





Teaching Staff Updates

Teacher	Class Name/Updates
Mr. Anderson	Welcome back students!
	 Biology 20 - Google Classroom Code (GCC) 6zp3lyb Unit A "Energy & Matter Exchange in the Biosphere." Unit A Exam Wed. Sept 25th. Sr Art Option - GCC h22atpi Research Project due Tues Sept. 17th Science 9 - GCC uavj6b7 Unit A "Energy & Matter in Chemical Change." Unit Exam Thurs Sept 26th. Jr. Art Option - GCC cakiq3z Alien Plant Sculpture due Sept. 27th Jr. Financial Literacy Option - GCC k5xlkwt Budgeting Basics assignment due Sept. 17th Health 9 - GCC q44sgzc Self Awareness & Acceptance Lesson assignments #1-13 throughout the month of September
	help is available each week, see Mr. Anderson.
Miss. McLaren	Welcome back to another school year JTF families! I am excited to join the team at J.T. Foster this year. I look forward to
	meeting all of you—students and families alike—and becoming part of this wonderful community. This year I will be teaching grades 7 and 8 science, as well as senior high foods.
	Grade 7 Science: We're kicking off our unit on Interactions and Ecosystems. This week, we focused on introducing the topic, and next week, we'll observe our local ecosystems while discussing biotic and abiotic factors.
	Grade 8 Science: We're starting our unit on the Mix and Flow of Matter. This week we learned about particles and matter, as well as exploring different types of mixtures, including homogeneous and heterogeneous mixtures. We will continue with this into next week.
	Senior High Foods: Right now, I am working on organizing a schedule for everyone in the class. My goal is to have students start some module work in Tuesday's class and have some students cooking on Thursday.
	I'm really excited to be here and look forward to a fun and successful school year.

Mr. Gommie	 Welcome back. PE 7A Google Classroom class code: beljgvu PE 7B Google Classroom class code: a5v2ac3 PE 8 Google Classroom class code: 2r6v5x3 PE 9 Google Classroom class code: ohu6nkc Hockey Canada Skills Academy Google Classroom class code: r222ow5 Recreation Leadership Google Classroom class code: ffozb7x Health 8 Google Classroom class code: airqpkt Athletics Acknowledgement of Risk forms are ready for pick up for our fall sports and then returned to the office.
<section-header>Mr. Henning</section-header>	 Social 30 Google Classroom: 3DV2K64 This week we have started by refreshing our skills and understanding of plagiarism and basic argumentation. Please make sure to review the course outline with the students in your home. Charting Beliefs and Values Assignment
<image/>	Hey there! I am so excited to be starting this new adventure of mine at JT Foster. I've had an incredible start to my career in Lethbridge and am thrilled to continue it here in Nanton! This year I'll be teaching a mix of classes including ELA 7, Social Studies 9, Math 10/20-3 as well as Shop and PE 10. I'm really looking forward to this school year and the new connections it will bring!

Mrs. Wickett	Hey Everyone and welcome back to another school year!
	I am so excited for the move I made to JT Foster this year! I have been teaching grade ¾ at AB Daley for the past 7 years and am thrilled to be teaching grade 7-9 this school year. I will be teaching grade 7-9 math along with a junior high option. I cannot wait to reconnect with my students and see the growth they have made since grade 3! I am also excited to meet the new to Nanton students! I will be updating my website with pictures, ideas and links (wickettsnews.weebly.com) as well as maintaining a google classroom. Please feel free to visit these to stay up to date! Reach out to me wicketts@lrsd.ab.ca with any questions or concerns!
<image/>	Math 10C: We have begun the year by reviewing prime and composite numbers and will delve into various applications of primes and prime factorization. We will also study rational numbers, irrational numbers, and radicals in the first half of this unit. Checkup: Factors, Square and Cube Roots - Monday, September 9th Checkup: Radicals - Wednesday, September 11 Google Classroom Code: 6iesnm2 Physics 20: We have been reviewing Science 10 course content and practicing algebra and trigonometric skills in preparation for our first unit on Kinematics. Google Classroom Code: iyc2jwn Math 30-1: We have reviewed different types of functions and relations in preparation for our first unit: Functions, Relations, and Transformations. Checkup: Operations of and Compositions of Functions - Monday, September 9th Checkup: Inverse Functions - Wednesday, September 11 Google Classroom Code: onohq40

