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## From the Principal's Office: (doucetr@lrsd.ab.ca)

The final week of semester one is now behind us. Teachers have been preparing their report cards, and these will be mailed out in early February. Also, we have been working on getting ready for the new semester. In-person High school students will receive their new schedules on Monday.

Friday, AHS representatives did an inspection of the school and a detailed review of our COVID Protocols. I will send out more detailed results when I receive the final report, but I am incredibly pleased to report that no deficiencies were found.

We will be implementing a few changes for semester two during lunch breaks. Students will be assigned to a specific room. Students will be expected to stay in that room during lunch or go outside. Moving to particular lunch rooms will reduce congestion in the hallways and congregation of large numbers of students in gathering areas.

I have had quite a few people ask about the Honour Roll calculation. The current formula has not changed in many years, but I wanted to share the process. An average is determined from ELA, Science, Math, PE and Social Studies in junior high. Recipients for the Honour roll are those with an average of 80% or higher and 90% or higher for distinction status. In high school, generally, all courses done for credits are included. Some courses such as work experience or ADLC may or may not be included depending on the situation. In high school, the formula uses a weighted credit average. The formula intends to balance course marks with how many credits they are worth. In High school, courses are usually worth 1, 3, or 5 credits.

Watch for the return of teacher updates beginning with our next weekly update.

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## **Our Mission:**

• To create lifelong engaged learners. • To inspire excellence in leadership, academics, athletics, and fine arts. • To develop critical thinkers, problem solvers, and ethically responsible citizens.

## **Our Vision:**



Livingstone Range School Division is pleased to announce that the FACES Summer Education Program will run this summer. Using a 3-phase approach that allows for flexibility during the COVID-19 pandemic, students will be able to build community, develop self-awareness and empowerment, and experience new opportunities all while earning high school credits.

The FACES leadership team has worked to develop three phases which will allow the program to run in the summer of 2021:

- Phase 1 Online. Small groups of students meet online and are led by group leaders in a
  variety of course activities and projects. Students involve their family in meaningful
  outdoor activities and reflective projects. Creating new friends and a new healthy,
  support-structure can still happen and is an important part of FACES. One week. Students
  are eligible for 5 credits.
- Phase 2 Blended. Online course activities and projects as in Phase 1, with the addition
  of two outdoor adventure days (no overnight stay). The quality online experience
  coupled with two days of outdoor adventure will leave a lasting impact. One week.
   Students are eligible for 5 credits.
- Phase 3 In-Person. Groups of students meet in-person for course activities and projects. Developing new friendships, course activities and projects, and experiencing daily outdoor adventures such as canoeing, rock climbing/rappelling, hiking, etc. will be an unforgettable experience. One week. Students are eligible for 10 credits.

Students currently in Grades 9 and 10 will be eligible to participate this year, giving those who missed out last year an opportunity to experience FACES. Sessions will run from July 5 to August 27, 2021. While FACES will provide a minimum of 2 weeks' notice of which phase a particular session will be running, government health restrictions may require last-minute adjustments. Any

in-person programming will comply with all current COVID-19 safety protocols. The schedule and fee information will be available at registration time, which opens for LRSD Grade 9 and 10 students on March 29, and April 12 for Grade 9 and 10 students across Alberta.

For more information, visit <u>Irsd.ca/faces</u>, <u>faceseducation.com</u>, or <u>facebook.com/FACES.Ed</u>.