

# J.T. Foster Teaching Staff and Program Update: 2019/20



## Jeff Anderson - High School Science Specialist

- Married with two children (age 5 & 8), who attend ABD and plan to attend JTF
- M.Ed. (Leadership, 2014), B.Sc. (Biochemistry, 1997)
- 18 years full-time classroom experience in LRSD #68 (Physics 20-30, Chemistry 20-30, Biology 20-30)
- World Traveler (38 countries), Snowboarder/Skier; Scuba Diver, Coach of various school sports over the years
- Alberta Education Diploma Examination Branch: Experienced Diploma Exam marker, Item Writer, Standards Setting Committee Member
- WCCHS Numeracy LEAD teacher 2017-2018, LRSD Chemistry Subject Advisory LEAD teacher 2012-2020
- Two-time APEGA Excellence in Teaching Nominee 2013 & 2009, J.T. Foster Teacher of the Year Award 2004



## Charlene Baxter - Junior High ELA Specialist

I have been teaching for 24 years. My first 11 years was junior high ELA, Social, and Drama at F P Walshe in Fort Macleod. I transferred to J T Foster in 2006 to teach senior high ELA, Social and Drama. I have since returned to my roots in junior high and have expanded to teaching Environmental Stewardship, Tourism and Film Studies.

My husband and I are avid hikers and spend most of our time somewhere in the mountains. My favorite hikes were to Mt Everest in Nepal, and Machu Picchu in Peru. Our next adventure will hopefully be to Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, but that will be after I retire. We also love to travel. My bucket list dream is to have been to every continent - I only have Antarctica and Australia to go.

My passions are Broadway and going to New York whenever possible. A memorable experience was watching Jeff Daniels on stage as Atticus Finch. Blue Jays' baseball is another passion and I will watch them any time I am able.

I spend much of my time gardening when I am not with my two grandchildren or watching the Blue Jays!

My greatest accomplishment is completing my MEd with a Specialization in Literacy. I have been busy sharing this knowledge with my students and staff.

The 2019/2020 school year will be amazing!



## Brent Gammie - PE Specialist and Athletic Director

I have been teaching Physical Education and working as the Athletic Director at J.T. Foster for 12 years.

Live in Nanton with my wonderful wife and two kids.

I enjoy coaching community and school sports - cross country, volleyball, hockey, basketball, badminton, and track and field.

Other interests include camping, riding ATV's, boating, fishing, hunting, playing hockey, and running obstacle course races.





## Landon Hatch - Junior High Math/Science

This will be my third year at J.T. Foster, hopefully with many more years to come. I focus primarily on the Junior High Math & Science subjects, as well as options, such as Leather Working and Wildlife. I love making any lesson or topic I teach into a hands-on learning experience and do all I can to make each class a fun experience.

I have a beautiful wife, Amelia, and my three children, Frank (4), Elsie (2), and Thomson (a couple months). We are a very active family that enjoys camping, fishing, hunting, woodworking, and any sport we can involve ourselves in. Personally, I quite enjoy coaching at any level and wherever possible. The past number of years have allowed me to accumulate 13 years experience coaching basketball and a variety of other sports including, volleyball, rugby, badminton, track & field, and baseball. I look forward to doing my part to enhance all programs at J.T. Foster!

If you have any questions, comments, or simply would like to get to know me better, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting everyone!



## Vaughan Henning - Band and Social Studies

Vaughan was raised in Calgary, and spent his high school years playing in wind ensembles and jazz bands. The strong sense of community, varied performances, and level of achievement accomplished inspired him to pursue music education.

During his time at the University of Lethbridge Vaughan played in numerous ensembles, developing strengths in solo performance, wind orchestra, jazz ensembles, musical theatre, chamber music, and pop/rock groups. In 2014 he entered the Faculty of Education, majoring in Music and minoring in Social Studies. The highlights of this program included a strong focus on conducting and ensemble direction, appropriate musical assessment, and philosophy of technology integration in classrooms.

Vaughan is currently involved in musical endeavours including [Southern Winds](#) Orchestra. He is an avid board game and D&D enthusiast, and is trying his hand at gardening. He looks forward to continue working in the J.T. Foster team, especially in regards to developing the bands, both in ability and as an important aspect of the school community, and the community of Nanton.



## Kasey Howard - Mathematics and Science

This is Kaseys first year at J.T. Foster.



