



Marauder News

Principal's Corner

On Monday, Sept. 29, staff and students wore orange shirts for Orange Shirt Day to coincide with the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Tuesday, September 30. As a school, our teachers work on incorporating Truth and Reconciliation topics into their courses. Thus while certain activities occurred on Sept. 29, classroom instruction in all grades regarding Truth and Reconciliation will continue throughout the school year by our teachers.

Just a reminder to parents to please get your updated student information and FOIPP forms into the office so we can insure that we have correct phone and contact information.

Our next School Council meeting is Wednesday, October 22th at 7:00 pm in the Learning Commons.

Have a great Thanksgiving and a safe Halloween.

Around the School

Orange Shirt Day



October 2, 2025

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School Council

Wednesday, October
22 at 7 pm

All parents welcome

Website:

jrrobson.btps.ca

School Calendar

[http://jrrobson.btps.ca/
Calendar.php](http://jrrobson.btps.ca/Calendar.php)

Facebook:

[https://www.facebook.com/
JRRobsonSchool/](https://www.facebook.com/JRRobsonSchool/)

Pirate Crew Instagram

[https://www.instagram.com/
jrpiratecrews/](https://www.instagram.com/jrpiratecrews/)



Counsellor's Corner

A fast September recap: school pictures, Mega Volley, Home football game and an away win, Open House, Pirate Crew elections and retreat, yearbook meetings, Cross-country meets, Volleyball tournaments, Terry Fox Walk, Truth and Reconciliation activities, and dress up days. What a fabulous start to another school year.

The J. R. Robson Hot Lunch program is going to operate by using different vendors from the community to support our lunch menu. Lunch will be served 5 days per See the website to order. <https://jrr.hotlunches.net> Many thanks to Mrs. Maier for organizing the monthly menu.

Mrs. Polishuk and Mrs. Hart would like to encourage any grade 9-11 students, wishing to attend a post-secondary institution after grade 12, to attend open houses. Often students feel the academic pressure of grade 12 and do not have the time to attend these all day sessions in their last year of high school. Picking the right post-secondary institution is an important first step to making the transition from high school. The chart on the next page provides dates of **Open Houses at post-secondary institutions**.

Many post-secondary institutions waive the registration fee if you attend an open house and register on that day. However, if you are enrolling in a competitive program, do not wait for the open house.

Apply Early. Some post-secondary schools encourage students to come and be a student for the day and have separate days allotted for just that. Please see the ELAA link below for more details on how to contact a post-secondary school.

<https://elaa.b-cdn.net/uploads/pdf/DAG2025.pdf>

A message from Kitscoty High School to all grade 9 - 12 students: Kitscoty High School is pleased to host our first ever ELAA Post Secondary Fair in our school gym on Wednesday, October 8th from 6:00-7:30pm.

The following post-secondary schools have confirmed their attendance, and will have booths set up to share details about their schools, course catalogues, as well as new admission requirements for the 2026-2027 School Year. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Ambrose University	Canadian Forces Recruitment Center	Concordia University of Edmonton	Olds College of Agriculture & Technology
Northern Lakes College	Northwest Polytechnic	Lethbridge Polytechnic	Portage College
Red Deer Polytechnic	University of Alberta	University of Calgary	NAIT
Alberta University of the Arts	Lakeland College	MacEwan University	The King's University

For Grade 11/12 students: If you are interested in attending Lakeland College's Open House on Friday, October 17, 2025, we will be taking a group of interested students to the open house. See Mrs. Hart for a permission form.

Grade 12 students are encouraged to see Mrs. Hart if they need **help registering for post-secondary study**. Use the Apply Alberta website to start this process. This website prepares the information needed to apply to any post-secondary institution in Alberta thus streamlining the application process. **(Use a private email address for this process as your BTPS account ceases to exist 1 month after graduation.)** You will also need an **Alberta Digital ID** to access some of the sites. This is the same information needed to access your health records. Some post-secondary institutions base acceptance on competitive averages while others are based on a first applied, first qualified basis. Applying to at least 2 post-secondary institutions gives you more options for acceptance. Remember you will need a credit card to submit your application online. **Many post-secondary schools open registration on October 1, so apply quickly.**

⇒ **Apply Alberta Website:** <https://www.applyalberta.ca/pub/>

⇒ **Alberta Digital ID website:** <https://account.alberta.ca/>

High School students should also be searching for scholarships as well. Often-times you will need two letters of reference for these letters, so start asking people who know you best to write your reference letters. Also

