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Lester B. Pearson Newsletter – September 7, 2025

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

The first week of school was busy with students getting to know their new teachers and classes. Many more were on the field and in the gyms trying out for athletics teams. Clubs are starting up too, with lots of interest in extracurricular activities. This week's newsletter will share a few moments from last week with lots of reminders of upcoming events for students and parents. We are almost done processing the 700+ course request changes we received. This will take a few more days. Students are asked to refresh their PowerSchool daily to see if there are changes to their schedule. In person appointments with Students Services will begin next week.

Updates on contract talks can be found on the CBE Homepage. Here is the link: [CBE Homepage](#)
Read on:



Cheers and pom poms greeted students for their Welcome Assemblies on the first day of school. It was a great way to start the year. Our Grade 10's signed a banner making a commitment to Grad 2028. There were beef and veggie hot dogs for everyone to end the morning!



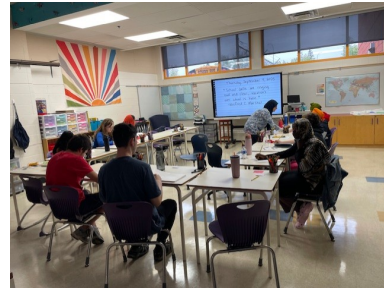
Soccer tryout moved indoors when the smoke rolled in and volleyball hit the courts. We had a makeup day for those that missed photos and IDs. Students are reminded they must carry their



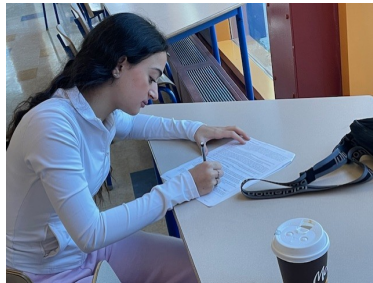
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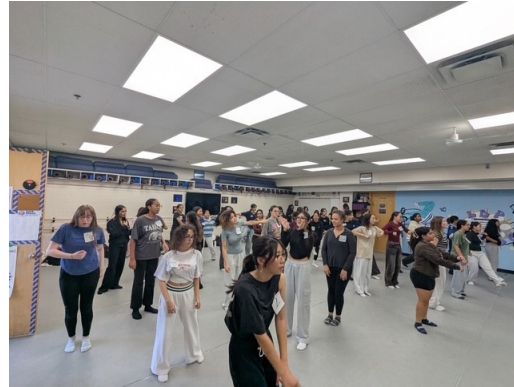
student ID at all times and show staff when requested.



Classes began in earnest. Summer is over and it is time to hit the books.



Always makes me happy to see students doing homework during their spare. Reminder that no students are allowed in halls during classes; students on spare are to be in the cafeteria or Learning Commons Lounge. Learning Commons is for quiet study only, no talking.



There was tons of interest in Pearson Dance Troupe. More than 50 students showed up for the first tryouts.



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Patriots' Attendance Expectations



At Lester B. Pearson High School, we know that showing up matters. When students attend regularly, they build stronger relationships, stay connected to their learning, and set themselves up for success.

Our Commitments



Working Together

Teachers and families partner to support student attendance.



Positive Relationships

Strong connections help students feel welcomed and supported.



Be Ready

Lessons begin with meaningful activities so students need to be on time.



Success Through Presence

Being in class helps students stay engaged and achieve their best.

Where students, families, and staff work together.



Student Parking: Important Notice:

On Monday, September 8th, there will be a mandatory meeting in the Theatre afterschool from 3:35pm to 3:55pm to go over Parking 101. The meeting will cover the rules and regulations for students who wish to purchase a parking pass to park at Pearson. Forms will be handed out and must be brought home for parents to sign (if students are under 18) before a parking pass may be purchased at our business office. The cost of a parking pass is \$50 + GST = \$52.50 for the year or \$25 + GST for one semester. Passes must be purchased by Friday, September 12. Beginning on Monday, September 15, any student who has not purchased a parking pass may be ticketed or towed.

Tuesday, September 9 th	Meet the Teacher Night and School Parent Council AGM	6:30pm to 8:00pm – please come and meet your teachers and support staff 6:00pm – IPP Parent Info Session 6:30pm- K/E Parent Info Session 6:30pm – EAL Parent Info Session 7:30pm – School Parent Council AGM – all parents are welcome
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Thursday, September 18 th	Special Parent Presentation featuring keynote speaker Sam Demma	School Theatre 7:00pm – 8:30 pm
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LBP | 2025-2026 School Opening Forms: - **Last reminder to complete.**

On September 2nd we will welcome our students to the 2025-2026 school year at Lester B. Pearson High School. Calgary Board of Education has an online Portal called School Engage. Most parents already have a School Engage account but if you are new to CBE you will need to create one. School Engage will give parents/guardians/caregivers access to required forms. Please see the links below to create an account if needed and complete the required forms for your student(s).

