



## Marauder News

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## Principal's Corner

It is great to have all Marauders back on board and as we set course on another year of adventures. Welcome to all of the new students who have joined us from various parts of Alberta, Canada and other countries like Jamaica, Mexico, India and Austria. We are excited about everyone being here and contributing to our school culture.

Mark your calendar for our **Open House on September 11** from 5:00-7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to stop by for a burger, take a tour through our building, meet our teachers and see what is going on. In addition, our football team will be playing a home game so feel free to go out and

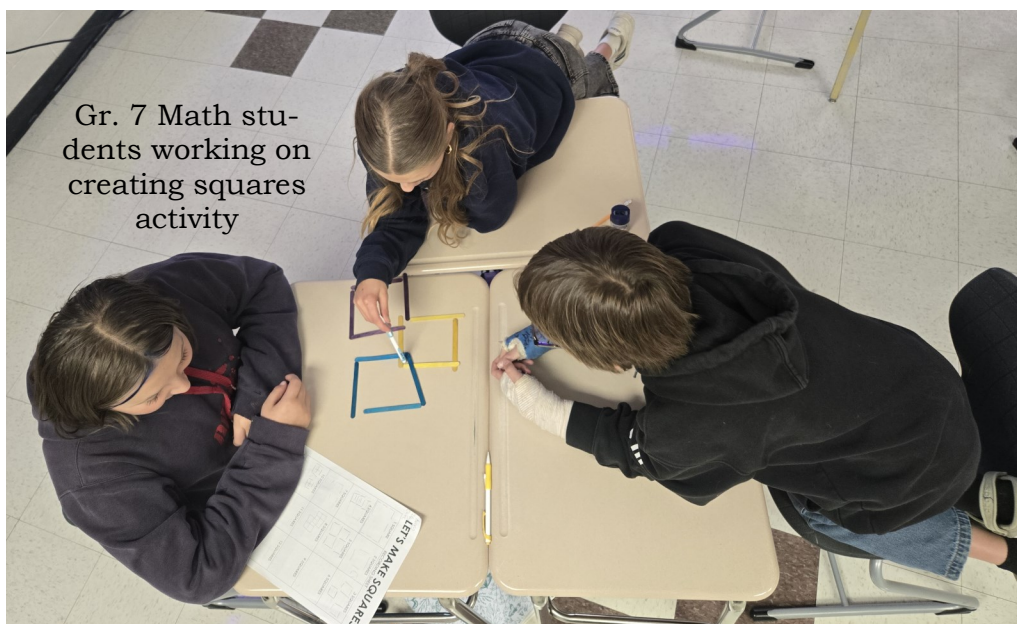
catch our football team in action.

Extra-curricular activities are already underway, and our first tournament is **Mega volley Sept. 4-6**. There has been a good turnout of athletes for all the volleyball teams and cross country running. We will be hosting our annual Autumn Challenge cross country run at the Vermilion Provincial Park Sept. 19. In addition, football is in full swing. A lot is going on this month.

We will be having a **School Council meeting** on Wednesday September 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons room. There

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## Around the School



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### Open House

September 11

5-7 pm

Everyone welcome!

### School Council Meeting

September 24

7 pm

All parent welcome!  
Chair and secretary wanted.

### 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/jrrpiratecrews/>



## Principal's Corner Continued

are some topics that parents may have questions about regarding some ministerial orders that were issued over the summer. We can discuss them at this time. We are in need of a chair and secretary for our council. Please plan on attending and we hope to see you there.

On September 30th 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 the survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. As a school we will have some related learning activities for students during the week prior in select classes. These activities will be embedded into regular class room instruction, as will other indigenous learning activities throughout the year. 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 29th.



As part of our learning as a staff, on August 28 all teachers and educational assistants from JR Robson boarded the school's bus and we travelled down to the Bodo Archeological Society dig site for a day of learning with an archeologist of the Society. It was a great experience, as we explored the actual dig site, examined recovered artifacts and even practiced some arrow and spear throwing techniques believed to be used by indigenous tribes in that area thousands of years ago in their buffalo hunts. Our plan is to take students in the future to participate in the school programs they offer there.



Looking forward to seeing you at our Open House September 11th.

Mr. Bates

VERMILION ROTARY & THE VERMILION WELLNESS COALITION

# TEEN NIGHT

Pizza and Games

Eat, play outdoor games, and play games with the addiction goggles!

