



March 4, 2025

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## Principal's Corner

March is survey month here at the school. Parents of students in Grade 7 and 10 should have received an e-mail from the school with information on how to complete the Alberta Education survey. Students will be completing a similar one as well. In addition, all students will be completing a national 'Tell Them From Me' survey. We use the data from both surveys to help us with future planning as well as to inform us of current trends in

our school regarding learning, student mental health, etc.

On March 14 all teachers in BTPS will be at our school for a leaning day hosted by BTPS. On March 28 we are expecting teachers from other schools in BTPS to join us here at JR Robson for a day of learning with educational consultant Kyle Webb from Regina. Some of our teachers have worked with Mr. Webb

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## Around the School



Vermilion Seniors Pickleball League taught our high school students how to play the game.

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### Parent Teacher Interviews

March 27 and April 9  
Choice of in-person or phone call interviews. We will also be hosting a **Registration Evening for grade 9 students and parents at 6:30 on April 9**

#### Website:

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

#### Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/JRRobsonSchool/>

#### Pirate Crew Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/jrpiratecrews/>



## Principal's Corner Con't

in the past, and we want him to now work with all of us. We are happy that other schools want to join us for the day. Mr. Webb facilitates learning about the model "The Thinking Classroom". I have watched the model at work in Mr. Atkinson, Mrs. Boulay and Mrs. Barnes's math classes and it really is a revolutionary approach to teaching math. We are looking forward to incorporating it into other subject areas as well. It is research based, and results show it is very effective.

Some parents may be wondering about the labor negotiations between BTPS and CUPE employees. Please visit the link at the BTPS for more information. Click on Labour Relations. [BTPS](#)

## Sports Highlights

Badminton for Sr. High will start on Monday, March 10 at 3:30 pm and for Jr High on Tuesday, March 11 at 3:30 pm.

Blake Sheppard and Simon Dary (St. Jerome's student) were awarded all star awards from the Alberta Six Man Football League



## Curling

Junior High Team: Emma Chapman, Daven Westergaard, Alexis Foulds and Jannel Rosher

The Junior High curling team had a great season, they placed second at the Highway 16 North Bonspiel and won Bronze at the Curling BTJHAA Finals.



High School Team: Nick Woywitka, Emma Chapman, Luke Everest and Jenna Hanch with Spare: Elliot Atkinson and Casey Chapman

The High School team had a good season. They placed second at Districts and played very well at Zones in St. Paul, but unfortunately lost out in the round robin.



## Counsellor's Corner

We say goodbye to curling and basketball seasons and welcome badminton into the gym. Thank you to our community coaches and volunteers for helping to make our school sports seasons a success. Without many helping hands, a season would not happen.

**WISET (Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science and Technology)** is a summer research program for grade 11, female, Indigenous, racialized or gender-diverse students who show an interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). We have had several students attend this program in the past and they have always come home excited about their experience. This is a 6 week paid internship opportunity for students to work as researchers in STEM labs at the University of Alberta. The minimum requirements are 85% in their top two 20-level science classes and Math 20-1 class. **Program Information: July 3 - August, 2025 @ University of Alberta. Deadline to apply is April 2, 2025 at 11:59 pm.** For information: <https://wisest.cmail20.com/t/d-1-sjhtikl-ikpkthyi-i/>

**A message from the University of Alberta:** They are here to help you students register for classes at the University of Alberta! Registration for online faculty-specific courses and general Registration 101 workshops are now available. At this session students will:

- ⇒ Learn how to navigate Bear Tracks system for course selection and registration
- ⇒ Chat with an advisor and get advice on which courses to take
- ⇒ Explore the next steps on their journey at the U of A

Students can view the full schedule and register at <https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/admission/register-in-courses/index.html>. Please note all admitted students are welcome to attend. However to build a draft schedule, students must have accepted their admission offer.

**A message from Lakeland College: LLC** will be hosting Information Sessions on **March 7**

**(Lloydminster) and March 7 (Vermilion).** It's more specific than Open House, where students pick their program of choice and dive into that for the day. Students get an opportunity to meet and chat with future professors, hear from current students, and get specifics about the program and what to expect next. Don't forget March 14 & 15 is Little Royal weekend. Check the website for more details. <https://www.lakelandcollege.ca/future-students/info-session-rsvp.aspx>

**A message from Portage College:** Portage College will be hosting the following Spring Open Houses at the following campuses from 6-8 pm. During these events you can participate in a free BBQ and take a program tour.

