

LESTER B. PEARSON HIGH SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION PACKAGE

2023–2024 SCHOOL YEAR DOCUMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS MAILING

- LBP Opening Day Registration Schedule & Instructions
- LBP School Calendar
- Student Daily Timetable
- LBP Uniform Regulations
- LBP Uniform Order Package
- LBP Student Fees
- LBP School Supply List
- LBP Suggested Summer Reading List

REVISED PAYMENT OF FEES

We were able to confirm that our Mozaik Online Statement of Accounts will be ready to begin at our school the week of September 18th, 2023. In order to coordinate that all payments begin to be collected at the same time, we have moved the week for the payments of fees to the week of September 18th, 2023.

Parents are strongly encouraged to use the new online statement of accounts options for payment of fees. If you do not use online banking with your bank, you may pay the school fees directly at the school during the week of September 18th, 2023.

Monday, September 18 [,] 2023	09:00am to 3:30pm
Tuesday, September 19, 2023	09:00am to 3:30pm
Wednesday, September 20, 2023	09:00am to 3:30pm
Thursday, September 21, 2023	09:00am to 8:30pm
Friday, September 22, 2023	08:30am to 12:30 p.m.

Please note that the only forms of payment that will be accepted are: Visa, MasterCard, or Interac

PLEASE NOTE: We are currently working with the EMSB to set up online banking payments for

Should you have any questions, please call the school at: (514) 328-4442



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June 2023.

Dear student, parents, and guardians,

It is with great pleasure that we celebrate the end of the 2022-2023 school year together and prepare to welcome our students back to Lester B. Pearson for what will be a successful and fulfilling year for all in August. We hope you plan to have an exciting summer spent with family and friends and taking time to recharge to make the most of a new school year ahead. To all our new students, we would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome you to the Lester B. Pearson High School family!

As with every school year, we look forward to working together with parents and our community to support our students, allowing them to reach their full potential as individual learners and citizens. Part of our collaboration as a partnership involves parents/guardians being aware of our school policies and regulations. We ask that you review them with your children once they have received their agendas in August.

Lester B. Pearson High School prides itself as being a school that celebrates diversity, and we aim to foster a climate of acceptance and appreciation for all our students. For many of students and staff, Lester B. Pearson High School acts as a second home, and we will do our best to make every school year a safe and enjoyable one for each of our students. The teachers, staff, professionals, and administration are all here to support our students, and we encourage our students to seek help when they feel they are experiencing difficulties in any aspect of their lives.

We wish every student a wonderful summer ahead and a great start to the new school year upon our return.

Sincerely,

The Administrative Team

Please see the next page for registration day instructions.



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OPENING DAY REGISTRATION SCHEDULE & INSTRUCTIONS

Enclosed you will find the school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year, as well as the necessary documents required for our opening day registration.

On this registration day, students will be coming to school as per the schedule below. They will be receiving their student schedule and their school agenda. They will also be taking their ID pictures and be assigned their locker for the school year. Students should come prepared with their LBP school lock. New students will be given two LBP locks upon registration.

STUDENT SCHEDULE – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023			
TIME	LEVEL		
8:45 am	Students entering Secondary 1 & Allongé		
10:00 am	Students entering Secondary 2		
11:00 am	Students entering Secondary 3		
1:00 pm	Students entering Secondary 4		
2:00 pm	Students entering Secondary 5		

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE IN FULL UNIFORM AS OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023.

(see attached uniform regulation for details)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

→ SECONDARY 1:

Wednesday, August 30, 2023:

After taking their ID pictures, Secondary 1 and Allongé Students will be given a tour of the building. The Secondary 1 Orientation is scheduled to end at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 31, 2023:

Regular classes will begin on Thursday, August 31 – Day 1, as per the regular school schedule.

→ SECONDARY 2 TO 5 STUDENTS:

Wednesday, August 30, 2023.

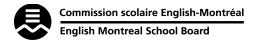
Secondary 2 to 5 students will be dismissed once they have completed the registration process.

Thursday, August 31, 2023:

Secondary 2 to 5 Students are to report to their Day 1 - Period 1 class as per their schedule.

