



PATERSON PRESS - Nov 18 - 29

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.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.

<u>Monday Nov. 18</u>	<u>Tuesday Nov. 19</u>	<u>Wednesday Nov. 20</u>	<u>Thursday Nov. 21</u>	<u>Friday Nov. 22</u>
Chess Club – noon Gr 6 Intermurals – noon E Sports 3 – 4pm Basketball Invitation Try-out – Girls (3pm) and Boys (4:45pm) School Council Meeting - 6:30pm in Learning Commons	Gr 6 Intermurals – noon	Maker Space in LC - noon Gr 6 Intermurals – noon Talent Show Auditions 2:10pm – 3:40pm LCI hosting 4A provincials	Chess Club – noon Gr 6 Intermurals – noon E Sports 3 – 4pm Talent Show Auditions 3pm – 4:20pm LCI hosting 4A provincials	
<u>Monday Nov. 25</u>	<u>Tuesday Nov. 26</u>	<u>Wednesday Nov. 27</u>	<u>Thursday Nov. 28</u>	<u>Friday Nov. 29</u> <u>End of Term 1</u>
Chess Club – noon Gr 7 Intermurals – noon E Sports 3 – 4pm	Gr 7 Intermurals – noon	Maker Space in LC – noon Gr 7 Intermurals – noon	Chess Club – noon Gr 7 Intermurals – noon E Sports 3 – 4 pm	Winter Wonderland Dance 11:40am – 1:30pm 

- **School Council** – Our next meeting is **Monday November 18th at 6:30 pm** in the Learning Commons. Come join us and find out about what is happening at Gilbert Paterson and how you can be involved.
- **Option and Activity Fees** – Fees for option courses and activities are now up on School Cash Online. Your prompt payment is greatly appreciated.

- **Tiger Athletics** – Basketball is underway! Thank you to the over 160 students who expressed interest in playing ball this year. Students will receive invitations through Teams for the next level of tryouts. Club basketball will begin in December. Club basketball is for all who are interested in playing the game! The plan for club will be developed based on the number of students that attend. More details will be in the next Paterson Press.
- **Volleyball Wrap-Up** - Congratulations to our 4 volleyball teams. The development teams had a great season and both teams brought home gold from the Tiger Classic tournament. A huge congratulations to our Rep teams for placing first at Zones. Way to go Tigers!!
- Paterson is supporting LCI by helping to host 4A provincials. Our large gyms will be used for a variety of games. We look forward to seeing a high level of play in our gyms!
- **Talent Show!** - We will be having a talent show just before the winter break on December 19th during block ½ and block ¾. In order to participate you must show your talent at the try outs on Nov 20th or Nov 21st. There are still spots available! Please see Mr. Bexson in the Learning Commons for more information.
- **FRENCH OPPORTUNITIES IN TOWN!** Dear French immersion families. Please click on the following link for so many opportunities held in Lethbridge for the month of NOVEMBER, for students and adults alike. After school, weekend and holiday events are available all in French and great opportunity to meet other people. Check it out, click the link: [L'Écho des Amis - Novembre 2024](#)
- **Absences** - Student absences must be reported in advance for the school year through the SchoolMessenger App, or by calling the following number (866) 879-1041. On the day of the absence however, absences cannot be reported after the school's cut-off time. The cut-off time for Gilbert Paterson Middle School is 8:00AM of that current school day. If SafeArrival tells you it is past the cut-off time for reporting absences for the current day, you will need to contact the school directly.

Please see the link below for detailed instructions on entering absences in SafeArrival through the app or by phone. [Report an absence | Gilbert Paterson Middle School \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](#)

Attendance – thank you for using the Safe Arrival App to mark students away. If a student is late, please drop them off at the front doors and have them SIGN IN at the office.

- **Photos for Yearbook** – Please be our eyes and help us collect great photos for the yearbook! This QR code will take you directly to Josten's image uploading site. This site is safe, and secure. Here is the link to the website with some more information, [Jostens Yearbook Photo Upload Information | Gilbert Paterson Middle School](#)



- The deadline to order Yearbooks is **Jan 30th, 2025**. Head over to SchoolCash Online to get yours ordered today! [SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome](#)

- A **HUGE thank you** to everyone that bought baked goodies and hot chocolate to support our Chess Club. A total of \$480 was raised and will help the Chess Club with so much, thanks again!
- **Teams Login** - many students are hoping to access TEAMS from home. Please click on the link below. Students should use the same login that they do for computer access at school. [Login | Microsoft 365](#)

- **Shop of Wonders** - MyCityCare offers the Shop of Wonders, a Christmas program designed to bring joy and magic to families in need. This event offers a place for parents/guardians facing financial hardships, allowing them to select gifts for their children up to the age of 17 without any cost. Registration link: [MyCityCare](#), then scroll to the "Register" button and click to enter information. Note: Families can choose to register with either Shop of Wonders OR Angel Tree.
- Gilbert Paterson will again be a community **gift collection site** for LFS Angel Tree donations. If you wish to drop off a NEW toy/gift, our school will be collecting from November 15 – December 16. Paper angels will be available on NOVEMBER 15 in the main office or from the Wellness Team (Christine Oviatt or Cheryl Smith). Donors choose an angel tag, purchase a new toy/gift (click on the digital angel of your choice for gift ideas: [Pick an Angel — Lethbridge Family Services](#)), and return the new, unwrapped gift (with the angel tag) to the main office or Wellness Team by DECEMBER 16.

If you have questions or would like to connect with one of the counsellors at Paterson, please contact Christine Oviatt (christine.oviatt@lethsd.ab.ca) or Cheryl Smith (cheryl.smith@lethsd.ab.ca).

Fine Arts Information

- **Band Concert** – We are excited for the band Winter concert on December 12th at 7pm at Southminster United Church. Tickets for the band concert will on sale through school cash online on Monday, Nov 18th. Check out Ms. Lewis' band website for all information regarding our band program. [Gilbert Paterson Middle School Band Program Calendar \(weebly.com\)](#)
- **Choir/Handbell Concert** – December 16th will bring more music with the choir and handbell groups at 7pm at College Drive Church. Tickets will be on sale at the door.