

February 3, 2023

Welcome to the second semester! Our school year is half over already. We will be very busy with many exciting programs coming up. Please take a look!! We have something for everyone.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR Work Experience, RAP, or the Green Certificate, please see Mrs. McLeod for more information.

FREE BREAKFAST SANDWICHES from Reddi Mart are available EVERY Tuesday morning for our students. Mr. White prepares a breakfast the other days. Please encourage your student to come to the SGA and enjoy breakfast with friends before class. Breakfast is served from 8:30 am – 8:50 am.

Student schedules are now available on PowerSchool 😊

If you are having trouble viewing on the APP, you may need to delete the app and reinstall using the same username and password to gain this year's information. Any changes to schedule will be able to be done the first week at school.



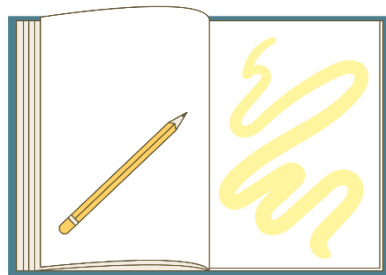
Parent Portal Access – Please!

If you have not already signed up for your Parent Portal Account, please sign up to use the PowerSchool Parent Portal and have instant access to your child's assignment and test marks, attendance, report card history, and more! Sign up by clicking the waffle button (square button with 9 boxes inside) on the top right-hand side of the Peace River School Division website, or any of our school websites, and choose "PowerSchool Student and Parent Portal" <https://prsd.powerschool.com/public/>



School Cash Accounts

If there are any fees for your child, such as extra curricular, Yearbook, damaged or lost school textbooks, they will appear on your child's account. Please take the time to set up your School Cash account and make any outstanding fee payments. You will find the easy sign-up on the Peace River School Division's website, the waffle buttons on the upper right-hand corner and selecting School Cash Online Payments. This will also be used to order hot lunches once the program has been organized (possibly by early October).



ATTENTION PEACE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

Jasper Ski Trip 2023

Thurs Mar 2nd - Sun Mar 5th

Cost: \$459 - Includes: hotel (lobstick lodge), Transportation (Bus), Lift Tickets (1 hr lesson included), taxes
** Rentals extra \$27/day
See Mr. White to sign up and/or for more details

Pink Shirt Day Feb. 22, 2023



**STAND
UP
AGAINST
BULLYING**

The Peace River School Division is taking a stand against bullying! If you would like to purchase a Pink Shirt, you will find the link soon in your school cash account. Various sizes are available. The shirts will be delivered to our school the week before.

A Note on SUCCESS



Students have SUCCESS classes that run from 10:12-10:59 each day. Each day has different options available.

Mondays are mandatory for all students to attend their homeroom teachers' class for either Health 9, Learning Strategies, or Grade 12 preparation courses.

Tuesday through Thursday, different options might be available to the students for tutoring or catch up, or their teachers might 'lock' them in for a mandatory class or for extra help. For those students that are all caught up, open rooms are available (sometimes even the gym!).

However, it is not a spare block. Students are expected to sign-in to a room or will be marked unexcused absent. This will mean an automated phone call at the end of the day unless the parent has called to excuse.

Technology



Please return any Chromebooks or other technology that belongs to the school as soon as possible. They are locked and therefore useless to you at home.

Please remember that all Chromebooks need to be returned at the end of class, they should not be going home or stored in lockers.

ALL CHROMEBOOKS WILL BE LOCKED FOR MAINTENANCE AFTER EXAMS ARE COMPLETED!



GRADUATION 2023



The date for Grad 2023 has been set for Saturday, June 10th, 2023. This is a result of the parent survey that was sent home to families; 75% voted in favour of June 10th. The ceremony will commence at 1:00 pm in the gymnasium at Peace River High School

Please email a baby photo and a candid photo to Mrs. Knolauch for use in the slide show, as soon as possible (knoblalo@prsd.ab.ca)

COME SAY HI!

A student recruitment advisor from UCalgary will be visiting your school soon. Connect with your **GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR** for details about our upcoming visit.

