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High School**

Lester B. Pearson Newsletter – August 25, 2023

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Well here we are the weekend before the start of school. I truly hope that you had a great summer whether it was working, relaxing or both. This newsletter is full of reminders so please read it to the very end. There are changes to when grades 10s, 11s and 12s start school so please take note. Read on:



Thank you to all the students, parents and family members who attended our first ever 'Sneak and Peek' and BBQ on August 17. It was the hottest day of the summer and the school was quite warm so I appreciated your patience as we toured the school. It was a pleasure meeting all of you. Special thanks to all my leadership students, they met to plan the 'Welcome Assemblies' and helped with the BBQ.





Student Pictures/IDs and Welcome Assemblies

All students are required to have a school ID

- **Monday, August 28 – Grade 10 Photos and ID in Main Gym**
 - 9:00 – 10:15am: Students with LAST names starting with letters A to F
 - 10:15 - 11:30am: Students with LAST names starting with letters G to M
 - 11:30 - 12:30pm: Closed for Lunch
 - 12:30 - 1:45pm: Students with LAST names starting with letters N to S
 - 1:45 - 3:00pm: Students with LAST names starting with letters T to Z
- **Tuesday, August 29 – Grade 11 Photos and ID in Main Gym**
 - 9:00 – 10:15am: Students with LAST names starting with letters A to F
 - 10:15 - 11:30am: Students with LAST names starting with letters G to M
 - 11:30 - 12:30pm: Closed for Lunch
 - 12:30 - 1:45pm: Students with LAST names starting with letters N to S
 - 1:45 - 3:00pm: Students with LAST names starting with letters T to Z
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- **Wednesday, August 30 – Grade 12 Photos and ID in Main Gym**
 - 9:00 – 10:15am: Students with LAST names starting with letters A to F
 - 10:15 - 11:30am: Students with LAST names starting with letters G to M
 - 11:30 - 12:30pm: Closed for Lunch
 - 12:30 - 1:45pm: Students with LAST names starting with letters N to S
 - 1:45 - 3:00pm: Students with LAST names starting with letters T to Z
- **Thursday, August 31 – First Official Day of School**
 - **Grade 10s only from 8:40am - 11:30am**
 - Please check for your Connect Teacher and Class in PowerSchool
 - Be seated in Main Gym no later than 8:40 am
 - **Grade 11s and 12s from 12:40pm - 3:40pm**
 - Grade 11s proceed directly to the Main Gym – be seated no later than 12:40pm
 - Grade 12s proceed directly to your Connect Class
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- **Friday, September 1 – Regular Day**
- **Monday, September 4 - Labour Day Holiday – No School**
- **Tuesday, September 5 - Regular Classes**



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

LESTER B. PEARSON PATRIOTS

FALL SPORTS TRYOUTS

2023-2024

<i>Sport</i>	<i>1st Tryout Date</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Head Coach</i>
Senior Football	Thursday, August 24 , 2:00pm, Cafeteria	Any Grade 10, 11, 12 student	Mr. Easingwood bmeasingwood@cbe.ab.ca
Girls Soccer	Monday, August 28 , 3:45pm, Soccer Field	Any Grade 10, 11, 12 female identifying student	Ms. Byrgesen lmbyrghesen@cbe.ab.ca
Senior Boys Volleyball	Wednesday, August 30 , 3:00pm, Aux Gym	Any Grade 11 or 12 male identifying student	Mr. Fowler ssfowler@cbe.ab.ca
Senior Girls Volleyball	Wednesday, August 30 , 3:00pm, Main Gym	Any Grade 11 or 12 female identifying student	Ms. Groves aegroves@cbe.ab.ca
Junior Boys Volleyball	Tuesday, September 5 , 3:45pm, AUX Gym	Any Grade 10 or 11 male identifying student	Mr. Duss jjduss@cbe.ab.ca
Junior Girls Volleyball	TBD	Any Grade 10 or 11 male identifying student	TBD
Cross Country	Friday, September 1 , 3:45pm Cafeteria	Any Grade 10, 11, 12 student	Ms. Kolar kmkolar@cbe.ab.ca

All student-athletes interested in trying-out for the above teams should show up with the following items:

