



## PATERSON PRESS - September 09 - 20

Welcome back Paterson families! Instead of a month end newsletter, we send home the “Paterson Press” every second week. If you have feedback, please let us know! Call (403-329-0125) or email [morgan.day@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:morgan.day@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, Jennifer, or Kat in the office at 403-329-0125.

<p><b><u>Monday Sept. 09</u></b> Jr Chamber Choir Auditions at lunch</p> <p>Boys Invitational Tryout - Large Gym 3:00 - 4:45 PM</p> <p>Girls Invitational Tryout- Large Gym 4:45 - 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday Sept. 10</u></b> Jr Chamber Choir Auditions at lunch</p> <p>Beginner Band Retreat 2:50 - 4:45 PM</p> <p>Rock Band Tryouts 3 – 4:30 PM</p> <p>Girls Invitational Tryout - Large Gym 3:00 - 4:45 PM</p> <p>Boys Invitational Tryout - Large Gym 4:45 - 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday Sept. 11</u></b> Jr Chamber Choir Auditions at lunch</p> <p><b><i>Don't forget early dismissal at 2:00 PM every Wednesday!</i></b></p>	<p><b><u>Thursday Sept. 12</u></b> Jr Chamber Choir Auditions at lunch</p> <p>Rock Band Tryouts 3:00 – 4:30 PM</p> <p>Meet the Teacher 6:30 - 7:30 PM (see below)</p>	<p><b><u>Friday Sept. 13</u></b> Terry Fox Friday Toonies for Terry and School Walk</p>
<p><b><u>Monday Sept. 16</u></b> E-sports club in LC 3:00 - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Club Volleyball - Large Gym 3:00 - 4:45 PM</p> <p>Handbells Begin at Lunch</p> <p>School Council 6:30 PM Learning Commons</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday Sept. 17</u></b> PICTURE DAY for all students and staff!!</p> <p>Kona Ice for grade 6 at lunch time</p> <p>FRIM VQ meeting – Learning Commons 6:30 PM (Gr 8)</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday Sept. 18</u></b> Handbells at Lunch</p> <p>Kona Ice for grade 7 at lunch time</p> <p>LSAA Cross Country Meet at Nicholas Sheran Park (morning)</p> <p><b><i>Don't forget early dismissal at 2:00 PM every Wednesday!</i></b></p>	<p><b><u>Thursday Sept. 19</u></b> Kona Ice for grade 8 at lunch time</p> <p>E-sports club in LC 3:00 - 4:00 PM</p>	<p><b><u>Friday Sept. 20</u></b></p>

- Morning Drop Off** – Please be aware that we have 860 students arriving at our school every morning. The gorgeous fall morning light makes it difficult to see if students are crossing the road. Please encourage your child to cross at the flashing pedestrian crossing in the morning and after school. The staff parking is also off limits for drop off as we have several busses that use that lot to drop of students. Thanks for your help is keeping students safe!
- Meet the Teacher Night – Thursday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 - 7:30 PM** – you are invited to meet with your child’s teachers on Thursday to find out more about their classrooms, communication and plans for the school year. Your child’s core teachers will send you an email to let you know where they are meeting the parents. There will be two identical sessions from 6:30 - 6:55 PM and 7:00 - 7:25 PM so choose the one that is right for you. Administration and counselling will also be available to answer questions at the office. We hope to see you that evening.