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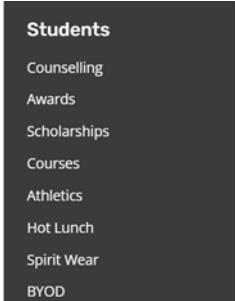
Post-Secondary Institution	City	Open for Ap- plications	Open House Dates
Alberta University of Arts	Calgary	October 1	October 25
Ambrose University	Calgary	October 1	October 18
Athabasca University	Athabasca	July 1	No open house
Bow Valley	Calgary	October 2	October 4
Burman University	Lacombe	September 9	November 6
Canadian Armed Forces	Kingston Ontario	September 1	No open house
Concordia University	Edmonton	October 1	October 25
Keyano College	Fort McMurray	October 1	October 25
The King's University	Edmonton	October 1	October 18
Lakeland College	Vermilion/Lloydminster	October 2	October 17 & 18
Lethbridge Polytechnic	Lethbridge	October 1	October 22
MacEwan University	Edmonton	October 1	November 1
Medicine Hat College	Medicine Hat/Brooks	October 1	November 12
Mount Royal University	Calgary	October 1	October 18
NAIT	Edmonton	October 1	October 25
Norquest College	Edmonton	October 1	October 18
Northern Lakes College	Slave Lake/Grouard	October 1	TBA - Free Regis- tration Day - No- vember 6
Northwestern Polytechnic	Grande Prairie/ Fairview	September 1	October 4
Olds College of Agriculture and Technology	Olds	October 4	October 3 & 4
Portage College	LacLaBiche, St. Paul, Cold Lake	October 1	October 21 - 23 or March 2 - 4
Prairie College	Three Hills	October 1	November 14 & 15
Red Deer Polytechnic	Red Deer	October 1	October 25
SAIT	Calgary	October 2	October 17 & 18
St. Mary's University	Calgary	October 1	November 1 or February 21 or May 13
University Of Alberta/ Augustana	Edmonton/Camrose	October 1	October 18
University of Calgary	Calgary	October 1	October 25
University of Lethbridge	Lethbridge/Calgary	September 1	October 25
University of Saskatchewan	Saskatoon	September	September 19

Counsellor's Corner Continued

see <http://studentaid.alberta.ca/> for scholarships available through the provincial government. Some due dates are fast approaching. To access the scholarships which we are aware of, please use the following instructions

1 Go to the JR Robson Website: <https://jrrobson.btps.ca/>

Choose **Students** from the Menu Bar
From the menu on the left hand side of the screen choose **Scholarships**:



Students
Counselling
Awards
Scholarships
Courses
Athletics
Hot Lunch
Spirit Wear
BYOD

Grade 10 - 12 students should create a MY-PASS account. <https://public.education.alberta.ca/PASI/myPass/welcome> MyPass is an Alberta Education website where students can:

- * Order high school transcripts in English/French
- * View diploma exam marks
- * View Detailed Academic Reports
- * View progress towards a credential (diploma or certificate)
- * Order copies of your credential (diploma or certificate)
- * Receive notifications of important messages
- *

Also, for **Grade 12 Students** the first meeting to discuss graduation criteria and the graduation event will occur in October or November. Watch for more details.

Remember the **STRONG Interest Inventory** is available through your counselor and VIBE Coach for any grade 11 & 12 students who are having trouble deciding on a future occupation. It is a great way to start the career planning process. See Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Polishuk or your VIBE coach, Ramona for further information. A special **thank you to VIBE** for sponsoring the cost of this career planning tool.

Work Experience: Mrs. Kaye will be the one responsible for administering the program

and she will require students to check in regularly to meet deadlines and hand in hours or paperwork. Please see her if you want to enroll.

RAP (Registered Apprenticeship Program).

For these programs, students will enroll through Mrs. Hart. The **RAP program** is available to high school students who are interested in pursuing a trade. Students can earn up to 40 high school credits through the RAP Program. The student must find an employer who is willing to take you on as an apprentice and then you can begin accumulating hours as part of your high school program.

Green Certificate. High School students interested in Green Certificate **please see Mrs. Hart to register prior to October 1.** A meeting will be scheduled, along with the representative from Alberta Agriculture, once I have all of the new registrants names to provide more information about the program. Students in this program will earn 16 credits towards their diploma at the grade 12 level. Green Certificate is available in the following areas:

- Bees
- Cow/Calf Production
- Dairy Production
- Equine
- Field Crops
- Green House
- Chickens
- Sheep
- Swine
- Feedlot

For students already enrolled in the green certificate program, here are upcoming test dates.

