

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.

Grade 6 Open House – Thursday, August 28th from 12 – 2pm

We will be hosting an open house for grade six students on **Thursday, August 28th 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 in the front lobby 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.



**Paterson
Bell Times
2025-26**

Period Blocks	Monday - Thursday	Friday
Warning bell 7:55	DEAR Time 8:00-8:10	DEAR Time 8:00-8:10
1	8:10-9:00	8:10-9:00
2	9:00- 9:50	9:00-9:50
Break	9:50-9:55	9:50-9:55
3	9:55-10:45	9:55-10:45
		Announcements 10:45-10:50
4	10:45- 11:35	10:50- 11:40
Lunch (20 min)	11:35-11:55	
Lunch (20 min)	11:55-12:15	
5	Warning bell 12:15 12:20-1:10	
6	1:10-2:00	
7	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 **Tuesday, September 2nd** 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 if you require bussing, you must complete your bus registration through SchoolEngage. This is accessed via Power School account.

[Student and Parent Sign In](#)

For information about bus routes please check out the Southland website.

[Lethbridge | Southland Transportation Ltd.](#)

PowerSchool

PowerSchool will be open on **Friday, Aug 29th at 1:00PM** 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. Starting on **Monday, September 8th**, you can contact your grade level administrator if you require an option change. Changes will run from **Monday, September 8th – Friday, September 12th**.

Grade 6 – Catherine Thorsen catherine.thorsen@lethsd.ab.ca

Grade 7 - Pierre Legal pierre.legal@lethsd.ab.ca

Grade 8 – Morgan Day morgan.day@lethsd.ab.ca

Please remember these are for options only, we cannot accommodate any homeroom changes.

First Day of School – Staggered Entry

ONLY Grade 6 students will start on **Tuesday, September 2nd** and will have a full day. Students will need a lunch the first day. **ONLY Grade 7/8** students will attend on **Wednesday, September 3rd** and will also need a lunch that day. **ALL students attend on Thursday, September 4th** 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. If you wish to have your child come home for lunch on a regular basis there is a form in the office that you can complete.

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.schoolcashonline.com/>

Supply Lists

Please see the attached link for a supply list.

[Supply List | Gilbert Paterson Middle School](#)

School Photos

Our school photos will take place on **Thursday, September 18th**.

Meet the Teacher Night

Our meet the teacher event will be on **Thursday, September 11th from 6:30 – 7:30pm**. More information will be sent out closer to the event.

Please reach out if you have questions or concerns.

The Paterson Team