Ms. MacLachlan	ELA 30 - We've spent the week reviewing and are working on some reading comprehension skills.
	ELA 20 - We are starting the semester off with some review and a short story/poetry unit.
	ELA 9 - We started the week with some intros and review, and are now learning about Notice and Note, which are strategies for close reading.
	JTF INTERNATIONAL TRIP 2025 - If your Gr. 10-12 student is interested in a trip to Portugal over spring break this year, there will be a lunch and learn session at lunch in my classroom on September 9th. If your student is already signed up, there will be a quick meeting on September 11th at lunch to discuss next steps and determine availability for our first real meeting, at which parents will be in attendance.
Ms. Yost	Hey, Nanton Community!
	I'm very excited to have a full-time position at JTF this year! I have enjoyed getting to know Nanton students through my substituting experience over the last couple of years, and I look forward to continuing to build these connections! This year I will be teaching Social Studies 7 - 9, ELA 8, Jr. High Foods courses, and another CTF course. Feel free to reach out to me via email at <u>vosta@lrsd.ab.ca</u> if you have any questions. It's going to be a fantastic year!
Mrs. Spencer	Hello! I'm Mrs. Spencer, Assistant Principal and Learning Support Teacher here at J.T. Foster.
	I wear many hats at our school, where I have the pleasure of teaching literacy, drama, health, and more
23	Whether I'm leading a classroom discussion, guiding a student through their learning journey, or collaborating with colleagues, I'm dedicated to fostering a positive and dynamic educational experience for all
	Reach out any time! <u>spencerj@lrsd.ab.ca</u>

Mr. MacDonald	Hello, Everyone!
	I am excited to be with JT Foster for the 2024-25 school year! For those of you who may not know me, I came to Livingstone Range School Division in 2018, starting a new path in my career at AB Daley School.
	I started at JT Foster in 2022 as an Assistant Principal/Learning Support Teacher and became Principal in 2023.
	I would like to encourage any stakeholders who have not met me, or those who may have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Making more connections with more of our community members has been my goal since starting with JTF. Let me know if you would like to stop by for a visit - it would be great to connect with you!
	Jason MacDonald <u>macdonaldja@lrsd.ab.ca</u>

Additional Updates

Staff/Department	Information Updates
Leorning Commons	Come and see what our Learning Commons has to offer! We have books, games, crafts, and 3D Printing!
	Most students are in the process of getting their first books for silent reading. Please encourage your children to read for at least 20 minutes at home each day!
	Reading 20 minutes per day has been shown to have many positive benefits. Did you know?
	 Children who read 20 minutes a day/5 days a week are exposed to 1.8 <i>million</i> words in one school year. Compare this to students who read 5 minutes per day – they will be exposed to 282,000 words per school year. Reading helps foster empathy – a child experiences "walking in someone else's shoes." Children are exposed to different ideas and cultures. Reading also improves critical thinking. Reading increases knowledge of correct syntax and grammar, along with robust vocabulary knowledge, resulting in improved writing skills. Students who read 20 minutes per day score significantly higher on standardized tests of reading. Reading with your child, or having them read independently before bed, can help them to relax and wind down from their day. https://nesca-newton.com/why-does-my-child-have-to-read-20-minutes-per-night-aft er-being-in-school-all-day/
	I would love to know how many books over the summer our students and staff read! I was able to read 8 books this summer!

Lettie Croskery LRSDCareer Practitioner



Hello JTF family! I am looking forward to connecting with our high school students to help them plan for success in their classes and beyond! Please check out the revamped "<u>Career Services</u>" pages on the JTF school website for information about upcoming Open House trips, Dual Credit offerings, 'Lettie's List of Cool Things', scholarships and more! This fall I am offering a series of 5 short online sessions called <u>"Career Chats for the Confused, Concerned</u> <u>or Curious"</u> to help all LRSD families learn more about post secondary options. Please feel free to sign up for any or all of these sessions with a variety of featured guest speakers.

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