



GILBERT PATERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Oki! Hello! Bonjour Tigers! We are looking forward to welcoming you back to school in a few weeks. We know you have some questions about the beginning of school, so we wanted to share some information.

Open House- August 31st from 12 – 2pm

We will be hosting an open house for all students who are new to Gilbert Paterson on August 31st from 12 – 2pm. Grade 6 students are encouraged to drop by during this time to visit the school again and look around, meet our staff and pick up some information and their locks to practice at home. (Students need to bring the locks back to school on their first day.) Please meet for tours at the front doors of the school. Students will NOT receive their timetables on this day.

Bell Times

Our bell times have altered slightly from last year. Please note the new times below.

Period Blocks	Monday Tuesday Thursday <i>50 minute classes</i> <i>2 minute class change</i>	Wednesday Collab time early dismissal for students <i>50 minute classes</i> <i>2 minute class change</i>	Friday <i>52 minute classes</i> <i>2 minute class change</i>
Warning bell	7:53	7:53	7:53
1	8:00-8:50	8:00-8:50	8:00-8:52
2	8:52-9:42	8:52-9:42	8:54-9:46
Break	Break 9:42-9:47	Break 9:42-9:47	Break 9:46-9:51
3	9:47-10:37	9:47-10:37	9:51-10:43
4	10:39-11:29	10:39-11:29	10:45-11:37
Lunch (18 min)	11:29-11:47	11:29-11:47	11:37-11:40 Announcements
Lunch (18 min)	11:47-12:05	11:45-12:05	
5	Warning bell 12:05 DEAR 12:07-12:16 (9 min) 12:16-1:06	Warning bell 12:05 DEAR 12:07-12:18 (11 min) 12:18-1:08	
6	1:08-1:58	1:10-2:00	
7	2:00-2:50	Collab Time 2:00-2:50	

Busses

We will once again have many yellow school busses bringing students from all over Lethbridge to attend Paterson. It does take some time to get an official pass to every student who rides a bus. It is our understanding that busses will run starting on September 5th and that no student will be turned away until passes have been confirmed. Please be patient with us as we work with Southland Transportation to take care of our students.

Please note that there is a new process for getting a bus tag this year. If you have not completed the request process through PowerSchool please click on the link below.

[Bussing Registration process outlined for 2023/2024 | Lethbridge School Division \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](#)

PowerSchool

PowerSchool will be open on Friday Sept. 1st at 12:00PM for parents and students to view class and option information. Families will also receive an email welcoming them from their core teachers on this day that will contain information on where to go on the first day of school. If you have any questions about PowerSchool please contact the school.

Option Changes

Middle school options are meant to be exploratory, meaning we hope students will try new things! Please know that even though students made option selections, these selections are not guaranteed. Option changes are difficult but can be accommodated if there is room in other options. These will be done after school starts and students have had the opportunity to try their assigned options. Information about option change procedures will be sent out in the future.

First Day of School – Staggered Entry

ONLY Grade 6 students will start on **Tuesday Sept. 5th** and will have a full day. Students will need a lunch the first day. **ONLY Grade 7/8** students will attend on **Wednesday Sept. 6th** and will also need a lunch that day. ALL students attend on Thursday Sept. 7th and regular class schedules will commence.

Lunch

Paterson is a closed campus which means that students must stay at the school during the lunch hour unless guardians complete a form at the main office.

School Messenger

School Messenger is used to excuse students at Paterson. Please download and use the app or go to <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/account/login> to report all absences. You can also call the toll-free number at 866-879-1041.

School Cash Online

All school fees are paid through school cash online. School fees will not be posted until the end of September. We will send out a note when they are available to be paid.

<https://lethbridge.schoolcashionline.com/>

Supply Lists

Please see the attached link for a supply list. This basic list will apply for all grades.

<https://gp.lethsd.ab.ca/download/393029>

School photos

Our school photos will occur on Thursday, September 14th.

Meet the Teacher Night

Our meet the teacher event will be on Thursday, September 14th from 6:30 – 7:30pm. More information will be sent out closer to the event.

Please reach out if you have questions or concerns.