



Chamberlain School

Arden T. Litt Centre for Learning

Website: chamberlain.horizon.ab.ca

NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2025

Principal's Message

September was a busy month for Chamberlain School and ATL. Our junior high volleyball team was playing games, we had our school Terry Fox Walk, participated in Orange Shirt Day activities, and we had a successful spirit week earlier in the month.

Looking forward, first and foremost on everyone's mind here is the teacher labour action. You can find updates at <https://www.horizon.ab.ca/teacher-bargaining-update>. As of right now, teachers across Alberta will be on strike starting on Monday. This means that there will be no classes for students from early learning through grade 12. The public library will still be open, but will run different hours than usual. Information will be sent out via email directly from the Horizon School Division as it becomes available.

We have received a grant from PC Children's Charity to augment our school nutrition program. This money will help us to continue to provide healthy breakfasts and snacks to students. This year we are hoping to get more parent involvement in the program. If you have a family recipe that you would like to share, please let us know!

We also would like to extend sincere appreciation for two more chromebooks being donated to students at the school by an anonymous donor. Our students appreciate your generosity!

We would also like to remind parents that, when school is back in session after this labour action, they are always welcome in the school. We love to have parents come to assemblies, community walks, ceremonies, and even just popping in to check out classrooms. If you would like to peruse your child's classroom library, feel free to do so. One of the things that makes Chamberlain so great is the amazing parents we have that are so willing to help out and be part of their children's learning.

Always,
Mrs. Van Ham

Family School Liaison Program (FSLP)

Is your child in need of a counsellor? The counselling services provided by the program are free of charge and are provided to students and their families within the Horizon School Division. The program is designed to offer support for children, youth, families and school staff with the general goal of improving the student's personal, social and academic success. The program provides a link between home and school for the student and family.

Our counsellor is Alicia Yetman.

FSLP also has a Facebook page called Mental Health in Horizon School Division. This page updates and informs parents and students about mental health issues. You can also click on this link for more information about the FSLP:

<https://www.horizon.ab.ca/programs/family-school-liaison-program2>

If you have any questions, please call the school at 403-655-2211

Terry Fox Walk

Chamberlain School held their annual Terry Fox Walk on Thursday, September 25. The theme this year is "Finish It". Everyone who brought in monetary donations had their name entered for a draw to win a Terry Fox t-shirt. The winner of the draw was Annie Fehr.

Picture Day

School picture day is set for **Thursday, October 9** beginning at 8:45. Lifetouch photography will once again be taking our pictures.

This will be postponed if students are not back at school.

Breakfast Program

We serve breakfast every morning starting at 8:15 am for all grades. Everyone is welcome to enjoy breakfast before school starts. Students will pick up breakfast and eat in the kitchen or go back outside until 8:25 am.

Nutrition Program

A healthy snack is served each day at 11:45 am. Students will be provided with a small, cold snack to supplement their lunch. Please remember to send lunch with your child.

Parent Council Lunches

Below is a list of Parent Council lunches for the 2025-2026 school year. Parent Council will be preparing and serving lunch on the days listed below.

