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Lester B. Pearson Newsletter – January 29, 2024

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Semester 2 starts this Wednesday, January 31. There are a few items for your student(s) to pay attention to before the start of our new semester. You will find these start up notes later in the newsletter. First, let me share some stories from last week. Read on:



The main gym, before and after each exam.



ACCESS students taking the bike out for a spin around the block. Humri's first time ever on a bike. The halls are uber smooth ☐



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Ms. Haynes is grooving to the tunes with our ACCESS students in the Dance Studio.



Alumni giving back. Bezawit and Reem are organizing a Connect Presentation, Post-Secondary 101, where a panel of former Pearson students will talk about their post-secondary experiences and provide suggestions for a smooth transition. They will be present for an in person Q & A at lunch the same day. Bezawit is at U of C. Reem is at Bow Valley College. Also on panel will be Gayatri and Besan. Plans for the Japan Trip 2025 are progressing.



Our Launch Event for Pearson Reads Challenge was a book read with ALP and ACCESS. This is Isobel, the Librarian at Village Square Public Library. She read Benny the Bananasaurus Rex by Holden and Pederson and I read my favorite book the Good Egg by John and Oswald (you may



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view these wonderful Children's books and more in my office). Isobel gifted bookmarks, pencils and each student received their very own library card on the spot!



Our EAL Team hosted an 'EAL Information Night', in support of our students and to build bridges and understanding of high school with parents. We had an interpreter at every table. Attendance was outstanding as we rushed to find more chairs to squeeze everyone in the Learning Commons. Calgary Bridge Foundation, CIWA and RICS were present as Community Supports. Thanks to our EAL teachers.

Dates:

- **Monday, January 29th: Grade 9 Tours and Open House - 6:00pm to 8:00pm**
- **Tuesday, January 30th: Report Cards visible in Power School**
- **Wednesday, January 31st: First Day of Semester 2**
- **February 1st to 3rd: Connect in the morning each day after first block for start up and registration**
- **February 5th to 23rd: Grad Photos – Book online at prestigeportraits.ca**
- **February 15th, 16th, & 19th: Teacher Convention/Family Day Long Weekend**
- **February 20th: School Parent Council – This is a Tuesday - New start time of 7:00 PM.**



Semester 2, Start Up: Checklist

1. Review your Semester 2 timetable in Power School before classes start. There may be changes to your schedule due to the need to balance classes.
2. Bring all your textbooks back and return to the Learning Commons. You will not be issued new textbooks if you have textbooks outstanding.
3. Make sure you visibly wear your ID while in school at all times.
4. If you submitted a Course Change Request, check your schedule. If it was successful, you will see the change on your timetable. If you do not see it, a change was not possible. If you have 'See Guidance' on your schedule please drop by student services.
5. There will be no Lunch Service for the first 2 weeks.
6. Most important **attend, attend, attend!!!** Student academic success is directly related to your attendance.



Pearson Reads Chee Challenge

Join the Pearson Reads Chee Challenge and immerse yourself into a good book. Between January 14th and February 20th pick up a book or graphic novel of your choice and read.

When you are done, enter your name, title of the book, a short review of 3 sentences and post in the Student Services D2L Shell. Look for the Pearson Reads Discussion Blog. Tell us about your read and maybe this will encourage others to pick up the book too. A draw for four \$25 gift certificates from Owls Nest Book Store for all that participate. If we hit 1000 reads there will be a draw for a BBQ Party for the class of your choice.



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