



January 2022

SCHOOL UPDATE



ÉCOLE LACOMBE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

"Learning Today for Living Tomorrow"

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We have had a fantastic first four months with your child, and our entire staff would like to wish you and your family a happy holiday. Please encourage your child to celebrate the season by giving their time to help someone in their community. Our winter holidays start on **December 18** and students return to classes on **January 10**. During the break, we hope that your child will put their devices away and engage with the important people in their lives. Winter holidays are a wonderful way to renew positive relationships with family and friends. We hope that you have a great time with your children.

PULSE SURVEY: Please complete our [quick \(1 minute\) Pulse Survey](#) to choose a parent presentation for our Joint Parent Council on March 22. All parents in Lacombe are invited to attend.

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.

LIONHEART AWARDS: The Lionheart Award will be presented in January to recognize one student from each of our four houses who has been exemplary in their family, house, classes, and clubs.

ELEMENTAL WEEK: Students will reconnect with their families and houses in the new year, with students decorating each of our wings based on that house's "Element."

ROUTINE GRADE 7 IMMUNIZATIONS **CANCELLED:** AHS has delayed the catch-up immunizations to grade 7 students who were unable to complete their immunizations in grade 6 due to Covid-19 school closures and restrictions. Only students who have a signed consent form from parents in the previous year are eligible for immunizations on this day. If you are unsure about your child's immunizations please call the School Health Nurse at (403)782-8159. Nurses will be reviewing every record to ensure that students who may have completed their immunizations at the Community Health Centre are not included on this catch-up date. Most commonly, the vaccines that are offered to students in Grade 6 include a 2-dose series of Hepatitis B and a 2-dose series of Human PapillomaVirus vaccine. Other vaccines may be offered if they have missed doses in previous years.

SCHOOL COUNCIL: Our school council will meet virtually on **January 18** at 6:30pm. The focus of the January meeting is to gather community input as we begin to plan for the next school year.

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 basketball teams are running at full steam thanks to our coaches: Jandra Wells, Nakita Newman, Dan Marchand, Cody Rudnik, Leland Pall, Megan Miller, and Melissa Rogers. Our second intramural sport begins in the new year thanks to Jandra Wells and our grade 8 Recreational Leaders.

CLUBS: Our **Drama Club** meets from 3:30-5:00 on Tuesdays/Thursdays with Ms. Smith, Mr. Riddle, Ms. Roberts, Ms. Marek, Ms. LaFrance and Ms. Hiebert. The school **GSA** meets every Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30 in Ms. Hiebert's room. 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. Our **Art Club** meets on Wednesdays from 3:25 to 4:25 in the art room with Ms. Ashton and Mr. Pierson.

ÉLJHS SCHOOL CALENDAR for January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 PD DAY NO CLASSES	4 Extended Break <i>Extreme Pita Lunch Cancelled/Refunded</i>	5 Extended Break <i>Tasty Bites Lunch Cancelled/Refunded</i>	6 Extended Break <i>Kavaccino's Lunch Cancelled/Refunded</i>	7 Extended Break <i>Boston Pizza Lunch Cancelled/Refunded</i>	8
9	10 Day 1 <i>Papa John's Lunch</i> Lionheart Awards	11 Day 2 <i>Booster Juice Lunch</i> Lionheart Awards	12 Day 1 <i>Eastside Eatery Lunch</i> Lionheart Awards	13 Day 2 <i>Pho and Rice Lunch</i> Lionheart Awards	14 PD DAY NO CLASSES	15
16	 ELEMENTAL WEEK					22
	17 Day 1 <i>Subway Lunch</i> Deadline for February Lunch Orders	18 Day 2 <i>Panago Lunch</i> School Council 6:30pm	19 Day 1 <i>Leto's Lunch</i>	20 Day 2 <i>Tasty Bites Lunch</i>	21 Day 1 <i>Kavaccino's Lunch</i>	
23	24 Day 2 <i>Boston Pizza Lunch</i>	25 Day 1 <i>Papa John's Lunch</i>	26 Day 2 <i>Booster Juice Lunch</i>	27 Day 1 <i>Eastside Eatery Lunch</i>	28 Day 2 <i>Pho and Rice Lunch</i>	29
30	31 Day 1 <i>Extreme Pita Lunch</i>	1 Day 2 <i>Tasty Bites Lunch</i>	2 Day 1 <i>Kavaccino's Lunch</i> CRUSH for a Crush	3 Day 2 <i>Boston Pizza Lunch</i>	4 Day 1 <i>Papa John's Lunch</i>	5

JAN 10-13	Lionheart Awards	The Lion Heart Award is presented each term to recognize one student from each of our four houses who has been exemplary in their family, house, classes, and clubs.
JAN 17-21	Elemental Week	Students will reconnect with their families and houses in the new year, with students decorating each of our wings based on that house's "Element."
JAN 13	Routine Grade 7 Immunizations Cancelled	The grade 7 immunizations for January have been canceled so that the Lacombe clinic could support the COVID-19 immunization in our community.
JAN 18	School Council	All parents are encouraged to attend our School Council. The focus of the January meeting is to gather community input as we begin to plan for the next school year.

KEY DATES in FEBRUARY

Feb 2	Feb 8	Feb 11	Feb 14-18	Feb 21-25	Feb 28
CRUSH for our Crush	Hockey Hooky	PD Day - No Classes	Kindness Week (TERRA HOUSE)	Family Week - No Classes	Elective Course Ranking

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