**March 24 – Lac La Biche Campus**

**March 25 – St Paul Campus**

**March 26 – Cold Lake Campus**

Please check the link for more information.:

<https://www.portagecollege.ca/openhouse>

**Career Fair:** This year our school is hosting a Career Fair in the gymnasium on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 from 1:30-3:00 for any grade 9 - 11 students who are interested in attending a post-secondary school in Alberta. Each post-secondary school in attendance will have a table full of information about their school. Students will visit the tables learning more about their program offerings. Other BTPS schools will be invited to join us as well. Parents are welcome to attend with their child. Please plan on attending.

For those public speakers in our school, the **Annual Superintendent's Public Speaking Competition** will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at J. R. Robson School from 9:30 to noon. This means J. R. Robson will be hosting a school speak off the last week of March. Here is the link to the topics: <https://secure.smores.com/n/yc4sj> Students who want to participate in the school speak off event, please email Mrs. Hart to confirm registration. We do not want to miss you.

## Counsellor's Corner Continued

### High School Registration for the 2025-26 School Year:

Registration for grade 10 - 11 students takes place in MARCH. Students will receive links to the online registration form in their school email accounts and parents will receive notifications as well on March 13. For **Grade 10 & 11 students** you will need to complete the registration form (google form) with input from your parents and your counsellor. Grade 9 & 11 students should consult Mrs. Hart and Grade 10 students should consult Mrs. Scully, if you have any questions about registration. **All online registration forms for Grade 10 and 11 students will be due on Thursday, March 27.** If as parents you have questions or want to discuss changes to your child's registration, please contact the school to schedule an appointment with your child's counselor or arrange an interview on Thursday, March 27.

For **Grade 9 students**, an information meeting will be held on **Parent Teacher Interview night, Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 6:30 pm.** During the meeting, Mrs. Hart will explain the criteria for the Alberta High School Diploma, graduation requirements, course sequencing and course offerings at J. R. Robson. Watch for more details on this date in next month's newsletter.

Parent teacher interviews will take place on Thursday, March 27, 2025 from 4:30 - 7:30 and again on Wednesday, April 09, 2025 from 4:30 - 6:30. Parents will have the choice of in-person or phone call interviews. We will be hosting a **registration evening for grade 9 students and parents at 6:30 on April 9** to finalize the registration process for grade 10. Teachers of subjects in grade 9 and 10 will be on hand for parents to ask questions about their child's academic choices.

**For Grade 11 students**, second semester is a good time to think about completing the Strong Interest Inventory which can assist in career aspirations. Please see Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Polishuk, Mr. Bates or Mrs. Mathison, (our VIBE coach) if you are interested. Take a tour

of post-secondary institutions to learn more about the school you want to attend.

Start researching scholarships that apply to you as well. Again these are available on our website. <http://jrrobson.btps.ca/> From the main menu choose:

Students



Counselling Awards Scholarships

### Upcoming Events:

- March 14 & 28 - No School for students
- March 27 and April 9 - Parent Teacher Interviews
- April 8 - Career Fair @ JRR - 1:30-3:00: Post-secondary institutions from across Alberta will be in attendance
- April 15 - Superintendent's Speech Competition
- April 30 - Try-a-Trade for Grade 10 students, Lloydminster Exhibition Grounds: Students attend the Trade Show in Lloyd to get hands on experience and an opportunity to talk to employers directly
- May 05 - Grade 9 Lakeland Tour Lakeland Lloydminster: Students will interact with programs and program leads in a variety of Lakeland opportunities

### Inspirational quote for the month:

The best  
preparation  
for tomorrow  
is doing your  
best today.



## Science Experiments

Science 10 was lucky to have had the unique opportunity to engage in some experiments with Lethbridge Polytechnic to create a hands-on STEM experiment. They were able to use their knowledge and creativity to construct working wind turbines and measured the energy output. They constructed their prototypes, and then troubleshooted problems as they arrived. It was an impactful, engaging afternoon. This activity was sponsored by Enel, who owns the Grizzly Bear Creek wind farm south of Mannville. We are so thankful to them, as well as to the representatives from Lethbridge Polytechnic for this opportunity. We also received some supplies to experiment with in the future. Pictured here are Kalli and Paetyn, both of whom beat the record for the most volts generated using the materials supplied. Way to go ladies!



Biology 30 doing brain dissections



Grade 9 Science students with their electrostatic lab.

## Pink Shirt Day

Staff and students wore pink shirts on Wednesday, February 26 for Pink Shirt Day, to raise awareness about bullying and its impacts.



