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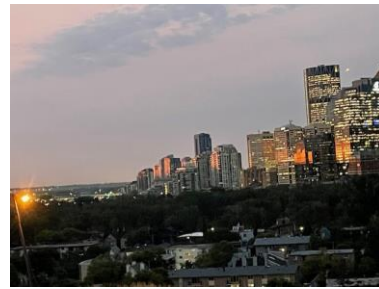
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Lester B. Pearson Newsletter – August 24, 2024

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

School is on the horizon. I am excited to meet my students and staff again for another great year at Pearson. Even though school has not officially started we have had staff and students at school. Students have been prepping for Welcome Assemblies, training for football and participating in volleyball open gym. There are some important informational items in this newsletter and some reminders. Please note the dates and complete important forms as you plan and prepare for fall school opening.

Read on:



Even with all the smoke and haze, I still enjoyed viewing the city skyline at the break of dawn. So peaceful.



Volleyball open gym and Football conditioning and drills





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Students' Council: These are an amazing group of leaders. They came early to plan, 'The Welcome' for all our students on the first day of school. So cool!!!

Student Timetables will be visible in PowerSchool beginning at 8:00AM on Monday, August 26.

Please ask your students to look at their timetables prior to the beginning of classes. Please note and remember your Connect teacher and room when you come to school on Thursday, August 29.

While our school is very full this year, we may be able to accommodate a limited number of timetable changes. If they would like to request a change in their timetable, please use the following link to access our Course Request Change Form for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.

<https://forms.office.com/r/jki7kPX7xk>

This form will begin accepting submissions at 8:00 AM on Monday, August 26.

This form will close promptly at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, August 28.

Please note the following:

- Grade 10 classes are entirely full, and no course change requests can be accommodated for grade 10 students. The only exception to this is where there is an error in the timetable (i.e. a missing core class, a spare, or similar). Grade 10 students who believe there is an error in their timetable may report this to their homeroom teacher in the first few days of classes to access changes.



- Grade 11 and 12 students may ask for a limited number of course changes (course additions and drops), request balancing of their timetables, request access to online classes, and similar requests.

Fall Sports: Football, Volleyball, Girls Soccer and Cross Country



Important Processes:

The most important process is to gain access to your Parent Portal by setting up a MyCBE account.



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This will give you access to see PowerSchool, pay school fees, extra-curricular and team fees online; access to complete all the required online forms, monitor attendance and to view marks and report cards. Most of you already have a MyCBE Account; however, if you are new to the CBE, it is essential that you sign up right away.

To begin, log into the CBE website www.cbe.ab.ca and look for the MyCBE Tab.

- **Parents must have a MyCBE Account in order to access PowerSchool and their entire student's information (example: Demographic Forms, Attendance, assignments, etc.)**
- **If you do not have a MyCBE parent account, you can follow the directions to create one.**

Here is the link for parents to get your 'MyCBE Account' for everything including forms and paying fees.

<https://sis.cbe.ab.ca/public/home.html#:~:text=Student%20and%20Parent,Student%20Password%20Hub>

Please complete the following forms while you are in your MyCBE account:

- ✓ **Annual Authorization for Athletic Tryout**
- ✓ **Student Health Plan**
- ✓ **Student Health Emergency Response Protocol Form (only if needed)**
- ✓ **Consent for CBE Use of Student Information**
- ✓ **Consent for CBE Use of Student Information by News Media and Outside Groups (Third Party)**

Read only information for Parents, Guardians and Caregivers:

General Media Coverage Notice - <https://www.cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/General-Media-Coverage-Notice.pdf>

School District Use of Personal Information - <https://www.cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/School-District-Use-of-Personal-Information.pdf>

This is all you need to complete. You can also go to the CBE website – www.cbe.ab.ca and see all other CBE information and resources. Our Pearson School Home Page has school opening information. It can be accessed at this link: <http://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/lesterbpearson/>

School Fees:

School fees can be paid online by logging into your **MyCBE Account**. You can also pay school fees in person at the Business Office at Pearson. **Please wait until after September 6 before paying fees as student classes may change.**

Attendance:

When you are calling in late or absent for your student, call **403-280-6565** and press **1** for the Attendance line. Please give the following information: **Spell your student's first name and last name, give their grade, and reason for absence or lateness and a contact number that we have in PowerSchool.**



Attendance Matters:

Regular school attendance is critical for student success. Good attendance is important for a child's ability to learn, grow and develop social skills. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about themselves and about school. Attendance in schools is compulsory in Alberta for every individual between 6 and 16. Students who attend school regularly can participate more fully in learning activities, increasing the likelihood of successfully completing high school. Students who are truant or skip school will put at risk their opportunity to **Walk the Stage** in their Grade 12 year. **Walking the Stage is earned it is not a right.** A student may have a good grade 12 year but may not have earned the opportunity to **Walk the Stage** because they fell behind in their Grade 10 or Grade 11 year due to truancy or poor habits. Missing 2 days of school a month or 20 days a year starting in Grade 1 is equivalent to missing a full year of schooling by grade 10!

