

#### **Dates to Remember**

- November 8: Remembrance Day Ceremony
- November 9-10: Fall Break, No School
- November 17: Academic Awards Night
- November 22: Career Day
- November 24: No School, PD Day
- November 30: School Council Meeting 7pm

Dear Lakers and Laker families,

Winter weather has arrived in full force. Our Laker drivers have done a great job this week in driving safely by slowing down in our parking lot and providing lots of space between vehicles when they are driving. Well done Lakers! Please continue to encourage safe driving habits with your children. Our physical education and outdoor education classes will be endeavoring in outdoor activities. Please speak with your child about bringing appropriate clothing for outside winter activities. If you are unsure of what outdoor activities your child is doing please check out their PE Google Classroom for more information.

I have been receiving many inquiries about the potential of a new high school in Sylvan Lake. A new high school in Sylvan Lake is the number one priority on the school division's Capital Plan and we are hopeful that the Government will award a new school in the near future. I encourage you to connect with our MLA to share your parental voice for the need of a new high school in Sylvan Lake to accommodate our growing community.

Quarterly courses are wrapping up with the last day for quarter 1 courses scheduled for November 3rd. If your child is in need of a schedule change for a quarter two course, please have them email Mr. Blinkhorn <a href="mailto:jblinkhorn@cesd73.ca">jblinkhorn@cesd73.ca</a> (gr. 9) or Mr. Payne <a href="mailto:jpayne@cesd73.ca">jpayne@cesd73.ca</a> (gr. 10). We encourage parents to login to their Parent Portal on powerschool to check students' individual progress in their courses.

A school council meeting is scheduled for tonight at 7 pm in Room 102. I encourage parents to attend to learn more about our fantastic school community and engage in partnership in further improving the educational experience for all students.

The school division is seeking parental input on the impact of school newsletters as well as your preferred method of receiving school communication. This information will assist me in knowing how to more effectively communicate with our parent community. Please take a moment to complete this survey: <a href="https://forms.gle/vgarRdAxzi8FULSRA">https://forms.gle/vgarRdAxzi8FULSRA</a>

Students are encouraged to dress up for Halloween on Tuesday. Costumes must however adhere to the student dress code. Please note that full face masks are not permitted as we must be able to identify students in the halls and in classes.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Kind regards, Alex Lambert, Principal





## **Post Secondary Tour**

Grade 11 students were given the opportunity to travel to Mount Royal University and the University of Calgary to have a "boots on the ground" experience. 34 students travelled to Calgary and got to experience life on a busy campus.





### **COATS FOR KIDS**

The annual Coats For Kids campaign is on. Bring gently used coats, toques, boots, mittens, ski pants and scarves to the home ec room. Once these start arriving, you may come to get one if you are in need. The rest will be dry cleaned and delivered to Community Partners where you can pick one up for free if needed. All sizes from baby through adulthood are accepted.



The dates for the QUEBEC TRIP HAVE CHANGED: Feb 8-15th They come here May 2-9th Please see Ms.Wilson to claim your spot!



## THE DANGERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA & OTHER INTERNET TRAPS

November 2, 2023

**Eckville Community Centre** 

Doors Open: 6:30 P.M.

Presentation: 7:00 P.M.

# KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE!!

SPEAKER: SERGEANT KERRY SHIMA Internet Child Exploitation (I.C.E.) Unit

## **OUR SPEAKER**

Sgt. Kerry Shima is a member of the Northern Alberta Internet Child Exploitation Unit that investigates incidents of child luring, sextortion, possession, transmission, and the making of child pornography, as well as internet-related voyeurism involving youth.



SGT. KERRY SHIMA
Internet Child Exploitation (I.C.E.)
Unit

## ABOUT THE PRESENTATION

This presentation will focus on education, prevention, and putting parents and teachers in a position to protect their children from online sexual exploitation.

Sgt. Kerry Shima will discuss:

- · The role of I.C.E. in Alberta,
- Current applications, internet platforms, and resources available to parents so they can better support healthy and productive online experiences for their children and teens.

Assorted snacks and refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by The Medicine River Crimewatch Society and other organizations TBA

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