



# Marauder News

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## Principal's Corner

**Welcome back Marauders.** We had a fantastic first week back. Many new families have joined us from various parts of Alberta, Canada and other countries. We are excited about everyone being here and contributing to our school culture.

**Mark your calendar for our Open House on September 21 from 5:00-7:00 pm.** Everyone is welcome to stop by and tour through our building, meet our teachers and see what is going on. We will have burgers available as well. In addition, our football team will be playing a game against Drayton Valley that night so feel free to go out and catch our football team in action.

Extra-curricular activities are already underway, and we successfully hosted our annual 32 team Mega-volley high school girls' volleyball tournament. As I told all students at our opening day assembly, get involved in any of our extra-curricular activities and make this a great school year.

**We will be having a School Council meeting on Wednesday September 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons room.** Our returning chair is Mr. Ed Reddy. Other executive positions are available. Meetings roughly last an hour and our local Board of Trustees do give a

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## Around the School



Emma Ford  
ELA 8 -  
Book Talk  
Tuesday

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## School Council

**Wednesday, Sept 20**

7 pm in the Learning Commons

Everyone welcome!  
Executive positions available

### Website:

[jrrobson.btps.ca](http://jrrobson.btps.ca)  
**School Calendar**  
<http://jrrobson.btps.ca/Calendar.php>

### Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/JRRobsonSchool/>  
**App**  
<http://bit.ly/JRRapp>



## Principal's Corner Continued

report. Please plan on attending and we hope to see you there.

On September 29th there is no school for students as BTPS will recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. We will have some related learning activities for students on September 28th. September 30 is also Orange Shirt Day, a day that is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters". **We are encouraging our students to wear orange shirts on September 28th.**

The world of education is always changing, and I wanted to raise parent awareness to what is being called 'artificial intelligence' or generative AI. If you have not heard of this, I

encourage you to educate yourself on exactly what generative AI is and how it is making its way into education. The text generative AI programs, like Chat GTP and Chat4, are designed to generate writings for students. These programs can make reports, essays, and other text responses for the user. Students are aware of these. What educators must do is educate students on the use, ethics and morals of using such generative AI programs. There is a place in the world for generative AI, (many automated answering services on your phone are from generative AI programs for example) but like everything there is a right time and place for its use, even in education. Please take time to learn more about these programs, I know most students have already.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Open House September 21st.

Mr. Bates

## Marauder Football

Football games dates for this season:

Saturday Sept 9 - preseason jamboree Hanna  
Wednesday Sept 13 - away game vs. Caroline  
(played in Spruce Grove)

**Marauders win 69-18!**

Thursday Sept 21 - home game vs. Westlock  
Wednesday Sept 27 - away game vs. Slave

Lake (played in Westlock)

Tuesday Oct 3 - home game vs. Drayton Valley  
Friday Oct 13 - away game vs. OLMP Camrose  
Thursday Oct 19 - home game vs. Drayton Valley



## Counsellor's Corner



Our school year is now in full swing. It is so good to see all of our returning students and the many new faces who have joined us. We want to welcome each of you. Have a great year everyone.

**Our VIBE Coach, Ramona Mathison** [ramona.mathison@btps.ca](mailto:ramona.mathison@btps.ca), will be available to students and involved in classes on Tuesdays and Fridays. **Amy Olobayo**, [amy.olobayo@btps.ca](mailto:amy.olobayo@btps.ca) will be our **Social/Emotional Coach** for this school year. Amy will be in our building to meet with students on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, to meet with students.

Mrs. Scully, [kelly.scully@btps.ca](mailto:kelly.scully@btps.ca) and Mrs. Hart [monique.hart@btps.ca](mailto:monique.hart@btps.ca) will share the counselor duties and are available for career counseling, registration information, personal counseling referrals and post-secondary questions. **Mrs. Scully will be looking after the grade 7, 9 & 11** while **Mrs. Hart will be looking after the grade 8, 10 & 12 students**. We **invite parents** to contact us, at any time, if you have any concerns about your child's programming.