YOUTHS GRADE 6 - 12

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

HERITAGE PARK

**FREE!** Pizza, Hot Dogs, Churros & Watermelon



## 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.

September marks the beginning of Volleyball, Cross-Country Running and Football seasons. If you want to join a team please see the following coaches: Cross-Country Running - Mrs. Scully, Football - Mr. Maier, Volleyball: junior girls - Mrs. Johnston, junior boys - Mr. Wynnychuk, senior girls - Mrs. Polishuk, and senior boys - Mrs. Scully. We want to thank our volunteer coaches for all they do to support our school programs. Have a good season and we cannot wait to cheer on our Marauder Teams.

**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 Thursdays. **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 (Room 206) to meet with students one and a half days a week. She will keep you updated of her schedule. Mrs. Polishuk, [nicole.polishuk@btps.ca](mailto:nicole.polishuk@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. Hart will be looking after the grade 8, 10 & 12 while Mrs. Polishuk will be looking after the grade 7, 9 & 11 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 11 from 5:00 - 7:00**. We would like to invite all parents and students to attend and enjoy a light supper with us. As part of this evening's 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 will be Sept. 12.** 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

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## Counsellor's Corner Continued

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 is the first open house dates for the year:

University of Saskatchewan—September 19

**Grade 12 Students:** See Mrs. Hart to re-view 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 **MyPass account** <https://public.education.alberta.ca/PASI/myPass/welcome> with Alberta Education to access diploma exam results, access transcripts; an **ApplyAlberta** 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 sites as your Buffalo Trail Public Schools email does not exist after graduation.

For scholarship purposes: all scholarship information is located on our school website. 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. It is strongly recommended to become active

in your community. A lot of scholarships ask for some leadership roles and responsibilities.

**Human Services Collegiate Courses.** New to Buffalo Trail Public Schools this year and housed at the Learning Hub, we have additional offerings for high school students interested in careers involving Human Services. In partnership with Lakeland College, students will have opportunities to enroll in additional option classes to further their interests in the following areas: Early Childhood Education, Educational Assistant Foundations, Social Work & Youth Support Programs, Health Services Foundations and Community Care & Mental Health programs. New staff were hired in August to facilitate this program. This is a dual-credit opportunity. Students enrolled in these courses will earn high school credits but also will earn a post-secondary transcript through Lakeland College. Courses are being developed and are becoming available to students on a per course basis. High School students interested in these areas should see Mrs. Polishuk or Mrs. Hart to find out more information and to help with enrollment.

**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 program.

**Work Experience.** High school students interested in enrolling in this program

## Counsellor's Corner Continued

will need to speak to their school counsellor first and then work with Mrs. Kaye to complete the program. Mrs. Kaye, [kristy.kaye@btps.ca](mailto:kristy.kaye@btps.ca) will be the teacher administering the course work. Students can earn 5 - 30 credits in the work experience program, but only 15 credits will be counted towards their Alberta High School Diploma

**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. Students need to be aware that these are full week courses and students will be responsible for work missed in their school