ucalgary.ca/future-students

**Presentation: Wednesday, Feb 8
C Block in the Library**



**Peace River
High School**

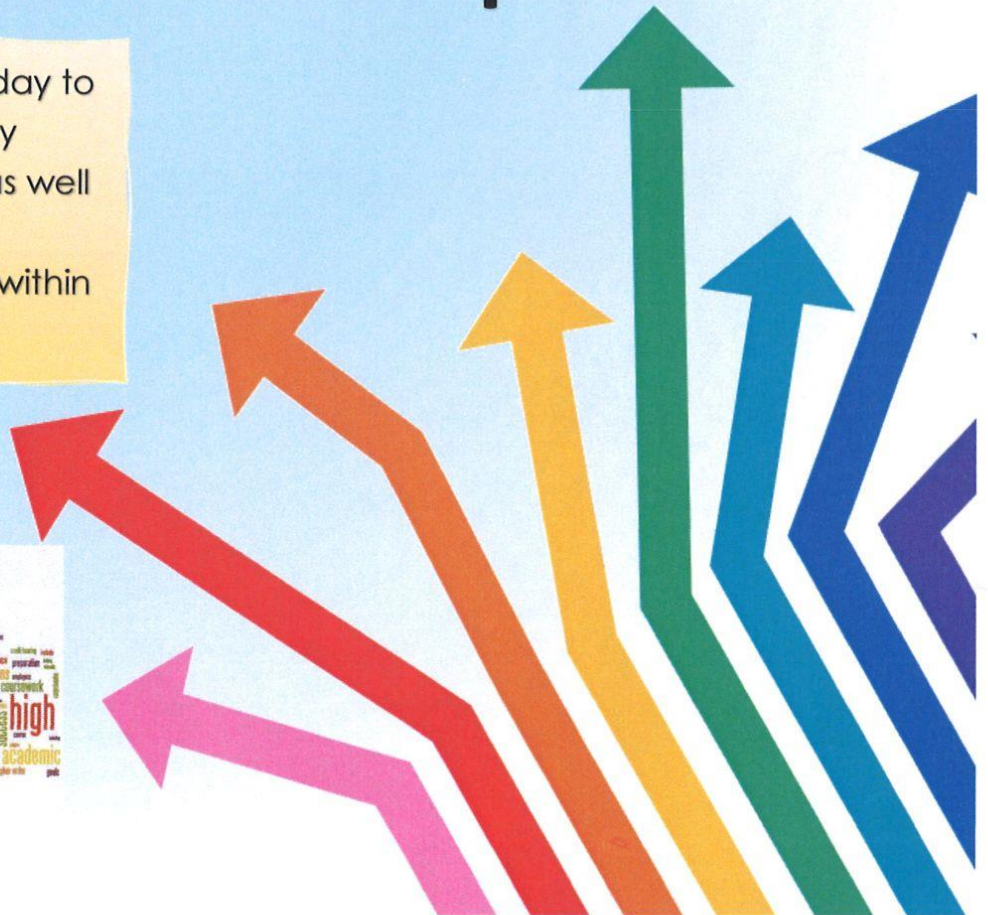
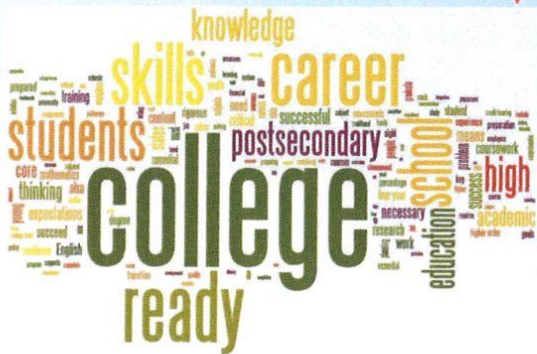
invites you

Career Fair

Tuesday, March 14th

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m

Join us for an educational day to explore post-secondary institutions and programs, as well as information about employment opportunities within our community.



PEACE REGION ADAPTIVE ASSOCIATION VIRTUAL PARA ICE HOCKEY INFORMATION MEETING



WHEN: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26
TIME: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
CONTACT: MELODY HILMAN 780-297-3225
PEACEREGIONADAPTIVE@GMAIL.COM

Zoom Link



SCAN ME

Have-A-Go Day

JOIN US FOR THIS FREE EVENT TO LEARN
HOW TO PLAY PARA ICE HOCKEY! SLEDS
WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE BRING YOUR
OWN HELMETS AND GLOVES.

MARCH 13TH, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM @ GRIMSHAW
MILE ZERO REGIONAL MULTIPLEX

TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL
PEACEREGIONADAPTIVE@GMAIL.COM



PRAA

Peace Region Adaptive Association



GO TEAM



General Information Package

Grades 7 - 12

Peace River, Alberta

Saturday, March 18, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Peace River High School, 10001 91 Ave, T8S 1Z5



If you are interested in participating in this exciting program, please contact Mrs. McLeod immediately as registration closes **NEXT FRIDAY, Feb. 10!!!**



Also, please take this opportunity to register your phone to receive important messages via text using the attached instructions



The Trusted Platform
for School Community Engagement

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.*

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, **724665**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from
your mobile
phone now!**



**Just send
"Y" or "Yes"
to 724665**

i Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/tm for more info.