## Pirate Crews Activities

The Pirate Crews will be doing a March Madness week from March 17 - 21. There are different dress up days each day:

- **Monday** - Wear Green for St. Patrick's day
- **Tuesday** - Anything but a backpack day
- **Wednesday** - College day - wear a shirt from a college or university
- **Thursday** - Pay \$2 and wear a Hat day Proceeds will be going to the food bank
- **Friday**- School colors day

We will also be holding a food drive during the week. The class that brings in the most food by weight will win a pizza party. One senior high and one junior high class

Throughout the week we will be holding a scavenger hunt for marauder symbols hidden throughout the school. Find one, bring it to the office, and have your name entered for a prize of a Marauder logo bucket hat.

Lastly, we are holding a Candy face-off at lunch hours during the week. Each day there will be a pairing of different candies and students will be able to taste test and vote for their favorite. On Friday, we will have a showdown of the top ones from the week.

## Interact Club Bake Sale

The Interact Club is having a **bake sale on March 11 and 12**, with proceeds going to Rotary's Purple Pinkie Day polio vaccine fundraiser



## Art



Art students blended cut out photographs with pencil art. Beetle by Jillian Wilkinson  
Fish by Shelby Carlson  
Sydney Opera House by Taylor Blackmore



# VIBE MENTAL HEALTH ART CONTEST

## CREATE ART ABOUT WHAT MENTAL HEALTH OR MENTAL ILLNESS MEANS TO YOU.

### WHO CAN ENTER?

Youth must attend a school or colony or come from the community of: Vermilion, Mannville, Innisfree, Marwayne, Clandonald, Dewberry, Kitscoty, Paradise Valley, School of Hope, Blessed Sacrament School, Blessed Sacrament Outreach or St. Thomas Aquinas School.

### HOW DO I ENTER?

- Create art about "What does Mental Health or Mental Illness mean to you?" (option's include paper, photography, canvas, sculpture, woodworking, discuss other mediums with VIBE)
- Submit your art entry with your name, grade and school to your VIBE Coach or school or Pat Calyniuk at J.R. Robson by April 17th, 2025.
- You can enter only one entry for competition and one additional piece can be entered but for display only.
- All art will be displayed at the Mental Health Art Gala on May 1st at the Vermilion Regional Center. All art will be returned after the Gala.
- All students who attend the gala will receive a fidget.

### PRIZES:

Grade 1-6: Top 10 will receive a prize  
 Grade 7-9: 1st \$200.00, 2nd \$100.00; 3rd \$50.00  
 Grade 10-12: 1st \$250.00; 2nd \$150.00; 3rd \$75.00  
 Grade 7-12: 4th to 10th place will receive a prize.

### PARTNERS:

Town of Vermilion FCSS, County of Vermilion River FCSS, Village of Marwayne FCSS, Village of Kitscoty FCSS, Mannville, Minburn Innisfree FCSS

# FREE FAMILY & PUBLIC SWIM

at Lakeland College Vermilion Aquatic Centre



Sponsored by Vermilion Wellness Coalition, Rotary Club of Vermilion, and Lakeland College

Sunday March 23rd  
 Sunday April 13th  
 from 1:00 – 2:30 PM



(Please note pool capacity for these events is 100 people.)



## Hope after Loss: Audra's Legacy

### A program for grieving youth

A group designed to support children & youth experiencing grief and loss due to a death of a special person.

Ages groups are 6-11 and 12-18 years  
 Parent support included during the program.

Program dates (10 week program)  
 April 8<sup>th</sup> – June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Tuesday – 6.30pm – 8pm in Lloydminster

**Preregistration is required by March 25<sup>th</sup> 2025.**

Cost is \$20 per family. Subsidy is available.

To register or for more information contact:

Gayle at 780-808-1645 or Tracee at 403-615-4780

Or by email at [childrensprogram@wtgsociety.org](mailto:childrensprogram@wtgsociety.org)



The Grief support group covers:  
 Death, Grief & Loss, feelings,  
 Fears, Guilt & Regrets, Memories,  
 Healing, Self-care & support,  
 Rituals and special Days,  
 And Saying Goodbye

Funding provided by FCSS:

City of Lloydminster, County of Vermilion River, Towns of Vermilion & Wainwright and Village of Kitscoty  
 We are a non-profit charitable society and donations are welcomed.

Service Provider: Walking through Grief Society in partnership with VIBE.