Excused Absences:

Excused absences are when students are absent from school with a valid excuse and parental approval. Examples of excused absences include:

- Illness
- Medical/Dental appointments
- Family emergencies
- Other reasons deemed acceptable by the school administration

Unexcused Absences:

Unexcused absences are when students are absent from school without a valid excuse, with/without parental approval. Examples of unexcused absences include:

- Babysitting
- Shopping
- Skipping Class
- Sleeping in
- Going out for lunch
- Out-of-town
- Missing the school bus
- Doing errands
- Hair appointments

Tips for Parents, Guardians and Caregivers:

- Communicate the importance of regular school attendance to your child
- Schedule family events with our school calendar in mind



- Call the school when your child is absent.
- When possible, let the school know in advance that your child will be absent.
- Whenever possible try to make appointments during non-school hours on non-instructional days.
- If your child does not want to go to school, find out why and work with your school to address concerns.
- Help your child understand Pearson's attendance procedures
- Remind your child that Walking the Stage in their graduating year is tied to achievement and attendance
- Monitor your child's attendance through the PowerSchool Parent Portal

School Calendar:

The current school calendar is listed on our school homepage. Please check back regularly, as there may be changes as the year progresses. Here is the link to our school Homepage:

<https://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/lesterbpearson/about-us/calendar/pages/default.aspx>

Student Schedules and Course Changes:

Due to increased enrollment, it may not be possible to change option courses, as most option areas are now full. Please check your timetable in PowerSchool. You will also need to note that there may be changes made to your schedule due to the need to balance classes. If you have taken a summer school course, your schedule will be adjusted accordingly. **It is most important to note the teacher's name and room number of your Connect Class before you arrive for the first day of school.** Student Services will post a QR code for course change requests on August 26. All requests for course changes will be made online through the QR code.



School Parent Council:

Join the School Parent Council and learn about all the happenings at Pearson. Parent support is vital to our school culture and success. Our AGM will occur during our **Meet the Teacher Night on Tuesday, September 10.**

Student Identification:

Lester B Pearson is a closed Campus. This means that only students registered at Pearson are allowed in the school. All other visitors must register at the Main Office, be part of a visiting athletic team, or be here by staff invitation. **All doors to the school will be locked once classes commence and the only entrance students can use to enter the building will be the Main Entrance.** To gain entrance you must have your current school ID and lanyards worn visibly around your neck. Grade 11 and 12 students please reuse your black lanyard. Grade 10s will be issued a new lanyard. While in the building, students



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must have their current ID and black school lanyard worn visibly around their neck unless instructed otherwise in classes such as PE, shop classes and in the labs. Grade 10s will be issued their first ID and lanyard at no charge. School ID and Lanyards are required to sign out textbooks and other resources in the Learning Commons and to gain admission to athletic games and fine arts events. Lost IDs will only be replaced once at a cost of \$5 for the ID and \$5 for a replacement lanyard. **No temporary IDs will be issued, so please be certain to have your ID with you when you leave home.** If you forget, you will need to return home to get it or have someone drop it off at school. We cannot take our school safety for granted. We must all do our part to ensure overall safety and security.

Parking Passes:

There will be a limited number of parking passes available for students wishing to drive and park a vehicle on school grounds. A parking pass is required, and it must be current and visibly displayed on your rearview mirror, or you will receive a parking ticket issued by the City of Calgary Parking Authority. Parking passes are available from the business office. Please present current vehicle registration and insurance. Passes are \$50 for the year or \$25 per semester plus GST. Should students drive recklessly on school property, stunt or cruise around the parking lot, skip classes in their vehicles or bring individuals onto school property who are not students at Pearson, their parking pass will be revoked without refund, and they will no longer be allowed to park at the school for the balance of the school year. **Absolutely no loitering in the Students' Parking Lot.**

Lockers:

Hallway Lockers will be available for students to use again this year. The cost to rent a locker for the year is \$20 with \$10 refundable upon return of their assigned lock at the end of the year. Lockers will be signed out during Photo ID Days on August 26 to 28.