For specific learning needs, Mrs. Scully and Mrs. Kaye will be operating our Inclusive Learning department. If you have high school questions, please contact Mrs. Scully [kelly.scully@btps.ca](mailto:kelly.scully@btps.ca), and junior high please contact Mrs. Kaye [krisy.kaye@btps.ca](mailto:krisy.kaye@btps.ca)



We will be hosting an **open house on Thursday, September 21 from 5:00 - 7:00**. We would like to invite all parents and stu-

dents to attend and enjoy a light supper with us. As part of this evenings entertainment,

our Marauder Football Team will be playing in their home opener. Come and cheer the team on.

**Students requiring extra help.** Each teacher offers extra help sessions as part of their program. Please see course outlines or ask the teacher when they have extra help sessions. **Lunch and Learn** will be running again and this is an opportunity for students to get extra help to finish missing work.

Junior High Students: Welcome! Please stop by and introduce yourself. If you need help with preparing for exams, study skills, having trouble with some friends or just need someone to talk to, please come and see us, as we would be happy to help out.

Grade 10/11/12 Students: **Just a reminder the last day to add or drop courses for this semester was Sept. 15.** If you are thinking you might need to make a timetable change for semester 2, please do it as soon as possible as sometimes it is easier to do these changes when we have the entire year's timetable to work with.

Many post-secondary institutions will be hosting **Open Houses** during the months of September to November and students are encouraged to attend to learn more about potential programs and to choose the post-secondary institution which is right for you. Here are the first open house dates for the year.

Open House Dates	
University of Saskatchewan	Sep 22
University of Alberta	Oct 14
Concordia University of Edmonton	Oct 21
NAIT	Oct 28
MacEwan University	Nov 4

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## Counsellor's Corner Continued

**Grade 12 Students:** See Mrs. Hart to review your program and make sure you are prepared for your post-secondary options. **Registration will open on October 1 for most post-secondary institutions.** Apply early. Many students are put on waitlists which adds to the stress of waiting for acceptance. A graduation meeting will be held in early October for both parents and students to begin planning the graduation event and to review the process of applying for post-secondary school. Please watch for the date of this meeting. Also, students will be asked to set up a **My Pass account** <https://public.education.alberta.ca/PASI/myPass/welcome> with Alberta Education to access diploma exam results, access transcripts; an **Apply Alberta** account <https://www.applyalberta.ca/> to apply to post-secondary schools; or a **Student Finance**

**System(SFS) account** <https://studentaid.alberta.ca/>. Please use a home email address to access these sights as your Buffalo Trail Public Schools email does not exist after graduation.

**High School students interested in Lakeland College Courses,** please see Mrs. Hart to enroll today. The chart below summarizes the sections available and dates. There is a registration form and a fee for the program. Students will pay a material and course fee. See Mrs. Hart for application forms. The fee is payable to J. R. Robson School and students are responsible for their own transportation.

For scholarship purposes: all scholarship information is located on our school website.

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Date	Class times	Course	Level	Credits	Fee
<b>LAKELAND COLLEGE, Vermilion Campus</b>					Payable to J. R. Robson School
Oct 10-13	8:30-3:30 pm	<b>Mechanics</b>	Level 1	2	Full
Oct 23-27	8:30-3:30 pm	<b>Mechanics</b>	Level 1	2	Full
Nov 6-10	8:30-3:30 pm	<b>Mechanics</b>	Level 2	2	\$195
Jan 29-Feb 2	8:30-3:30 pm	<b>Mechanics</b>	Level 3	2	\$195
Mar 11-15	8:30-3:30 pm	<b>Mechanics</b>	Level 4 (Brakes)	2	\$195
Nov 27 - Dec 1	8:30-3:30 pm	<b>Welding</b>	Level 1	2	Full
Dec 4 - 8	8:30-3:30 pm	<b>Welding</b>	Level 1	2	Full
May 13 - 17	8:30-3:30 pm	<b>Welding</b>	Level 2	2	\$210
Dec 11 - 15	8:30-3:30 pm	<b>Electrical</b>	Residential Wiring	2	\$195
May 13 - 17	8:30-3:30 pm	<b>Interior Design</b>	Level 1	2	\$195
May 13 - 17	8:30-3:30 pm	<b>Interior Design</b>	Level 2	2	\$195
<b>Lloydminster Campus</b>					
TBA	8:30-3:30 pm	<b>Esthetics</b>	Level 1	2	\$170
Nov 27 - Dec 1	8:30-3:30 pm	<b>Hair Styling</b>	Level 1	2	\$170
Mar 11 - 15	8:30-3:30 pm	<b>Hair Styling</b>	Level 1	2	\$170
May 13 - 17	8:30-3:30 pm	<b>Hair Styling</b>	Level 2	2	\$170

## Counsellor's Corner Continued

From the home page choose - [Student Menu](#) and then choose - [Scholarships](#). Scholarship research begins in September. Students in grades 10 - 12 are encouraged so start searching for scholarships that will suit their needs along their education journey.

