

2024-2025



École Secondaire Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School

# NEWSLETTER

JULY 2024

## VICE- PRINCIPALS



GRADE 9  
Ms. Darling



GRADE 10  
Ms. Dempster



GRADE 11  
Mrs. DeZutter



GRADE 12 & 13  
Mr. Rawlusyk

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### Welcome to a New School Year at Lindsay Thurber High School!

As we embark on another exciting school year at Lindsay Thurber High School. I trust this message finds you looking forward to the year ahead. I am glad to welcome both our returning students and newcomers.

At Lindsay Thurber, our primary focus is on supporting student development and achievement. We are dedicated to working with students, families, staff, and the entire school community to empower our students to strive for excellence. Our staff is committed to embracing the diversity and individual needs of each student, guiding them towards success both in school and in their future endeavors.

Our school motto, Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow reflects our core values of Respect, Empathy, Achievement, Courage & Honour. The school staff is excited about supporting your current learning journey to help you become the leaders of tomorrow that you aspire to be.

Thank you for being a part of the Lindsay Thurber Raider community this academic year. I look forward to welcoming all of you in September.

Chris Good, Principal

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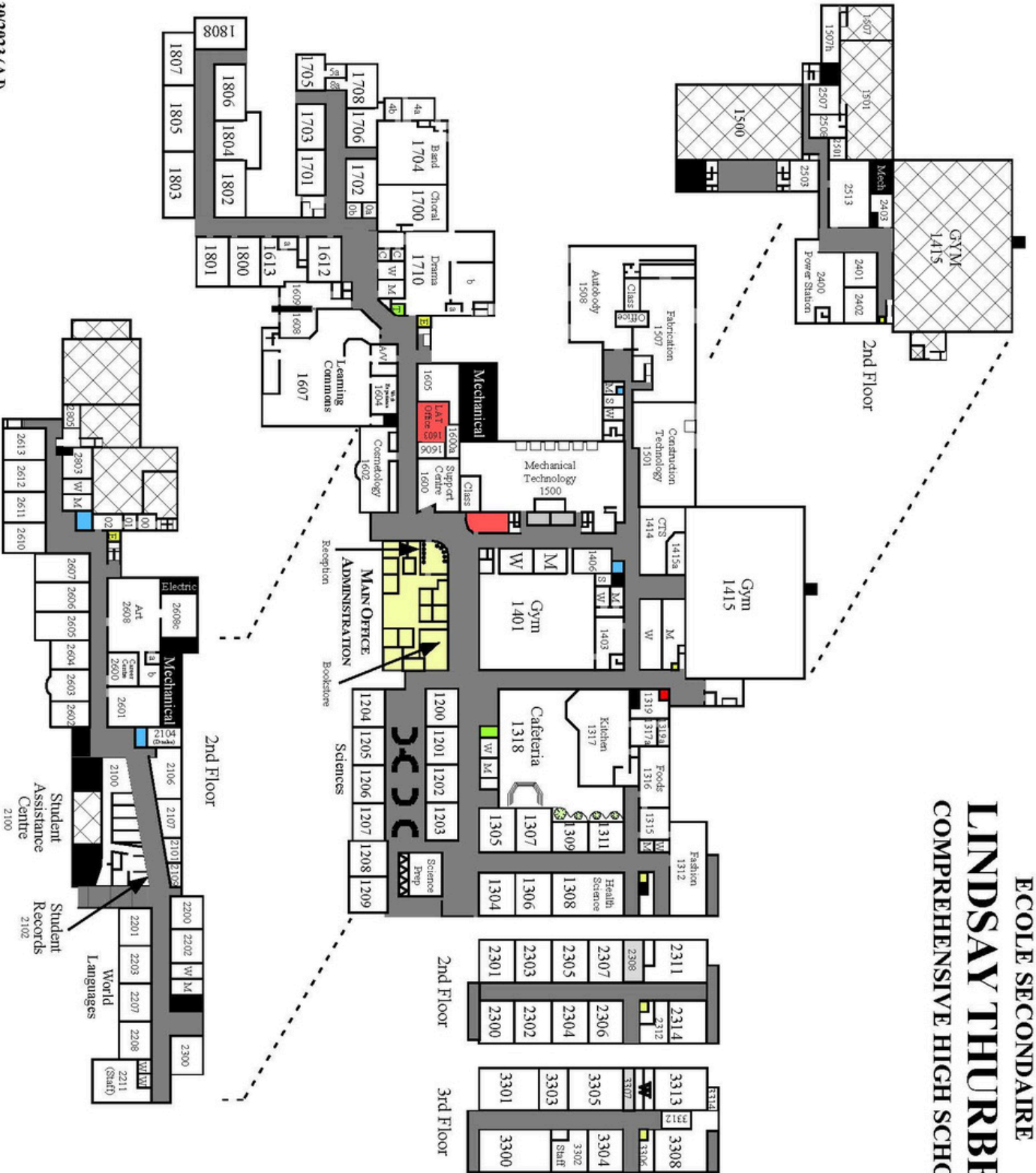