Designated School Pick-Up and Drop-Off Area:

We have a designated area for parents, guardians, and caregivers who drop off and pick up their child. The parking lot directly opposite the school's Main Entrance is now a pickup and drop off area only. This is where you drive in to drop off your child or wait to pick up your child. There will be no waiting in the Fire Lanes, in front of the Main Entrance, Handicap Bus Zone or in Staff Parking. This will ensure better traffic flow, reduce congestion and improve pedestrian safety before and after school.



Student Leadership:



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This is an all-call call for students interested in the Students' Council and the Principal's Student Advisory. We have had an organizational meeting already but if you missed and are interested in supporting your school through Student Leadership, please fill out this Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/9Z6vVS7RJQ3UHMqF7> Questions can be sent to Mr. Chee at kechee@cbe.ab.ca

That is a wrap. Kudos if you made it to the end of this newsletter. Another year is soon to unfold. Lots to look forward to. Lots to learn. Once a Patriot always a Patriot. Always know how proud I am of my students, parents, staff and school. **Remember to log into MyCBE and complete all the school opening forms.**

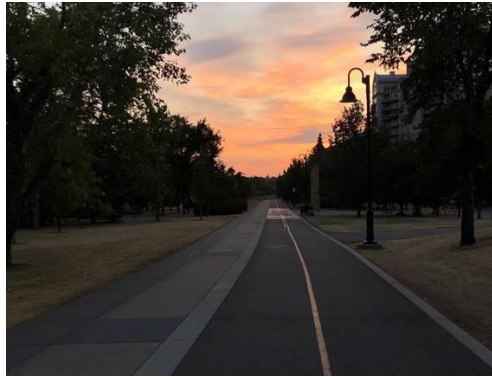
Save the Dates:

- Monday, August 26: Main Office Opens at 8:00 am.
- **Monday, August 26: Grade 10 Photos and ID in Main Gym.**
 - Last Names beginning with A to M from 9:00am to 11:30am
 - Last Names beginning with N to Z from 12:30pm to 3:00pm
- **Tuesday, August 27: Grade 11 Photos and ID in Main Gym.**
 - Last Names beginning with A to M from 9:00am to 11:30am
 - Last Names beginning with N to Z from 12:30pm to 3:00pm
- **Wednesday, August 28: Grade 12 Photos and ID in Main Gym.**
 - Last Names beginning with A to M from 9:00am to 11:30am
 - Last Names beginning with N to Z from 12:30pm to 3:00pm
- **Thursday, August 29: First Official Day of School**
 - Grade 10s only from 8:45am to 12:00pm
 - Please arrive by 8:30am and proceed directly to the Main Gym.
 - Grade 11s and 12s from 1:00pm to 3:00pm – Please arrive by 12:45pm
 - Grade 11s proceed directly to the Main Gym
 - Grade 12s proceed directly to your Connect Class
- Friday, August 30: Regular Day
- Monday, September 2: Labour Day Holiday – No School
- Wednesday, September 4: Photo and ID Catch Up Day
- Thursday, September 5: Connect Substitute Day
- Tuesday, September 10: Meet the Teacher Night 6:00pm to 8:00pm
 - IPP Parent Info Session from 6:00pm – 6:30pm
 - K and E Parent Info Session from 6:30pm to 7:00pm
 - School Parent Council and AGM at 7:30pm
- Thursday, September 12: Connect Substitute Day
- Thursday, September 19: Connect Substitute Day
- Wednesday, September 25: Math/Science Parent Information Night – Topic: Supporting your child's success in Math and Science at 6:30pm in the theatre.
- Thursday, September 26: Connect Substitute Day/Orange Shirt Day
- Friday, September 27: Non-Instructional Day – No Classes/No School
- Monday, September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No Classes/No School



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Enjoy the rest of your summer. Revel in the sound of a gentle wind rustling through the trees, the cool of a sun shower on your face on a hot summer day and the sheer joy and peace of an early morning walk.

Kenneth Chee P, Diane Pham AP, Kai Kleinitz AP, and Joy Bader AP.



PS – Read the last page 😊



10 THINGS THAT REQUIRE ZERO TALENT

Being On Time

Making An Effort

Being High Energy

Having A Positive Attitude

Being Passionate

Using Good Body Language

Being Coachable

Doing A Little Extra

Being Prepared

Having A Strong Work Ethic