BUSSING:

Information regarding the express bus schedules from Rivière-des-Prairies to Lester B. Pearson will be communicated as soon as they become available to us by the STM.





Lester B. Pearson High School 11575 P.M. Favier Montreal, Qc H1G 6E5 Tel. 514-342-4442 2023-2024



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Fixed Professional Days-School Board /

Journées pédagogiques fixes-Commission scolaire

First Day of School: August 30, 2023

Holiday / Congés

Parent Teacher Conference: November 23,2023 & February 29,2024

Professional Days: August 24, 25, 28, 29, 2023, June 25, 26, 27, 28, 2024

Board-Wide Prof. Days: October 13, 2023 (QPAT Convention)
Regional Ped Days: December 1, 2023 & March 15, 2024
Moveable Professional Days: Sept.22, Nov. 3, Nov. 24, Jan. 8, Feb.

2, Mar.1, April 19, May 17

(*) Non-Working Day for Teachers: February 12, 2024

Progress Report: August 31, 2023 – October 5, 2023.

March Break / Relâche scolaire

<u>Term 1:</u> August 31,2023- November 3, 2023. <u>Term 2:</u> November 6, 2023-February 2, 2024. <u>Term 3:</u> February 5, 2024-June 21, 2024.



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DAILY TIMETABLE

Lester B. Pearson High School operates on a nine-day cycle. Each day consists of four teaching periods. Each period lasts 75 minutes. There are no mini-day ped days scheduled this year, as per directives from the school board.

Monday to Friday

Homeroom	8:15 to 8:20	Homeroom
Period 1	08:20 to 09:35	Period 1
Recess	09:35 to 09:47	Period 2
Period 2	09:52 to 11:07	Recess
Period 3	11:12 to 12:27	Period 3
Lunch	12:30 to 13:20	Period 4
Period 4	13:25 to 14:40	Dismissal

8:15 to 8:

08:20 to 9

9:20 to 10

10:20 to 1

10:35 to 1

11:35 to 1



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LBP UNIFORM 2023-2024

The uniform must be worn by all students each day unless the school day has been declared a non-uniform day by the administration. All students must wear the school uniform as outlined below. The uniform supplier for Lester B Pearson is TOP MARKS. Only the following items are permitted:

- Navy blue pants
- Royal blue or white polo shirt, short or long sleeved, collar down
- White LBP turtleneck
- Navy blue V-neck
- Zip-up sweater
- Low-heeled shoes
- Only a plain short sleeved T-shirt may be worn under short sleeve tops. LBP turtleneck can be worn under long sleeve tops only.

Please note that Graduation apparel (hoodie, short/long sleeved t-shirt) for secondary 5 students may be worn at a date determined by the Administration. This LBP tradition is a privilege which may be denied at any time by the Administration, as a result of a violation of the Code of Conduct by any individual or group.

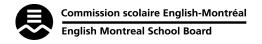
Students are reminded that:

- Both the pant hems and polo sleeves should not be rolled since this is considered altering the uniform.
- Tights, shorts or other clothing items are not encouraged to be worn underneath school pants.
- Caps, bandanas, or any headgear are **not** permitted in school.
- Non-school uniform sweaters/hoodies, outdoor jackets/coats are only to be worn when entering and exiting the building. They are not to be worn in the classroom, nor during recess nor at lunch while in the building.
- School bags, purses, and satchels must be left in a student's locker and may not be taken to classroom or Phys.Ed. locker rooms.
- Boots can only be worn when entering and exiting the building. Boots are not permitted in class.
- Belts must be conservative and worn within the belt loops
- Sandals/flip flops/open-toed shoes are not permitted.

Please note that students must be in full uniform as they enter and leave school. Students biking to school may receive special permission from their Vice-Principal to change once on the premises.

NON-UNIFORM DAYS AND OVERNIGHT TRIPS

School activities where students are permitted to be out of uniform is a privilege that we want all students to enjoy.





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These guidelines are necessary to ensure that students are dressed appropriately and that the school remains an environment that is conducive to learning. Non-Uniform Days do not apply for Physical Education and Dance classes, where the LBPHS athletic clothing must always be worn.