Northeast Green Certificate Testing Dates 2025-2026

@Lakeland College AI Facility

Possible Time 9:30am, 11am, 1pm,

2:30pm

Oct 16, 2025

Counsellor's Corner Continued

Nov 19, 2025

Feb 4, 2025

April 15, 2025

May 6, 2025

Please Contact Jessi Selte 780-581-4689 Or jessi.selte@lakelandcollege.ca To book your spot

WISEST presents the SET Conference (a Science, Engineering, and Technology experience) on **Saturday, November 22, at the University of Alberta**, for young women and gender-diverse students in Grades 10 – 12 who are curious about careers in science, engineering, and technology (SET). All young women and gender-diverse students in grades 10-1 are welcome at SET.

SET Students will:

- ⇒ Gain insight into different career paths in science, engineering, and technology (SET) and related University of Alberta programs.
- ⇒ Explore SET through lab tours and activities
- ⇒ Get access to role models and mentors to learn what it is like to pursue science, engineering, or technology.

Conference Registration Details

- ⇒ Nov 22, 2025 from **8:30 am- 3:00 pm** at the University of Alberta
- ⇒ **Registration opens on October 6th.**
- ⇒ **Cost is \$75 and includes lunch**

See the website for more information

<https://www.ualberta.ca/en/women-in-scholarship-engineering-science-technology/programs/set-conference/index.html>

Please stop by and introduce yourself to our Social Emotional Coach Amy Olobayo or email her at amy.olobayo@btps.ca to access her services. She is available to meet with students who may need help with family, peer or personal issues. She is in our building on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Parents and Students are encouraged to sign up for **PowerSchool** through either parent or student portal. Here is the direct link to Parent Portal: <https://>

powerschool.btps.ca/public/ Please see the administrative assistants if you are struggling and they will be happy to assist you. This way you can monitor your progress on a regular basis.

Have a very Happy and restful Thanksgiving weekend and Happy Halloween this month



SET CONFERENCE

Sat., Nov. 23, 2024
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

A special, one-day conference at the University of Alberta for grades 10, 11 and 12 young female and gender-diverse students.

- ▲ Hands-on experiments
- ▲ Meet STEM-minded peers
- ▲ Discover potential careers
- ▲ Get fun swag
- ▲ Explore the U of A
- ▲ Engage with role models and mentors

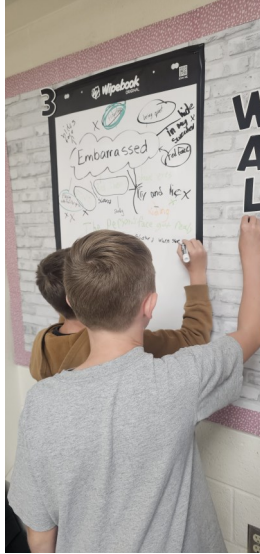
Registration Opens October 7, 2024
Cost: \$60 + \$15 lunch (optional) = \$75 • Designated spaces and subsidies are reserved for rural and Indigenous students. For more information and to register: www.uab.ca/WISEST

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📞 780-492-7774 | wise@ualberta.ca

Explore, Create, Achieve

ELA 7

This month, our Grade 7s have been sharpening their descriptive writing and word choice skills through the strategy Whiteboard Wipeout and collaborative Gallery Walks. These interactive activities have helped students expand vocabulary, build ideas together, and strengthen their understanding—laying the foundation for their upcoming personal narratives.



ELA 30-1

Our ELA 30-1 students have also been engaging in Gallery Walks—this time focusing on performance verbs and diploma-style writing. They've collaborated on crafting strong introductory paragraphs and thesis statements, building confidence and clarity in their writing as they prepare for diploma-level tasks.

Below: Students participated in the annual Terry Fox Walk



PE 7 & 9

In PE, our Grade 7 and 9 classes have been trying out new relays to boost teamwork, fitness, and fun. A highlight was the fast-paced, action-packed *tic-tac-toe race*, where strategy and speed came together in a lively competition that kept everyone moving and cheering.



