



Laker News

Lamont High School

Message from the Principal

I hope you were all able to shovel out all the snow Friday, I don't know when I have last seen such a huge snowfall! I would have to say that is the worst I've seen the roads in a long time, aside from driving, it was nice to have the snow.

February is here and one of those months that goes by so fast. Please see the school closure dates for the no school days in February. Wednesday, January 31st is the first day of Semester 2, new schedules, teachers and courses. Student timetables are available online and we will be passing out copies to our Junior High students today. The first week is often busy with class or course changes, please call if you have any questions regarding your child's timetable.

We are also sending a note home with them that asks you to sign up to receive important information about the school. We do try to put most information on the school website, or on the Lamont High Facebook page, and we have also posted a few notes or newsletters for parents, but it is hard to know how much gets home. We often find in Junior and Senior High that if we send notes, they sometimes don't make it home. We used to keep paper copies of newsletters, but if we had emails, we could email a copy home with dates and important news. The notes have an 8 step guide to get you subscribed to email. We would love to have as many parents as possible sign up, so hopefully you are able to do this.

Marks are available on PowerSchool for courses that ended first semester and in March, Report Cards will be available for viewing in March and Parent Teacher Interviews are on March 20th and 21st.

Hope everyone has had a great start in 2018.

Sharon Mclean

Dual Credit Programs at Lamont High

What is Dual Credit?

Dual Credit provides high school students with the opportunity to participate in apprenticeship training or get a head start on their post-secondary education - by taking a course(s) that earns them both high school and post-secondary credits at the same time.

Why Take Dual Credit Programming?

Dual Credit programming provides many benefits, including the following:

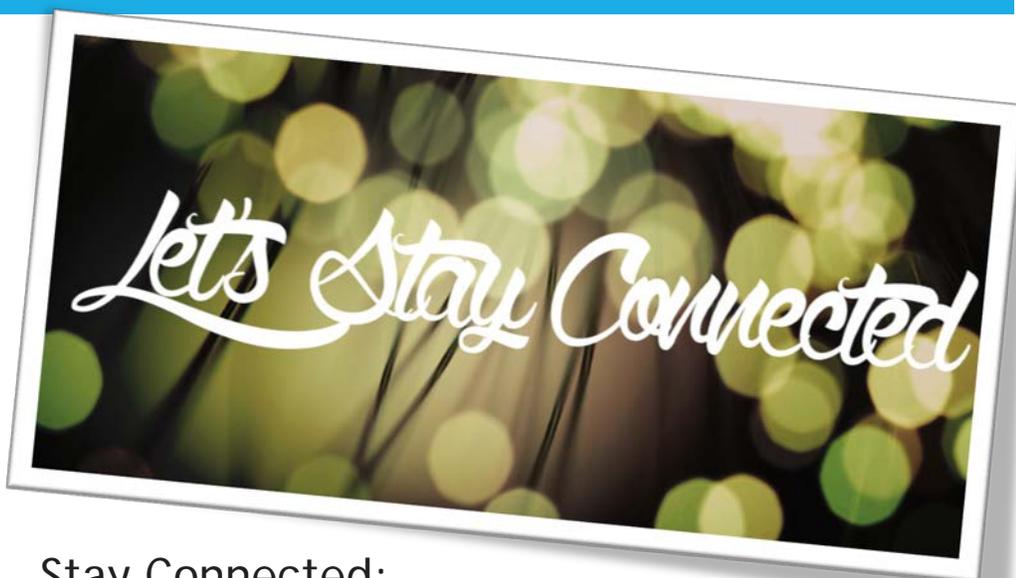
- Saving on the cost of tuition. With Dual Credit fees covered by the school division, students are required to take fewer courses when they enroll at a post-secondary institution, thereby reducing their future tuition fees.
- It helps prepare high school students for a post-secondary academic environment and eases the transition from high school to college.
- It lowers their future workload by allowing them to complete courses that count toward earning a credential before entering a post-secondary institution.
- Taking a course (or courses) during high school can give a student the motivational boost they need to stay in school and build their confidence to continue on a post-secondary path.
- Many students' high school grades are positively impacted when they participate in a Dual Credit program because it highlights the importance of education as they consider their future careers.
- It provides students with an opportunity to engage in hands-on experience that links learning to satisfying careers in the workplace but does not interrupt high school programming.
- The amount of time and money invested in education at the post-secondary level can be significant. Exposure to courses earlier on can assist in determining whether a specific career is the right choice for a student.

First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line

Health Canada recently announced the launch of the First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line (1-855-242-3310), which is available 24-7. The helpline provides immediate, culturally competent, telephone-based, crisis-intervention counselling to First Nations and Inuit people experiencing distress. All calls are answered in English or French by experienced crisis-intervention counsellors. Callers can also ask if service is available in Cree, Ojibway and Inuktitut.

