



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
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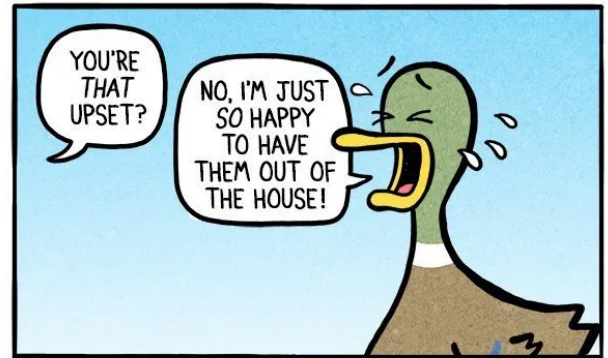
Week of September 4, 2023

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

"One child, one teacher, one pen, and one book can change the world." - Malala Yousufzai

Dates to Remember

- September 5: First day of school for grade 6
- September 6: First day for grades 7 & 8
- September 7: Meet the Teacher & Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-6:30PM
- September 11: School Council & Friends of Pioneer Meet at 7:00PM
- September 14: Joe Social Media Presentations
- September 15: School Picture Day
- September 18: Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser Kick Off
- September 22: Terry Fox School Run
- September 25: PD Day - No School for Students
- September 26-28: Grade 8 & 9 Gull Lake Band Camp
- September 29: Orange Shirt Day
- September 30: Nat. Day for Truth & Reconciliation



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Items of Note

Welcome Back! Teachers have been working hard to prepare for your child's return to school. If you're new to Pioneer, it is important to note that keeping your child **safe & cared for** is our top priority. If your child is not feeling this, please let us know.

Parents should be receiving a number of documents home this week, including two to sign off on and return to your child's homeroom teacher. These are the school's **dress code and cell phone policy**. As they tend to be a bit contentious, these are simply acknowledgements so we are certain parents and students are aware of both.

New this year is a **\$5 lock deposit**. Upon return of the lock at the end of the year, parents will receive a full refund.

All fees run through SchoolCashOnline. As they are assessed, parents should receive a notification of the fees. Fees include: Band Students have a \$60 fee to cover consumables; Grades 7 & 8 Band students are also assessed a \$25 fee for consumables in Complementary courses (e.g. Foods, Woods, Art, etc.). Non-Band grades 7 & 8 students are take twice as many Complementary course and are therefore assessed a \$50. Students playing on team sports pay a \$45 fee per sport and individual/pairs athletes (e.g. badminton, track & field) pay \$15 per sport.

The gym floor was refinished this summer and looks fantastic. To keep it in good condition, we ask that **no outdoor shoes be worn in the gym**.

Our **Meet the Teacher and Spaghetti Dinner** is scheduled for Thursday, September 7 from 4:30 - 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome. The dinner is by donation and proceeds will go to our playground fund.

School Council has their first meeting on Monday, September 11 at 7:00PM in the school library. Taking part in these monthly meetings represents a minimal commitment for the benefits of having input into the governance of the school, learning about school events, and taking part in your child's education.

Following the School Council meeting, the **Friends of Pioneer Society** will be meeting. The Friends group is dedicated to raising funds for much needed playground equipment. We're always looking for more friends to help.