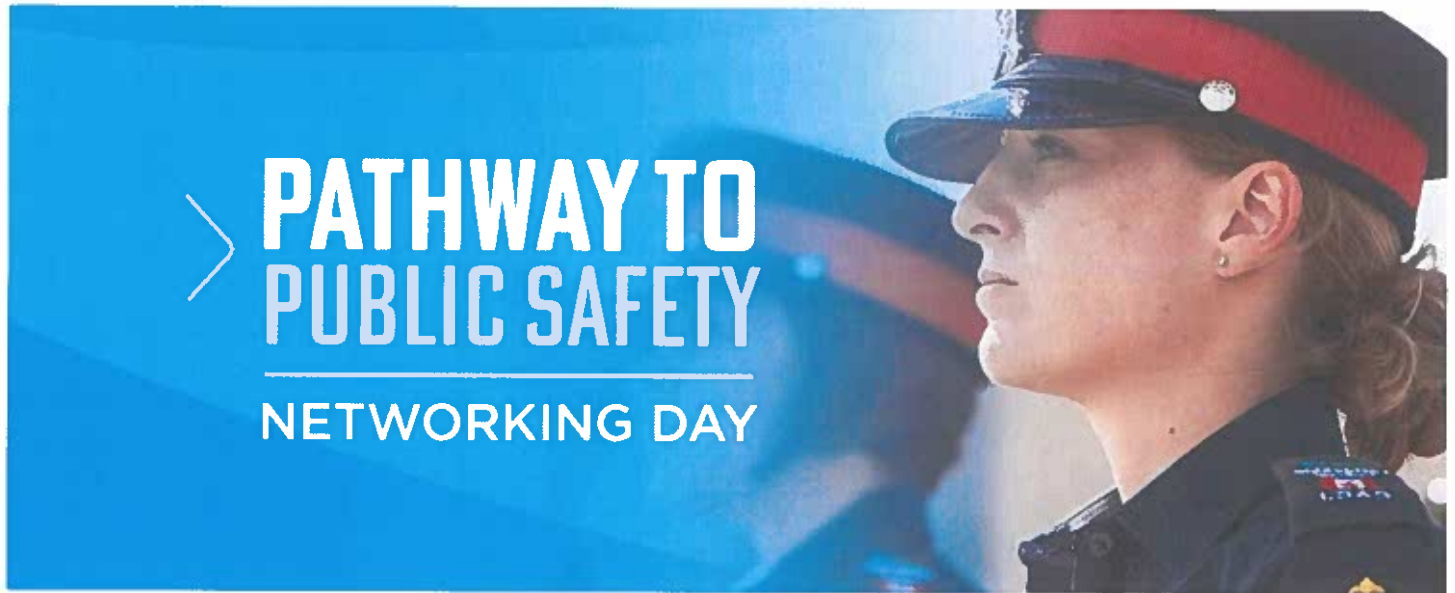
If you would like to make a one-time payment for all lunches for the school year, please send a cheque payable to Chamberlain School Fundraising Society or cash to the school office. You can also send an e-transfer to chamberlainparentcouncil@gmail.com (please include details in e-transfer message). The cost of each meal is \$7. Total cost for the year is \$49 for 7 meals.

We will continue to send home forms each month for those that prefer to order monthly.

October 16	Maria Fehr Eva Giesbrecht	Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, corn, gravy
November 13	Maria Redekop	Burgers
January 15	Jocelyn Torrie	Taco in a bag
February 12	Michelle Willms	Pizza
March 12	Krista Harding	BBQ meat on a bun
April 16	Tausha Torrie	Pizza
May 21	Lena Loewen	Macaroni & cheese

*Each meal will also include a juice box and treat/dessert

Grades 10 - 12



Lethbridge Polytechnic is hosting a **Pathway to Public Safety Networking Day** on **Friday, Oct. 3!** It will be a fantastic opportunity for students interested in a career in public safety to learn about industries and connect with agencies from across western Canada. The event will take place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Lethbridge Polytechnic in Centre Core, just inside the main entrance.

What to Expect:

- Explore a variety of careers in public safety and learn how to get started
- Connect with over 20 representatives from these essential services
- Learn about our polytechnic programs and our specialized training facilities

Off-Campus Education

Welcome to another year of off campus opportunities!

Work Experience

- Earn up to 15 credits towards your high school diploma for work experience.
- Add to your work experience on your resumé
- Graduate with more than 100 credits to give yourself a buffer.
- Use work experience to find out if your potential career is the one you really want to follow. Even if you first go to post-secondary after the work experience, many employers will remember you once you begin looking for full time jobs in your field.
- I do not find you the jobs, but I can help with resume creation and provide input on potential employers

What counts as work experience?

