



Lester B. Pearson Newsletter – March 16, 2025

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Good morning from St. Joseph's High School in Red Deer, Alberta, where our Pearson Robotics Team is competing in the Provincials Championships. The top 32 teams from all over Alberta have converge into central Alberta to see who will be top robot and earn a berth to the World Championships in Houston, Texas. This was a busy weekend with Wrestling Provincials, Pearson Badminton Invitational, and our Vocal Jazz participating in the Contemporary Vocal Arts Festival and our Marketing and Management Students taking the Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta High School Accounting Quiz. Parents, Guardians and Caregivers, remember to get your Bookings in for virtual P/T Conferences next week.

Labour relations updates can be found on the CBE home page:

<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

We have so much to share in this issue, please read on:



There was a huge turnout for our girls' rugby team, here they are getting ready for their season.



Field hockey was in the aux gym working on their stick handling skills.



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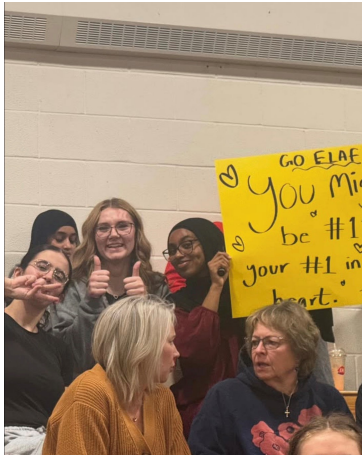
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The Boys Rugby Team took the late shift getting ready to move outdoors and start some tackling.



Zeinab preps the students participating in our Spring Maker's Fair; there was lots of interest again for the fair. It will be in the Cafeteria next week for three days, come out and see and support all our wonderful vendors.



Here we are at Selects Basketball at BOB. We want to congratulate Simrath and Elaf.



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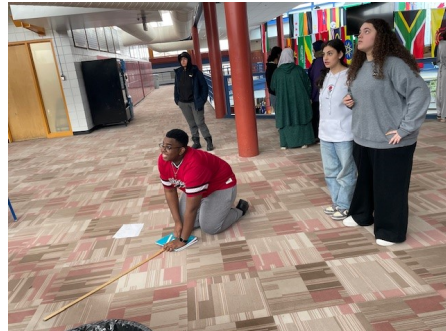
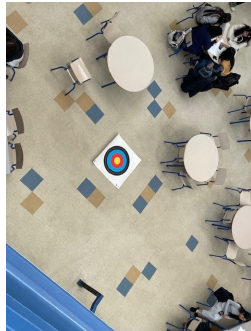
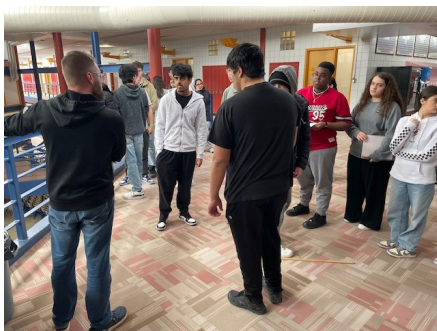
This was the opening slide at a CBE system meeting yesterday. Our Junior Girls Team was there for everyone to see. So cool!!!



Our own grad, Hussein Alkadri signed with the U of C Dinos Football Team as a defensive lineman. Hussein will be studying in the Faculty of Science. Congratulations, Hussein!!!!



What a joy it was to see Big John Bosse again. He graduated in my first year at Pearson in 2018. John went on to play for the Dinos and was drafted last year by the Toronto Argonauts who went on to win the Grey Cup. John shared the story of his journey. He said that his Pearson years were foundational. His dream was to play for the CFL. He spoke about the importance of patience, hard work, and consistency in achieving your dream. He gave thanks for the many people who supported him and believed in him. While at Pearson, he talked about friends and community and those staff who had an impact on his life. Big John, a man with a big heart!!!



Here is Mr. Little's math class working with their equations to determine trajectory. They fashioned catapults out of Popsicle sticks to launch paper wads towards the target.



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Ala proudly shows off her pencil case and cute garment made in her Fashions Class.





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The Math Department sponsored Pi Day on Friday with Pie Eating, Kahoot, and a contest-reciting Pi to as many places as possible. Zack won the Pie Eating, Han recited Pi to 101 places and Jaden won reciting Pi to an outstanding 158 places.



Our Pearson Invitational Badminton Tournament was a huge success. They played over 300 matches with 7 schools participating.



At Wrestling Provincials, Mutmyna and Rihana win Sportsmanship Awards! Elham wins gold!



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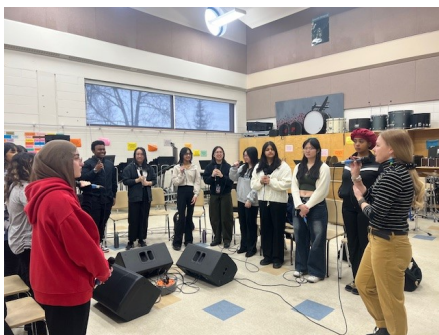
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Amit is Provincial Champ, Nathaniel wins Silver and Abdul wins gold!



Rihana wins silver and our Boys Team takes the Provincial Title for the third year in a row!!!





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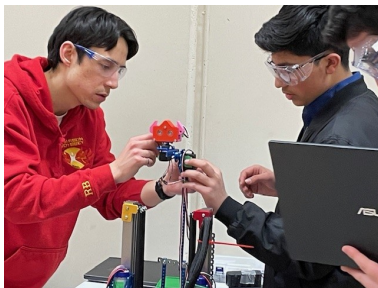
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Our Vocal Jazz at the Contemporary Vocal Arts Festival; we held a clinic at Pearson and an evening performance at JCS. It was spectacular!!! Click on these links to see the performances.

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Our Pearson Robotics Team is in the middle of competition on Sunday morning and hopes to advance to playoffs in the afternoon. No matter what, it has been an exciting season for the entire team along with mentors, Butlin, Trautmann and Tran. Provincials is a learning experience too and the team will return next season, stronger, wiser and much improved robotic design and programming skills.

CPA High School Accounting Competition:

The chartered professional accountants of Alberta held a high school accounting quiz on Saturday. There are cash prizes for the top 25 students in the province. It is with Pearson Pride to announce that one of our students finished 2nd and 11 Pearson students finished in the top 25. Wow!!!

Spring Maker's Fair:

Our Spring Maker's Fair takes place in the cafeteria at lunch from Tuesday, March 18th to Thursday, March 20th. **Cash only.**

Athletics and Events:

Spring Sports Tryouts are underway. Boys and girls rugby, boys soccer, field hockey and track and field.

The CBE School Engage Survey has been sent to all Parents, Guardians and Caregivers. Please take a few minutes to provide your voice in school planning for next year. Here is the link and QR Code.

Pearson 2024/2025 School Development Plan:

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

Pearson School Engage parent Survey



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<https://lesterbpearson.cbdialogue.com/en/projects/2023-24-school-year/engagements/school-planning-survey-2024-high-school>

QR Code for Pearson School Engage Parent Survey:



Save the Date:

March 18th to March 20th: Spring Maker's Fair at lunchtime in the cafeteria.

March 20th & March 21st: Parent/Teacher Conferences - Virtual Meetings – Please book your times online.

March 20th: Europe Trip Leaves for Paris.

March 21st: Non-Instructional Day – No School.

March 22nd to March 30th: Spring Break – No School.

March 31st: Classes resume.



I am always grateful for my students, staff and families.

Kenneth Chee
Principal