

February 16, 2023

Diploma marks have been released on "My Pass". If your student does not have this set up, please have them ask their teacher for help. Thank you to those that were able to attend our assembly this morning. Pictures to follow next week!! There will be no school on Feb. 17 and Feb. 20 for the Family Day long weekend.

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.



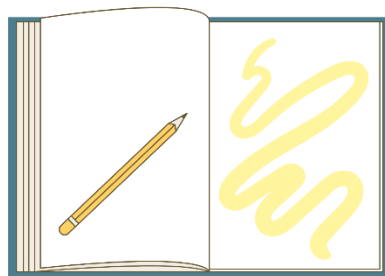
Parent Portal Access – Please!

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! Wear your
pink shirt day on Feb 22 to
show your support.**

Subject: Pink Shirt Day 2023

Dear colleagues:

As many of you know, Pink Shirt Day is being held this year on February 22, 2023.

Recognized worldwide since it began in 2007, Pink Shirt Day is an opportunity to promote healthy relationships, respect diversity and take a stand against bullying. We all share a responsibility to understand how bullying negatively impacts individuals, families and organizations, and how to be an active bystander when we witness bullying.

Pink Shirt Day encourages Albertans to be inclusive, welcoming and supportive with students, colleagues, clients, friends and families. Having a strong focus on social-emotional learning and the development of healthy relationships are some of the best ways to create welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments.

Posters, social media graphics and other resources are available at [Pink Shirt Day Alberta](#). Please join me in wearing a pink shirt on February 22, 2023, and showing your commitment to the importance of promoting healthy relationships and creating environments that are welcoming, caring, respectful, safe and free of bullying behaviours.

Additional resources are accessible at:

- [Safe and caring schools](#)
- [Social-emotional learning](#)
- [Bullying Prevention for Educators](#)
- [Bullying Helpline](#) (1-888-456-2323) and the [Bullying Online Chat](#)
 - Both are confidential and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- [Mental Health in Schools](#)
- [Kids Help Phone](#)
- Students, families and staff who are Indigenous may also wish to contact the toll-free [Hope for Wellness Help Line](#) at 1-855-242-3310 or the [Online Chat](#) (open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week). This line offers immediate mental health counselling and crisis intervention services in Cree, Ojibwe and Inuktitut.
- [Respect in School](#)
- [Respect in the Workplace](#)

Please share these resources with your staff, students and families. I appreciate your support in raising awareness about Pink Shirt Day, healthy relationships and bullying prevention. I would also like to send a sincere thank you to all our education staff for your continued commitment to promoting and building welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments for all of Alberta's students.

Sincerely,

Andre Tremblay
Deputy Minister of Education

cc.: Communication Contacts at School Divisions
Secretary-Treasurers of Public, Separate, Francophone and Public Charter School Authorities

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)



**ARE YOU INTERESTIN IN A
CASUAL POSITION WORKING IN
THE KITCHEN AT THE HOSPITAL???**

If so, AHS is hiring!!! The job starts at \$18/hr and has benefits since it is a government job!! The closing date for the job posting is FEB. 14.