- Part time job placements (fast food, restaurants, retail, trades etc!)
- Volunteer (hospitals, care homes, animal shelters, food banks etc.)
- During school hours, after school, weekends, and holidays. You may not earn work experience credit for work between 10 p.m and 7 a.m.

How do I earn these credits?

- Complete the required HCS 3000, 1 credit course. This may be completed online - talk to your school's CALM teacher or Bryan Pritchard to enrol.
- See Bryan Pritchard (or your school secretary) to complete the off campus work agreement form. Your hours will count when you return the form either in-person or by email. You need to submit monthly hours in person, by email, or text a picture of them to Bryan. We encourage emailing and texting in order to reduce paperwork, and to provide you with evidence that you've sent in your hours. We can also provide you a time sheet if you need one.

Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP)

Benefits for Students

1. Get a head start on a trade. Most trades are 4 years in length and 1500 hours of work each year. Hours that students work in high school could count towards that first year and beyond.
2. Earn significant high school credits and earn while you learn.
3. Build your skill set and your resume. Even if you do not pursue the trade after high school, you developed a skill set of critical thinking, learning to work safely, following multiple instructions, developing a strong work ethic etc. that employers are looking for.
4. It's an opportunity to dovetail career paths and education types: for example, become an electrician (college) and an electrical engineer (university). What an excellent way of combining the practical and theoretical ways of learning.

High School Credits - RAP

1. Up to 40 high school credits can be earned. This would be 1,000 hours of work. Students need to work a minimum of 125 hours which would give 5 credits.
2. You need to submit monthly hours in person to Bryan Pritchard or email/text a picture of them. We encourage emailing and texting in order to reduce paperwork.
3. You must be 15 years of age and in grade 10 at a minimum to enter the RAP program. Students find their own employment. Apprenticeship is a large and personal decision - we do not force students on to employers.

Information Links for students

1. Visit www.tradesecrets.alberta.ca for a detailed description of all 50 trades in Alberta
2. View business websites to see what the companies do.

Green Certificate

The Green Certificate Program allows grades 10-12 students to earn up to 16 high school credits.

Possible specializations:

Beekeeper production Cow calf breed production Dairy production

Equine production Feedlot beef production Field crop production

Greenhouse production Irrigated field crop production Sheep production

Poultry production (with choices of broiler chicken, broiler hatching egg, table egg or turkey)

Swine production.

Description

- Find a farm, ranch or greenhouse that will provide hands-on training (this program is learning by doing). This training may occur on a home farm, feedlot, ranch, etc.
- Complete the required 1 credit safety course, AG 3000 - see your school's work experience practitioner (Bryan) or CALM teacher to gain access to this course.
- Contact Bryan Pritchard to sign up for Green Certificate, and to arrange a farm safety visit.
- Receive the training manual, work, learn and have your skills signed off by your trainer.
- You must complete at least one test in a year. Tests are all oral and are given at set times throughout the year.
- We are accepting GREEN applications throughout the year.

Dual Credit

Dual Credit gives students the opportunity to earn high school credit AND post-secondary credit at the same time. Horizon School Division partners with Lethbridge Polytechnic and Olds College to provide course instruction. Course entry is competitive and subject to performance at school, as well as funding and courses available.

Please contact Bryan for information and to discuss potential offerings.

Bryan Pritchard, Off Campus Teacher,
587-370-7187

bryan.pritchard@horizon.ab.ca

English Language Services

**WANT TO DEVELOP YOUR ENGLISH READING, WRITING,
LISTENING AND SPEAKING SKILLS?**

We offer introduction to English classes that will guide you to become comfortable with letters, numbers, writing and having conversations. Classes to improve reading and writing are also provided. You will learn how to make appointments, speak to health professionals, fill out forms and more!

CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED FOR AGES 18 MONTHS - 5 YEARS OLD



Morning

LADIES ENGLISH CLASSES

Location: Grassy Lake
Chamberlain School

Time: 8:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.