- Demographic Verification 2025-2026
- Annual Authorization 2025-2026
- Consent for CBE Use of Student Information
- Consent for CBE Use of Student Information by News Media and Outside Groups (Third Party)



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[School Engage](#)

[School Engage - Help](#)

Additional forms that should be completed **IF REQUIRED** are the following:

[Annual Authorization for Athletic Tryout](#)

[School Health Emergency Response Protocol Form](#)

[Student Health Plan](#)

Please only complete if they apply to your student. We are encouraging all families to complete forms online. If necessary, you may print and complete at home and bring to the Main Office.

myCBE

MyCBE provides parents and students seamless access to information and transactions using a modern and effective technology platform.

Parents have online access to:

- View their children's academic information (schedule, grades and attendance)
- View their children's learning activities using Brightspace by D2L
- Register for transportation and noon supervision
- Pay fees and request fee waivers
- Book school conferences

All parents/guardians/caregivers and students should have a **myCBE** account. If you are new to the CBE or you have yet to create an account, please do so before the start of school

[myCBE Log In](#)

[myCBE Support](#)

myPASS

All students, grades 10, 11, and 12 are encouraged to create a myPASS account. This will give students access to their official marks, diploma results and transcripts. If you do not have an account, please create one before the start of school.

[myPASS Log In](#)



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 5th before paying fees, as there may be changes to the students' schedule.**

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 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 lost credits or required courses resulting from persistent 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!

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.



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- 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 myCBE Parent Portal.

School Calendar:

The school calendar is currently under construction and will be listed on our school homepage. As the year progresses please check back regularly as there may be changes. Here is the link to our school Homepage:

[Pearson Homepage](#)

Important dates and events for August and September are listed later in this newsletter.

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 for 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 27th. All requests for course changes will be done online through the QR code.

Students leaving school during the day:

Students in grades 11 and 12, when having to leave school during the day, will come to the main office and sign out. At some point in the day or evening the parents can call the attendance line and excuse the student. The attendance line is open 24/7, so there is no need for the student to call a parent as they leave. If the student is 18 years old, they do not need parent permission. They can excuse themselves. For grade 10 students, we will ask that a parent be contacted right away before they are allowed to leave the school. This is a CBE policy, parents can call ahead or send a note signed by them, but we do prefer speaking with them on the phone. Any questions please contact Ms. Rossi-Reimer – extension is 2413.



School Parent Council:

Join the School Parent Council and be a part of all the happenings at Pearson. Parent support is vital for student success and school culture. Our AGM will occur at 7:30pm during our **Meet the Teacher Night on Tuesday, September 9th.**



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. During the day the only entrance students can use to enter the building will be the Main Entrance (17N).** To gain entrance you must have your current school ID on your person or on a lanyard. Grade 11 and 12 students may reuse your black lanyard. Grade 10s will be issued new lanyards. While in the building, students must carry their current ID, preferably visibly worn on a school lanyard. Grade 10s will be issued their first ID and lanyard at no charge. School IDs 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. **There will absolutely be no loitering, being late or cutting classes in the Student Parking Lot.**

Lockers:

Hallway Lockers will be available for students to use again this year. The nominal fee of \$10 will be charged to rent a locker for the year. This fee will be used to repair damaged lockers and replace broken locks. You may purchase a locker in the main office; Ms. Mincheva will assist students with this.

Student Pick Up and Drop-Off:

Parents are requested to use 26th Avenue to drop off and pick up students. Parents may also **park and wait** in the designated Students Parking. There will be no waiting or parking in the Fire Lanes, in front of the Main Entrance, Handicap Bus Zones or in Staff Parking. This will ensure smoother traffic flow, reduce congestion and improve pedestrian safety before and after school.

Student Leadership:

This is an all call for students who are interested in Student Leadership and the Principal's Student Advisory. Questions can be sent to Ms. Saxton at wlsaxton@cbe.ab.ca or 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. There is 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:

Tuesday, September 9th	Meet the Teacher Night and School Parent Council AGM	6:00pm to 8:00pm – please come and meet your teachers and support staff 6:00pm – IPP Parent Info Session 6:30pm- K/E Parent Info Session 6:30pm – EAL Parent Info Session 7:30pm – School Parent Council AGM – all parents are welcome
Thursday, September 11th	Extra Substitute Connect Day	Follow Thursday Schedule
Wednesday, September 17th	Extra Substitute Connect Day	Follow Wednesday Schedule
Thursday, September 18th	Special Assembly – Guest Speaker Sam Demma – all Grades	Modified Schedule - TBA
Thursday, September 18th	Special Parent Presentation featuring keynote speaker Sam Demma	School Theatre 7:00pm – 8:30 pm
Friday, September 19th	Terry Fox Walk and Run	Modified Schedule - TBA
Thursday, September 24th	Math/Science Parent Info Night To support your child's success in math and the sciences	School Theatre 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Friday, September 26th	Orange Shirt Day	Wear orange and look for Orange Shirt Day Activities
Saturday, September 27th	Pineridge Fall Family Festival	11:00 am to 2:00 pm – East Side of Pearson next to Church. Join us for free food, entertainment and lot of fun activities for the whole family
Monday, September 29th	Non-Instructional Day	No School for students.
Tuesday, September 30th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	No School for students and staff.



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Happy Birthday Constable Adams!!!



Kenneth Chee P, Kai Kleinitz AP, Joy Bader AP and Ryan Bliss 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