## Changing Families: A program to support youth impacted by divorce & separation

An evidence-based program specifically designed to help children & youth cope with challenging family changes.



Ages 5 to 17 years

Program dates (10 weeks) - April 9<sup>th</sup> – June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Wednesday – 6.30pm – 8pm in Lloydminster.

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Or by email at [childrensprogram@wtgsociety.org](mailto:childrensprogram@wtgsociety.org)

### Goals of the program:

Supportive group environment, Youth to learn and share together, learn to identify to except & express feelings, teaching youth skills such as communication and problem solving. Youth explore the concepts of divorce & separation.

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# LACROSSE OPEN HOUSE

**MARCH 24 & 26**

5-6 PM

U7 (2019+) & U9 (2017-18)

6-7 PM

U15 (2011-12) & U17 (2009-10)

**MARCH 25 & 27**

5-6 PM

U11 (2015-16) & U13 (2013-14)

6-7 PM

JUNIOR (2005-2008)

CONTACT GREG FOR MORE INFO (780)581-4438

OR FACEBOOK FOR 24/25 SEASON  
REGISTRATION LINK

## VERMILION & DISTRICT ROTARY MUSIC FESTIVAL



MARCH 31-APRIL 6, 2025

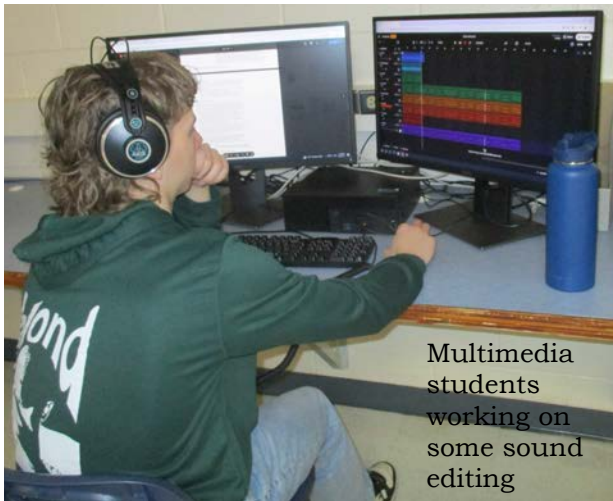
FIVE DAYS SHOWCASING LOCAL YOUTH TALENT  
AND A FINAL GALA CONCERT & AWARDS PRESENTATION

INSTRUMENTS \* VOICE \* BAND \* SPEECH ARTS  
CASH PRIZES!!!

No experience needed. Ask your teachers for more info or email  
[musicfesver@gmail.ca](mailto:musicfesver@gmail.ca)

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1, 2025

[www.vermilionmusicfestival.ca](http://www.vermilionmusicfestival.ca)



Multimedia  
students  
working on  
some sound  
editing

## 2025 PROGRAM INFO SESSIONS

SEE HOW LAKELAND'S  
HANDS-ON APPROACH  
DELIVERS REAL-WORLD  
RESULTS:

- Explore your chosen program in depth at our Vermilion and Lloydminster campuses.
- Meet our expert instructors and connect with students.
- Learn about career opportunities and how we prepare you for them.

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MARCH



WHETHER YOU WANT TO LAUNCH YOUR CAREER  
OR TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL, LEARNING IN  
ACTION STARTS HERE.

RSVP now at [lakelandcollege.ca/infosessions](http://lakelandcollege.ca/infosessions)