- 1) Changed in athletic clothing
- 2) Have appropriate footwear
- 3) Bring water
- 4) Have parents fill out the "Authorization for Athletic Try-Out" form (in the package you receive from school)
- 5) A positive attitude

Should you have any questions or concerns with the above information, please do not hesitate to contact that respective coach directly or you can contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Tarsch Bakos at tabakos@cbe.ab.ca



@We Are Patriots

Important Processes: The most important process is to gain access to your Parent Portal by setting up a MY CBE account. This will give you access to see PowerSchool, pay school fees, extra-curricular and team fees online; complete all the required on-line forms, monitor attendance and to view marks and report cards. Most of you already have a My CBE Account, however, if you are new to the CBE, it is essential that you sign up right away.



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To begin, log into the CBE website www.cbe.ab.ca and under 'Registration' and then 'Forms You Need' – is listed all the forms we require at the beginning of the year.

So as follows:

- **Parents must have a My CBE Account in order to access PowerSchool and all their student's information (example: Demographic Forms, Attendance, assignments, etc.)**

Here is the link for parents to get your '**My CBE Account**' for everything including paying fees.

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

Please complete the following forms:

Annual Authorization for Athletic Tryout - <https://www.cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/Annual-Authorization-for-Athletic-Tryout.pdf>

Student Health Plan - <https://www.cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/Student-Health-Plan.pdf>

Student Health Emergency Response Protocol Form (only if needed)

<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/Student-Health-Emergency-Response-Protocol-Form.pdf>

Both these Consent Forms must be completed:

Consent for CBE Use of Student Information - <https://www.cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/Consent-for-CBE-Use-of-Student-Information.pdf>

Consent for CBE Use of Student Information by News Media and Outside Groups (Third Party) - <https://www.cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/Consent-for-Use-of-Student-Information-by-News-Media-and-Outside-Groups-Third-Party.pdf>

Extended Absence – if you are contemplating an extending absence please read and complete the Extended Absence Form:

Extended Absence Form - <https://www.cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/Extended-Absence-Form.pdf>

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 on the CBE website – www.cbe.ab.ca and see all other CBE information and resources. Our Pearson School Website is undergoing some rebuilding and



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updating. It is a work in progress and can be accessed here:

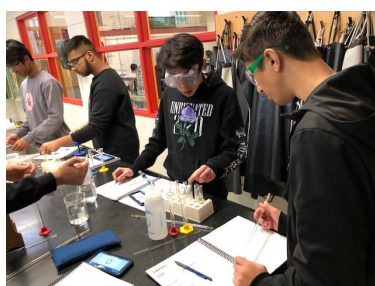
<http://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/lesterbpearson/>

School Fees:

School fees can be paid online by logging into your **CBE My Pass 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 a late or absence 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, reason for absence or late 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 the ages of 6 and 16. Students who attend school regularly have the opportunity to participate more fully in learning activities, which increases 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 home page. Please check back regularly, as there may be changes as the year progresses. Here is the link to our school Homepage: (please note: it is currently under construction and will be up-dated)

<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 name and room number of your Connect Class before you arrive for the first day of school.**



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School Parent Council:

Join 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 12.

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 or 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. This year's lanyards are black and gold. While in the building students 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. Students will be issued their first ID and lanyard at no charge. School ID and Lanyards are required to sign out text books 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 the lanyard. No temporary IDs will be issued this year 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.



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Parking Passes:

