

# Lamont High School



### Welcome Back!

It's hard to believe summer is over, but here we are and another school year is upon us! We hope that you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to get back to school!

As we kick off the new year, we hope you take some time to pop in and see some of the exciting changes that have taken place around our school over the summer.

There are also a number of new staff to meet as well:

- Jason Booker (English & FNMI Coordinator)
- Erika Cochrane (Business Manager)
- Penny Smith (Counselling)
- Jonathan Campbell (Ranch)
- Karissa Sydor (Ranch)

We are committed to keeping our parent community involved in what is going at the school. Please take the time to sign up for our email list, follow us on social media (**Facebook** @LamontHighLakers , **Twitter** @LamontHigh , **Instagram** lamontlakers) and read through our monthly newsletter for the latest and greatest about Lamont High!

### Principal's Message

I am so excited to be returning as the principal this year! I feel very honored to be able to serve such an amazing community of learners, parents and staff.

We look forward to working with you and your child throughout the year. If there is anything we can do to make your year the very best it can be, please do not hesitate to contact the office!

### Student Drop Off

Please be advised that the student drop off area is located at the North end of the school. Students should not be dropped off at the front of the school.

### Picture Day is coming on Wednesday, September 5

Make it simple by ordering your portraits online, using your Picture Day ID and child's first name to get started. If you prefer to order on paper, we will be sending an order form home as well.

Remember to smile and have fun!

## Upcoming Events

- September 5: Early Dismissal (2:15pm)
- September 5: Picture Day
- September 18: School Council 5:30 pm (new members welcome)
- September 18: Grad Info Meeting 6:30pm
- September 27<sup>th</sup>: Terry Fox Run
- September 28<sup>th</sup>: Bus Evacuation Drill
- September 28<sup>th</sup>: Orange Shirt Day
- October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Jesse Lipscombe – Guest Presentation on Race Relations
- October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Early Dismissal
- October 5<sup>th</sup>: System PD Day
- October 8<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Day

### Terry Fox Run

Every year, students from across Canada take part in the Terry Fox Run. The run is done to commemorate the incredible spirit of a man who dreamed of helping others despite being diagnosed with Cancer himself.

LHS will be holding our Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. We ask that every student bring a "Toonie for Terry" as a donation on behalf of LHS.

### Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is a day of remembrance and an act of reconciliation.

Orange Shirt Day is an annual Canada-wide event to commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools. It grew out of a gathering of survivors held in Williams Lake, British Columbia in 2013, where Phyllis Webstad, who attended St. Joseph Mission residential school, shared her experience of having her new orange shirt taken on her first day.

LHS will be taking part in Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate your support.

### **Message from Finance**

Parents, if you are in need of assistance with school fees, please note that the application for Waiver of Fees deadline Dec. 15, 2018.

For more information, please contact Ms. Cochrane in the office.

### **Counsellor's Corner**

Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year! I am delighted to be joining the fantastic educational team at Lamont High School. While I am new to Elk Island Public Schools, I am not new to counselling or to the Lamont/Fort Saskatchewan area. I have been working as a School Counsellor/Learning Facilitator for six years and previously served as FSLW to schools in the Fort Saskatchewan area. I am excited to have the opportunity to assist your children along their educational journey through high school and beyond.

Penny Smith, Guidance Counsellor

### **Success Coach at Lamont High School**

Andrea Gavinchuk will be the Success Coach at Lamont High for the upcoming 2018-19 school year. Her role includes: ensuring each student meets all Alberta Education requirements for graduation, exploring post-secondary requirements for their desired occupation, signing up for mypass which allows students to access to their transcripts for post-secondary, and provide resources for career exploration. Andrea hopes to identify and find solutions to academic concerns so that each student will successfully complete their high school education.

### **#WeAreLamont Athletics Report**

The new school year kicks off athletics with a bang! Our six volleyball teams will all see tournament action in the month as follows:

High School Girls - Sept 7/8 in Vermilion; Sept 28/29 home tournament.

High School Boys - Sept 7/8 @ St. Mary's in Vegreville; Sept 21/22 in Redwater.

Jr. A Boys and Girls - Sept 14/15 in Sherwood Park; Sept 28/29 @ Fort Christian in Fort Saskatchewan.

Jr. B Boys and Girls - Sept 21/22 in Sherwood Park.

September also kicks off the Cross Country running team! Jr. High meets are in September, 19th at GoldBar Park for the EIPS meet and the 26th also at GoldBar Park for Zones. High School zones and provincials are held in October.