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# ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE LINDSAY THURBER COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL



August 30/2023 (A.J)

## WHAT SCHOOL SUPPLIES WILL I NEED?

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List of recommended school supplies can be found on our [WEBSITE](#)



## SCHOOL PHOTOS AND ID CARDS

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School photos for 2024-2025 school year will be taken at the school by Lifetouch Studios between 8:00 am – 3:00 pm on **August 26, 29 and 30. (CLOSED August 27)**

Students will receive an ID card, at no additional cost which is required for attendance at school functions, using the cafeteria, and bus passes.

### HOW TO ACCESS YOUR PHOTOS:

\* Online ordering only. Hard copy proofs will no longer be sent home.

Go to [www.mylifetouch.ca](http://www.mylifetouch.ca)  
Click "Student ID"

- Replacement ID cards can be paid for at the bookstore for a fee and then obtained from the Student Assistance Centre (SAC).
- Students are expected to have their school ID on them at all times.

**Lifetouch**

**Students not wishing to purchase a photo package are still required to have their photo taken.**

## TIMETABLE CHANGES

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All timetable changes must be made **BEFORE** going to the bookstore. These changes usually result in book changes that would required a second trip to the bookstore.

Timetable changes will be done **ONLINE ONLY**. If you require a timetable change, please use the link below to request changes:

### [Change Requests](#)

*Any timetable requests made over the summer will be completed by the first day of school. Please check PowerSchool regularly to see changes. Please **do not submit the form again** or send an email requesting changes as this only slows the process.*

- Grade 9 & 10 should have a full time table with A & B classes in Period 1,3,5,7 in Semester 1 & 2.
- Grade 11 & 12 please ensure that you have the correct courses and number of credits needed to graduate. Please see a counsellor or administrator if you are not sure.

*\*Actual teachers and room assignments for Gateway classes will be supplied by Gateway.*

## BOOKSTORE HOURS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

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SCHOOL DAYS:  
**8:00 AM to 8:30 AM**  
**LUNCH BREAK**  
**3:15 PM to 3:30 PM**

## BOOKSTORE INFORMATION

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- Make timetable changes if needed. **This must be done before going to the bookstore to get textbooks.**
- Get your picture taken for the yearbook and ID card. **You must have your ID card in order to get your Bus Pass.**
- Go to the bookstore to pay fees, pick up textbooks and get your bus pass.

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

To reduce line-ups and wait times, please pay school fees and fill out the transit form online (through the Parent PowerSchool) in August **BEFORE** coming to the bookstore.

## ONLINE PAYMENTS

Red Deer Public Schools is pleased to offer Rycor Online Payments!

- Secure online payment system, where and when you want; online 24 hours/7 days week
- Pay school fees for all your children within the District in one single transaction
- Eliminates need for children to carry cash and cheques to school
- User-friendly and easy to read online student accounts

Link to online payments: <https://powerschool.rdpsd.ab.ca/public/home.html>

## BACK TO SCHOOL BOOKSTORE HOURS

**Grades 10-12:** The bookstore will be open August 26, 29 & 30 from **8:00 AM - 3:00 PM** for students who have **completed all timetable changes** to pay school fees, pick up their books, get photo ID, and get a bus pass.  
Use this [LINK](#) to sign up for a time slot. (Code: bkstr)

**Grade 9 Open House August 28, 2024:** This is a day for grade 9's and their families to meet teachers, find classes and lockers. At the bookstore, families can pay school fees, pick up textbooks, get photo ID, and get a bus pass.  
(All timetable changes must be completed prior to going to the bookstore).

