

# HJC LAKERS



## Dates to Remember

- May 18: Parent Teacher Interviews
- May 20: No School

- May 23: No School, Victoria Day
- June 1: Grade 9 Orientation
- June 2: Walk A Mile

Good Morning Parents and Guardians,

Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, May 18th from 5-8 pm. Parents have the choice of a phone, GoogleMeet, or in-person interview. Please click the following link to sign up.

<http://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code/grhxb>

Bookings close on May 17th at 3:30.

We look forward to discussing your student's education with you.

Mike Garrow, Principal

**Mental Health week was a success with a variety of different wellness flex sessions offered. Meditation, trail runs line dance and beading were just a few of the offerings.**



Laker's Football held their annual Awards Night on May 11th. Major Award winners were announced. Brett Bylsma won the MVP Award while Gavin Halvorson won the prestigious Jeff Halvorson Memorial Award. Other winners included Mason Remple for Defensive Player, Gavin Halvorson for Offensive Player, Brody Howe on Special Teams and Shawn Bylsma for Rookie of the Year. Awards were handed out by a group of proud coaches, including Mr. Braitenback, Mr. Blinkhorn and Mr. Payne



## Career Day

The Careers Department, led by the wonderful Mrs. Bell, brought nearly 30 professionals and industry experts into our building to impart their knowledge to our students. Over 500 students were able to listen, interact and engage the professionals in areas as varied as nursing and mechanics, to policing and entrepreneurship. The strength of this community and the willingness to help bring an enriched experience to our students is truly remarkable.

Thank you to every one of our experts and professionals!

### Student Voice

During HJ Cody's Career day there were many people that came in to speak, but the person that caught my attention was Kjeryn Dakin. She gave a presentation that was a pleasure to attend, and she made a much greater impact than I expected. She told us her life story and made an impression on everyone in the room. Even when she was at her worst, she pushed through every obstacle that was thrown in her way.

At the age of sixteen Kjeryn knew she wanted to be a bartender and own her own business, so she bought one. Thinking it was a done deal, Kjeryn sold everything including her house and car to make up the funds to invest in this business venture. She had absolutely nothing, yet she felt on top of the world. But no story is that easy.

She was on a plane with her four year old daughter when she received news that destroyed her. The deal was revoked and she ended up with no money and no business. As she was on the plane she looked through the window, and decided that this set back wasn't going to stop her from doing what she wanted. Kjeryn desperately tried to find a place to lease. Nothing felt right until she saw an old building that we now know as Buk Wild's.

After finding the perfect place to start, she again lost her promise of a loan. So she called every single person she knew, and accomplished the goal of making "seventy five thousand dollars in twenty four hours." Unfortunately she had no money left to her name, and had "one hundred thousand dollars of renovations" to be done. So with no other option she did the renovations herself. The tiles? She installed them herself. The tables you sit on? She built those with her own bare hands. She did absolutely everything to accomplish what she loved, and to this day is still persevering to keep her goal alive.

Kjeryn treats everyone with pure kindness. She owns every mistake she has made, and shows the world how kind of a human being she is. Every day she proves everyone who had doubted her wrong.

So I have one question for you. How many times have you said "one day"? What are you afraid of? You shouldn't be afraid to follow your dreams, if you are determined you will make them come true. As Kjeryn says, "be a dreamer, be a do'er, and do it consistently."

So keep your head high and keep moving forward, you never know when your dreams will come true.

Mya McCarthy  
Grade 10