VIBE



## **SUMMER STUDENT POSITIONS**

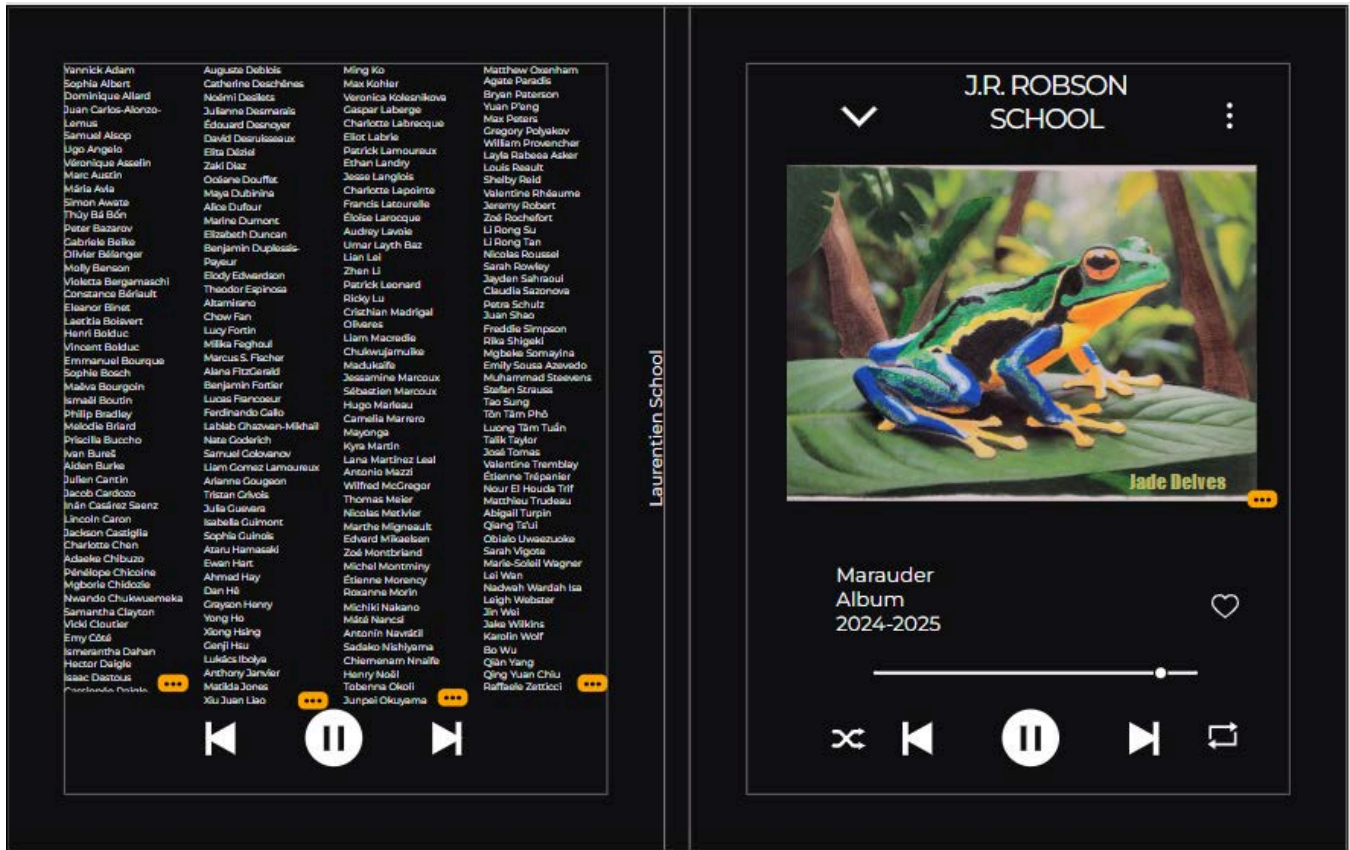
The Vermilion Mental Health Capacity Building Program is seeking summer students to work with VIBE to provide mental health prevention and promotion programming to youth and their families. One student will work April 28th to August 22, 2025. The second student will work June 16 to August 22nd 2025. These positions are based in Vermilion but include driving out of town. Mileage compensation is provided. Computer skills are an asset.

VIBE is looking for post-secondary students in a human service field that have completed or are returning to school in the fall or starting post-secondary school in the fall. All applicants must be 18 yrs of age at time of start date. Applicants must provide a clear RCMP Criminal Record with a Vulnerable Sector Check and a Child Intervention Check at time of interview. A drivers license and a reliable vehicle is essential. The hourly wage will be \$17.00/hr. plus holiday pay 32 hours a week four days a week. Evening work on Wednesdays and one weekend will be required. Only individuals who are given interviews will be notified. Closing date for applications is March 15th, 2025. Please email your cover letter with which position you are applying for and resume  
**ATTENTION: Pat Calyniuk, VIBE Coordinator at [pat.calyniuk@btps.ca](mailto:pat.calyniuk@btps.ca).**

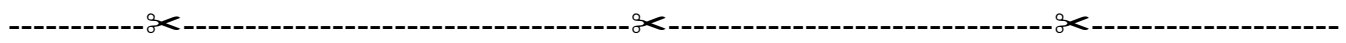


# 2024-2025 Yearbook Order Form

Get your version of our school yearbook today!



Complete the order form below and return it with payment to the office. Make sure to keep the receipt as proof of payment. Delivery date for the yearbook is November 2025.



Student Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if you require delivery) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Yearbook Cost: \$42.00 x Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ = Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Payments can be made to the office by cash or cheques payable to J. R. Robson School