Pirate Crew executive members went on a retreat to organize activities for the year



2025 Vermilion Marauders football

Game & Practice Schedule—October

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>
Week 5: Home game vs. Notre Dame JV (Red Deer) <u>Wednesday October 8</u> - JR Robson School Game time: 5:00 pm	Practices: Monday and Tuesday Game on Wednesday Optional practice Friday
Week 6: Away game vs. Parkland (Edson) <u>Friday, October 17th</u> - Parkland School, Edson Game time: 4:30 pm	Practices: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Game on Friday
Week 7: Home game vs. Holy Trinity Academy (Drayton Valley) <u>Thursday, October 23rd</u> - JR Robson School Game time: 4:30 pm	Practices: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday Game on Thursday No practice Friday
Week 8: 1/2A teams playoffs week 1 <u>October 26 - November 1</u> Game 1: #3 1/2A Tier 1 team vs #3 1/2A Tier 2 team Game 2: #1 1/2A Tier 2 team vs #2 1/2A Tier 2 team (3A teams participate in separate playoffs)	Practices: to be announced



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.

VERMILION JUNIOR CURLING

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

Monday
Night Open
League
2025-2026



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

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**



Jr. High
Girls volleyball teams
played hard and did
great at their tourna-
ments over the week-
end!





VERMILION LIONS CLUB
5240-65TH STREET
VERMILION, ALBERTA
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2025 SANTA ANONYMOUS REGISTRATION FORM
Vermilion and Area, Minburn, Mannville, & Clandonald
DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS November 25th, 2025.

Santas Anonymous is only available for families with children that live in the same house. Pick-up and delivery will be Saturday December 13th, 2025. We will be starting deliveries at 8:30 a.m. Pickup from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Children will receive gifts and/or gift cards. Food will be in the form of gift cards.

Name of parents/guardians: _____

Street or Box Address: _____

Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ (If you do not have a phone, another contact number is required.)

If we cannot contact you to confirm we will not provide.

Is your family's income below \$39,000.00? ____ (Combined income of both spouses based on Line 150 of you and your spouse's tax return)

First Name (and last if different) of every member in the house	Male or Female	Age of children under 18	Name of School Child/Youth attends	Size your child wears? Chld, youth adult, etc	What does your child want for Christmas? <u>WE do not buy video games. Is there a gift card they would like?</u>

We require a reference to be identified by the recipient that can be contacted to confirm that the recipient is experiencing financial hardship and requires the assistance of Santa Anonymous. A reference must know which community you live in. The reference can be a staff member from Human Resources (social services), Children Services, Early Childhood Educators, School personnel, Clergy, Counsellors, Village or Town Administrator or Councillors, FCSS, nurse, or RCMP member. Your reference cannot be a relative. The reference must know all members of the family, including the children. If the reference information is not filled out then the application will not be considered complete and will not be processed. My reference is:

Reference's Name

Position

Agency

Phone #

Please note: Mail completed application to address at the top. If you require more information please calling Don Good 780-853-2220. By signing this form you agree that **the Vermilion Lions Club has the right to contact the reference to confirm hardship and/or call the local schools to confirm children.**

Applicant's Signature

What is Stigma?

One of the biggest reasons people don't get help for substance use or mental health is stigma. That means they're judged or treated unfairly because of false beliefs or stereotypes. This can further isolate someone who is struggling with substance use and/or mental health.

Words matter. Changing our words can encourage more compassion.

Stigma is not only hurtful, but it has real-life consequences.

Family tips for building communication and language skills

- Keep messages simple
- Help your children get the facts
- **Be calm** when speaking to your kids
- **Be prepared** before having a difficult conversation
- **Don't assume** you know what is going on or has happened
- **Check in** regularly with your kids to connect better
- **Look for the good** in each other
- **Empathy and listening** helps to see each other's perspective and to increase understanding.
- **Be kind** - to yourself and others

Ways to help your family reduce stigma:

- Encourage your family to talk openly about addiction and mental health
- Use supportive language
- Speak out to correct myths and stereotypes
- Educate yourself, your family, and others

Tackling stigma is important as it creates trust and encourages people to express their feelings and seek treatment.

Tackle stigma through the words you choose

- Use positive and respectful language
- Avoid stereotypes and labels
- Use person-first language to focus on the individual rather than the illness, disability, condition, or behaviour

Stigmatizing Language:

This drives me crazy

This is nuts

Mentally ill/insane person

Addict or junkie

Respectful Language:

This bothers me

This is interesting/strange

Person living with a mental illness

Uses substances or person with a substance use disorder

MORE RESOURCES

[Language Matters](#)

[Mental Illness Awareness Week](#)

[Resources - FamilySmart](#)

[Why Words Matter](#)

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



Addiction Services Help Line
1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line
1-877-303-2642

