Division Communication

There are numerous tools the Division utilizes to keep parents, guardians, caregivers and stakeholders informed throughout the school year.

SchoolMessenger:

SchoolMessenger is a powerful communication tool used by the Division and by our schools. For the Division, communication sent out via SchoolMessenger can include important details on things like Division programs, school bus route alerts and registration information. SchoolMessenger is also utilized to deliver alerts in emergency situations. Messages can be delivered via email, text and through the SchoolMessenger notification system. In your phone settings, please ensure you Allow Notifications for SchoolMessenger, to ensure you are receiving alerts.

Information on how to download the SchoolMessenger app can be found at:

https://go.schoolmessenger.com/#/home

MyBusStop:

Southland Transportation Ltd., utilizes an innovative app called MyBusStop. MyBusStop is a GPS tracking service, which delivers real-time information on a subscriber's bus location, route stops, route traffic, route schedule, route progress and possible bus delays. The app is responsive, as it provides seamless on-screen navigation, as users can zoom in, tap and scroll. Real-time updates are included, as users receive frequent bus updates, traffic conditions and dispatch comments. The clean interface highlights the most important information at your fingertips.

Information on how to download the MyBusStop app can be found at:

https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/transportation/mybusstop-app

Please note, bus routes for 2024/2025 can now be found here: https://www.southland.ca/lethbridge

Community Engagement website:

The Community Engagement website includes details on all of the Division's current, future and past engagement projects. Some of the major highlights include details on the annual Town Hall event, along with information regarding Board of Trustees meetings, Community Conversations and Division School Council Parent Engagement sessions. Community members can sign up for updates, to receive emails when major additions are made to the site. The website will also be home to a wide variety of surveys, where community members can submit their feedback to the Division.

The Community Engagement website can be found on our homepage or here:

https://lethsdcommunityengagement.schoolsites.ca/

Microsoft 365:

Division students receive five free copies of Microsoft 365 apps, including Outlook, OneDrive, Word, Excel, PowerPoint and more. Parents and caregivers have access to these apps as well, and can download them by signing in to Microsoft 365 with their child's account. Please note, you will have to log in every 30 days to update your access to the apps.

Visit the link below and log in with your child's student account to install your Microsoft 365 apps:

https://www.office.com/

SchoolGuide app (version 2):

The website provider for Lethbridge School Division, Rally, is launching a new version of the SchoolGuide app just in time for the new school year! With improved speed and reliability, SchoolGuide helps you stay connected with your child's school and receive important notifications and reminders.

Download the new version of SchoolGuide (version 2) from the App Store or Google Play today. If you have the old version of SchoolGuide (version 1) installed on your phone, please note it will not automatically update to the new version of the app. You must go to the App Store or Google Play to download the new app, after which you can delete SchoolGuide (version 1). SchoolGuide (version 1) will no longer receive notifications after Sept. 23, 2024. You can receive notifications through the app (in your phone settings, ensure Allow Notifications is turned on), scroll through news posts from your selected schools and view calendar updates to find upcoming school and Division events. Under QuickLinks, you will find direct links to powerful tools such as PowerSchool (where you can track your child's grades, assignments and schedules), SchoolCashOnline (where you can make payments online for a wide variety of items), Microsoft 365 (which includes valuable tools such as Teams and Flipgrid) and SchoolMessenger (a powerful communication tool used by schools and by the Division to relay valuable information). Links to the Community Engagement website and school bell times can also be found through the app.

Information on how to download the SchoolGuide app can be found at:

www.lethsd.ab.ca/our-district/news/post/schoolguide-app-update

Division Social Media

The Division utilizes Facebook, Instagram, X and YouTube to assist in distributing information, promoting events and celebrating the accomplishments of our students and our schools.



Follow the Division on X at https://x.com/LethSchDivision or find us at @LethSchDivision



Find us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/LSD51 or by searching for Lethbridge School Division



Our Instagram account can be found at https://x.com/LethSchDivision or through the username lethbridgeschooldivision



Like the Division's YouTube channel by visiting www.youtube.com/@lethbridgeschooldivision7902 or by searching for Lethbridge School Division



Head to <u>www.lethsd.ab.ca</u> to find the links to all Division social media accounts.

Division Website - www.lethsd.ab.ca

The Division website is a one-stop-shop for information.

Click on Our Schools to find a list of all Division elementary, middle and high schools.

Need information on the Board of Trustees and the schedule for Regular Meetings? Click on <u>Board Meetings</u> to find the agendas, minutes and highlights.

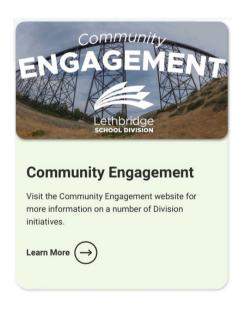
Learn more about exciting Division initiatives, great things going on inside our schools and important updates by visiting the <u>News</u> section.

You can also peruse the <u>Career Opportunities</u> page for details on important roles the Division is currently looking to fill.

The Division's Calendar of events, along with links to The City of Lethbridge Events calendar and the Multicultural and Diversity calendar can be found on the <u>Calendar</u> page.

Main website icon links

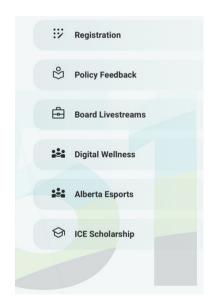
Want an easy way to find the Community Engagement website or access the yearly calendar? Need to find the Board meeting livestream, details on the ICE Scholarship or information on Digital Wellness? The Division website features a number of icons, directly on the Homepage, which direct users to these important areas within our website.



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can be accessed
by clicking on this icon
on our website.



The Yearly Calendar can be accessed directly by clicking on this icon on our website.



A number of other important pages can be accessed through these six links on the Homepage.