**Work Experience/RAP/Green Certificate students** who worked during the summer, please see Mrs. Kaye (gr. 11) and Mrs. Hart (gr. 10 & 12) to finalize your hours and complete paperwork or to enroll in the program for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Green Certificate:** Green Certificate is a 16 credit course allowing students to explore learning in the following categories: greenhouse, bees, equine, swine, poultry, sheep, cow/calf, and field crop. These 16 credits can be earned from Grade 10 to 12 and involve 3 tests levels X, Y, Z which can be written in November/February/May when the student feels they are ready to challenge that test. Please email: [monique.hart@btps.ca](mailto:monique.hart@btps.ca) if you are interested in registering for this pro-

gram. Wishing you a great school year.



## Vermilion Fair

Pictured is a community project that was done with our shop and art classes. The jumps looked great and the committee was really happy with the outcome.



Above: Outdoor Ed 7 students learning to use a compass.

Below: Students signing a banner for the Marauder football home game this Thursday.



## Pirate Crews

Ahoy Mateys!

Our Pirate Crews are getting going for this year. We have a group of very committed students getting planned on all sorts of activities for the school year. We will be doing activities in October, December, March and May. We are hoping to have a dance sometime during the school year as well. Throughout most months there will also be dress up days. Posters will be put

up around the school and information will be sent out on the Pirate Crews Instagram account so that everyone can stay up to date on what is happening around the building. As well as students participate in our activities, groups, and teams throughout the year, Pirate Points will be given out and our top point achievers will win ride bracelets to the Vermilion Fair.

### Pirate Crew Executive 2023-2024

	Long John Silver	Captain Kidd	Captain Hook	Blackbeard
Sr. High Captain	Jason Trivett	Chloe Maxwell	Natalie Symes	Sierra Herzog
Sr. High First Mate	Zach Gorkoff	Casey Chapman	Olivia Elder	Derian Selte
Gr. 12 Matey		Rylan Lehmann	Autumn Matters	
Gr. 11 Matey	Kinley Davies		Pyrrha Ostropolski	
Gr. 10 Matey	Aaralynn Tupper	Brydon Maxwell	Colt Sweeney	Conner Betz
Jr. High Captain	Lance Adams	Taylor Maxwell	Marina Howorko	Carter Jaremco
Jr. High First Mate	Beaudon Tupper	Anna Pawlak	Jill Chmielewski	Korbin Betz
Gr. 9 Matey	Taylor Loades	Asia Clark	Ryan Farrell	Paetyn Herzog
Gr. 8 Matey	Jonah Gould	Jasmine Stachniak	Grace Freeman	Maleah Eyben
Gr. 7 Matey	Bridget Gorkoff	Oliver Collins	Fiala Ostropolski	Madison Flanders
Shipmates	Kalen Garnett Lily Rumbolt Tyann Trach Alana Everest Jack Maier	Kane Fadden Clayton Clevenger Sophia Teran	Jake Oddan Doug Romeo Keifer Perrault	Jordyn Pottle Madison Smith Ella Morrison Bentley Buckingham
Teacher Supervisor	Innes	Kaye	Barnes	Polishuk



Left: Students add handprints to their respective Pirate Crew board



Right: Students enjoy a cupcake after voting for their Pirate Crew executive

Want to know what is happening in the school?