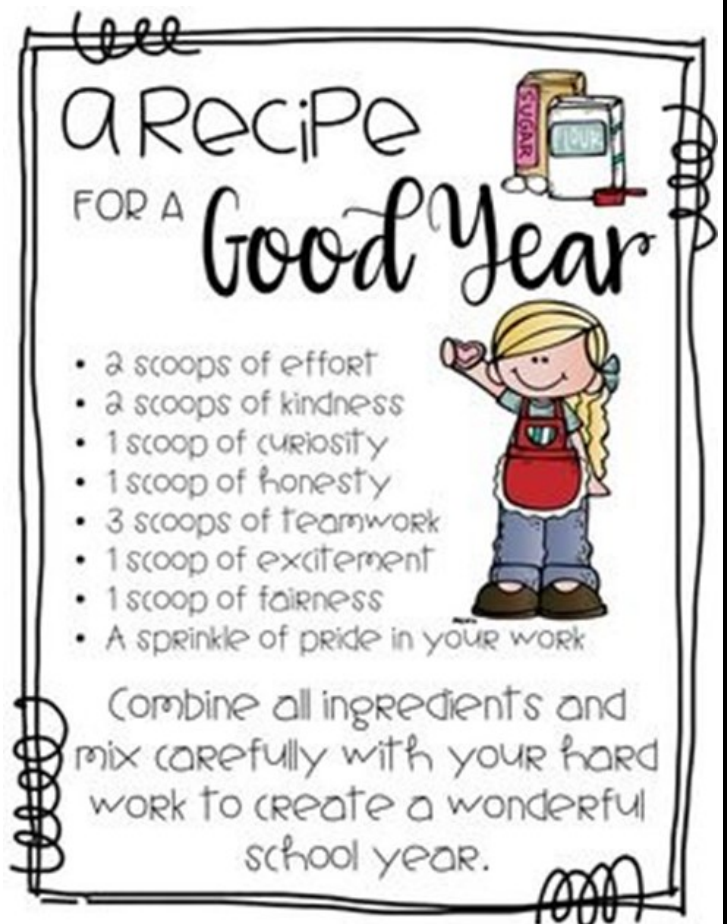
Quick Reference : 2025-2026

Date	Class times	Course	Level	Credi
<b>LAKELAND COLLEGE, Vermilion Campus</b>				
Oct 27-31	8:30-3:30 pm	Mechanics	Level 1	2
Dec 1-5	8:30-3:30 pm	Mechanics	Level 1	2
Dec 15-19	8:30-3:30 pm	Mechanics	Level 2	2
Mar 9-13, 2026	8:30-3:30 pm	Mechanics	Level 3	2
May 11-15, 2026	8:30-3:30 pm	Mechanics - Brakes	Level 4	2
Nov 17-20, Nov 24	8:30-3:30 pm	Welding	Level 1	2
Feb 23-26, Mar 2	8:30-3:30 pm	Welding	Level 2	2
The above Welding intakes skip Fri and span Mon-Thu, and Mon of the next				
Additional welding can be added if in demand, please register and waitlist n				
Dec 15-19	8:30-3:30 pm	Electrical - Residential	Level 1	2
TBA	8:30-3:30 pm	Electrical - Commercial	Level 2	2
Sep 22-26	8:30-3:30 pm	Carpentry	Level 1	2
May 25-29	8:30-3:30 pm	Carpentry	Level 2	2
May 25-29	8:30-3:30 pm	Interior Design	Level 1&2	2
<b>LAKELAND COLLEGE, Lloydminster Campus</b>				
Oct 20-24	8:30-3:30 pm	Esthetics	Level 1	2
Dec 15-19	8:30-3:30 pm	Hair Styling	Level 1	2
Feb 9-13, 2026	8:30-3:30 pm	Hair Styling	Level 1	2
May 11-15, 2026	8:30-3:30 pm	Hair Styling	Level 2	2

courses while they are absent.

**RAP - Registered Apprenticeship Program.** Students in high school can begin the RAP program during their high school years and earn credits for their work. This is different from work experience. Students must first find a journeyman who will take them on as an apprentice and then they can earn 40 credits in this program towards their high school diploma. If you are interested in the RAP program, please contact Mrs. Hart, [monique.hart@btps.ca](mailto:monique.hart@btps.ca) for more information.

Wishing you a great school year.





## Explore, Create, Achieve

Right: Grade 12s celebrated their 'Last First Day' of classes.



Left: Students gathered in the gym on the first day for an assembly.



Below: The office front desk received a bold new wrap in time for the new year.



Cornerstone Co-op & The Vermilion Wellness Coalition

# VIBE GRAFFITI WALL

## STUDENTS GRADES 3 TO 12

Join VIBE at the Skate Board Park starting at 3:30 until all the letters are done to help us spray paint the graffiti wall!

### SEPT. 11, 2025



## Join VERMILION JUNIOR CURLING

GRADES 4-12  
TUESDAYS 3:45PM-5:30PM  
NOVEMBER 4, 2025- MARCH 3, 2026  
@ VERMILION CURLING RINK

FEE FOR THE SEASON \$100.00  
(INCLUDES WINDUP PIZZA PARTY AND CURLING PHOTO)  
CURLING EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE TO BORROW FROM THE JUNIOR CURLING CLUB AT NO CHARGE. JUST BRING CLEAN SHOES

JUNIOR CURLING MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2025 @ 7PM UPSTAIRS AT THE VERMILION CURLING RINK (USE BACK ENTRANCE)

REGISTRATION NOVEMBER 4TH @ THE VERMILION CURLING RINK

JIM SMITH JUNIOR MEMORIAL BONSPIEL JANUARY 23 & 24, 2026

**COME AND LEARN THE SKILLS FOR THE LIFETIME SPORT THAT ROCKS**

WANT TO TRY THE SPORT OF CURLING OR BRUSH UP ON SOME SKILLS. COME TO A "LEARN TO CURL" SESSION OCTOBER 26 FROM 3PM-5PM @ THE VERMILION CURLING RINK

Any questions or if you would like to pre-register contact Stacey @ 780-581-4317 Text Preferred

## VERMILION JUNIOR CURLING

6:45pm - 8:30pm  
6 end games  
Starts Nov 3, 25  
Entry Fee \$200/team  
2 Divisions  
(Younger and Older Teams)

Monday  
Night Open  
League  
2025-2026



@ Vermilion Curling Rink

Curlers Can Be in Grade 4 to Grade 12

TEAMS FROM SURROUNDING AREAS ARE WELCOME!  
NO TEAM, NO WORRIES. YOU CAN STILL JOIN!

