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## Lester B. Pearson Newsletter – February 4, 2024

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

We had many new introductions of teachers, students and courses in the first week of Semester 2. Our school had athletics resumed and many clubs and activities picking up where they let off; so much to share this week.

Read on:



Did you see all the spectacular sunrises last week? Here are a couple of great ones!





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Our Pearson JA Company at the Trade Fair at Cross Iron Mills last weekend. We have Pearson students on other JA teams too, sponsored by firms and businesses.



You can see it for the next week driving east on McKnight on the 44 Street NE pedestrian overpass.







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**Grade 9 Tours were lead by our leadership students; students visited all of our CTS, PE and FA Courses to see what they might be interested in taking for next year.**





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School Parent Council reps, Mrs. Naidu and Mrs. Houmsi could not wait to share with me that they signed up 22 parents expressing interest in joining next year, a new record!!! Thank you all for welcoming our new parents and students at Open House; it was a collective effort. Great turn out!!!





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**We had an exhibition game at West Island College last night; it was a closely fought match. In the last minute, the Wolves sunk a 3 pointer and we were behind by 2 points with 7 seconds on the clock. We took our shot and missed ☹️ Score 77-75.**



**Our juniors played the late match. It was point for point for much of the first half but the Patriots began to pull ahead. Our team played a great game and will start the second half of their season with a win, Patriots 56 - Wolves 47. Go Red!!!**



**First early morning of Semester 2 and the wrestlers are running. Badminton tryouts began with over 80 students vying for a spot on the team.**





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**ALP is practicing for their next Unified Sport, Floor Hockey!!!**



**USAY returned with the help of Elder Adrian Wolfleg. He began our Medicine Wheel Program with a talk about his favorite comic book heroes. His question to the students, 'What is your super power?'**



**The first days of classes; fascinating how everyone gets their students prepared for the learning to come. In Mr. Toy's art class he talked about carefully choosing your subject matter with thought and consideration, not just to pick randomly. Thus when they complete their piece of art it**



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will be special and meaningful and it be one of a kind, the only piece of art like that in the entire world. So cool!!!



**The Big Reveal on Friday with the introduction of the Platform Party at the Grad Banquet and our Class Valedictorian. Congratulations to Neha Naidu, Valedictorian; Invocation, Danny Nguyen; Grad Committee Chair, Ahmed Mohamed; Banquet MCs and Toasts, Batool El-Emarah and Sabhu Chaudry; Toast to Parents, Noor Fatima; Toast to Grads, Juwairia Manzar. A stellar bunch!!!**





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A look at Ms. Taylor's Science 24 students exploring the property of elements in the Periodic Table. So cool!!







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**Northside Invitational, our juniors in action!!!!**



**Our seniors won the Consolation Final, Go Patriots!!!!**



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**Another stellar tournament win for our outstanding wrestling team!!!**



**Our Model UN also had a memorable event with several students winning delegate awards. Congratulations!!!**

**Dates:**

- February 5th to 23<sup>rd</sup>: Lifetouch Grad Photo Sessions at Pearson
- February 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 19<sup>th</sup>: Teacher Convention & Family Day Long Weekend
- February 20<sup>th</sup>: School Parent Council, This is a Tuesday & a new start time of 7:00 PM.

**Semester 2 Start Up: Don't Forget!**

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.





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2. Bring all your textbook books back and return them to the Learning Commons. You will not be issued new textbooks if you have textbooks outstanding.
3. **Make sure you visibly wear your school ID while in school at all times.**
4. If you submitted a Course Change Request, you will need to 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 a '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

The Challenge is extended to after Spring Break. The challenge is read a book, graphics novel, comic book or whatever interests you.

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. There will be 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.



Teachers I have worked with over the years. We spent Saturday at the Dignity Forum on Anti-Racism.

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