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Lester B. Pearson Newsletter – December 10, 2023

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Most pressing on the minds of all of us has been the acts of violence that occurred outside the school and that have been posted all over social media this week. It breaks my heart to see what has happened and that it had found its way into our school. The lockdown on Wednesday was called under the direction of 911 in an abundance of caution when a staff member spotted students in the parking lot with what appeared to be weapons. The lockdown went quickly and smoothly and Calgary Police were on site within minutes. We communicated to families throughout this process (first when the lockdown occurred and once it concluded after CPS conducted their search). The videos and the lockdown were alarming and distressing for our staff and students. It does erode feelings of safety. The next day I addressed the entire school about the recent events. I shared that we arranged SRO support, 3 officers for the entire day. We also opened Students Services to any students who felt anxious or wanted to talk and requested staff to refer any students they felt were stressed. We also brought in 2 guest teachers to support our staff should they require time or support. The day was quiet and the SROs reported that the vibe in the school was a good one. We will continue to remain vigilant with supervision and keep the school secure. Please remind your child to always wear their school ID before leaving for school. This is a vital part of our safety measures. It helps us identify intruders right away. I want to thank students, staff and Calgary Police for handling this situation in a prompt and responsible manner. Should you have any further questions please contact me at school.

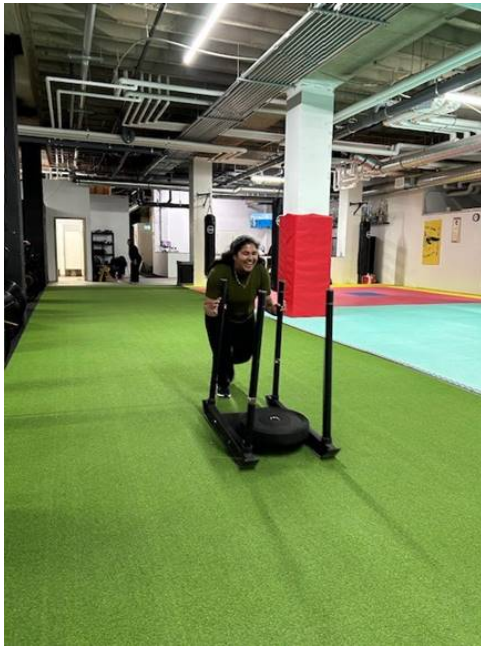
Although the negatives this week was serious I always remind myself of the vast amount of positives that fill each and everyday.





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Here is our Ms. Ng's Sports Med and Girl's Fitness classes hard at work. Active Living is a major outcome of our PE and PE complementary courses.





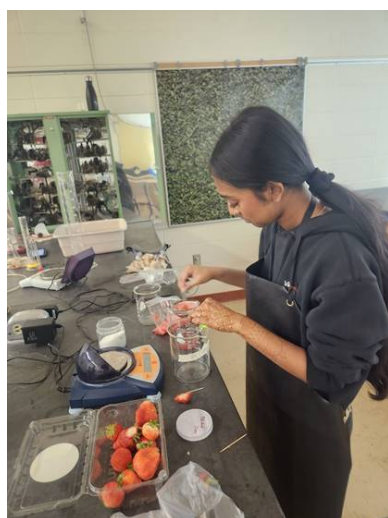
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We had our final performance of *Scream Louder* on Wednesday. Bravo!!! Bravo!!!. We also give a special bravo for the student cleaning up the stage. Congratulations to the cast, crew and pit band and writer/director, Mr. Mason; producer, Mr. Leonhardt; blood lady, Ms. Shehata-MacDonald and music director, Ms. Riben. Thanks to all the parents, friends, relatives, alumni and staff who attended.



Concert Choir sharing a song they will be performing at the much-anticipated Winter Concert.



Strawberries are not only a delicious snack; you can also use them in a chemistry experiment to extract DNA. I did a similar lab in Bio Chem 340 at U of C. The other experiment demonstrates titration to determine starch concentration in rice. Trautmann's IB scientists hard at work!!!



