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Lester B. Pearson Newsletter – September 2, 2023

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Happy Long Weekend! Our first days of school were fun, busy and a wonderful time. It was so good to see all my students again. Lots of students catching up with each other and sharing summer stories. We have many students new to Pearson. I know it was a lot to take in but give it time, everything will fall into place. Let me share some of the highlights from our Welcome Day Assemblies and Friday classes. Read on:



Our student Master of Ceremonies, Tehzeeb and Ahmed, were amazing as they welcomed all our students back to Pearson. All of our staff were present to welcome our students in person and cheered them as they walked into the gym through our 'Welcome Tunnel'. We played Heads and Tails and Student vs. Teacher Giant Beach Ball Volleyball. My message was a simple one do everything you need to do to take care of your studies so you can 'Walk the Stage' in your graduating year. I asked all my students to take the Graduation Pledge and to sign a Graduation Pledge Banner to remind them every day to attend, be on time and study. Our Fine Arts teachers and Mr. Bakos encouraged all of our students to get involved.





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With the help of our superb Culinary Staff and Students Council, we served up 500 hot dogs and juice to all of our Grade 10s. The beef and veggie dogs were delicious!!!



Our classes got started with meeting their new and old teachers. Course outlines were shared and all the exciting content and learning that is in store for the semester.



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The day ended with all of our students, Grade 10, 11 and 12, taking the Graduation Pledge. Don't worry if you missed it. We will have the banners out next week so its not too late. I want all my students to take the pledge.

FOOD TRUCKS:

Our cafetria service will start on September 18th. In the meantime we have arranged for Food Trucks to be on campus. Here is a menu for one of the trucks:

<i>Tikka N Tequila</i> INDIAN MEXICAN FUSION		
	MAC AND CHESSY SAMOSAS 2 Mac and Cheese filled deep fried pastries	\$6.00
	CHURROS 2 Cinnamon Sugar Churros	\$8.00
	TACO IN A BAG Mexican style ground beef with all the taco fixings in a bag of Doritos	\$10.00
	TIPSY TACOS Choice of Beef Biryani, Tandoori Chicken or Curried Vegetables	\$10.00
	QUESADILLA Choice of Cheese, Beef Biryani, Tandoori Chicken or Curried Vegetables	\$10.00
	BUTTER CHICKEN POUTINE Fries tossed in house seasoning topped with cheese and smothered with butter chicken	\$10.00
	CHEESE PIZZA	\$10.00
DRINKS		
	Mango Lassi \$5	
	Coca-Cola \$4 Coke Zero \$4 Fanta Orange \$4 Root Beer \$4 Water \$4	Sprite \$4 Gingerale \$4 Monster Energy \$5.00 Monster Mango Loco \$5.00 Monster White Out \$5.00

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, extra-curricular and team fees online; complete all the required online 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 updating. It is a work in progress and can be accessed here:

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



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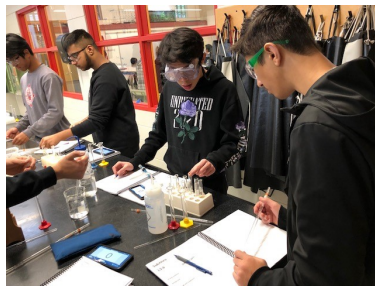
School Fees:

School fees can be paid online by logging into your **CBE MyPass 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:

Attending everyday and being on time is crucial to student success. Encourage your child to be prepared, sleep early and ensure they are in their classes before the bell. Success is Earned and so is Walking the Stage.

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.**



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 updated)

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



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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 12th.

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 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 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.

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



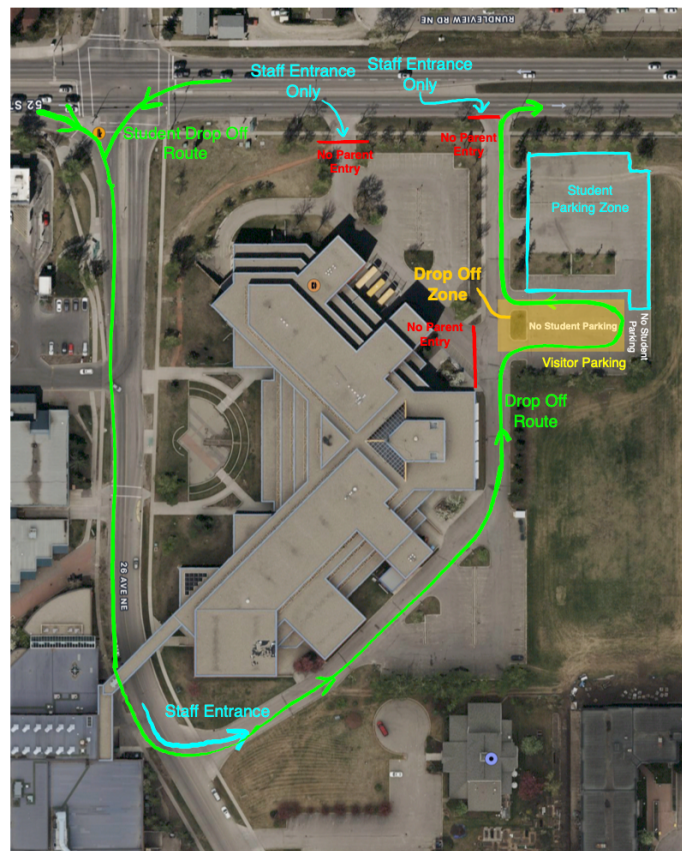
be revoked without refund and they will no longer be allowed to park at the school for the balance of the school year.

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 next week.

New Designated School Pick Up and Drop Off Area:

We now have a designated area for parents, guardians; caregivers who drop off up 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 it to the end of this newsletter. Another year is unfolding, lots to look forward too, 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.



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Remember to log into MyCBE and complete all the school opening forms

Save the Dates:

- **Friday, September 8th: Photo and ID Catch Up Day**
- **Tuesday, September 12th: Meet the Teacher Night 6:30pm 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 - AGM at 7:30pm
- **Wednesday, September 20th: Math/Science Parent Information Night – Topic: supporting your child's success in Math and Science. 7:00pm in the theatre**
- **Thursday, September 21st: Connect Substitute Day**
- **Friday, September 22nd: Non-Instructional Day – No Classes/No School**
- **Wednesday, September 27th: Connect Substitute Day**
- **Thursday, September 28th: Orange Shirt Day**
- **Friday, September 29th: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No Classes/No School**



Special thanks to my Students Council ☺ They worked very hard to make the first day of school at Pearson special and memorable. They are all outstanding individuals.

**Kenneth Chee
Principal**

Check out these short Videos of our Assemblies:

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