



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
PANTHER POST
Week of November 12 - 16, 2018

"All students will learn and grow academically, socially, emotionally and physically!"

*"They may forget what you said, but they will
never forget how you made them FEEL."*

~Carol Buchner

The Week Ahead

- **Monday**
 - No School
- **Thursday**
 - Bus Evacuation Drills scheduled for the AM

Dates to Remember

- November 20: Jazz Concert at West Central at 7:00PM
- November 21: Pizza Day
- November 22-24: AAA Boys Volleyball Provincials
- November 23: Professional Development Day (No School)
- November 30: Report Cards Go Home
- December 4 & 6: Parent/Teacher Interviews

Items of Note

Grades 7 & 8 students have choice in the complementary courses they take at Pioneer. While Alberta Learning prescribes the core courses students must take, there is some flexibility in Division III (aka junior high).

Core courses are LA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Health & Phys. Ed. Complementary courses at Pioneer include Band, Woods, Foods, Design Studies, Art, Drama, Environmental & Outdoor Education (aka Outdoor Ed.), Robotics, Fashion Studies, and Mad Science.

Pioneer runs three equal length terms over the course of the year. Core courses and Band run all three terms (all year). The remaining complementary courses run each term.

Each grade 7 or 8 student has two complementary course slots in their timetable. In those slots, the complementary courses change each term. So in one slot, a student would have three different complementary courses over the year. In two slots they could have six complementary courses. Which is the case for many of our students. However, as it runs all year, if a student chooses to take Band, one of their slots would be filled by Band all year. Leaving them with three other complementary courses in the other slot. Therefore, a Band student takes four complementary courses a year and a non-band student takes six.

In the end, students still take the prescribed core courses, but, with guidance of their parents, they get choice in their complementary programming.