Follow our Pirate Crews Instagram @jrrpiratecrews

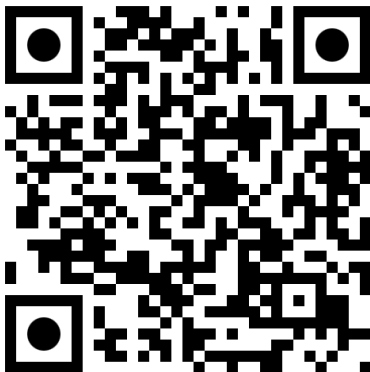


## SEL Spotlight

Happy September! I am grateful to be back in J.R. this year as your Social-Emotional Coach. I have a wonderful new space in room 206. I invite students and parents to pop in to say hello! I am at J.R. three days a week -- Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

Parents, if you would like to refer your child to the SEC program, or would like more information, please send me an email and I will connect with you. I can be reached at amy.olobayo@btps.ca. Below is a QR code that connects directly to the SEC referral form.

I am passionate about Social-Emotional Learning as a building block for personal and academic success. One of the main pillars of SEL is Self-Awareness. This includes identifying our strengths and limitations. Responding to life's ups and downs with a growth mindset is a skill for all. One way to practice a growth mindset is noticing your self-talk. How we speak to ourselves is important. When something does not go your way, do you find yourself saying, "This sucks" or "I am not good at this," or "I always mess up." Not all thoughts are facts. When these negative or fixed mindset thoughts pop into our head, we can stop and reframe. "I am not good at this, yet." or "It is okay to mess up. I will try again." Practice reframing your thoughts to be more encouraging. Talk kindly to yourself, like you would to a friend. You will find your capability and confidence grow when you practice self-compassion. All the best,  
-SEC Amy



## VIBE

Welcome back to another school year! I am Ramona Mathison, and I am the VIBE Wellness Coach here at JR Robson. VIBE is a Mental Health Capacity Building Project that is made possible through annual funding through AHS. VIBE's mission is to promote positive mental health through promotion and prevention efforts. This is done through curricular linked, research based programs that are offered within the classroom setting. VIBE works to provide knowledge, personal and interpersonal skills, and a common language for students and staff surrounding mental health. VIBE has been asked to work with the grade 7, 9A, and grade 10 CALM class at this time. If parents have any questions or concerns please contact Pat Calyniuk, VIBE manager at JR Robson School, or Ramona Mathison, VIBE Coach at JR Robson.

## Learning Commons

New books for the new school year! Come check out our new titles in the LC.

Until October 6, the Learning Commons will fully open only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have a new LCF (Learning Commons Facilitator) joining

Mrs. Schroeder after Thanksgiving. In the meantime, on M/W/F, please check out items at the times listed in the chart where an EA will be available to help students:

### DEVICE CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT TIMES

MONDAY/WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY

MORNING CHECK-OUT TIME  
8:55-9:10

AFTERNOON CHECK-OUT TIME  
12:30-12:40

END OF DAY CHECK-IN  
3:15-3:35

ALL DEVICES / CABLES MUST BE  
RETURNED BY THE END OF DAY THEY  
WERE CHECKED OUT!

COME & JOIN VIBE'S

# Cooking Club

**Wednesdays**

**October 4th to October 25th or  
November 1st to November 29th  
Starting 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**J.R. Robson Foods Lab.**

**Open to Grade 5-7 Students.**

**4 WEEK MENU:**

- 1. WAFFLES & BACON**
- 2. HOMEMADE PIZZA**
- 3. SPAGHETTI & MEAT SAUCE**
- 4. CHICKEN CASEAR**

with



**For a registration form contact your VIBE Coach. Space is limited.**

**COST \$25.00 FOR  
4 WEEKS.**

**SUBSIDY AVAILABLE**







# SEPTEMBER HOT LUNCH



SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 deadline for Sept. Orders	16
17	18 Hot Dog & Tater Tot's	19	20 Taco Salad	21	22 Fry Day	23
24	25 Pizza	26 Booster Juice	27 Burger and Onion Rings	28	29 deadline for October Orders	30



# SEPTEMBER 2023



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3	4 <i>Labour Day</i>	5	6	7	8 Picture day  ----- Mega Volley	9 Football Jamboree
10	11	12	13 Football - Camrose	14 <i>Pirate Crew Elections</i>	15 Sr Girls Volley @ St Geromes	16
17	18	19	20 Autumn Challenge X Country	21 OPEN HOUSE Football - Home	22 Terry Fox Walk	23
24	25	26 <i>Pirate Crew Retreat</i> Wainwright Run X Country	27 Grade 10 canoe Trip	28 <i>Orange Shirt Day</i>	29 <i>In Recognition of Truth and Recognition Day</i>	30