**Peace River
High School**

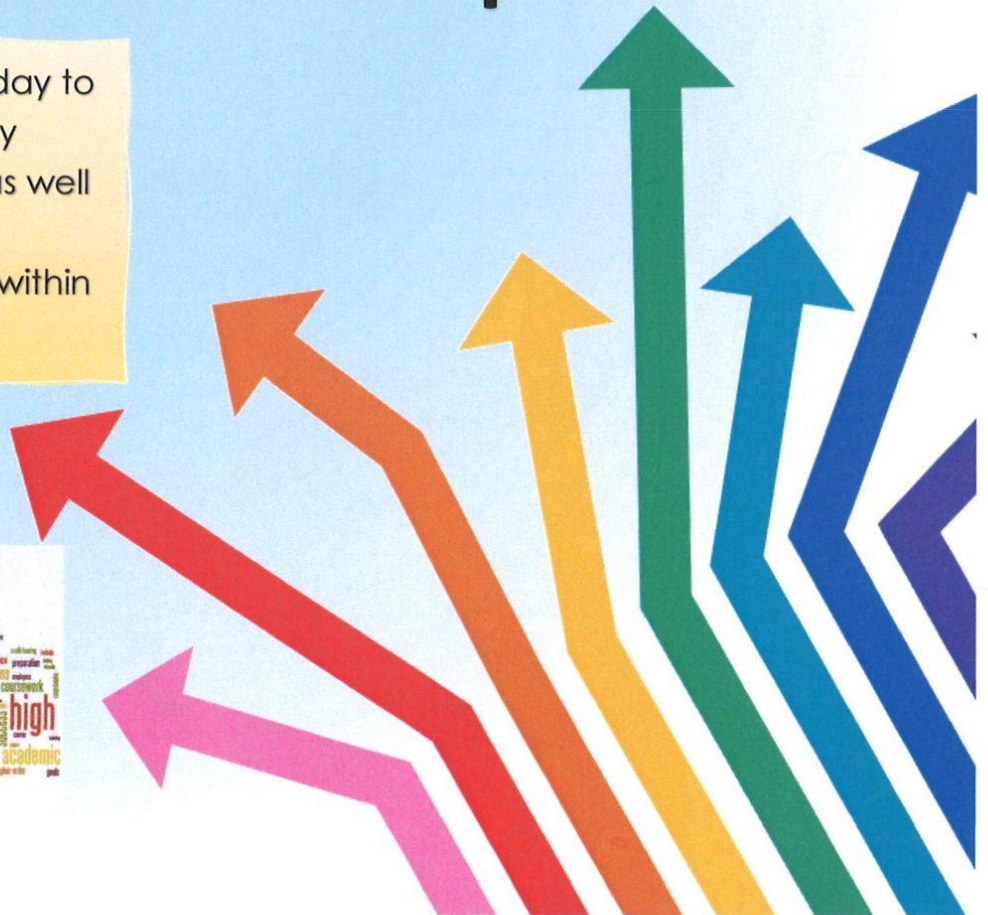
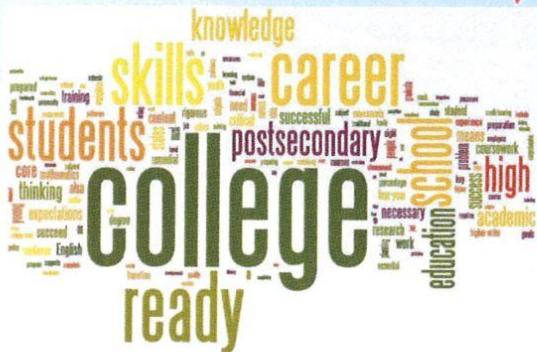
invites you

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, First Baptist Church for feeding our youth!

Nomad Athletics



Congratulations to our Jr Nomad teams. The girls placed 4th and the boys won silver in the Grimshaw tournament last weekend.

Good Luck to our Sr. Basketball Teams that are participating in the Sexsmith tournament this weekend!!

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!





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

FEBRUARY 2023

Families Matter Week & Pink Shirt Day

This year, the Peace River School Division Board of Trustees hit it out of the park by moving the week that we honour parents and guardians from November to February 21st to 24th, to coincide with the Family Day long weekend. Based off of a recommendation by one of our schools, along with the full support of our Administration team, the Trustees also made the decision to change the name from "Parents Matter Week" to "Families Matter Week", to be more inclusive to our school communities.



Families Matter Week has been an important mainstay in the school division for over a decade. During this spectacular week, kids focus on the love and support that their families provide to them. Schools within the Division host many different activities that promote family engagement, such as writing thank you cards, hosting family day picnics, dress like a family member day, and so much more.

We want to provide every opportunity for great relationships that support student learning, and we feel this week is an excellent opportunity to thank our families for all their hard work and dedication.



Pink Shirt Day

Another thing we are looking forward to is Pink Shirt Day on February 22nd. Pink Shirt Day is an embodiment of how we care for every student and showcases how we support healthy relationships, wellness, and diversity. Providing safe and caring learning environments for students is incredibly important to us.

We understand that for students to learn, flourish and reach their full potential, they need to feel safe, happy, and cared for.



We pride ourselves in our ability to create and foster safe and caring learning environments for our students. There are many people who play a role in this process, and I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate their efforts and thank all the students, staff, families, local partners, and community members who contribute to creating a culture of kindness and respect in our schools.

Sincerely,

Adam Murray,
Superintendent of Schools