The following dress code will be in effect during Non-Uniform Days and Overnight Trips:

- Shorts, skirts and dresses must be "mid-thigh" in length or longer.
- Tops may not expose stomachs or backs. Sleeveless shirts are forbidden.
- Pants must be worn at the waist or hip level.
- Pants may not have see-thru mesh.
- Frayed clothing such as jeans ripped at the knees and / or ankles is acceptable, overly distressed clothing might be deemed unacceptable.
- Clothing cannot have unacceptable slogans, logos, or suggestive images.
- No revealing of undergarments.
- No headgear (i.e., hats, caps, full bandanas, covering head with hood etc...) with the exception of headgear worn for religious reasons.
- No sleepwear (Unless otherwise specified)
- No open-toe shoes, flipflops or winter boots.

Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and that the appropriateness of student attire will be determined by the staff of the school. If you are not sure if your outfit breaks the School Dress Code - bring substitute clothing, just in case.

UNIFORM INFRACTION

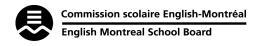
The school uniform has been approved by the Governing Board and it is the responsibility of all staff members to enforce the uniform policy. A student who violates the uniform policy will receive a detention to be served that same day. Please note that any alteration of the uniform is not permitted and is considered a violation of the uniform policy. Students who alter their uniform may receive a detention and will not be allowed to wear the altered uniform again.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & DANCE PROGRAM

Student participation in the Physical Education and/or Dance Program is **compulsory**. If there is a medical reason that prevents a student from participating in either program, the parent must submit a **MEDICAL CERTIFICATE** to the attention of the level secretary.

Students must wear the official school physical education uniform during Physical Education and Dance class. Additionally, students must wear appropriate gym shoes for their Physical Education classes. Students are required to change into their gym/dance uniform, including gym shoes, at the beginning of the period. Students with physical education first and last period may arrive and/or leave school in their Phys. Ed uniform. The Physical Education uniform, for both boys and girls, consists of a white LBP Phys Ed. T-shirt and blue shorts or joggers from the uniform provider.

The **Dance uniform,** for both boys and girls, consists of the full Physical Education uniform or the physical education t-shirt and black leggings.





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School Fees 2023-2024

Secondary 1

Agenda		\$9.00
Lock X 2	(Sec 1 Only)	\$24.00
Reproducible	/Worksheets	\$35.00
Geography	(except Allongé)	\$25.00
History	(except Allongé)	\$25.00
Science	(except Allongé)	\$27.00
Math	(except Allongé)	\$38.00
French	(except Allongé)	\$28.00
Yearbook: (o)	otional)	\$31.50

Total: \$211.00 + \$31.50 (optional) **Allongé: \$68.00 +** \$31.50 (optional)

Sport Études \$100.00 + \$211.00 + \$31.50 (optional)

Secondary 2

Agenda	\$9.00
Reproducible/Worksheets	\$35.00
Geography	\$25.00
History	\$25.00
Science	\$25.00
Math	\$38.00
French	\$28.00
Yearbook: (optional)	\$31.50

Total: \$185.00 + \$31.50 (optional)

Sport Études \$100.00 + \$185.00 + \$31.50 (optional)



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Secondary 3

Agenda	\$9.00
Reproducible/Worksheets	\$35.00
History	\$25.00
Science	\$26.00
Math	\$38.00
French	\$28.00
Yearbook: (optional)	\$31.50

Total: \$161.00 + \$31.50 (optional)

Sport Études \$100.00 + \$161.00 + \$31.50 (optional)

Secondary 4

Agenda	\$9.00
Reproducible/Worksheets	\$35.00
History	\$10.00
Science	\$26.00
Math	\$38.00
French	\$28.00
Yearbook: (optional)	\$31.50

Total: \$146.00 + \$31.50 (optional)

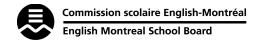
Sport Études \$100.00 + \$146.00 + \$31.50 (optional)

Secondary 5

Agenda	\$9.00
Reproducible/Worksheets	\$35.00
Contemporary World	\$24.00
Math	\$35.00
French Workbook	\$26.00
Finance	\$7.00
Graduation	\$60.00
Yearbook: (optional)	\$31.50