RCMP 2018 Depot Youth Camp – Regina, Sask.

“K” Division is once again proud to be participating in the RCMP’s Depot Youth Camp held in Regina, Saskatchewan for August of 2018. Applications are open to students that are 16 – 19 years of age who are currently enrolled in high schools throughout Alberta. There are [two Youth Camps](#) available with dates listed on posters located around the school. Please call the school for more info.



Stay Connected: Subscribe to EIPS email news!

Want to stay up-to-date on the latest news and events taking place at your school? Make sure to subscribe to Elk Island Public Schools’ (EIPS) email distribution list. Canada’s Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) now requires the Division to have direct consent before engaging in electronic communication with its families. If you haven’t subscribed, simply visit www.eips.ca/contacts/synrevoice. Once subscribed you’ll begin receiving Division – and school-related news – newsletters, information about upcoming events, parent-and community-engagement opportunities, important school-based updates and more.

NOTE: Even if you’re not subscribed, you will continue to receive e-mails regarding emergency situations and financial matters. Those who received notifications about high school attendance will also continue to receive those messages.

EIPS appreciates your co-operation in ensuring its distribution lists are compliant with CASL and you continue to receive only the information you feel is important.

EIPS Launches New Pre-Enrolment Process

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is launching a new pre-enrolment process to simplify the way it registers students for the upcoming year, collects information, and manages requests to attend a non-designated school. The pre-enrolment process allows the Division to verify all student information for every child prior to the start of the new school year.

Each spring, EIPS families will receive an email from the Division asking them to confirm their child’s enrolment in a school for the upcoming year using a secure online pre-enrolment form. By logging in to PowerSchool, families can indicate which school their child plans to attend; apply to attend a non-designated school, if applicable; and update any required student information – such as phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts. If circumstances change, families also have the ability to update their child’s data throughout the year.

The pre-enrolment process for the 2018-2019 school year takes place from March 1 – 15 of this year.

Applying to attend a non – designated school?

The new pre-enrolment process also eliminates the former Boundary Exemption Request Process. Now, returning students who want to apply to a non-designated school can do so through the pre-enrolment process by indicating on the form the school they want to attend. Acceptance is not guaranteed; rather, it’s based on available space. Some EIPS schools have closed boundaries because of high enrolment numbers and will not accept non-designated students for the 2018-19 school year. These schools will be identified prior to the pre-enrolment process. All families who apply to attend a non-designated school will be contacted and advised of the outcome in April.

NOTE: Any requests to attend a non-designated school or out-of-boundary program for returning students in grades 1-12 must be completed during the two-week pre-enrolment process to be considered for the next school year. The only exception: Students who move into the Division from outside the geographic area, or another community with the Division, following the deadline.

For more information visit www.eips.ca



Important Dates

- Winter Walk Day Feb 7
- Valentine's Day February 14
- National Flag Day February 15
- School Council February 20
- Young Author's Conference Feb 24



School Closure Dates

- Feb 8-9 : Teacher Convention
- Feb 16 & 19 : Family Day Weekend
- March 2 : Professional Learning
- March 23 – April 2 : Spring Break

FUN FACTS

Canadian inventions include the game Trivial Pursuit, the Telephone, Basketball & the Snowmobile.

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Canada is lucky to have 9% of the world's renewable water supply!

Laker Latest!

Basketball season is now in full swing at Lamont High! We have all six teams underway for the season with a total of 74 students playing basketball!

We have the following home tournaments coming up for junior high teams:

- February 2-3 – Servus Credit Union Jr. B Boys and Girls Invitational
- February 16-17 – Jr. A Boys Invitational
- February 23-24 – Jr. A Girls Invitational

Check out the athletics calendar under the Athletics tab on our website for all teams' game dates and schedules. The high school teams have the following tournaments as well:

- February 23-24 – High School Boys and Girls @ Vegreville Composite High School
- March 8 – 9 – High School Boys Zone Playoffs @ FG Miller – Elk Point
- March 8 – 9 – High School Girls Zone Playoffs @ Assumption School – Cold Lake

Curling season is also in full swing with the teams practicing every Monday and playing in the Lamont Curling Club's Friday night recreational league, competing with a girls, boys and mixed teams. They also have the following coming up:

- February 13 – 14 – High School Zone Playoffs @ Lloydminster Curling Club

Please remember to pay your team fees as soon as possible as fees cover transportation costs, team gear, tournament entry fees, league costs and hotel costs.

Check the athletics website regularly to stay updated on everything Lakers, as well, follow us on Twitter @LamontHigh; on Instagram @lamontlakers and like our Facebook page "Lamont High School Lakers."