TO ENTER CALL DOUG (780) 853-0062



## 2025 Vermilion Marauders football Game & Practice Schedule—September

*NOTE: tentative schedule, changes to game days/times or practices will be announced*

**Players are expected to make it to at least two practices a week to be able to play in a game that week. Please communicate with coaches if you are unable to make it to practice!**

<i>Game schedule</i>	<i>Practice schedule and events</i>
<b>Preseason: Westlock jamboree</b> <u>Saturday Sept 6 - Westlock</u> Four 35 min games, first game starts 1:00 pm	<b>Practices: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday</b> <b>Parent meeting - Wednesday Sept 3 : 6:15</b> after practice in the school
<b>Week 1: Home game vs. Westlock</b> <u>Thursday, Sept 11 - JR Robson School</u> Game time: 5:00 pm	<b>Practices: Monday, Tuesday, &amp; Wednesday</b> Game on Thursday No practice Friday
<b>Week 2: Away game vs. Slave Lake</b> <u>Friday, September 19 - Roland Michener School, Slave Lake</u> Game time: 4:30 pm	<b>Practices: Tuesday, Wednesday, &amp; Thursday</b> Game on Friday  <b>Team Bottle Drive Fundraiser: Saturday Sept. 20</b> - meet at JR Robson School at 9:00 am
<b>Week 3: BYE</b> No game scheduled this week	<b>Practices: Tuesday, Wednesday, &amp; Thursday</b>
<b>Week 4: Away game vs. OLMP (Camrose)</b> <u>Game date and time TBA - Camrose</u> Game time: TBA	<b>Practices: TBA</b>



**LEARN TO  
CURL**

**Admission: FREE**

**Sunday October 26, 2025**  
**3:00pm-5:00pm**  
**at Vermilion Curling Rink**

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE AT THE RINK.  
PLEASE BRING VERY CLEAN SHOES AND  
STRETCHY CLOTHING. ALL AGES WELCOME.

### 2025 Alberta Six Man Football League divisions

#### Tier 1 division

##### 1/2A teams - provincial eligible

Breton

Holy Redeemer (Edson)

JC Charyk (Hanna)

Rimbey

##### 3A teams - plays in 3A playoffs

Harry Collinge (Hinton)

West Central (Rocky Mountain House)

#### Tier 2 Division

##### 1/2A teams: provincial eligible

Vermilion

OLMP (Camrose)

Holy Trinity Academy (Drayton Valley)

##### 3A teams - plays in 3A playoffs

Roland Michener (Slave Lake)

Westlock

Parkland (Edson)

JV team: not eligible for 1/2A provincials or

##### 3A playoffs

Notre Dame JV (Red Deer)

## Monitor Screen Time

Screen time includes use of computers, TVs, video games, smartphones, and tablets. Help kids build healthy habits by limiting screen time and teaching safe, smart media use.

Keep devices in a shared space, like the kitchen, and create screen-free zones during meals, bedtime, and family time.

### Canadian Pediatric Society Guidelines:

- **Under 2 years:** No screen time
- **Ages 2–4:** Less than 1 hour per day
- **Older children:** Less than 2 hours per day

## Balance Screen Time with Other Activities

### Ideas:

- **Indoor:** Reading, arts and crafts, board games, puzzles, cooking, imaginative play
- **Outdoor:** Biking, sports, nature walks, playground time, sidewalk chalk
- **Family:** Game nights, dance parties, DIY projects, visiting the library or local events

## Why Limit Screen Time?

- Too much screen time—whether TV, tablets, phones, or games—can affect kids' sleep, schoolwork, and relationships.
- It can lead to more frequently choosing highly processed foods and fewer nutritious choices.
- It may reduce physical activity.
- Try to balance screen use with habits like outdoor play, reading, and family time.

## Use Screen Time to Learn

Help your child learn by viewing and talking about TV and other media together.

### Choose TV shows that:

- Repeat ideas to help kids learn
- Pause and ask kids to join in
- Teach only one message at a time
- Model good media use to teach children to use screen time mindfully

## MORE RESOURCES, visit:

[Media Smarts.ca](https://www.media-smarts.ca)

- **Search: Screen Time**

[myhealth.alberta.ca](https://myhealth.alberta.ca)



For information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area: