

JAWS Bits 'N' Bites

October 15-19, 2018.



Boys win Gold!

Congrats to JAWS Senior Boys Varsity Volleyball team who took home some gold hardware from this weekend's tournament in Plamondon! The Senior Girls team struggled through some injury-related adversity and still made the semi-finals! Well done! #PrideCommitmentRespect



We Day 2018

JAWS sent a large contingent of student leaders to represent our school at #WeDay in Edmonton. The show included appearances by musicians Keshia Chanté, Lights, Shawn Hook, and Scott Helman, alongside clean water advocate and the prime minister's mother, Margaret Trudeau, and motivational speaker and amputee Spencer West, who climbed Kilimanjaro on his hands. Premier Rachel Notley told the girls in the crowd they can do anything they want to do — whether that be a welder, or the premier of Alberta.



Post Secondary Planning at JAWS

The Educational Liaison Association of Alberta (ELAA) is your connection to post-secondary education in Alberta. JAWS is pleased to be one of its hosting schools for their upcoming road trip. On October 23 from 12:30pm-3:00pm, approximately 20 post-secondary institutions will line our fieldhouse eager to receive your questions and inquiries about admissions and program choices. We encourage parents to attend with students to check out all that these great recruiters have to offer. This is a great opportunity to connect with your children and help them plan for their future! Looking forward to seeing you at our ELAA Event!



Important Dates

Oct 22 - Systems Day (no classes)

Oct 23 - ELAA

Oct 26-27 - Wow Pow Tournament

Oct 31 - Halloween

Nov 2 - U of A Recruiter

Nov 9 - Zero Day & Remembrance Day Ceremony

Nov 14 - Take Your Kids to Work Day (grade9s)

Nov 23-25 - Festival of Trees



What does legalization mean for JAWS?



The possession and consumption of cannabis will become legal all throughout Canada on October 17, 2018. While this is a large change for the country and Alberta, nothing will change in regards to Northern Lights Public Schools' stance on the consumption and possession of cannabis. Northern Lights Public Schools **Administrative Procedure 352 - Student Alcohol/Drug or Solvent Use** clearly states that: *Student use of alcohol and non-prescription drugs is detrimental to the learning process and is therefore prohibited. Student abuse of solvents has a damaging effect on the normal development, well-being, and academic performance of students. . . The Division prohibits the possession and/or consumption of alcohol or non-prescription drugs on Division premises.*

In most cases, cannabis is a recreational, non-prescription drug and as such, consumption or possession is not permitted on any Northern Lights Public Schools premises. Students suspected of consuming cannabis, witnessed consuming cannabis, or witnessed sharing cannabis will be immediately reported to the Principal. The Principal will meet with the student and implement consequences as necessary, which may include suspensions or other appropriate actions; record the incident; and advise the parent and Superintendent, in writing, of the incident and of the actions taken.

Furthermore, Government of Alberta regulations also state that the consumption and possession of cannabis is prohibited to anyone under 18 years of age. It is not permitted on any hospital property, school property or child care facility property, or within a prescribed distance from a playground, a sports field, or a playing field.

With our School Resource Officer (SRO) working closely with JAWS staff, we will begin by disseminating information and individual warnings as deemed necessary, but along with school related consequences (**progressive discipline including out of school suspensions**), the SRO may issue a **\$287 ticket**. Please note Community Standards Bylaw 18-024, as **this will also include tickets for smoking and vaping any**

substance within 5 metres of any building's doorway or in other areas frequented by children under the age of 18 — such as our school or the community facility to which we are attached. Contact school administration if you have any questions or concerns about your child's consumption of tobacco, vaping products, or cannabis.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM COMMUNITY STANDARDS BYLAW 18-024

Cannabis and Tobacco Consumption

Community Standards Bylaw 18-024 was recently amended to regulate cannabis consumption in Lac La Biche County. It also includes some additions that restrict smoking and vaping to better match provincial legislation. What follows are a few highlights from the bylaw, which officially comes into effect on October 17, 2018. The full version of the document can be viewed on www.laclabichedcounty.com by visiting 'Bylaws' under the 'our council' tab.

CANNABIS CONSUMPTION

- Cannabis cannot be consumed in public areas, but it may be consumed on private property. Under provincial legislation, it is illegal to smoke or vape inside multi-tenant buildings or residences.
- There is a \$287 fine for smoking, vaping or consuming cannabis in a prohibited area.
- Residents can apply to permit cannabis consumption at a public event by writing to the County's Chief Administrative Officer. The Chief Administrative Officer may issue a cannabis event permit at their sole discretion.
- Failing to comply with the terms and conditions of a cannabis event permit results in a fine of \$250.

SMOKING AND VAPING

- You cannot smoke or vape within five metres of any building's doorway.
- Smoking or vaping is prohibited in areas that children under the age of 18 frequent. This includes outdoor skating rinks, playgrounds, skate parks, sports fields, outdoor parks or recreation areas, and on the grounds of schools and community facilities.
- The fine for violating smoking or vaping restrictions is \$287.

If you have any questions about the amended Community Standards Bylaw, please contact our Enforcement Services department at 780-623-6767.

