



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**PANTHER POST**

Week of March 9, 2020

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

*"He who opens a school door, closes a prison."*

*~Victor Hugo*

### The Week Ahead

- **Monday**
  - Festival Solo Run-Throughs 3:45
- **Tuesday**
  - Pizza Lunch
  - Festival Gr. 8 Ensemble Run-Throughs 3:45
- **Wednesday**
  - Gr. 7 Drumheller Forms Due
  - Festival Gr. 7 Ensemble Run-Throughs 3:45
- **Friday**
  - St. Patrick's Day Dance

### Dates to Remember

- March 16-20: Kiwanis Festival
- March 23-25: Grade 8 & 9 Camp Caroline
- March 26: Pizza Lunch
- March 26: Report Cards Go Home
- March 30: PD Day - No School for Students
- March 31: Jazz Concert
- April 1-2: Jazz 8 Trip
- April 1-2: Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:00PM
- April 6: School Council Meeting 7:00PM
- April 9: School Speech Comp.

### Items of Note

We will be running a test of the SchoolMessenger program this week. If all runs well, you will get a message from the school on your primary contact numbers/email addresses. Should the system fail to contact you or contacts you at the wrong number or email address, please let us know so we can work to correct it. SchoolMessenger is the program we use for our SafeArrival program. To ensure you are signed up for the SafeArrival program, please see below.

Please see our Facebook page for a letter from Alberta Health regarding the novel coronavirus dated March 3.

West Central staff will be visiting our grade 8's on Tuesday to begin the transition process to grade 9.



With our **SafeArrival** program, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using one of these convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger** app from the Apple Store or Google Play or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. To report an absence, select **Attendance**, then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. To report an absence, select **Attendance**, then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number **1-855-756-2797** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24/7 and are incredibly easy to use. If you do not report your child's absence in advance, the school will have to contact you to ensure your child is safely in your care.