



WEEKLY OFFICE UPDATE: AUG. 28TH



J. T. FOSTER SCHOOL

MONTH: August

YEAR: 2020

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

Tuesday September 1 is the first day of school for all students. As we reenter schools during the COVID pandemic, we have worked to set up the school in such a way that keeps everyone safe. As always, we encourage parents and guardians to contact us anytime with any questions and concerns. Our main address is s-jtfoster@lrsd.ab.ca. Here are a few questions that have been asked lately:

- Will the school be supplying masks, and how many masks will someone need per day? The province will provide two reusable masks. Also, bus drivers will have a supply on the bus for students. The school also has disposable masks available. The number of masks needed is hard to predict. Students can supply their own as well. Mask use is mandatory as per the order of the chief medical officer and the Minister of Education.
- The timetable has been structured in a way to reduce class sizes. Keeping classes as small as possible was a priority for us. The trade-off is that we have had to reduce the number of options that we have done in previous years. The number of Options we have had in the last few years meant that we would have had class sizes in the high 20s and 30s. This year we will have class sizes, some as low as 10-15.
- Renovations are nearly done, it has been difficult this week without the primary office. However, we have made do with working around the various crews. We are super excited for our students to see the school.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns; we will do our very best to respond. Have a great weekend.

Roger

At Home Learning

Teachers are making contact with their students. Thank you for your patience as we create this option for our community. We focused on core subjects first. For those in High school, we will be reaching out soon as well to help sign up with some option courses.

School Pictures

Picture Day is coming Tuesday, September 8 .

While Picture Day may look different this year, your safety remains our priority. Lifetouch has implemented comprehensive Picture Day safety protocols.

After Picture Day, order pictures on mylifetouch.ca using your Portrait ID and Access Code which can be found on your Picture Day order form.

Class Cohorting

We have recrafted Junior High class lists to better group students based on cohorts. Which class a child was placed into at the end of June may have changed.

Queen's Ball/Hockey Academy

It appears that we will need to postpone our annual Queen's Ball. The Queen's Ball Advisor will be calling a meeting of all grade 11 interested participants and their families to go over the options as soon as school begins. One idea is to postpone the ball and hope we can have it in the late spring.

We will be suspending the Hockey Academy for the year. We hope that restrictions will ease for us to offer this excellent program in the 2021-22 school year.

Work Experience

Are you a high school student with a summer job? You COULD receive work experience credits if the off campus coordinator is able to visit you and your supervisor at your job site.

Please get in touch with Mr. Charchun to see if this is possible for you!

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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:

- *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.*