



PATERSON PRESS “All the news that’s fit to print!” March 13-24 - PARENTS

<u>Monday Mar 13</u>	<u>Tuesday Mar 14</u> Gr. 7/8 Badminton Club 3-4 PM Gr. 6 Intramurals Choir / Handbell Concert 7PM College Drive Church Pi Day – Math activities	<u>Wednesday Mar 15</u> Gr. 6 Badminton Club 2-3 PM Gr. 7 Intramurals Theme Day – Career Day – dress as a career you are interested in for the future!	<u>Thursday Mar 16</u> Gr. 7/8 Badminton Club 3-4 PM Gr. 8 Intramurals St. Patrick’s Day Wear your Green	<u>Friday Mar. 17</u> Staff PL Day No classes for students
<u>Monday Mar. 20</u> School Council 7PM Learning Commons	<u>Tuesday Mar. 21</u> Gr. 7/8 Badminton Club 3-4 PM Down Syndrome Awareness Funky Socks Day Tiger Rock Show at GS Lakie (see poster)	<u>Wednesday Mar. 22</u> Gr. 6 Badminton Club 2-3 PM Gr. 6/7 Choral fest Calgary	<u>Thursday Mar. 23</u> Gr. 7/8 Badminton Club 3-4 PM	<u>Friday Mar. 24</u> Registration opens for Middle School through email link sent home Term 2 ends – Term 3 begins Monday

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
Handbells Club	Mondays / Wednesdays – lunch hour – choir room
Badminton Clubs	Gr. 6 - WED 2-3PM, Gr. 7/8 – TUES or THUR 3-4PM
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!)

- **School Council** – The next meeting is scheduled for **Mon. March 20th** at 7PM in the Learning Commons or on Teams link. There was no February meeting due to the Feb. 7th Division Town Hall. An agenda and Teams link will be sent out by Thursday March 16th.
- **Term 2 ends on March 24** – Parents will be able to access updated marks and comments by Friday March 31st on PowerSchool. Look for more information in our next Paterson Press.
- **Registration for 2023-24** – The following information was sent out by the Division last month: When returning students are registering, PowerSchool is not part of the registration process. PowerSchool instructions and/or passcodes are not required in order to register your student. Parents/guardians will simply receive a link to a

registration form through email. **For all middle schools including GPMS, the process begins on March 24 and closes on April 14.** Once the form is filled out and submitted, the school you are registering with for the 2023/2024 will receive a copy of the form. If you do not receive an email notification and link on Friday March 24th, please check your junk folder first. If no link is there either, please contact the office.

- **Athletics - Congratulations to our Rep Teams! Both the boys and girls' teams captured SILVER at the Zone championships.** Both teams lost to Raymond in the finals to conclude their seasons. Thank you to all the coaches, athletes and parents of all our teams for a successful season. We have concluded tryouts for our grade level badminton teams this week. Thank you to all who came out.



- The month of March has been proclaimed **Alberta Francophonie Month** by the Government of Alberta. To celebrate this event, our Grade 6-8 French immersion students along with Agnes Davidson and LCI Grade 9 French immersion students, participated in the annual Franco Albertan flag raising ceremonies that took place at **CITY HALL on Friday, March 3rd** as well as other activities at school including music and Le Carnival festivities.



Fine Arts – Upcoming Dates for performances and Lethbridge Music Festival

Choir / Handbells Concert – Tuesday March 14th – 7PM – College Drive Church
Mr Leavitt and Ms. Lewis will communicate further details about festival times and locations through email. Good luck to all performers

Choir – Festival Dates

- March 21 - Handbells
- March 29 - Grade 6 Choir
- March 30 - Grade 7 Choir
- March 30 - Grade 8 Choir
- March 30 - Select Choir

Band – Festival Dates

- March 21 – Grade 6 Band
- March 23 – Grade 7 Band, Grade 8 Band
- March 24 – Jazz Band

Rock Band Show with G.S Lakie Guitar Club

On Tuesday March 21, GPMS rock Band and Guitar students will be teaming up with their GS Lakie counterparts for a benefit concert at Lakie. See the poster for details on times and tickets!

- **Staff PL Day – Friday March 17** – No classes for this day students as our staff will be working on professional learning that morning. Thank you in advance to our School Council for providing a staff breakfast through past Staff appreciation donations made by parents!



- **BACON BINGO Fundraiser** – Gr. 8 French Immersion students and families will be holding this fundraiser to help with their expenses for Voyage Quebec. All students and families are invited to attend for a fun evening of food, bingo and great prizes!



The poster features a background of sizzling bacon. At the top, the words "BACON BINGO" are written in a large, yellow, outlined font, arching over a central logo of a yellow and black tiger's head. Below the logo, the words "BONANZA" and "AND SILENT AUCTION" are written in the same yellow, outlined font, stacked vertically. At the bottom, the words "FRIDAY MARCH 31" are written in the same font, spanning the width of the poster.

*Bring the whole family!
Kids can play*



A cartoon character of a strip of bacon with a face, eyes, and arms, standing with its arms raised.

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*Bingo cards can be purchased for 1\$ at the door
Cash purchases for bingo cards and concession
Silent auction winners can pay online
via credit card or in person with cash*

*Bingo starts at 6:30
Doors open at 6:00*

*Gilbert Paterson Middle School
2109-12th Ave S, Lethbridge*

FRIDAY MARCH 31