

October 6, 2022

JUST A REMINDER...there will be no school on Friday, Oct. 7, and Monday, Oct. 10.

Please check your PowerSchool for missing assignments.

For any students who are interested in Work Experience, RAP, or the Green Certificate, please see Mrs. McLeod.

FREE BREAKFAST SANDWICHES from Reddi Mart are available EVERY Tuesday morning for our students. Please encourage your student to come to the SGA and enjoy a sandwich 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.



2021 2022 Online Registration for Returning Students

Please take the time to update the information/data on the form and return it to us as soon as possible if you have not already done so.



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 SchoolCash 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).

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.

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!**



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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.





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.

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.

Nomad Athletics

Just a reminder, if you have not paid your volleyball fees, they are now accessible in School Cash. Thank you to those that have!!

All

Sr. Women's Volleyball team have a league game – Thursday at 6:00pm.



Congratulations to our CROSS COUNTRY TEAM!! Here are the results from the Zones in High Level...

- **Dylan Leadlay - 1st Senior Men's**
- **Shelby Bentt - 2nd Intermediate Women's**
- **Austin Leadlay – 7th in Jr/Sr.**

They are off to Provincials on Oct 15. Great Job everyone!!



WOMEN & GIRLS SELF-DEFENCE CLASSES

OPEN TO INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS!



When:

November 3rd and 4th

Girls: 10 AM - 11:30

Women 16+: 6:30-8:00 PM

\$10

PER TICKET

Where:

Sagitawa Friendship Society New Building
(9702 98 St, Peace River AB T8S 1J3)

Fill out the google form below to register:

<https://forms.gle/db3RGHorJFDg48Hz8>



For additional inquiries please contact:

Taylor McPherson (ISCA): isca.summercoordinator1@gmail.com

or

Karina Girard at karina.girard@Sagitawa.org 780-624-2443

(Cash or Cheque only)



We are PROUD to partner with FCSS, Peace River Regional Women's Shelter, and the Sagitawa Friendship Society to offer a Women & Girls Self-Defence Class. All female students that are interested in participating, please contact Mr. White at the school!!



Superintendent's Message

Welcome Back and National Day of Truth & Reconciliation

Welcome back to another school year!

As your Superintendent, I believe in the power of Public Education, and I see the benefits that our students experience when we all do our part to support them as they reach for their goals and dreams. This year, I am looking forward to seeing students become more confident in their skills while they challenge themselves in their studies and extracurricular activities. As a team, we hope to instill students with the courage and belief that they can accomplish anything they put their minds to.

Here at the Peace River School Division, we are committed to providing students with a safe and inclusive learning environment. Our educational staff continuously provide many opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of authentic activities throughout the year that allow them to expand their knowledge and grow as individuals.

In the week leading up to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, all schools are engaged in learning activities to support healing and understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. Many families and schools are showing their support by participating in a fundraiser to support local residential school survivors and their families by purchasing Orange shirts through Sagitawa Friendship Society. Other activities vary school by school, but some examples include participating in the commemorative tile project as described on the Project of Heart website, engaging in Métis inspired dot art, and designing feathers with supportive messages on them to be shared with residential school survivors.

Furthermore, the Board of Trustees, the PRSD Anti-Racism Committee and other PRSD staff will have the opportunity to learn from Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta more about the significance of Treaty relationships. This day of learning will deepen our understanding of the significance of the Board's initiative to honour the Treaty 8 flag and the Métis flag at all of our schools. We are looking forward to continuing flag raising Ceremonies this school year.

I'm excited to witness our students grow throughout the year as they are shown new experiences within their classrooms, and I am eager to facilitate these kinds of events for them. I believe our commitment to creating safe and inclusive learning conditions for all students will be further enhanced as we implement diverse educational opportunities for all.

I wish you all a wonderful 2022-2023 school year ahead!

Adam Murray

Superintendent of Schools