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Ms. Boukall's foods students had the honour to bake and serve a variety of pies at the Veteran's Food Bank last night. Greg gave us the royal tour, some swag, and we sat with veterans to enjoy dinner, so many stories shared. Erin thanked them for the opportunity and for their service. Students especially enjoyed meeting Turtle, the housedog and Smokey, the housecat.





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Pearson Concert Choir performs at CBE Sings High School Festival on Friday. 12 schools participated including performances by Luminous Voices and Spirit. Photos by Lori Cooper, Area 4 Director.





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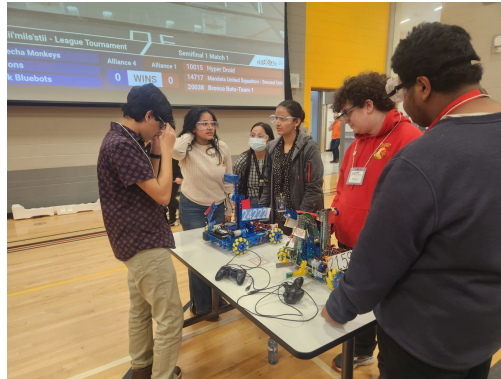
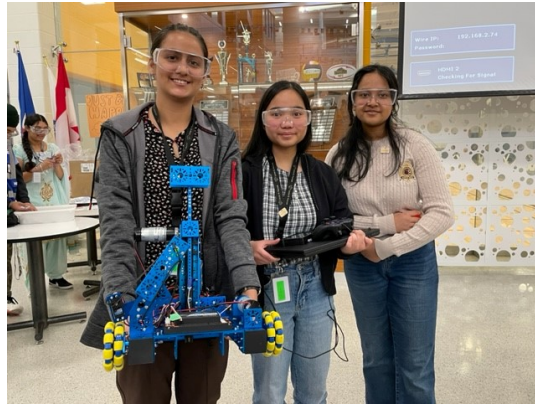


Our Annual Pearson Rumble took place this weekend. We had 5 mats going and it looks like this happened at several schools but it was under one roof. It was a huge success with the rookie girls and the senior boys taking the championship in their divisions. Many thanks to Coaches, Tardif, Kleinitz, Hayden, the PE staff, volunteer alumni students and volunteer students for making this massive event a wonderful success.



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It was a superb result at the First Robotics Competition at JCS. Both our Boys and Girls Team made it to the final match where we lost to Mandela. However we did win the Inspire Award that now qualifies our boys' teams to compete in the Regional Competition in Red Deer. We will work to qualify the girls Team at the next competition. Congratulations to the students and coaches Butlin, Tran and Trautmann.



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Save the Dates:

- **Thursday, December 14th:** December Movie Night featuring, Home Alone at 4:00 pm
- **Monday, December 18th:** School Parent Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, December 19th:** Winter Music Concert
- **Tuesday, December 19th & Wednesday, December 20th:** Maker's Faire
- **Friday, December 22nd:** Last day of classes before Winter Break
- **Monday, December 25th to Friday, January 5th:** Winter Break



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Grad Hoodies and Pearson Gear:

We have two types of hoodies available for order. We have a generic LBP sweatshirt & hoodies and grad 2024 sweatshirt & hoodies for order. Hoodies & sweatshirts come in grey, black or red.

Order online: <http://www.jacormarketing.com/pearson>

School Fees:

This is a friendly reminder pay any outstanding school and team fees. These fees go towards providing the course and programs we offer at Pearson. You may pay these fees online through the parent portal. You can also pay in person at the school if you wish. Cash, debit and credit are accepted. We can also make arrangements for payment over time. Please call the Main Office.

Athletics:

Monday, December 11th: Boys at Mandela: Jr. at 5:30pm and Sr. at 7:30pm

Tuesday, December 12th: Girls at SMDP: Sr. at 5:30pm and Jr. at 7:30pm

Wednesday, December 13th: Wrestling Quad at St Francis

Thursday, December 14th: Girls Home vs. SG at Jr. at 5:30pm and Sr. at 7:30pm

Friday, December 15th & Saturday, December 16th: Jr. boys at CM and Sr. Bays at St Francis



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This is Sochi all warm in his blanket with an important message.

Kenneth Chee

Principal