Mr. Cory Kokotailo, B. Ed.
Director of Athletics & Physical Education



Photo Above: Curling playoff vs. Innisfree for League 5 spot at ASAA Zones and a friendly vs. Myrnam. Courtesy of Mr. Kokotailo

Student Council is on Instagram, Check out the new products we can make!!!

Student council has created a school activities Instagram!

Follow @lamonthighschool to see upcoming contests and events!

If anyone wishes to join in on planning the events in the school and would like to be involved with a great group of people. Student Council meets during flex block, so keep an eye out and make sure you get in on the fun!

Lamont High School is also happy to announce that we have opened our own custom creations store! We have opened our store, Lamont Design Lab, which offers custom products such as mugs, water bottles, license plate covers, cellphone/electronic cases, and various apparel! You can follow our store on Instagram '@lamont_design_lab' for product examples, or email Katelynn Bayes at Katelynn.bayes@eips.ca

ready? high school! set?

High School Information Night

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is hosting a High School Information Night on Feb. 27, 2018. Annually, the Division hosts the information session to help its students and families learn more about EIPS' senior high schools.

Students in grades 8-9 and their families are invited to attend this year's High School Information Night. At the session, attendees will learn about high school instruction, programming and course offerings; diploma requirements; extracurricular opportunities and much more. Representatives from EIPS and its senior high schools will also be on hand to answer any questions.

High School Information Night details:

Date: Feb. 27, 2018

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: The Agora, Strathcona County Community Centre
401 Festival Ln., Sherwood Park

***Sharon & Curtis would like to invite all Grade 9, 10 & 11 parents to Lamont High's High School information night where we will be streaming the above presentation along with information about Scholarships and Dual Credit programs from the High School to save our parents in the community the long commute.

For more information contact EIPS Administrative Office at 780-464-3477

Measuring our Success: Complete the Accountability Pillar Survey

Once again, Alberta Education is conducting its Accountability Pillar Survey – An annual checkup on the province's education system. Every year, Alberta Education conducts the survey to gather information about the quality of education provided by Alberta schools and school authorities. The survey looks at various measures such as engagement levels, student wellness, student outcomes, and the classroom(s) and school climate.

Throughout the month of February, Grade 7 – 12 students and teachers at Lamont High School are completing the survey online at the school. Student participation is voluntary and completely anonymous. Students are assigned a random username and password to ensure the survey responses aren't linked to any individual student. The survey takes about 40 minutes to complete and is done within the school day during regular class time.

Additionally, parents and guardians of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 are also being surveyed – the province mailed the surveys in January. Again, the survey is anonymous and asks questions about experiences with your school. If you have a child in grades 4, 7 or 10, we highly encourage you to participate. The completed survey must be returned to Alberta Education by the end of February.

Results from the Accountability Survey are provided to Elk Island Public Schools each May. The Division then uses that data to inform its three year education plans, its annual school education plans and strategies for continuous improvement. The results are also shared with EIPS families and school communities each fall in the Division's *Combined Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report*.

For more information about Alberta Education's Accountability Pillar Survey visit www.education.alberta.ca/accountability-pillar

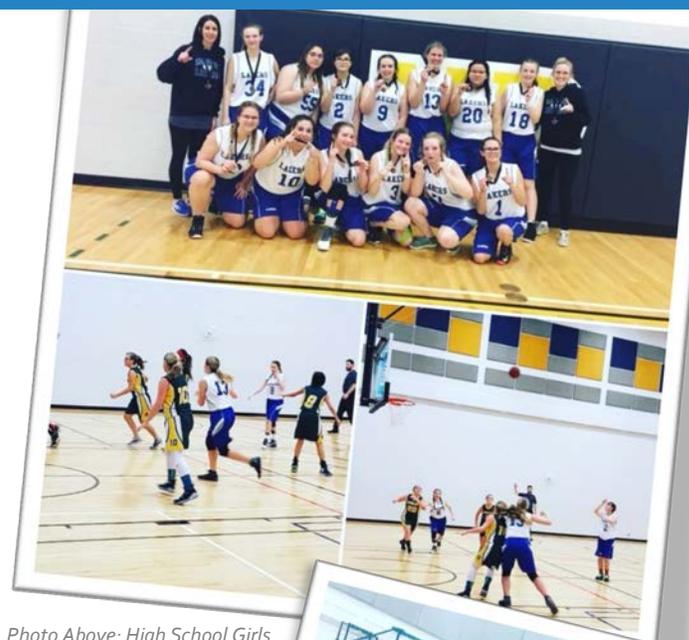


Photo Above: High School Girls won the Bonnyville Tournament
#EIPS #WeAreLakers
Courtesy of Mr. Kokotailo



Photo Right: Lakers blue always look best in a Gymnasium under the bright lights.
Courtesy of Mr. Kokotailo