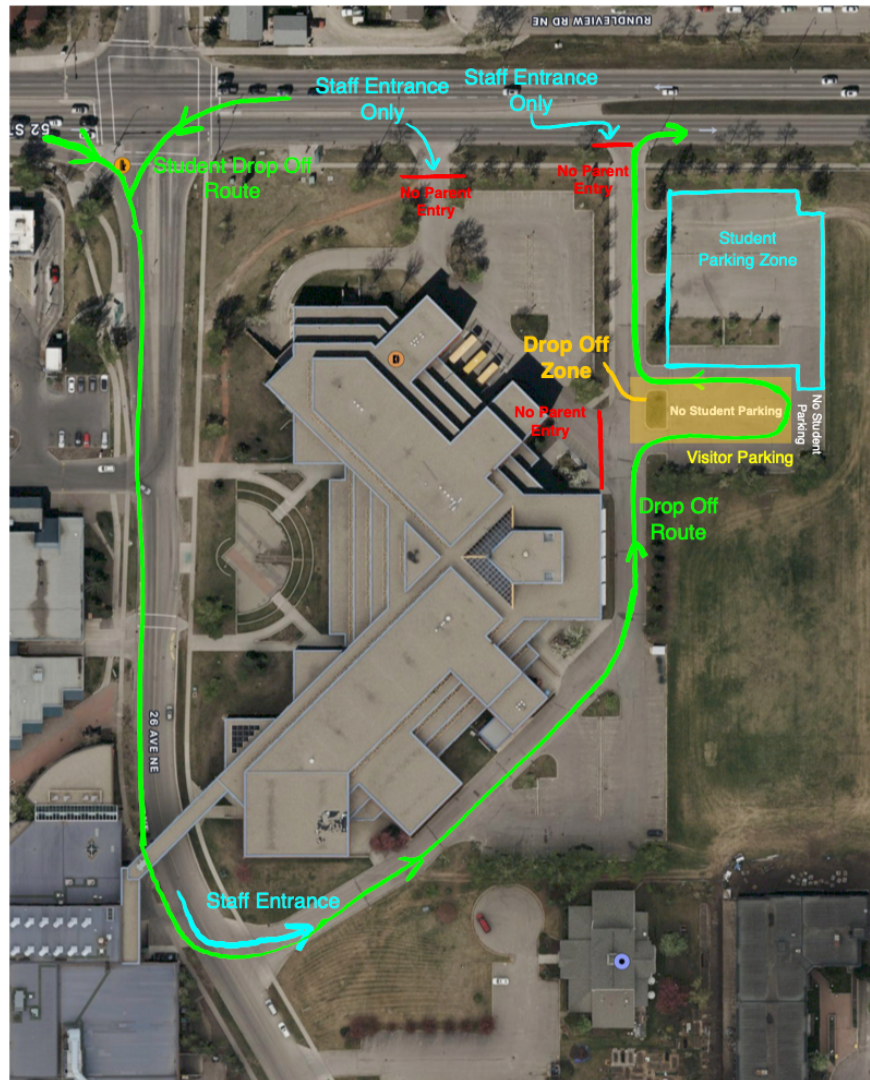
There will be limited number of parking passes available for students wishing to drive and park a vehicle on school grounds. A parking pass is required and it must be current and visibly displayed on your rearview mirror or you will receive a parking ticket issued by the City of Calgary Parking Authority. 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 members of the Pearson Learning Community, 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.

Lockers:

Hallway Lockers will be available for students to use again this year. The cost to rent a locker for the year is \$10. Lockers will be signed out during Photo and ID Days on August 28 - 30.

New Designated School Pick Up and Drop Off Area:

We now have a designated area for parents, guardians, caregivers, who drop off and pick up their child. The parking lot directly opposite the school's Main Entrance is now a pick up 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.



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

Save the Dates:

- Friday, September 8: Photo and ID Catch Up Day!
- Tuesday, September 12: Meet the Teacher Night from 6:30pm - 8:00pm
 - IPP Parent Info Session from 6:00pm – 6:30pm
 - K and E Parent Info Session from 6:30pm - 7:00pm



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- School Parent Council – AGM - 7:30pm
- Wednesday, September 20: Math/Science Parent Information Night – Topic: supporting your Child's success in Math and Science. 7:00pm in the theatre
- Thursday, September 21: Connect Substitute Day
- Friday, September 22: Non-Instructional Day – No Classes/No School
- Wednesday, September 27: Connect Substitute Day
- Thursday, September 28: Orange Shirt Day
- Friday, September 29: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No Classes/No School



Remember your goal is to be present in school everyday and on time. No skipping, no lates. Wear your ID & Lanyard. Be present at school and attend to your work in class. This is the best thing you can do to ensure you, 'Walk the Stage and Graduate'. If you need my help, I will be there for you.

Kenneth Chee
Principal

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