



September 2022 SCHOOL UPDATE



ÉCOLE LACOMBE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

*"Learning Today for **Leading** Tomorrow"*

Welcome back to school! We hope that our school community has had a happy and healthy summer holiday. We are very excited for you to join us at our Welcome Breakfast on **September 2** from 7:30-9:30am. Students and parents can pick up their schedules, meet their teachers, and drop off their [school supplies](#). We are also excited to host a special orientation day for our grade 7 students on **September 6** with grade 8 and 9 students joining them the next day on **September 7**. You can find lots of other information about our school at elijahs.wolfcreek.ab.ca.

SCHOOL GOALS

We have returned to our pre-pandemic school goals and this year we will be emphasizing Goal #2.

1. **Families:** To create meaningful connections between students and staff while providing guidance.
2. **Core:** To offer high quality instruction of knowledge and skills.
3. **Houses:** To build a sense of school community while promoting kindness, leadership, and service.
4. **Clubs:** To increase engagement by providing opportunities for exploration of student passions.

Our morning tutorials supplement our regular class time and provide opportunities for students to benefit from families, houses, and clubs. We hope that these goals allow every student to connect with others at school.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAMS

A huge thank you to Lacombe CO-OP, who donates bread for our Breakfast Program - run by Ms Ferguson. Many thanks to Booster Juice, Pho and Rice, Leto's Tasty Bites, Panago, Subway, Extreme Pita, and Ms. Dolezal who has organized our lunch program. Lunches can be [ordered online](#) and will be delivered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during the month of September before increasing to daily lunches in October. This program supports our school events and activities. **The deadline to order September lunches is August 30.**

SCHOOL COUNCIL

A school council is an association of parents and school staff who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning. It is a vehicle for parents to advise and consult with the school leaders. There are many opportunities for involvement, in addition to attending the regular school council meetings, sitting on a short-term committee or offering to share your skills with the group. We welcome your participation in any way that works for you. Our first meeting is scheduled for **September 20** at 6:30pm. If you can't attend, please stay informed by visiting our [web site](#) and/or following our [Facebook page](#). Both provide daily updates, a [calendar](#) of events, and announcements about our school.

COMMUNICATING WITH THE SCHOOL

Your child's family teacher is your primary school contact. They work with your child every day and will best understand their needs. Family teachers will connect with parents by email during the first week of school to open lines of communication. Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place on **November 1** and **3** from **4:00pm to 6:30pm** in our school gymnasium but if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning, we encourage you to call the school or email their teachers as soon as possible. You are also welcome to call the school office at 403.782.3812. Your child is very important to all of us, and we are eager for you to join our school team in providing them with an exceptional educational experience. Please [visit this page](#) for more important links and ways to connect with the school.

TERRY FOX RUN

Our annual Terry Fox Run will take place on **September 16**. Students will soon begin fundraising to support the Terry Fox Foundation. Students are encouraged to donate a toonie in the family classroom. Parents can also donate **online** at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/5226>. Thank you!

ÉLJHS SCHOOL CALENDAR for September 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	29	30 September Lunch Orders Due	31	1	2 Welcome Breakfast 7:30-9:30	3
4	5 LABOUR DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	6 Day 1 Grade 7 Orientation Only Grade 7s Attend	7 Day 1 First Day of Classes for Grade 8 and 9 All Grades Attend	8 Day 2 Volleyball Tryouts Begin	9 Day 1	10
11	 HOUSE WEEK					17
	12 Day 2	13 Day 1	14 Day 2 Picture Day  Booster Juice Lunch	15 Day 1 Pho and Rice Lunch	16 Day 2 TERRY FOX RUN & HOUSE BASH	
18	19 Day 1 Lunch Orders Due Tutorials Begin Intramurals Begin	20 Day 2 Boston Pizza Lunch School Council 6:30 (Library)	21 Day 1 Leto's Lunch	22 Day 2 Tasty Bites Lunch	23 Day 1	24
25	26 Day 2	27 Day 1 Panago Lunch	28 Day 2 Subway Lunch	29 Day 1 Extreme Pita Lunch Orange Shirt Day	30 Truth and Reconciliation Day SCHOOL CLOSED	1

SEP 2	Welcome Breakfast	All parents and students are invited to our Breakfast, with muffins, donuts, coffee and hot chocolate sponsored by Tim Hortons, where students can meet their teachers, find their lockers, and get a head-start on the school year.
SEP 6	Grade 7 Orientation	This special "first day of school" helps our grade 7s feel comfortable and learn their way around before the older students arrive. Students will follow a regular day's schedule with the support of our grade 9 leaders.
SEP 12-15	House Week	All students are encouraged to dress in their house colours while our morning tutorials will focus on our key house values of service, acceptance, belonging, and leadership.
SEP 14	Picture Day	Dress your best for our school photos. Classes will be called down throughout the day for photos taken by Lifetouch. Photo purchase orders will be sent home for parents later in the year.
SEP 16	Terry Fox Run & House Bash	During House Week, students will raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation. Houses fundraising the most money will lead our run, which is followed by lunch and a celebration in our courtyard.
SEP 20	School Council	Our first School Council meeting will select an executive council and provide an update on our school and divisional goals. All parents are encouraged to join our council to provide us with valuable input and feedback.
SEP 29	Orange Shirt Day	Orange Shirt Day is a day when we honour the First Nations children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada and learn more about the history of those schools.

Oct 3-7	Oct 7	Oct 10	Oct 18	Oct 21	Oct 25	Oct 28	Oct 31
Walk to School Week	PD Day No Classes	Thanksgiving No School	School Council	Picture Retakes	Awards Ceremony	PD Day No Classes	Costume Day

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