Total: \$196.00 + \$31.50 (optional)

Sport Études \$100.00 + \$196.00 + \$31.50 (optional)





Lester B Pearson School Supply List 2023-2024 Secondary 1

- Pencil Case
- Pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Eraser
- Pens (assortment of colors blue , black, red ,green)
- Highlighters (assortment of colors)
- Scissor
- Glue Stick
- White Out
- Ruler
- Crayons
- Scientific calculator

English Language Arts	 Binder with pockets 1 1/2 inch with some loose leaf paper 1 pack of 4 copybooks approx. 32pgs preferably non-spiral 1 Pocket folder
Math	 Binder with some loose leaf paper Protractor 2 spiral <u>graph paper</u> notebooks, approx.200 pages Dividers
Français	Déterminé par l'enseignant en septembre
Science & Technology	 Binder 1 ½ to 2 inch Binder with some loose leaf paper 1 copybook 200 pgs. or several smaller 80 page copybooks 1 Pocket folder
Geography	 Binder with some loose leaf paper 6 Dividers 1 notebook 80 page min.
History & Citizenship	 Binder with some loose leaf paper 6 Dividers 1 notebook 80 page min. 1 Pocket folder
Ethic & Religious Culture	 Binder 1 inch or Pocket folder with some loose leaf paper 1 Hilroy copybook



Lester B Pearson School Supply List 2023-2024 Secondary 2

- Pencil Case
- Pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Eraser
- Pens (assortment of colors blue, black, red, green)
- Highlighters (assortment of colors)
- Scissor
- Glue Stick
- White Out
- Ruler
- Crayons
- Scientific calculator

English Language Arts	 Binder with pockets 1 1/2 inch with some loose leaf paper 1 pack of 4 copybooks approx. 32pgs preferably non-spiral 1 Pocket folder
Math	 Binder with some loose leaf paper 2 spiral <u>graph paper</u> notebooks, approx.200 pages Dividers
Français	Déterminé par l'enseignant en septembre
Science & Technology	 Binder 1 ½ to 2 inch Binder with some loose leaf paper 1 copybook 200 pgs. or several 80 page copybooks 1 Pocket folder
Geography	 Binder with some loose leaf paper 6 Dividers 1 notebook 120 pages min.
History & Citizenship	 Binder with some loose leaf paper 6 Dividers 1 notebook 120 pages min. 1 Pocket folder
Ethic & Religious Culture	 Binder 1 inch or pocket folder with same loose leaf paper 1 Hilroy copybook



Lester B Pearson School Supply List 2023-2024 Secondary 3

- Pencil Case
- Pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Eraser
- Pens (assortment of colors blue, black, red, green)
- Highlighters (assortment of colors)
- Scissor
- Glue Stick
- White Out
- Ruler
- Crayons
- Scientific calculator

English Language Arts	 Binder with pockets 1 1/2 inch with some loose leaf paper 2 copybooks 80 pages preferably non-spiral 1 Pocket folder duo-tang
Math	 Binder with some loose leaf paper 1 Duo-tang 1 spiral graph paper notebook approx.200 pages Dividers
Français	Déterminé par l'enseignant en septembre
Science & Technology	 Binder 1 ½ to 2 inch Binder with some loose leaf paper 1 large copybook or several smaller copybooks Graph Paper Geometry set
History of Quebec & Canada	 Binder with some loose leaf paper 6 Dividers 1 notebook 120 pages min. 1 Pocket folder
Personal Orientation Project	 Binder 1 inch with some loose leaf paper or Pocket folder Recommended but optional USB Flash Drive (for back- ups only) 1 pair of Ear Buds or Head phones



Lester B Pearson School Supply List 2022-2023

Secondary 4

- Pencil Case
- Pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Eraser
- Pens (assortment of colors blue, black, red, green)
- Highlighters (assortment of colors)
- Scissor
- Glue Stick
- White Out
- Ruler
- Crayons
- Scientific calculator