- **KONA ICE truck visits** – Here’s a fun way to grab a tasty treat and raise funds for our school! On the dates below, students can get a Kona Ice treat before lunch and 25% goes back to GPMS. Regular shaved Ice are one size, \$4-6 each. Special toppings are \$1-2 and bags of freeze-dried candies are \$3-5. The grade 6’s have already enjoyed their day but please note the dates for grade 6,7 & 8:
  - Grade 6 - Tuesday, September 17
  - Grade 7 - Wednesday, September 18
  - Grade 8 - Thursday, September 19
- **Bussing** – We appreciate your continued patience with getting our bussing figured out this year. We are still waiting for verified lists of riders from Southland and in the meantime, are doing our best to make sure that all students who think they are eligible for bussing can access a ride home. As soon as we get our lists of riders, we will hand out bus passes and ensure that students are on the correct routes and stops. Information on routes and stops can be found at: [Lethbridge | Southland Transportation Ltd.](#) We will continue to collect names of students who think they qualify and submit those names to the Head of Transportation at the School Division. As students get placed on buses by the division, we will provide hardcopies of route maps and assist them in getting home. Please click on the attachment link to view information about bus registration. <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/download/457919> Hopefully we can get passes handed out early next week.
  - A few issues with transportation include:
    - Students who qualify for transportation not yet assigned to routes
    - Students potentially receiving the wrong bus pass (their address may be better suited to another route)
    - Please note that the school does not designate a bus to a student. This is done by the division using their software. If you have questions about bus designations, please contact the division office.
- **French Immersion (FRIM) Voyage Quebec Parent Meeting** – Any students that are hoping to travel on Voyage Quebec in May should attend this important meeting with their families.
- **School Council** – The first meeting of the year is scheduled for Monday, September 16th at 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the Learning Commons. Come on out and find out about what is happening at Gilbert Paterson and how you can be involved!
- **Picture Day** – Pictures take place **Thursday, September 17th**. No packages or funds are needed on this day. Students will receive proofs and package order information at a later date.
- **Terry Fox Walk Friday September 13th** – On Friday our students will be participating in the Terry Fox Walk. We will collect toonies next week in support of cancer research. Please bring your toonie to your homeroom teacher.
- **Tiger Athletics** – Volleyball Camps for all students interested in the sport have already started. All students get two days of camps with selected players then invited back for the final stages of tryouts for our rep and development teams. All students are invited to be part of our club volleyball program after school which runs once a week on Mondays. Club Volleyball begins on Sept 16<sup>th</sup>. Students will begin Cross Country in PE class next week with school teams being formed prior to the LSAA Cross Country Meet Wednesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at Nicholas Sheran Park. Students who qualify will receive further information.
- **Option and Activity Fees** – Fees for option courses and activities will be assigned in late September on School Cash Online. We will notify you further in the next Paterson Press.
- **E-sports** – drop in club for E-sports will begin after school on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please see M. Proulx for more information.

#### FINE ARTS INFO

- **Notes from the Band Room - IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BAND STUDENTS** – Hello NEW Band Parents and Students! I am excited for this year. I am also excited to introduce my intern from the University of Lethbridge, Mr. Clewes. He will be working with my Grades 7 and 8 band and teaching Health. Please see the important information below for upcoming events for Grade 6 and beginner students in Grades 7 and 8 band:
  - **Tuesday, September 10th**

AND

- **Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** - the Grade 6 band students will be at the school from 2:50 - 4:45 PM for their Beginner Band Retreat. ***Please ensure that your child has their instrument at the school these days with the necessary supplies.*** This is not an optional activity.
  - Brass players (trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone and tuba) please have oil.
  - Woodwind players (oboe, flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, alto sax, tenor sax, and baritone sax) please have a minimum of 3 2.5 reeds and cork grease.
  - Percussionists must have their mallets with them.
  - If you have not purchased these supplies or rented an instrument, please call Long and McQuade in Lethbridge – 403-380-2130.
- Students who do not have an instrument yet will be receiving an email from me on how to rent and where.

For more information, and for all upcoming events, please visit the band website:

[www.https://gpmsinstrumentalmusic.weebly.com/](https://gpmsinstrumentalmusic.weebly.com/)

If you have questions, please email me. [karly.lewis@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:karly.lewis@lethsd.ab.ca)

**GPMS Choir News** - Welcome back everyone! Jr. Chamber Choir auditions will take place in next week during the lunch hour. Please speak with Mr. Leavitt if you have any questions.

**HANDBELLS** - Handbells at lunch will begin September 16th (Mon & Wed) for any who would like to "Ring in the New Year". Join us in the choir room with your lunch, each Monday and Wednesday.

**Rock Band!** - If you are interested in this club, please sign up in the office. Auditions are after school on Tuesday and Thursday. Please see M. Bexson if you have any questions.