



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
PANTHER POST

Week of September 11, 2023

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

*"He who opens a school, closes a prison."
~ Victor Hugo*

Dates to Remember

- September 11: Grade 6 Boys & Girls Volleyball Tryouts 3:30-5:00PM
- 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



Items of Note

Due to lower than expected turnout, the **grade 6 boys & girls volleyball** "tryouts" will be combined into one on Monday, September 11 from 3:30-5:00. The game and practice schedules should be out later this week or early next week. Players typically have 2 events per week. If time permits before games start, they will have two after school practices per week. Once the season starts, they will typically have one practice per week and one game per week.

Any students interested in taking part in **Cross County Running** should see Mr. Banke ASAP. Practices run Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:45AM and the divisional meet will be October 3.

Our **Meet the Teacher and Spaghetti Dinner** was a great success. Thanks to all the families who came out. We raised \$500 towards 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.

REPORTING ABSENCES

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.