## Sara MacLachlan- High School ELA

Hello! My name is Sara MacLachlan, and I'm so excited to be teaching at J. T. Foster again this year! I graduated from the University of Calgary with both my B. A. in English and my B.Ed., and this is my third year teaching High School ELA (plus my first time teaching Junior High English). I am passionate about literature, and love Shakespeare and anything by Margaret Atwood. When I'm not teaching, I'm either reading, hiking, planning my next trip, or walking my dog, who demands at least two trips to the off-leash park a day.





## Beverly McNutt - Mathematics

It has been a journey full of experiences that has brought me to teach at J. T. Foster in the upcoming year. In the past 26 years of teaching, I have taught math 7 - 12, science 7 - 8, an array of CTF and CTS courses, been a learning support teacher, an assistant principal and a principal.

Along my journey I have accumulated my husband Paul, our dog Jazzy, 6 children, 5 children-in-law, and 10 grandchildren thus far. I enjoy hanging out with family, camping, coaching volleyball, construction, and doing number puzzles when I am not busy working.

I am excited to be returning to the community where I live. My classroom is my second home and I invite all of you to come and be a part of my exciting journey.



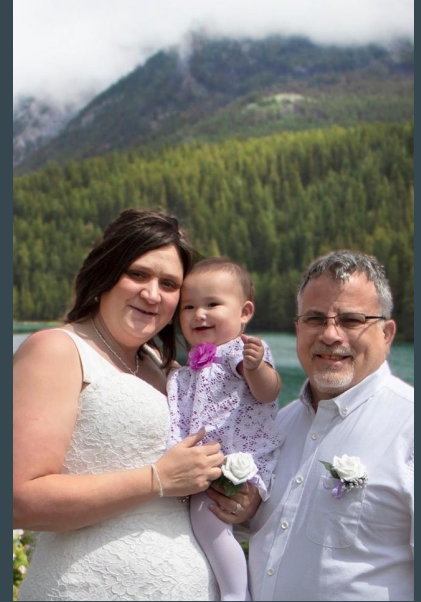
"Life is a journey, not a destination." Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Jason Porteous - Social Studies

I have been teaching for well over 20 years now and enjoy it each and every day. I truly love Social Studies and work hard to bring a bit of excitement to that class. I also teach some Food courses at JTF and use that course as a way to help develop some great skills for the future with students.

I just got married this summer to my wonderful wife, Annette. We have a blended family of 6 adult kids and just welcomed our first granddaughter last year.

I am glad to be back teaching at JT. I am also very happy to be back coaching basketball in the community. In my spare time, aside from basketball, I enjoy riding my motorbikes in the warm weather and either skiing or hiking in the mountains in the cooler weather.



## Rob Charchun - Off Campus Co-ordinator

As the North Off Campus coordinator I assist students at J.T. Foster, WCCHS and FP Walshe to find out about the Green Certificate, RAP Apprenticeship or Work Experience programs. If you have any questions, need further information or would like to discuss off-campus learning opportunities for your son or daughter please don't hesitate to contact me at 403-682-9881 or [charchunr@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:charchunr@lrsd.ab.ca)



## Lettie Croskery - Career Practitioner

I am delighted to be the Career Practitioner serving Nanton, Stavely and Claresholm school students in their career development journey.

After living in Lethbridge for most of my adult life, our family moved to Claresholm in the summer of 2019. My husband Andreas and I have two daughters. Our youngest is a student at West Meadow Elementary and our eldest daughter is in the B.Ed. program at the University of Calgary. We love to travel and visit our friends and family in Germany and Ireland, as well as exploring all of the beauty and unique activities we discover in our own southern Alberta.





## Kirby Dietze - Alternate Programs Teacher

This is my 21st year of teaching, although not all in Alberta. I have spent most of that time teaching ELA from Grades 8 through to 12. I've also been an Assistant Principal and Principal at other schools here in Livingstone Range School Division. This year I am helping various students throughout LRSD complete Jr and Sr High School courses, both virtually and by face to face means. I travel at least three days of the week to meet with students who are looking for success in these courses, so you might not see me much around JT Foster.

In my spare time, I love to hang with my wife and three grown children, and I love the outdoors! I am involved in the LRSD FACES program as a small group leader and session lead.



