



WEEKLY OFFICE UPDATE: FEBRUARY 14TH



J. T. FOSTER SCHOOL

MONTH: February

YEAR: 2020

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

Happy Valentines Day everyone and we hope you enjoy extra time as a family while there are no classes next week! Here are a few snippets of information for you to consider until classes start back up Monday, February 24.

- A reminder that Senior High Semester One textbooks need to be returned to Pauline in our Learning Commons.
- All Senior students are encouraged to view their Detailed Academic Reports via myPass.alberta.ca to ensure all their marks are accurate. If there are any errors or omissions please touch base with the course teacher then follow up with the office as needed.
- Diploma exam and Diploma course blended marks have been posted by Alberta Education, myPass.alberta.ca access is required to view these results.
- We continue to beta testing a new school app. It's not too late to try it out, download the SchoolGuide from the android or iOs store! After you have used it please let us know what you think. This is a test only at this point as we continue ways to reach out to communicate what is happening at our school.
- Please encourage your students to wear pink Wednesday, February 26 for Pink Shirt Day to help promote healthy relationships in our school. Information about the day can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/pink-shirt-day-alberta.aspx> if you are interested.
- Important information from Alberta Information in regards to PAT and Diploma exams is at the bottom of this communication.



Please come in any time, call or email if you have any questions or comments.

Roger



Healthy Hunger

Order school lunches weekly, monthly or even for the entire year in advance. Simply go to HealthyHunger.ca set up an account and select your child's class (JTF selects ABD for the school and JTF is listed as a classroom). A portion of the proceeds from every order goes to the Friends of ABD! Thank you so very much to this group for setting this up!



If a student is absent, their lunch will be given to another student. According to Health and Safety regulations, we are not able to keep lunches overnight.

Online Progress Reports

Online Progress Reports are always available! Parents/Guardians, please contact the office to set up your "Parent Internet Viewer" for real-time updates. There is a Quick Link on the homepage of our website to take you there and, our office staff are always willing to assist you in



how to use this feature!

Bell Schedule

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						
* Please note the SDL schedule - 2 days a week but for more time						



Grade 12 Diploma Exams Quick Facts for Students and Parents/Guardians

What are diploma exams?

Diploma exams are administered to students in select Grade 12 courses and have three main purposes:

- to certify the level of individual student achievement in selected Grade 12 courses;
- to ensure that province-wide standards of achievement are maintained;
- to report individual and group results.

When are diploma exams administered?

Diploma exams are administered annually in January, April, June, August, and November according to the schedule posted in the *General Information Bulletin* at <https://education.alberta.ca/diploma-exam-administration/general-information-bulletin>.

Are there any practice questions available to students before writing diploma exams?

Yes. Students can try out the released questions from previous diploma exams that are located at <https://questaplus.alberta.ca/PracticeMain.html>.

How will results from diploma exams be shared with students?

Approximately 3 weeks after the administration of diploma exams, student results are available on *myPass* at <https://mypass.alberta.ca>. For assistance with *myPass*, contact the Client Services Help Desk at 780-427-5318 (Dial 310-0000 to be connected toll-free from outside the Edmonton area.)

Want to know more?

More information and resources for diploma exams are available on the Alberta Education website at <http://education.alberta.ca>.

The personal information collected in the Diploma Examination Program is collected pursuant to section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (RSA 2000, C. F-25). This information will be used for the purpose of administering the Diploma Examination Program as well as support programs and policy evaluation and measurement.

Questions regarding the program and the collection, use and disclosure of information may be directed to the Director, Diploma Examination Program, System Excellence, Alberta Education, 6th Floor, 10044 -108 Street, 44 Capital Boulevard, Edmonton, AB T5J 5E6 or by telephone at 780-422-5160. (Dial 310-0000 to be connected toll-free from outside the Edmonton area.)

PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

EVERYDAY COMFORT FLEECE COLLECTION



ATCF2600



ATCF2400



ATCF2500



ATCF2700

This month's product spotlight focuses on the
Fleece Collection by *Everyday Comfort!*

Grades 6 and 9 Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs)

Quick Facts for Parents/Guardians

What are Provincial Achievement Tests?

Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) are administered to students in grades 6 and 9 and have three main purposes:

- to determine if students are learning what they are expected to learn;
- to report to Albertans how well students have achieved provincial standards at given points in their schooling;
- to assist schools, authorities, and the province in monitoring and improving student learning.

When are Provincial Achievement Tests administered?

PATs are administered annually in May and June in English and French language arts, mathematics, science and social studies in grade 6 and grade 9. Some grade 9 students write PATs in January.

Are there any practice questions my child can do before writing Provincial Achievement Tests?

Yes. Students can try out the released questions from previous provincial achievement tests that are located at <https://questaplus.alberta.ca/>.

When will I find out my child's Provincial Achievement Test results?

School staff share preliminary results with parents after the PAT administration. Individual Student Profiles (ISPs) are available to schools in the fall of the following school year. School staff then share the ISPs with parents or parents can access results directly using myPass (access to myPass must be provided by school staff). A record of the ISP must be retained in the student's record in accordance with the *Student Record Regulation*.

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EVERY DAY COUNTS!

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much, but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling, that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child.

If your child misses just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling, that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 1/2 weeks per year	Nearly 1/2 year
20 mins per day	1 hr 40 mins per week	Over 2 1/2 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	1/2 day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years

**If you want your child to be successful at school then,
YES, attendance does matter.**



Livingstone Range
SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 48

If you require support in getting your child to school consistently and on time, talk to your Principal.

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:

- *People: Be a great place to learn, be inspired, and self-discovery.*
- *Planet: Be a responsible and ethical citizen in a local and global world.*
- *Community: To create a dynamic engaged community that includes the arts, athletics, and respects the agricultural roots and traditions of our community in order to nurture creativity and lifelong learning.*