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, Sept 25th for an all teams volleyball parent meeting. At this meeting we will talk about team fees, tournament hosting and ways for parents and the community to get involved in Lakers Athletics.

Volleyball fees are as follows:

High School - \$300

Jr. A - \$150

Jr. B - \$125

Please be aware of the deadline to pay team fees: High School fees must be paid by October 1; Jr. High fees must be paid by October 15. Failure to pay fees by these deadlines will result the athlete no longer being able to be a part of the team.

If you have any questions or would like more information, or to find out how you can volunteer with the athletics program, contact the Director of Athletics at [Cory.Kokotailo@eips.ca](mailto:Cory.Kokotailo@eips.ca) or by calling the school.

### **Enhancing literacy and numeracy**

As part of Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) ongoing efforts to enhance the literacy and numeracy of students in all grade levels, the Division is once again administering the STAR 360 and Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI) assessment tools in the 2018-19 school year. The tools focus on literacy and numeracy, are digitally based and offer an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning. The goal: to provide timely information to teachers, help enhance classroom instruction and ensure student learning needs are identified.

In September and May, EIPS students in grades 1 through 12 will complete the STAR 360 assessment, which evaluates reading comprehension. The assessment takes approximately 20 minutes and can be taken on any digital device. Also in September, students in grades 2 through 10 will complete the MIPI assessment, which is a mathematic screening tool used to inform teachers about a student's math skills. For students in grades 7 through 10, the MIPI takes approximately 50 minutes and for students in grades 2 through 6 it takes approximately 20 minutes. The results of each offers the teacher a clearer picture about a student's learning needs and helps determine if subsequent instructional planning is required.

The scores of the assessments are not used towards a student's grade and there is no need to study ahead of time. Both simply provide the teacher with information to better understand where each student is in terms of reading comprehension and mathematic ability. If, after analyzing the results, it's determined a student can benefit from extra support, the teacher will contact the family to discuss possible support strategies.

For more information about the Division's STAR 360 and MIPI assessment tools, contact Deb Barron, the Director of Learning Supports, at 780-464-3477.

### **Stay Connected: Subscribe to our news**

As of the 2018-19 school year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is moving to a new service provider for sending phone and email notifications to families, School Messenger. Families won't notice much of a difference—all email subscription are being transferred so, there is no need to resubscribe.

If you're new to EIPS and want to start receiving Division news and update, or just want to review your subscription information, visit [www.eips.ca/contact/subscribe](http://www.eips.ca/contact/subscribe). Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) requires the Division to have direct consent before

engaging in electronic communication with its families. Only those who have subscribed to receive emails will get information about Division and school-related news, such as 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 emails regarding emergency situations and financial matters. Those who received notifications about high school attendance will also continue to receive those messages.

### **Quick Facts: EIPS buses are all equipped with video surveillance**

Did you know each EIPS bus is equipped with video surveillance? The video surveillance and equipment helps:

- ensure the safety of all students, drivers and property; and
- deter from destructive acts.

On a regular basis, EIPS Student Transportation reviews the video recordings, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP). The recordings assist the department with monitoring student and driver conduct, and may be used as evidence in a disciplinary matter.

For more information about the collection, use and disclosure of personal information, contact the EIPS FOIP co-ordinator at 780-464-3477.

### **Sync the School Calendar to Your Personal Calendar**

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own personal calendar? You can. Just visit <http://lamonthigh.ca/about/calendar> and click on one of the following calendar options you want to subscribe to:

- Add to Google Calendar
- Subscribe to Calendar (Outlook)
- Download iCal

*NOTE:* Using a mobile device, these options are located above the calendar. Using a computer, these options are located below the calendar.

Once you click on the calendar option you want to subscribe to, follow the instructions. Within seconds, your personal calendar will contain all of Lamont High School's important dates including holidays, school-closures days, planned activities, events and more.

### **Improving Home-School Communication**

To enhance communication between families and schools, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has developed a how-to guide entitled, "Communication Protocol for Schools." Topics include appropriate channels to use, standard formats and structures, timing and sequencing for regular and ongoing home-school communication, and ways to bring forward questions or concerns. Additionally, the manual offers useful tools and resources schools and families can use to enhance face-to-face meetings, emails and any social media efforts. The "Communication Protocol for Schools" is available at [www.eips.ca/download/40981](http://www.eips.ca/download/40981).