## Andrea Parker - Learning Support Teacher

I am thankful for the community of Nanton and J.T. Foster High School. I moved to Nanton when I was 16 years old and my parents opened up Mainstreet Cafe downtown Nanton. I attended J.T. Foster for Grade 11 and I treasure the friendships and experiences I had while I was a student.

I am blessed to be the Learning Support Teacher at J.T. Foster. It is a joy to work with amazing students and staff. I hope to give back to the community that raised me and I aspire to learn something new each day!



## Tracey Wallace - Family School Liaison

I am Tracey Wallace, and I am the Family School Liaison Counsellor at J.T. Foster School. I have been “hanging around” between A.B. Daley, Stavely and J.T. Foster since 2003. I have always considered myself very privileged to know most of your children on some level, and always am open to what they can teach me about their world.

I have used my education in Social Work in several areas in the past, but have felt most comfortable supporting students and their families to be healthy and happy in every endeavour they encounter. I look forward to continuing my role at both schools in Nanton, and am excited about some of the opportunities that are continuing to present themselves with our LEAD programming and new teaching staff!





## Christine Armstrong - Educational Assistant

I have been an Educational Assistant in the Livingstone Range School Division since 1995. The past 11 years have been spent at J.T. Foster.

I live with my husband, Clem on our family ranch west of Nanton. We have three amazing children; Parker (21), Teigue (18), and Keelyn (15). We raise beef cattle and enjoy anything to do with the outdoors.

At J.T. Foster I would say that I am the math EA specialist as well as providing Sr. support to those students who are completing assignments that need extra help.

I have also been involved with the Queen's Ball program here for the past 25 plus years as one of the dance instructors. My husband is also involved with coaching a variety of school sports.





## Brenda Southgate - Educational Assistant

Nanton is my hometown. This remarkable community is where I grew up and continue to live with my husband, Dustin, and our three boys; Morgan, Trey and Dallon. My elder 2 are attending post secondary degree programs within Alberta and our youngest will be the final family member to graduate from J.T. Foster this very year.

I began volunteering at J. T. Foster more than 25 years ago as a Dance Instructor with the Queen's Ball program with which I continue to be actively involved. My employment with LRSD began 12 years ago as a full time School Bus Driver. I still drive the same route every day and enjoy *almost* every minute of it. I have enjoyed serving as an Educational Assistant at J. T. Foster since 2011. My career aspirations as a Rehabilitation Practitioner are definitely realized in this position. Guiding students through the academic challenges of Math, ELA and Social Studies as well as witnessing their success and growth from teens to adults is an extremely rewarding aspect of this position. I have had the opportunity to work and learn with incredible children, amazing staff, and a supportive community which is incredibly intertwined. I look forward to continuing the journey with each and every one!



## Pauline Braun Hornecker - Learning Commons Facilitator and EA

I have been the Librarian/Learning Commons Facilitator at J. T. Foster School for 26 years. I have had wonderful opportunities to learn many new things and meet many accomplished and kind students, educators and parents. While I have always helped students find a good book to read or resources for their research project, my position has grown to include supporting students as an EA, assisting with the Distance Learning program, and the distribution and collection of textbooks.

My husband, Howard, and I have two grown daughters; my favourite times are the occasions when we are together as a family.

I enjoy reading and swimming. I also love knitting and other handicrafts, and hope a group of students will join me again this year to visit and craft together.

I am excited to be part of J. T. Foster School and look forward to supporting students and staff in the coming year.



## Lee Chattaway – Administrative Assistant

My name is Lee Chattaway. I have been working at J.T. Foster for the past six years in the office. My main role is finances, but I have a supporting role for Student Information, and organizing larger events that take place within our school such as Grad, and Awards Night. I love working in this school. It is so cool to be able to see my own kids, and all these other kids grow from a shy (sometimes not so shy) grade 7 coming in, to the amazing adults they become when they graduate!

I live with my husband Scott on the family ranch west of Nanton. We have 4 wonderful kids, Jessica, Wyatt, Quinn and Tate. Our oldest three have all graduated from J.T. Foster and our youngest one, Tate, is a student here. As a family we love the outdoors. We do a lot of camping, hunting, fishing, kayaking. We are also very involved in sports - hockey, baseball, swimming. Scott and I have gone from avid participants to fans as we cheer our kids on with their sports.





## Louanna Jones - Administrative Assistant

Louanna is a 4th generation resident of the Nanton area and lives with her family on a small ranch near Parkland.

