



February 2022 *SCHOOL UPDATE*



ÉCOLE LACOMBE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

“Learning Today for Living Tomorrow”

PULSE SURVEY: Please complete our [February Parent Pulse Survey](#) to provide input into our elective courses.

SAFETY MEASURES: We continue to engage with the [safety measures](#) outlined by the Alberta government. Please ensure that your child **screens** using the [Daily Checklist](#) and **stays home if they have any symptoms**. At this time, we are still avoiding large indoor assemblies and field trips.

BOUNDARY AND GRADE CONFIGURATION REVIEW: Students from Blackfalds and area currently attend high school in Lacombe. A new high school in Blackfalds will bring some new changes. The division is excited about the opportunities the new school will provide so they are assessing the current attendance boundaries and the grade configurations in Blackfalds and Lacombe. WCPS wants all Blackfalds and Lacombe families, students, staff, and the broader community to have their say in this process. [Click here to learn more](#).

BUS REGISTRATION: [Click here](#) to register for a bus for the 2022-2023 school year. **June 1** is the deadline.

LIONHEART AWARDS: We recognized one student from each of our four houses who has been exemplary in their family, house, classes, clubs, and teams. Congratulations to Sienna Bennett (VENTUS), Myranda Caddy (IGNIS), Isabelle Collins (TERRA), and Sierra Wyatt (AQUA). You all have the heart of a lion!

ELEMENTAL WEEK: Students had lots of fun with their families and houses in the new year. All of our houses “claimed their halls” by decorating each of our wings based on their “Element.” TERRA House was the overall winner, with IGNIS earning “Most Heartwarming”, AQUA winning “Best Pillar” and VENTUS winning “Most Educational”. We hope that these activities have helped students feel like they belong in our school.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: For the month of February, students will learn about black history and culture while learning about a variety of influential black people each day during our morning announcements.

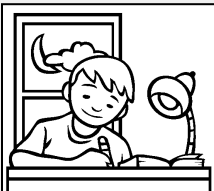
SCHOOL COUNCIL: Our school council provided valuable input at our [January 18 meeting](#). Council heard reports from school staff and provided feedback regarding an engagement grant that they will use to develop a Mental Health Toolkit for Parents. We are excited to announce that **Jo(e) Social Media** will present to all five Lacombe School Councils **virtually** on March 23 at 7:00pm. Their workshop will discuss **Social Media and Mental Health**. It should be an excellent session for any interested Lacombe parents.

SCHOOL FEES: Fees for complementary courses in the Winter Term are available online through the [Parent Portal](#). These fees pay for the consumable costs of project materials, field trips, and rentals. Please contact our office at (403) 782-3812 if you have any questions about how to pay these fees.

ATHLETICS: Our six basketball teams are having a fantastic season thanks to our coaches: Jandra Wells, Nakita Newman, Abby Warner, Wendy Smith, Dan Marchand, Cody Rudnik, Leland Pall, Megan Miller, and Melissa Rogers. A special thanks to Bruce Miller and ELUES for their gym this season. Our second intramural sport - Skittleball - started in January thanks to Jandra Wells and our grade 8 Recreational Leaders.

CLUBS: Our **Drama Club** meets from 4:00-6:00 on Thursdays at the Lacombe Performing Arts Center with Ms. Smith, Mr. Riddle, Ms. Roberts, Ms. Marek, Ms. LaFrance and Ms. Hiebert. The school **GSA** meets during Friday tutorials. Everyone is welcome! Students can also join the **Homework Club** with Ms. Jean-Baptiste and Ms. Winsnes on Mon/Wed/Fri from 3:30 to 4:30 in our library.

ÉLJHS SCHOOL CALENDAR for February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 Day 1 <i>Extreme Pita Lunch</i>	1 Day 2 <i>Tasty Bites Lunch</i> Black History Month Begins	2 Day 1 <i>Kavaccino's Lunch</i> <u>Winter Walk Day</u> CRUSH for a Crush Orders	3 Day 2 <i>Boston Pizza Lunch</i> CRUSH for a Crush Orders	4 Day 1 <i>Papa John's Lunch</i> CRUSH for a Crush Orders	5
6	7 Day 2 <i>Booster Juice Lunch</i> CRUSH for a Crush Orders	8 Day 1 <i>Eastside Eatery Lunch</i> CRUSH for a Crush Orders	9 Day 2 <i>Subway Lunch</i> CRUSH for a Crush Orders	10 Day 1 <i>Pho and Rice Lunch</i>	11 PD DAY NO CLASSES	12
13	 KINDNESS WEEK 2022 					19
	14 Day 2 <i>Panago Lunch</i> CRUSH for a Crush Deliveries	15 Day 1 <i>Leto's Lunch</i> March Lunch Orders Deadline	16 Day 2 <i>Tasty Bites Lunch</i> 	17 Day 1 <i>Kavaccino's Lunch</i> <u>PINK SHIRT DAY</u>	18 Day 2 <i>Extreme Pita Lunch</i> 	
20	21 FAMILY DAY School Closed	22 LIEU DAY School Closed	23 PD DAY NO CLASSES	24 TEACHER CONVENTION School Closed	25 TEACHER CONVENTION School Closed	26
27	28 Day 1 <i>Papa John's Lunch</i> Elective Course Ranking	 The 3 Rules of Homework: 1. "Eat the frog first". Do the hardest thing first. 2. Put away the phone (no texting). 3. Organize when you are finished. (Put things away properly.)				

FEB 2-14	CRUSH for a Crush	Students and parents can purchase a Crush for someone who "Crushed It" this school year. Kick off our Kindness Week by showing someone that you care!
FEB 14-18	Kindness Week	Teachers and students will discuss kindness during activities this week. Students are encouraged to wear a Pink Shirt on February 17.
FEB 21-25	Family Week	Have a great time with your family during this week! Your teachers will be attending a virtual Teachers' Convention on Thursday and Friday, where they will learn new ideas and meet online with teaching colleagues from across central Alberta.
FEB 28	Elective Course Ranking	Students will rank their preferred elective courses for the Spring term. Students are encouraged to try something new in the spring.

KEY DATES in FEBRUARY

Mar 10	Mar 11	Mar 14	Mar 18	Mar 22	Mar 23	Mar 25	Mar 26
Winter Term Ends	PD Day No Classes	Spring Term Begins	Report Cards go Home	Spring Photos	Joint School Council Meeting	PD Day No Classes	Spring Break Begins

Please visit our school website at <http://eljhs.wolfcreek.ab.ca/> for a more detailed calendar.