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Hot Lunch

HOT LUNCH ARE \$6

Monday – Kita

Wednesday – Subway

Thursday – Mat's Pizza

LUNCH CARDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON SCHOOLCASH FOR \$60 FOR 10 LUNCHES.

Starting Tuesday, Feb. 7, the FREE LUNCH program is back at the First Baptist Church. Thank you Frist Baptist Church for feeding our youth!

Nomad Athletics



Good Luck to our Jr. Basketball Teams!!

Just a reminder that ALL basketball team fees are DUE now. Please contact Mrs. Keddie or Mr. Johnson if you have not paid. If you have, thank you so much!

Good luck to our Jr. Basketball teams that are competing in the Fairview tournament this weekend!!



**ARE YOU
INTERESTED
RUGBY??**

IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE!





2022-2023 PEACE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

25,26 & 29 –Divisional/Site Based PD/Operational Day
30- First day for students

AUGUST '22						
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5-Labour Day, no school
13-School Pictures – 9 A.M.
23-Division PD-based In-Service Day
30- Truth & Reconciliation Day, no school

7- Non-operational day
10-Thanksgiving Day, no school
13 – Super Thursday
18 – Super Tuesday
24- PD day
26-PTI by Appointment

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11-Remembrance Day-No School
18-Report Cards
22/24 – Super week
23 – PTI by appointment
25- PD Day, ATA PD Day

13/15 – Super week
23-31 – Christmas Break

DECEMBER '22						
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1-8 Christmas Break
12-27 - Diploma Exams
17/19 – Super week
20 – Last day of classes
23-26 – Exam Week
27 – Report Cards
30 – PD Day
31- Semester 2 Starts

10 – PD Day
17 - Non-Operational Day
20- Family Day, no school
23 – Super Thursday
28 – Super Tuesday

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9 & 10 - Teachers Convention
14/16 - Superweek
24 – PD Day
29 – PTI by appointment

7 – 16 -Easter Break
21 – Report Cards
26 – PTI by appointment

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12 – PD Day
22 – Victoria Day, no school
23/25 - Superweek

13/15 – Superweek
16 – Last day of classes
19 – 23 Exam week
12 – 26 – Diploma Exams
27 – Report Cards
28 – Last Operational Day

JUNE '23						
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1-Canada Day

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE: PARENT SURVEYS

Peace River School Division
Success for All

Peace River
Learning Together



Parents, please be on the lookout for a letter from the Alberta Government. Inside the letter, you will find a survey from the government that asks questions about our School Division. The surveys generally come to parents of Grade 4, 7, and 10 students, but have been known to come to parents of other grades as well. This survey is important to our school division, and we value your honest feedback. The more people we have completing these surveys, the more accurate representation we can receive.

The survey can be confusing and often the questions seem like they are not directed at your child's grade level. Answering with "I don't know" is problematic, as this response gives the School Division a negative result on the survey. If you have any questions, please reach out to your school's principal for assistance. They would be more than happy to help because they care about your child(ren) and the quality of education that they are receiving.

These survey results are important. PRSD values your feedback, as we endeavor to continually improve our services for our students. By completing these surveys, you will be helping us be the first choice for students.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill out the surveys and for returning them to the government on our behalf. Your support, along with our hardworking staff members, has allowed us to continue operations throughout a difficult school year.

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you?	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Know	N/A
2. With the quality of education your child is receiving at school?	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6
3. With the quality of teaching at your child's school?	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6
To what extent do you agree or disagree that:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	N/A
4. Your child finds school work interesting?	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6
5. Your child finds school work challenging?	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6
6. Your child clearly understands what they are expected to learn at school?	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6
7. Your child is learning what they need to know	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6

I would also like to take this time to highlight our achievements and showcase some of the great things we've been implementing within the Division this school year:

- We've committed to ongoing student assessments and creating individual academic profiles for each student. To enhance this, our Learning Services team partnered with school staff to administer Early Years Assessments over 30 days covering classes in seven schools throughout the Division.
- We have continued to prioritize safety for our students and staff in classrooms, as well as online. New procedures and technological safety measures have been implemented to ensure everyone in the Division feels safe.
- Emotional supports are readily available to students to create a safe learning environment in classrooms and schools. Students and staff have access to Social Workers, YES Workers, Project PEACE team members and many other divisional supports.
- Parental involvement has steadily increased, especially in regard to School Councils and the Council of School Council meetings. Professional development with the Alberta School Council Association has assisted us in creating more opportunities for parents to work more closely with the Division and their schools.

All schools are making sure that their students' physical, social, and emotional wellness needs are met so that their overall academic engagement is increased.

We are looking forward to a successful year ahead and we thank you in advance for completing the survey.

Sincerely,

Adam Murray,
Superintendent of Schools



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