Date: Mondays and Wednesdays
Oct 6-Dec 15, 2025
no class Monday, Oct 13

\$75.00



Taber Adult
Learning

To register or for more information, contact us
at (403)-223-1169 OR stop by our office!
5011 49 Ave, Taber Provincial Building

STAY & PLAY

WHAT

In this program, parents/caregivers and their children 0-6 years, engage together in self-guided and structured play, which encourages healthy attachment and development.

WHEN

**Fridays, September 12 & 26, October 3, 17, & 24,
November 7, 14, & 28
9:30-11:00 am**

WHERE

Grassy Lake Chamberlain School
600 3 St, Grassy Lake

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Anita
587-370-1200
Anita.Wiebe@fcss.ca



CLOTHING FEST

WHAT

At this event, individuals and families have the opportunity to "shop" for clothes at NO CHARGE! All clothing at this event will be provided by My City Care.

WHEN

Thursday, October 16
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

WHERE

Grassy Lake Chamberlain School
600 3 St, Grassy Lake

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Anita

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Kim

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CAREER PATHWAYS TEAM

Are you interested in earning high school credits that will help you get a jumpstart on your future career?

Does building skills and knowledge while earning high school credits sound good to you?

Our team can help you!

Contact Bryan for:

📞 587-370-7187

✉️ bryan.pritchard@horizon.ab.ca



- ✓ RAP (High School Apprenticeship for Trades)
- ✓ Green Certificates - (Agriculture)
- ✓ Work Experience Credits
- ✓ Dual Credit Courses

CAREER PATHWAYS TEAM

Starting to think about what you want to do after you graduate high school, and wondering what your options are?

Need help planning your way to get there?

Our team can help you!

Contact Sharla for:

 587-394-7481

 sharla.kane@horizon.ab.ca



- ✓ Career Exploration
- ✓ Workforce Information
- ✓ Skill Assessment & Development
- ✓ Scholarship Questions
- ✓ Resume Reviews
- ✓ Job Shadow & Volunteer Opportunities
- ✓ Post-Secondary Credit Planning & Applications
- ✓ Campus Tours
- ✓ Pre-Med Club



**COMING
SOON**

*Are you planning on attending
college or university in Fall 2026?*

Applications OPEN SOON!

DID YOU KNOW?

Most post-secondary applications open **ON** or **BEFORE October 1st!**

**Some may already be opened!*

A few things you'll need to know or get ready for in advance:

- Exact date/time applications open for EACH institution you want to apply
- Is your program Competitive or FQFA (first qualified, first admitted)
- Verified Alberta.ca account & MyPass account activated
- Recent Detailed Academic Report (DAR)
- Method of Payment for Application Fee (credit card)
- 1st & 2nd study choices for each application

**Be prepared to
APPLY!**

QUESTIONS?

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Career Pathways Team
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October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Yearbook Orders Due	2	3	4
5	6	7 Lego Club 3:10 - 4:00	8	9 Lifetouch Picture Day	10 NO SCHOOL	11
12	13 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day (regional holiday)	14 NO SCHOOL - PD day	15	16 My City Care & FCSS Clothing Fest Parent Council Lunch	17	18
19	20	21 Lego Club 3:10 - 4:00	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Lego Club 3:10 - 4:00	29	30	31 NO SCHOOL	

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Daylight Saving Time ends	3	4 Lego Club 3:10 - 4:00	5	6	7	8
9	10 NO SCHOOL - PD day	11 NO SCHOOL Remembrance Day (regional holiday)	12	13 Parent Council Lunch World Kindness Day	14 Report Cards go home	15
16	17	18 Lego Club 3:10 - 4:00 Lifetouch Picture Retake Day	19	20 Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 7:00)	21 NO SCHOOL Parent Teacher Interviews (8:30 - 12:00)	22
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