8:30 - 9:30 AM:	Last names A - F
10:00 - 11:00 AM:	Last names G - L
11:30 - 12:30 PM:	Last names M - S
1:00 - 2:30 PM:	Last names T - Z

**Grade 9 students do not need to sign up for a time slot if they are attending the open house.**

**The BOOKSTORE and ALL OFFICES will be CLOSED  
Tuesday, August 27th**

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## GRAD 2025



Save the Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025

# BACK TO SCHOOL & BELL TIMES

**SEPTEMBER 3**  
**DAY 1**  
**AM** - Grade 9's attend ONLY  
**PM** - Grades 10-13 attend ONLY

**SEPTEMBER 4**  
**DAY 2**  
 All students

**OCTOBER 4**  
 First REACH Firday

**Sept 3** **GRADE 9 ONLY**

8:33 AM - 9:33 AM  
 ↳Connections

9:35 AM - 10:05 AM  
 ↳Period 1

10:10 AM - 10:40 AM  
 ↳Period 3

10:45 AM - 11:15 AM  
 ↳Period 5

11:20 AM - 11:50 AM  
 ↳Period 7

**Sept 3** **GRADE 10-13 ONLY**

12:05 PM - 12:40 PM  
 ↳Period 1

12:45 PM - 1:20 PM  
 ↳Period 3

1:25 PM - 2:00 PM  
 ↳Period 5

2:05 PM - 2:40 PM  
 ↳Period 7

2:45 PM - 3:11 PM  
 ↳Grade Assemblies

Our school timetable has undergone some changes over the last two years to provide students with more support and further opportunities for growth and success. The changes resulted from the advice of a committee that looked at different times tables around the province and consulted with various groups within our school community.

## REACH Time for Students

One of the goals of our timetable is to provide students and teachers with the opportunity to have time in their day to accomplish their goals. REACH time reflects our school values of **R**espect, **E**xcellence, **A**chievement, **C**ourage & **H**onour. In our timetable, students always have some REACH time in their day and have extended REACH time on Friday afternoons.

- On Monday to Thursday, there are two 15 minute REACH blocks each day, one in the morning between periods 1 & 3 and one in the afternoon between periods 5 & 7. We know that students do not always need extended periods of time to access their teachers outside of class time; these smaller time periods in both the morning and the afternoon will give students convenient and easy opportunities to ask quick questions or seek clarifications.
- Our lunch hour is 60 minutes long and teachers have REACH time scheduled at lunch for 3 - 30 minute sessions per week. These lunch sessions will allow students additional time to get help or review for tests. Students also have an extended lunch for days when they need a break.
- Our modified schedule on REACH Fridays will run 10 times in semester 1 and 11 times in semester 2. The afternoon will now include 2 55 minute REACH blocks The REACH afternoon will give students the opportunity to complete missing assignments, attend review sessions for upcoming exams or attend staff-led sessions that will afford them an opportunity for enrichment and extra practice in performance courses, such as Fine Arts, CTS and/or Physical Education. Students will also have opportunities to partake in subject area activities that are not in their current timetables. Students may be assigned to REACH blocks if they are failing courses or have missing assignments.

We hope our timetable will continue to provide our students with opportunities for growth and success!

