

Welcome back! We hope you all had a terrific summer. A special welcome to the Grade 7 students and to all other students who are new to our school and the community of Landmark. I am new this year to Landmark. Previously I have been in GVS, the SRSS, and SMS. . I was able to visit the school on several occasions in spring and was impressed at the collaborative work in the staff and the great attitude among the students. Jerrah-Lee Broesky, vice-principal/learning support, is also new to the school and together we are looking forward to being a part of this school and community.

We would also like to welcome some new staff to our school. **Mr. Tristan Roberecki and Ocean Nickel** are joining our Landmark Collegiate teaching staff. We still hope to be adding additional EAs before the start of the school year. I know everyone new to Landmark Collegiate will quickly come to know the great support this community provides us at the school.

Please note some important dates for the startup of the school year:

Wed., Sept. 6; First Day of School – School starts at 9:00 am. Students will begin in homerooms which will be posted in the school. Staff will be on hand to help them find their place. On that day we will be running a number of activities to foster the culture of community and learning. Lunch will be from 12:00 to 1:00. The school will be providing a hotdog lunch for the students.

Thurs, Sept. 7, 4:30 – 6:00 pm; Open House - The Open House is a come and go event where we want to welcome you all back. It is also a chance to meet your child's teacher(s) and tour the school.

Fri, Sept. 8; Picture Day - All pictures are pre-ordered with Lifetouch. Information will be sent home the first day of school.

Mon, Sept. 11; First Note Night - Grade 7 band students, please keep this evening open, more information to come. Clinicians will be on hand to help grade 7's learn their instrument.

Fri, Sept. 15, and Mon, Sept. 18; Strong Connections - Grade 7 and 8 students will have Strong Connections; one of these days gr. 7 and 8 students will be at home. Further information and schedules will be sent out in the first week of school.

Tues, Sept. 26; Terry Fox Run – The school will be collecting a *Toonie for Terry*. Please help us reach our goal of \$500.00

Fri, Sept 29; Orange Shirt Day - This is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation. Students are encouraged to wear something orange.

These calendar dates have also been added to our Landmark Collegiate calendar which can be found online at lc.hsd.ca. Additionally, please take note of the other startup information...

Parent Portal – As a reminder, the HSD Parent Portal provides parents/guardians with secure access to their child's records. Parents/guardians can access the following information for each of their children attending an HSD school: Student Timetables and Homerooms, Report Cards, Attendance information, School Fees, Permission and Consent Forms, Change of Contact Form and Grad/Credit Summary. Please check for the following...

- **Access** – For those that have not accessed the Portal or are having issues accessing it, please contact the school.
- **Contact information** - Please go through this form to confirm that all information, especially contact information, is up to date. We use this information to contact you for attendance, school news updates, report cards etc. If there are any changes, please contact the office.
- **Permission Forms** - There are a number of permission forms that do not need to be done yearly but you should check to make sure that they are correct.
- **Walking Field Trip Permission Form** - This needs to be done every year. This allows teachers to take students off of school grounds for such things as Terry Fox Run, Community Clean Up and other learning opportunities.

School Supplies Lists are posted on our website for all grades.

School Fees will be posted on the Parent Portal by Sept. 22.

Sixer volleyball action will begin shortly with the varsity teams building to make a run at Provincials and middle years teams starting towards the end of September. This season starts very quickly and it is important to stay on top of the information. Please check out the website for schedules of practices and games.

Lunch Orders from The Bistro and Deb's Delectable Meat Buns will begin Monday, September 11. Parents can place their orders through the school website and the fees will be added in the Parent Portal. As well, the microwaves and vending machines will be available for students to use during the noon hour.

Volunteer Requirements. Anyone volunteering in any capacity at/with the school must have a Criminal Background Check and Child Abuse Registry Check completed before beginning to help. We sometimes need coaches or volunteer drivers for certain events. Often these are last minute situations. If you would like to help if the need arises, please contact the office to get the proper documents and get his process started right away. These will need to be sent to the RCMP to be completed and can take several weeks for them to be returned. Most background checks are valid for 5 years, however, volunteers do need to annually sign a divisional document verifying that there has been no changes to these checks.

Volunteer Drivers: Please remember that **ONLY** those who have completed the required documents may transport other students to and from a school event. Verbal or written permission from parents for their child to be transported by someone who is not a registered driver is prohibited.

Thanks to those that are on the PTA and the work that they do in supporting the school. The members are Angela Kroeker – President, Steph Reimer – Treasurer, Tina Plett - Social Media and Amy Nydaho - Member-at-Large.

Lastly, schedules are posted online on the Parent Portal. Senior Years students wanting to make changes to the schedule should contact the office to make an appointment with Ms. Penner.

In getting to know the school and community, I have seen that Landmark Collegiate students have a tradition of high academics, enthusiastic involvement in the arts and athletics and a variety of other activities. Having four boys of my own, I recognize that every student comes to the building with different gifts and abilities, but also different feelings regarding the return to school. My hope is that your child will feel they have a place at Landmark Collegiate and a year filled with meaningful learning and growth.

I look forward to partnering with you,

Sincerely,



Marlin Adrian
Principal
Landmark Collegiate