Walks in the foothills are where she finds her best balance and peace. Watching the next generation walk through the doors and grow daily through the office window at J. T. Foster brings a special joy into her personal and work life.

She has been participating in Scottish Highland Dancing since the age of 4 and shares her love of the Celtic culture by teaching this art form through the Skye-Anna School of Highland Dance where a “return” to Scotland in August 2020 is in the works!





## Joel Gamache - Acting Assistant Principal

Mr Gamache teaches High school Construction, Automotive, Fabrication, Industrial arts (grades 6-9 wood working) and Mathematics (Trades math stream 10-3 20-3 30-3)

Mr. Gamache is returning for his fourth year at J.T. Foster and excited to extend his impact on JTF as Assistant Principal. Mr. G plans to continue to develop the Career and Technology studies along with integrating core mathematics' and science classes into his hands on and practical teaching style.

Mr. G is a Métis individual who grew up on a mixed farm near Laurier, Manitoba. When he is not spending time at school developing the Leadership, Outdoor or Shop programs, he finds himself focusing on his outdoors skills. He tends to spend his weekends in the backcountry split boarding, biking, hiking or mountaineering. Mr. G hopes to use his outdoor experiences towards fostering a passion for the outdoors in his students.



## Roger Doucet - Principal

I am thrilled to be the Acting Principal for J.T. Foster. I have spent the last twelve years teaching at J.T. Foster and am still amazed at all the wonderful blessings our school and community has to offer. I have a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Education and a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership.

While I am not the most athletic I do love the outdoors, especially the odd mountain hike. I have two beautiful Kitties, Minou and Cheeky. Interesting tidbit about me is that I interviewed for my teaching job at J.T. Foster July 9, 2008 three full days before I married my wife Leonie.

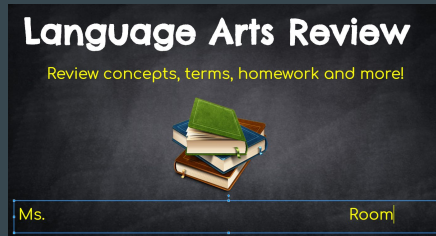
Minou  
hard at  
work



Cheeky



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Tuesday & Thursday: 12:55-1:45pm

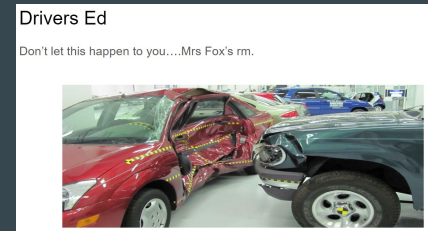
- Additional Academic Support - Core Courses
- Homework Completion
- Self Directed Learning
- High School Redesign
- Leader In Me Initiatives



## Rugby

LEARN HOW TO PASS A RUGBY BALL.

MR. ROOM



# Option Classes

With Student feedback in September - we will try to offer programming that meets the needs of our students. Ideas currently: More to be added

- Band
- Foods
- Digital Citizenship
- Financial Literacy
- Media/Art Other CTS Modules Available through ADLC
- Sports Option
- Shop
- RAP

- Outdoor Ed
- Tourism
- Gardening
- Film Study
- Leadership
- Literacy 9
- Forensic Science
- Legal Studies
- Work Experience
- Dual Credit



# Dual Credit Programming

<http://www.lrsd.ca/Dual-Credit-Programs.php>



## DUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES 2019-2020

### Get a head-start on your post-secondary journey!

Students in Grade 11 and 12 can earn high school AND  
post-secondary credits while in high school!

J.T. Foster High School has partnerships with local post-secondary institutions to provide dual credit programming in a variety of courses, including:

- Carpentry
- Travel & Tourism
- Business Communications
- Medical Terminology
- Personal Health & Wellness
- Introduction to the Justice System
- Plumbing
- Electrician
- Software Development
- Agriculture Technology (pending)
- Video Communication (pending)
- Land & Environment (pending)



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# Hockey Academy

*Approved*

*Grades 7-9*

*Application Available -*

*June 2019 - Limited  
Space*

*Apply Early*

*September - February*

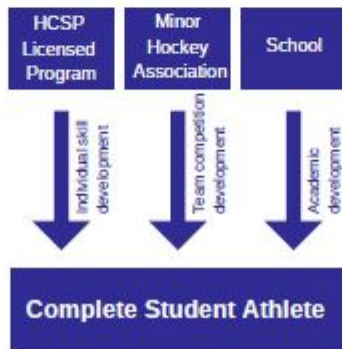
## PURSUE YOUR PASSION

The J.T. Foster Hockey Academy is an accredited **Hockey Canada Skill Program (HCSP)** school that supports students in pursuing their passion of hockey while increasing engagement in academic success.