BELL TIMES 2024-2025

**MONDAY - THURSDAY SCHEDULE**

BLOCK 01	8:33 AM - 9:50 AM
REACH	9:50 AM - 10:00 AM
BLOCK 03	10:05 AM - 11:22 AM
LUNCH	11:22 AM - 12:22 PM
BLOCK 05	12:22 PM - 1:39 PM
REACH	1:39 PM - 1:49 PM
BLOCK 07	1:54 PM - 3:11 PM

BELL TIMES 2024-2025

**FRIDAY SCHEDULE**

BLOCK 01	8:33 AM - 9:28 AM
BLOCK 03	9:33 AM - 10:28 AM
BLOCK 05	10:33 AM - 11:28 AM
BLOCK 07	11:33 AM - 12:28 PM
LUNCH	12:28 PM - 1:15 PM
REACH BLOCK 01	1:15 PM - 2:10 PM
REACH BLOCK 02	2:16 PM - 3:11 PM

## GETTING TO SCHOOL

### 2024-2025 BUS PASS INFORMATION

- If you are eligible for a bus pass, a numbered micro chip will be placed on your Student ID card and this will serve as your bus pass for the entire school year. There will be a replacement fee if the ID/Bus Pass needs to be replaced.
- What makes a student eligible to receive a bus pass sticker from LTCHS?
  - must live in Red Deer
  - lives 2 km or more from LTCHS, which is your designated school
  - if you live farther than 2.4 km from your designated school and 2 km from LTCHS

**\*\* We are only able to provide a bus pass for our eligible students\*\***



### APPLY FOR A BUS PASS

The online 24/25 Transit form will be found in the Student Fees/Online Forms tab of your **Parent PowerSchool** account in **mid August**, this form is for City Transit buses only, NOT the yellow charter buses.

**\*\* Lost or stolen cards must be reported to the bookstore immediately so that the card can be deactivated. A replacement ID card / Bus Pass will be issued for a fee of \$15.00. \*\***

### IMPORTANT NEWS FROM RED DEER TRANSIT REGARDING SCHOOL START UP

Red Deer Transit will allow a grace period of two days to students so they have time to purchase their September 2024 bus passes. During this time students will be able to access free transportation to and from school between the hours of 6:15 am to 5:15 pm on **September 3 & 4**. Regular bus fares will apply at all other times and dates.

### ARRIVING BY CAR?



A drop off area is provided on the side of 42a Ave for students to be dropped off. **Please do not use the bus lane or staff parking lots as fines may be issued to owners whose cars are in this area.** The south parking lot, first parking lot when driving north on 42a Ave., is available for parents who wish to visit the school.

If you have an older brother or sister who drives they need to know that **parking passes are required for all students parking at the school.** Passes are sold at the bookstore to valid driver's license holders only, at a **cost of \$10 for the year.**

Passes will hang from the rear view mirror and are therefore transferable, so a student may register all family vehicles at the time of purchase. Replacements for lost passes will cost the full amount. A limited number of daily parking passes are available at the office for \$1 to valid driver's license holders only.

Students are asked to park in designated areas only. Students may **NOT** park in visitor or staff parking. Violators will be issued tickets and their vehicles may be towed away. Driving violations will be reported directly to the RCMP. A Commissionaire is on duty and has the authority to ticket vehicles. LTCHS does not accept responsibility for damages and/or thefts which occur in the parking lot. Complaints should be filed with the RCMP.

## READY TO HELP

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### LEARNING ASSISTANCE TEACHERS



**GRADE 9**  
Mrs. Moir



**GRADE 10**  
Ms. Helgason



**GRADE 11**  
Mrs. Georgeson



**GRADE 11**  
Mrs. Wasilenko



**GRADE 12**  
Mrs. Penner

### COUNSELLORS



**GRADE 9**  
Mrs. Kure



**GRADE 10**  
Mr. Carroll



**GRADE 11**  
Mr. Tennant



**GRADE 12**  
Mr. McRorie



**Community Liaison**  
Mrs. Thudium

The Student Assistance Centre (SAC) is located on the second floor of the school. Counsellors are available throughout the day to discuss personal and educational concerns, review school programs, and assist in career and educational planning. Counselling is provided individually and in groups. Students can be assured that their concerns will be dealt with in a confidential manner. You may also make an appointment with your Vice Principal or your Learning Assistant Teacher, if you have a concern that you feel you need some help with. Students are assigned to counsellors based on their grade.

