. Our performers have been divided into two different casts providing some excellent contrasting performances for the same characters and story. When this rousing adventure story premiered Off-Broadway, it received unanimous critical acclaim. *Parents Magazine* considered it, 'First rate all the way, a delightful experience,' and the *New York Times* called it an 'inventive classic.' *Treasure Island* is certainly one of the most durable adventure stories of all time, with the villainous Long John Silver following young Jim across the ocean to search out a buried fortune on Treasure Island. Tickets are \$10 for our evening shows, and can be purchased on School Cash Online. <https://lethbridge.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Index/?Search=Treasure+Island&showAllItems=False> There will be limited tickets available at the door. The show schedule for the different cast performances will be as follows:



Date/time	Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16
9:30 AM			Cast B (elementary School)	Cast A (grade 7 classes)
12:30 PM	Cast A (grade 6 classes)	Cast B (grade 8 classes)	Cast A (elementary school)	Cast B (elementary school)
7:00 PM	Cast B	Cast A	Cast B	Cast A

- 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.
- E-Sports Team hosted Super Smash Brothers Tournament** – The E-Sport Tigers team hosted other middle school competitors in their first tourney at LCI recently. Top GPMS finishers were Clayton Barfuss (3rd) and Simon Kwasny (4th). There were over 30 participants from around the city.
- Our School and Assurance Surveys** - Next week students will be joining Ms. Hagen in a computer lab for the facilitation of the Our School Survey which is done division wide. The responses collected help guide decision making regarding topics such as perceptions of safety at school, academics, and co-curricular activities while also gaining more insight into who our students are socially and culturally. Other questions as part of the Grade 7/8 survey will include areas such as health and wellness, perceptions of mental health, healthy lifestyle choices, and career goals. The division selected questions this year will focus on social media. Grade 7 student will also participate in the Alberta Education Assurance survey at school. Grade 7 parents will be mailed information from Alberta Education on how to participate in the Assurance survey.
- School Council** – The next meeting is scheduled for **Mon. March 20th** at 7PM in the Learning Commons or on Teams link. There is no February meeting due to the Feb. 7th Division Town Hall. Thank you to our parent, student and staff volunteers who are attending this event next week.



- **Valentines Day** - Leadership 7 is currently working on Valentine cards to be delivered to residents of Sunrise Village, one of our neighbourhood retirement complexes. During the morning of February 14, students will be given a card when they enter the school and will be encouraged to seek out someone who has a matching card. If they choose to play, they will wish each other a great day and return their cards for a treat. Grade 8 Leadership will be selling candygrams from Feb. 6-8 at lunch for \$2 to be delivered on Valentines Day. All proceeds go to the Make A Wish Foundation. Finally, we will have Valentine's Day cupcakes from Bootsma Bakery for sale that day for \$1! Celebrate the day by wearing red or white!
- **Dodgeball Intramurals** - Grade 6 - February 7, Grade 7 - February 8, Grade 8 - February 9. By popular demand, our intramural series will continue into February featuring class dodgeball competitions in the large gym during the lunch hour. Students will be able to participate or cheer on their classmates and eat their lunch in the gym.
- **Kindness Week** This week of Kindness Challenges is a passion project of a group of Grade 7 Leadership students. Each day, from February 6-10, students will be challenged to complete small acts of kindness towards each other with a new challenge announced each day. This will be a great lead up to both Valentine's Day and Pink Shirt Day and help us to remember that our words and our actions matter.
- **Windy City Basketball Club Registrations** – If you are interested in playing with an LCI Jr. Rams and Clippers affiliated basketball club this spring, please see the following poster for upcoming tryout information. <https://gp.lethsd.ab.ca/download/409255>
- **The LOFT: parent volunteers needed!** Looking for parent volunteers to help with our clothing donation centre at GPMS. Should you be interested, please call (403-329-0125) or email Catherine.thorsen@lethsd.ab.ca.

BADMINTON TRYOUTS

**After Family Week, tryouts will begin on Mon.
Feb. 27th for all grades
(all tryouts times are 1.5 hours)**

Mon. Feb 27	Gr. 8 Boys tryout 3:00 (L) Gr. 8 Girls tryout 4:30 (L)
Tues. Feb. 28	Gr. 7 Girls tryout 3:00 (L) Gr. 7 Boys tryout 4:30 (L)
Wed. Mar 1	Gr. 8 Girls tryout 2:00 (L) Gr. 8 Boys tryout 3:30 (L)
Thur. Mar 2	Gr. 7 Boys tryout 3:00 (L) Gr. 7 Girls Tryout 4:30 (L)
Fri. Mar 3	Gr. 6 Boys tryout 11:50 (L) Gr. 6 Girls Tryout 11:50 (S)
Mon. Mar 6	Gr. 6 Girls tryout 3PM (L) Gr. 6 Boys Tryout 3PM (S)