English Language Arts	 Binder with pockets 1 1/2 inch with some loose leaf paper 2 copybooks 80 pages preferably non-spiral 1 Pocket folder duo-tang
Math	 Binder with some loose leaf paper 1 spiral graph paper notebook approx.200 pages Dividers
Français	Déterminé par l'enseignant en septembre
Science & Technology	 Binder 1 ½ to 2 inch Binder with some loose leaf paper 1 large copybook or several smaller copybooks Graph Paper Geometry set
History	 Binder with some loose leaf paper 6 Dividers 1 notebook 120 pages min. 1 Pocket folder
Robotics	Binder with some loose leaf paperGeometry Set
Ethic & Religious Culture	 Binder 1 inch or Pocket folder with some loose leaf paper 1 Hilroy copybook



Lester B Pearson School Supply List 2022-2023 Secondary 5

- Pencil Case
- Pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Eraser
- Pens (assortment of colors blue, black, red, green)
- Highlighters (assortment of colors)
- Scissor
- Glue Stick
- White Out
- Ruler
- Crayons
- Scientific calculator

English Language Arts	 Binder with pockets 1 1/2 inch with some loose leaf paper 2 copybooks 80 pages preferably non-spiral 1 Pocket folder duo-tang
Math	 Binder with some loose leaf paper 1 Duo-tang 1 spiral graph paper notebook approx.200 pages Dividers
Français Science	 Déterminé par l'enseignant en septembre Binder 1 ½ to 2 inch Binder with some loose leaf paper
	 1 large copybook or several smaller copybooks Graph Paper Geometry set
Contemporary World	 Binder with some loose leaf paper 6 Dividers 1 notebook 120 pages min. 1 Pocket folder
Ethic & Religious Culture	 Binder 1 inch or Pocket folder with some loose leaf paper 1 Hilroy copybook



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Allongé

- Pencil Case
- Pencils
- Closed Pencil sharpener
- Erasers
- Red Pens
- Reu Peris

Blue Pens

- Highlighters
- A pair of Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- White Out
- Ruler 30cm
- Accordion Folder with minimum 7 sections. (Please label the sections as follows: Math, English, French, Drama, Ethics, Phys. Ed, Other

Please ensure that your child has multiple items because they do run out or may be lost. Please feel free to have your child bring in <u>extra supplies in a labeled Ziploc bag which will be kept in</u> class in their own storage space

English Language Arts	 1 RED Binder 2 inch 1 RED 80 page spiral copybook 3 Dividers (Labelled: Notes, Worksheets, Evaluations) 2 RED 32 page Hilroy Canada Exercise Book 1 RED plastic Duo-Tang Headphones that connect to a computer
Français Allongé	 1 cartable BLEU de 2 pouces 1 cahier spiral BLEU de 80 pages 3 Duo-Tang BLEU en plastique 3 diviseurs de classeur (étiquetée : Notes, Feuilles de travail, Évaluations)
Mathematics	 1 BLACK binder 2 inch 1 BLACK 80-page spiral copybook A Geometry Set 3 dividers (labelled: Notes, Worksheets, and Evaluations) A basic scientific calculator Please see suggestion>



June 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Below you will find your child's 2023 Suggested Summer Reading List. We suggest your child read at least one of the novels from this list. They are encouraged to identify significant plot points, symbols, themes and ideas as they read, as well as enjoy the novel and embrace the love of reading. In order to help your child with his/her reading selection, we have included a short synopsis of each of the novels.

If ordering online, please anticipate 2 to 3 weeks for novels to arrive, therefore do not wait until the end of summer to order. If you plan to purchase at a bookstore, look into getting the books at the beginning of summer as it may take 2 to 3 weeks to receive books if they run out of stock. Public libraries are also a good option to find the novels. Online libraries such as Sora are also options.

Please take note that this year your child will NOT have a Summer Reading Test, as this is a suggested reading list. However, teachers may reference the novels at some point in the year.

We hope you and your child have a restful summer and we look forward to starting the new school year in September.

English Department Coordinators and Administration

E.L.A. Secondary 1

"New Kid" by Jerry Craft (2019)

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade.

As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds—and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself?