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### CAREER CENTRE

Focused career planning supported by highly reliable online aptitude and personality assessments are readily available to help students find career paths suited to their learning style and interests/aptitudes. The Career Centre specializes in scholarships and helping students access all the information required for post-secondary entrance, including aligning high school course selection to post-secondary programs of study. Study skills, peer tutor program, career guest speakers, and the post secondary forum are just a few of the other services the Career Centre offers.

Check out the [Career Centre](#) section on our [WEBPAGE](#) for more information.

Career Advisor: [Ashleigh Holmes](#)

## LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS HOURS

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Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- Computers and Chromebooks
- Newspapers
- Search the library catalogue and many databases from anywhere
- Current fiction, graphic novels, and non-fiction
- E- books
- Full French selection
- Research assistance
- LTCHS MakerSpace

Visit the Learning Commons Website at  
<https://sites.google.com/rdpsd.ab.ca/learningcommons/home>

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

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### SEMESTER ONE:

October 8 & 9 - 4:30 - 7:00 PM

### SEMESTER TWO:

March 12 & 13 - 4:30 - 7:00 PM

## SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

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### CARE OF PREMISES

Individuals and classes are encouraged to help keep work and common areas tidy and safe. Your input is needed and appreciated. Any damage, accidental or intentional, should be reported to the office. Persons responsible for non-intentional damage who immediately voluntarily report the circumstances to the office will be held responsible for the cost of replacement parts, but not labour costs. Students who are guilty of vandalism through graffiti will be charged (\$2400.00) under the Red Deer City bylaw. In addition LTCHS is a member of a student Crime-stoppers network. Persons wishing to report illegal activities within the school may call anonymously to 1-800- 222-TIPS (8477).

### COMPUTER USE

Students are expected to use information and communication technology (computers) as an educational resource and in a responsible fashion. Students are subject to disciplinary action in the event of inappropriate or unacceptable use.

### WE ARE A SCENT FREE SCHOOL

Please avoid the use of perfumes, colognes & AXE spray while at LTCHS. These scents can be very harmful to many students and staff in our building.

### NO WEAPONS AT SCHOOL

A weapon is anything that is commonly used or designed to hurt someone or to put someone in fear. This definition also includes fake (facsimile) weapons. Students shall not be in possession on school premises at any time or while in any school-sponsored curricular or extracurricular activity, of a weapon as defined above. Possession of a weapon at school or at a school sponsored event or the sending of images of a weapon that could potentially cause fear for other students will result in a suspension with a potential for further disciplinary action.



# SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

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## NO TOBACCO USE

Tobacco use is not accepted in the school, on the grounds, in the parking lot or the areas adjacent to the school, nor is it accepted on the sidewalk by the parking lot. It is important for students to understand that there is 'no boundary line' beyond which smoking will be okay. As Lindsay Thurber's property is adjacent to other schools and to residential areas, it is not okay for students to congregate in any area just outside of Thurber boundaries to have a smoke or use tobacco products.

The decision about whether or not to smoke is one that each person must make for himself or herself. Smoking causes cancer and is a very serious health risk. While all persons are encouraged not to use tobacco, the school is not making the life decision for the student – that decision is the responsibility of the student. We do expect, however, that students abide by school rules – no use or possession of tobacco products at school.

## NO DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE

As educators, we can only advise as to the difficulties alcohol or drugs can create. However, we are able to insist that all persons associated with the school avoid the use of, or association with anyone using, drugs or alcohol during the time school is in session or during school sponsored activities. In addition, while in school, possession of any item associated with drugs is prohibited. Such items will be confiscated and turned over to the RCMP.



Anyone who challenges these rules, or who is associated with those who challenge these rules will be referred to a counsellor, face suspension and/or recommendation for expulsion. Persons involved with drugs or alcohol during curricular or extra-curricular field trips may be withdrawn from the class/activity associated with the trip.

## APPROPRIATE CLOTHING REQUIRED

Student apparel should contribute to a positive school atmosphere that facilitates learning and demonstrates respect. Therefore all the latest fashions are not necessarily suitable for school.

