



PATERSON PRESS - September 23 - Oct 4

Welcome 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

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, Jennifer, or Kat in the office at 403-329-0125.

<u>Monday Sept. 23</u>	<u>Tuesday Sept. 24</u>	<u>Wednesday Sept. 25</u>	<u>Thursday Sept. 26</u>	<u>Friday Sept. 27</u>
Chess Club – noon Club Volleyball 3-430 E Sports 3-4	Beginner Band Clinic	<i>Don't forget early dismissal at 2:00 PM every Wednesday!</i>	Chess Club – noon E Sports 3-4	Orange Shirt Day
<u>Monday Sept. 30</u>	<u>Tuesday Oct. 1</u>	<u>Wednesday Oct.2</u>	<u>Thursday Oct. 3</u>	<u>Friday Oct. 4</u>
No School - Truth and Reconciliation Day		<i>Don't forget early dismissal at 2:00 PM every Wednesday!</i>	Chess Club – noon E Sports 3-4	Fire Drill - 9:55 am

- 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!
- 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.](https://www.lethbridge.ca/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>

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.

- **Chess Club Announcement - 📣 Join the Chess Club! ⏰** - Looking for a fun and challenging way to spend your lunch? Come to the **Chess Club** every **Monday and Thursday** at lunch with **Ms. Trzaska!** Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned player, all are welcome to join in for some friendly competition, strategy, and learning! Bring your lunch, bring your friends, and let's make some great chess moves! 🧑
- 📅 **When:** Mondays & Thursdays
- 🕒 **Time:** Lunchtime
- 📍 **Where:** Learning Commons
- 👤 **Supervisor:** Ms. Trzaska
- **Tiger Athletics** – What a great week for our Tiger athletes. We had our annual LSAA Cross Country event at Nicholas Sheran Park on Wednesday. All 6 of our Paterson teams won aggregate titles as we had many students finish in the top 15 (which is so amazing)! Every single student gave it their all. Also, we want to thank our awesome Phys. Ed. Team and our fabulous parents for their support and encouragement in helping our students achieve success at this event.
- **Book Fair Update** - Book Fair in running October 21-25. Please send money with students (Monday or Tuesday.) or visit us during parent/teacher interviews (Thursday & Friday). Cash or card is accepted! We are also looking for Parent Volunteers for evenings please register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/2ue92v9ZAH> Or they can find more information on our Scholastic Website here: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.ca/bf/gilbertpatersonmidsch>
- **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 began this week. The club meets on Mondays and Thursdays from 3 – 4. Please see M. Proulx for more information.
- **TIGER GEAR** – GPMS Tiger Gear is available through our website. Head over to the website, [Tiger Gear | Gilbert Paterson Middle School \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](https://www.gilbertpaterson.ab.ca/tiger-gear) to get yours today!
- **Friday, Sept 27 – Orange Shirt Day in honour of National Truth and Reconciliation Day** – Please wear an orange shirt to show your support.
- **Feed the Bug** – We will be collecting food for this District wide cause the week of October 7th – 11th. We will be collecting non-perishable food items through our homerooms and leadership students throughout the week for this worthy fundraiser for the Lethbridge Food Bank.
- **FYI** - Just a reminder, the school does not supply cutlery. You will have to remember them with your lunch 😊
- **The Paterson GSA (Gender and Sexuality Alliance) Club** – This club starts Oct. 7th at lunchtime on Mondays in the art room for any interested students. Weekly meetings will provide the chance for LGBTQ2S+ students and allies to connect in a safe, inclusive, welcoming environment. The Paterson GSA Club will offer various opportunities, including peer support, safe space, education awareness for LGBTQ2S+ issues, inclusiveness, equity and equality to flourish throughout the entire student population, support for students who are or have experienced bullying, informal activities such as art activities, games, and spending time with supportive peers (information adapted from Government of Alberta, 2021, <https://www.alberta.ca/gay-straight-alliances.aspx>). If you have questions about this club, please contact Morgan Day or Christine Oviatt.
- A huge THANK YOU to Médiathèque for their very generous donation of over \$15000 worth of French books

our students. Lots of wonderful genres to take in. We look forward to our students enjoying their new reads!! Thanks to Hannah Lee for getting them all catalogued and displayed for us.



- **Word on the Street** – Saturday, Sept 21 - Celebrate Reading and Literacy with the Lethbridge Public Library! We're proud to join communities across the country in a national celebration of literacy, storytelling, and the literary arts for the 14th year in a row. This signature event in southern Alberta presents established and emerging authors, storytellers, workshops, and other activities. We still strive to create a festival that represents the diversity of our community, is accessible to all ages, and most importantly, well attended, lively, and fun!



Fine Arts Information

- **From the Band Room - Tuesday, September 24th** - 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. Students who do not have an instrument yet will be receiving an email from me on how to rent and where.
 - 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.

For more information, and for all upcoming events, please visit the band website:
www.gpmsinstrumentalmusic.weebly.com/ If you have questions, please email me.
karly.lewis@lethsd.ab.ca

- **Handbells** - Handbells at lunch began this week. For any who would like to "Ring in the New Year". Join us in the choir room with your lunch, each Monday and Wednesday.