Synopsis from <u>Goodreads</u>

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"Other Words for Home" by Jasmine Warga (2019)

Jude never thought she'd be leaving her beloved older brother and father behind, all the way across the ocean in Syria. But when things in her hometown start becoming volatile, Jude and her mother are sent to live in Cincinnati with relatives.

At first, everything in America seems too fast and too loud. The American movies that Jude has always loved haven't quite prepared her for starting school in the US—and her new label of "Middle Eastern," an identity she's never known before. But this life also brings unexpected surprises—there are new friends, a whole new family, and a school musical that Jude might



just try out for. Maybe America, too, is a place where Jude can be seen as she really is.

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E.L.A. Secondary 2

"No Fixed Address" by Susan Nielsen (2018)

A middle-grade story about family, friendship, and growing up when you're one step away from homelessness.

Twelve-and-three-quarter-year-old Felix Knutsson has a knack for trivia. His favorite game show is *Who What Where When*; he even named his gerbil after the host. Felix's mom, Astrid, is loving but can't seem to hold on to a job. So when they get evicted from their latest shabby apartment, they have to move into a van. Astrid swears him to secrecy. He can't tell anyone about their living arrangement, not even Dylan and Winnie, his best friends at his new school. If he does, she warns him, he'll be taken away from her and put in foster care.



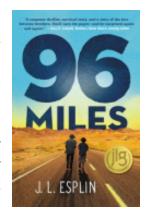
As their circumstances go from bad to worse, Felix gets a chance to audition for a junior edition of *Who What Where When*, and he's determined to earn a spot on the show. Winning the cash prize could make everything okay again. But things don't turn out the way he expects. . . .

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96 *Miles* by J.L. Esplin (2020)

Dad always said if things get desperate, it's okay to drink the water in the toilet. I never thought it would come to that. I thought I'd sooner die than let one drop of toilet water touch my lips. Yet here I am, kneeling before a porcelain throne, holding a tin mug for scooping in one hand, and my half-gallon canteen in the other.

The Lockwood brothers are supposed to be able to survive anything. Their dad, a hardcore survivalist, has stockpiled enough food and water on their isolated Nevada ranch to last for months. But when they are robbed at gunpoint during a massive blackout while their dad is out of town, John and Stew must walk 96 miles in the stark desert sun to get help--and they have only 3 days before their time runs out....



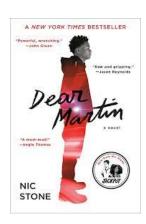
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E.L.A. Secondary 3

"Dear Martin" by Nic Stone

Raw, captivating, and undeniably real, Nic Stone joins industry giants Jason Reynolds and Walter Dean Myers as she boldly tackles American race relations in this stunning debut.

Justyce McAllister is top of his class and set for the Ivy League—but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. And despite leaving his rough neighborhood behind, he can't escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates. Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out.



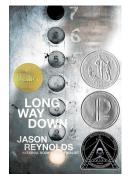
Then comes the day Justyce goes driving with his best friend, Manny, windows rolled down, music turned up—way up, sparking the fury of a white off-duty cop beside them. Words fly. Shots are fired. Justyce and Manny are caught in the crosshairs. In the media fallout, it's Justyce who is under attack.

Synopsis from Goodreads

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"Long Way Down" by Jason Reynolds

A cannon. A strap.
A piece. A biscuit.
A burner. A heater.
A chopper. A gat.
A hammer
A tool
for RULE



Or, you can call it a gun. That's what fifteen-year-old Will has shoved in the back waistband of his jeans. See, his brother Shawn was just murdered. And Will knows the rules. No crying. No snitching. *Revenge*. That's where Will's now heading, with that gun shoved in the back waistband of his jeans, the gun that was his brother's gun. He gets on the elevator, seventh floor, stoked.

He knows who he's after. Or does he? As the elevator stops on the sixth floor, on comes Buck. Buck, Will finds out, is who gave Shawn the gun before Will took the gun. Buck tells Will to check that the gun is even loaded. And that's when Will sees that one bullet is missing. And the only one who could have fired Shawn's gun was Shawn. Huh. Will didn't know that Shawn had ever actually USED his gun. Bigger huh. BUCK IS DEAD. But Buck's in the elevator? Just as Will's trying to think this through, the door to the next floor opens. A teenage girl gets on, waves away the smoke from Dead Buck's cigarette. Will doesn't know her, but she knew him. Knew. When they were eight. And stray bullets had cut through the playground, and Will had tried to cover her, but she was hit anyway, and so what she wants to know, on that fifth floor elevator stop, is, what if Will, Will with the gun shoved in the back waistband of his jeans, MISSES.

