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Lester B. Pearson Newsletter – September 25, 2023

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Last week was another busy time at Pearson. Academics, athletics, student leadership and staff PD filled our moments. I want to thank all the parents who approached me to say hello during Math/Science Night and to say how much they enjoyed reading my weekly newsletter. This is another short week with the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Friday/Saturday. Thursday is Orange Shirt Day so get your Orange Gear out early. Orange Shirt Day is in support of Reconciliation. We must never forget the tragedy of residential schools and remind ourselves that Every Child Matters. In addition a reminder that all students must wear their IDs and lanyards visibly around their necks to gain access and while they are in the building. This safety and security measure works as we have already caught and trespassed 3 intruders. Please arrive before the bell the school doors are locked once the bell rings. If you are late, you can only enter through the main doors.

So much to share this week at Pearson - read on:



Monday was Culinary's First day. Good crowd!!! I enjoyed the classic grill cheese and tomato soup, I could not resist the brownie with caramel drizzle, Scrumptious! Students can purchase lunch every day in the cafeteria. It is both good value and nutritious. As well staying on campus will ensure you will not be late for your afternoon class. I wonder what's on the menu for next week???



Our juniors getting ready for their first league game away vs the All Saints.



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Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting for our first PE 30 Hostel trip of the year. Wonderful turnout one of the best ever.



Vocal Jazz first office performance. The Main Office has superb acoustics. Vocal jazz is amazing!!! Here is a snippet of their rendition of O Canada:

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Tuesday was a cold miserable day for soccer but our Patriots gave it their all. We lost to Beaverbrook 3 – 0 but spirits were high despite the loss.



Our intrepid Cross Country Team did not let the cold and drizzly weather stop them from competing the course at Canmore Park. This is an outstanding group of runners and they did coach Roggeveen and Kolar proud. By finishing this course our athletes have earned a berth in the City Championships. Go Patriots!!!



Classes engaged in learning on the brink of our first fire drill. We cleared the building in 3 minutes and reconciled our classes and ran the pink sheets to our muster points in 4 minutes.





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A **warm and sunny** day for our annual Terry Fox Walk and Run. Kudos to Isiah for leading the way and completing 10 laps of the course!!! Congratulations to Mr. Webster's Leadership students for hosting their first event and it was grand. A whole school event requires whole school support. Thank you to our IB, Youth Volunteer Central, Students' Council, Culinary and all the staff. My old friend Paul Spencer donated his time, DJ Skills and equipment to keep our students moving and grooving to the tunes. What a special and joyous thing it is to make the time to come together as a community for a good cause. Here is a short clip: https://share.icloud.com/photos/014R11zXZqEgY0eo5jkN8_PFEg





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Our juniors hosted the brand new school North Trail in their first league game of the season. The stands were jam-packed. The most I have ever seen for a junior game. The cheers were deafening in support of our Patriots. We dropped our first match but it was close and the match was fun to watch.



Our seniors went head to head against St. Martins in their first league game of the season. Our set plays, serving and defense was a joy to see. St. Martins won this one but our seniors showed maturity and they will be ready for the next team.



A late night game under the bright lights. We took on North Trail and reigned victorious - 20-0.



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Attending every day 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.

Save the Dates:

- **Wednesday, September 27: Connect Substitute Day/PE Hostel Trip**
- **Thursday, September 28: Orange Shirt Day**
- **Friday, September 29: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No Classes**
- **Monday, October 9: Thanksgiving Day– No Classes**
- **Friday, October 13: Photo Retakes**
- **Wednesday, October 18: Parent Teacher Conferences – 4:40pm – 8:00pm**
- **Thursday, October 19: Connect Substitute Day**
- **Friday, October 20: Non-Instructional Day – No classes**
- **Wednesday, October 25: Fall Awards 5:30pm – 8:00pm**



Coming together, Enjoying together. Being together. Pearson Family

**Kenneth Chee
Principal**