- For health and safety, appropriate footwear must be worn at school
- Clothing must be free of offensive, discriminatory, suggestive, illegal activities, violent, gory, inappropriate language or graphics
- Underwear or clothing that acts as underwear must be covered at all times
- Hats are permitted within the school building but students may be asked to remove them in certain settings as directed by their teacher
- Hoods are not permitted to be worn up within the school building and students will be asked to remove them
- Suitable clothing is required for various classes such as physical education, practical arts, and various trades that are offered. Students should check with their instructor as to the clothing requirements.

In the event that a student is wearing something that a staff member believes is not appropriate for school environment, the staff member will address the issue with the student discretely and respectfully, and ask them to change their clothing or cover up.

Students are expected to respectfully comply with the decision of the staff member in these instances. Exceptions will be made for religious considerations or where health and safety are concerned.

# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS COMMUNICATION IS KEY

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## ATTENDANCE



Students at Lindsay Thurber are required to have a 90% or better attendance rate in order to participate in extracurricular activities. This includes (but is not limited to) participation in extracurricular events (including Athletics and Fine Arts), field trips, and all graduation events (including the formal ceremony as well as the grand march & prom).

We understand that there are often factors that prevent children from attending school and parents/guardians are best suited to make this decision. Therefore this attendance responsibility and expectation policy applies only to unverified absences. Parents have one week from the date of the absence to verify it by contacting our attendance line at **403-314-2017** or [lt-attendance@rdpsd.ab.ca](mailto:lt-attendance@rdpsd.ab.ca). Any absences not verified after a week has passed, will remain unverified in our system.

***\*Please do not call or email more than once for a verification as that slows down the process\****

## ILL AT SCHOOL

If your child becomes ill while at school your child will need to advise a teacher or the office. A phone call will then be made to you, their parent/guardian, to obtain permission for the student to leave the school. Students will need to sign out at the office prior to leaving for the day. If possible, students should try to obtain homework from the classes they will be missing before leaving.

## DAILY HEALTH SCREENING

We want to remind families of the importance of being diligent with our health protocols so our focus can be on teaching and learning. Please keep your child home if they are sick. We encourage families to remain vigilant and use the Daily Health Checklist before sending your child to school each morning.

## CHANGE OF INFORMATION

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Please use your PowerSchool Parent Account to make any changes regarding your contact information (address, phone number, etc.). This will ensure that you receive any important mail-outs, e-mails and/or phone calls regarding your student.



## POWER SCHOOL MARKS & ATTENDANCE

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**PowerSchool:** Students and Parents can access marks and check attendance via their home computer or mobile device.

For information on how to access PowerSchool or download the App check our [website](#).

Parents are required to call the Attendance Line: **403-314-2017** to report and/or verify ALL absences or email: [lt-attendance@rdpsd.ab.ca](mailto:lt-attendance@rdpsd.ab.ca)

***\*Please do not call or email more than once for a verification as that slows down the process\****

## SCHOOL COUNCIL & BOOSTER CLUB AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE INVOLVED

The mission of the LTCHS School Council is to provide advice on the management of the school and to enable our students to be the best they can be.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO:

Have Positive Conversations with Your Principal  
Go Where Your Voice is Heard  
Have Many of Your School Questions Answered  
Tour Your Student's School  
Find Out What Your Kid's May not be Telling you

### DO YOU WANT TO AVOID:

Being Coerced Into Volunteer Work  
Fund Raising

### JOIN YOUR THURBER SCHOOL COUNCIL:

One Monday Evening a Month during the School Year to have your say and find out what is happening at our School



### EARN CREDIT TOWARDS EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Do you have a student at Thurber that participates in extracurricular activities including upcoming trips? Would you like to help offset these fees by volunteering at a Bingo? (**\$65.00 per bingo**).  
Sign up for Bingos using this [LINK](#)

### JOIN YOUR LTCHS BOOSTER CLUB:

The Booster Club meets one Monday evening a month during the school year. For more information, please email [ltchsboosterclub.president@gmail.com](mailto:ltchsboosterclub.president@gmail.com)

## CONNECT WITH US



### Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our  
TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages straight to your mobile phone with important information on student attendance, school events and other activities.

You can participate in this service just by sending a text message of "Y" or "YES" to our Division's short code number # 724665.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one our messages with "STOP".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with all legislation, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone. \*Standard message and data rates may apply.



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