And so it goes, the whole long way down, as the elevator stops on each floor, and at each stop someone connected to his brother gets on to give Will a piece to a bigger story than the one he thinks he knows. A story that might never know an END...if WILL gets *off* that elevator.

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E.L.A. Secondary Sec. 4

"The Marrow Thieves" by Cherie Dimaline (2017)

In a futuristic world ravaged by global warming, people have lost the ability to dream, and the dreamlessness has led to widespread madness. The only people still able to dream are North America's Indigenous people, and it is their marrow that holds the cure for the rest of the world. But getting the marrow, and dreams, means death for the unwilling donors. Driven to flight, a fifteen-year-old and his companions struggle for survival, attempt to reunite with loved ones and take refuge from the "recruiters" who seek them out to bring them to the marrow-stealing "factories."



Synopsis by Goodreads

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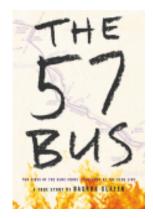
"The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime that Changed Their Lives" by Dashka Slater (2017)

One teenager in a skirt.

One teenager with a lighter.

One moment that changes both of their lives forever.

If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes.



But one afternoon on the bus ride home from school, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned, and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment. The case garnered international attention, thrusting both teenagers into the spotlight.

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E.L.A. Secondary Sec. 5

"Moon of the Crusted Snow" by Waubgeshig Rice (2018)

With winter looming, a small northern Anishinaabe community goes dark. Cut off, people become passive and confused. Panic builds as the food supply dwindles. While the band council and a pocket of community members struggle to maintain order, an unexpected visitor arrives, escaping the crumbling society to the south. Soon after, others follow.

The community leadership loses its grip on power as the visitors manipulate the tired and hungry to take control of the reserve. Tensions rise and, as the months pass, so does the death toll due to sickness and despair. Frustrated by the building chaos, a group of young friends and their families turn to the land and Anishinaabe tradition in hopes of helping their community thrive again. Guided through the chaos by an unlikely leader named Evan Whitesky, they endeavor to restore order while grappling with a grave decision.

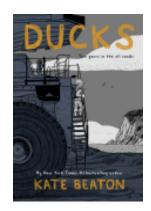


Blending action and allegory, *Moon of the Crusted Snow* upends our expectations. Out of catastrophe comes resilience. And as one society collapses, another is reborn.

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"Ducks: Two Years on the Oil Sands" by Kate Beaton

Before there was Kate Beaton, *New York Times* bestselling cartoonist of *Hark A Vagrant* fame, there was Katie Beaton of the Cape Breton Beatons, specifically Mabou, a tight-knit seaside community where the lobster is as abundant as beaches, fiddles, and Gaelic folk songs. After university, Beaton heads out west to take advantage of Alberta's oil rush, part of the long tradition of East Coasters who seek gainful employment elsewhere when they can't find it in the homeland they love so much. With the singular goal of paying off her student loans, what the journey will actually cost Beaton will be far more than she anticipates.



Arriving in Fort McMurray, Beaton finds work in the lucrative camps owned and operated by the world's largest oil companies. Being one of the few women among thousands of men, the culture shock is palpable. It does not hit home until she moves to a spartan, isolated worksite for higher pay. She encounters the harsh reality of life in

the oil sands where trauma is an everyday occurrence yet never discussed. Her wounds may never heal.

Beaton's natural cartooning prowess is on full display as she draws colossal machinery and mammoth vehicles set against a sublime Albertan backdrop of wildlife, Northern Lights, and Rocky Mountains. Her first full-length graphic narrative, *Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands* is an untold story of Canada: a country that prides itself on its egalitarian ethos and natural beauty while simultaneously exploiting both the riches of its land and the humanity of its people.

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