Students have weekly ice time at the **Tom Hornecker Recreation Centre** embedded in their academic calendar, allowing them greater skills development along with regular educational programming.



## DEVELOPING THE COMPLETE STUDENT ATHLETE



## GROW, LEARN, SUCCEED

Our onsite, HCSP-trained instructor provides **70 hours of hockey skills** and dry-land training to complement the students' out-of-school team competition development.

The **affordable tuition fee of \$150** and **local programming** makes the hockey academy accessible for families in Nanton and surrounding communities.

**Improve your individual and tactical skills, increase training time, and enhance academic achievement with the J.T. Foster Hockey Academy.**

# LRSD Virtual School

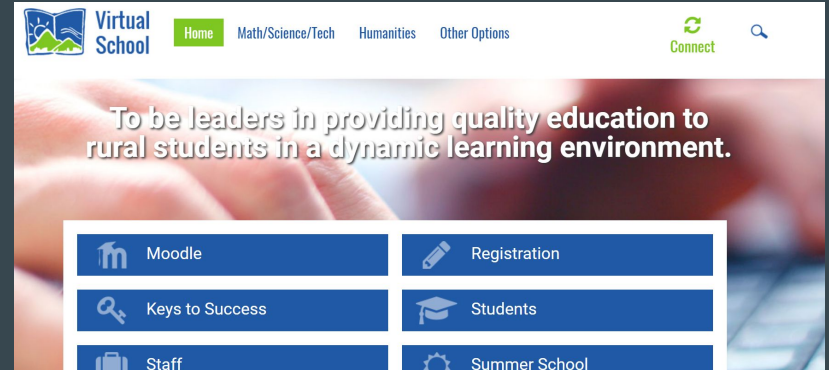
English 30-1, 30-2, 20-1, 20-2, 10-1, - Crossroads - Semester 1 and Semester 2

Social 30-1, 30-2, 20-1, 20-2, 10-1, - Outreach North- Semester 1 and Semester 2

French/Spanish (Specific Classes TBD) - Outreach West- Semester 1 and Semester 2

Math 31 - Crossroads- Semester 2

Register in Semester One and students have the year to complete their programming.



# Learning Support

Collaborative Response Model

Student Individual Program Plans

Center for Student Achievement Resources & Enrichment -*CARE Learning Commons*

Providing an alternative learning space will help students engage in new and unique ways. We expect this alternative learning environment will help retain students who are achieving only marginal success in a traditional learning space. As students that have disengaged re engage in learning we expect higher achievement results and higher student school satisfaction. This is also an opportunity for our students to access high quality programming from our virtual school and programming that is currently not available by staff at J.T. Foster.

This will be a location that students can also seek additional academic support.



# Timetable 2019-20 School Year

		High School and Junior High Timetable				
Monday - Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40- 9:30 (50 min)	8:40- 9:30 (50 min)	50	50	50	50	50
9:30-10:20 (50 min)	9:30-10:20 (50 min)	50	50	50	50	50
10:20-10:25 ( 5 min)	10:20-10:25 ( 5 min)	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:25-11:15 (50 min)	10:25-11:15 (50 min)	50	50	50	50	50
11:15- 12:05 (50 min)	11:15- 12:05 (50 min)	50	50	50	50	50
12:05-12:55 (50 min)	12:05-12:25(20 min)	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:55-1:45 (50 min)	12:25-1:15 (50min)	50	50	50	50	50
1:45-2:35 (50 min)	Options - Academy	50	50	50	50	
2:35-3:25 (50 min)	SDL	50	50	50	50	

\* Please note the lunch schedule

# CTF Programming - J.T. Foster / A.B. Daley Collaboration - Ideas

- Grades 6 and programming twice a week
- Other ideas include band.....foods..... Stay tuned for more info
- Combined presentations - Author visits - anti bullying presentations - spirit activities - example - Impaired driving enactment
- Remembrance Day Activities
- Sport Pep Rallies
- A.B. Daley Nutrition program - work experience students supporting