



## Peace River High School

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## Calendar of Events



December 13-14 - Grad Photos (sign up coming soon)

**December 20-January 3 - No School Holiday Break**

January 4 - First Day back to school

January 31 - Semester 1 Marks/Comments Released

February 1 - Second Semester Starts

### **Peace High's Annual Toys for Tots Drive starts next week!**

Running from Tuesday November 30 - Monday December 6th. C Block classes will compete in bringing in Online Cash Donations, Food Bank donations and New Unused toys all to be donated to the Salvation Army for Christmas.

#### **Daily Class winners receive**

Extra Donations to the cause, Bragging Rights, Good Feels and a large dose of Good Karma! Also the opportunity to use the Cash donations to shop for more toy donations!



Tuesday Nov 30 - Online Cash Donations/New Toy Donations

Wednesday Dec 1- Cash Donations

Thursday Dec 2 - Food Bank Donations (judged by weight)

Friday Dec 3 - Online Cash Donations/New Toy Donations

Monday Dec 6- Everything Goes!

(Online or Cash Donations, New Toy Donations, Food bank donations)



***A HUGE Thank-you to AGS Mechanical for their support by kick-starting our fundraising with a \$1000 donation. Please check their Facebook Page for more information on their 12 Days of Christmas, which gives you the opportunity to win prizes with your donation.***

Online Donation Links:

[Link for Community Member Donations](#)

[Donations for Parents/Guardians](#)



All report cards are now digital and available through the

**Powerschool Parent Portal**

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 markbooks.

[CLICK HERE](#)

And send us a quick email to get your code for setting up your parent portal access

## Hot Lunch at Peace High

<b>Monday</b>		Low Mein noodles (Veggie), Chicken Fried Rice, Chicken balls OR California Rolls
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>FREE</b> Breakfast Sandwiches in the morning
<b>Wednesday</b>		6 inch sub and a cookie (veggie, ham, turkey or pizza) add your own sauce and veggies
<b>Thursday</b>		Cheese, Hawaiian and Pepperoni/Bacon
<b>Friday</b>		

Hot Lunch available for \$5

Lunch cards can be purchased on SchoolCash online to debit/tap as payment options

[Click Here to Purchase Lunch Cards](#)

## Grad 2022 Information

**Lifetouch will be here on December 13 & 14 for Grad Photos.**

You can book your sitting at

<https://prestigeportraits.ca/>

To ensure your student is included in the composite, they can come in and have a quick photo done without a booking fee. Please reserve your time.

We would like to invite you to a virtual Grad 2022 meeting on Tuesday, November 30th at 7:30 pm.

This meeting will discuss the Grad ceremony as well as Graduation requirements. Please join us using the Google Meet link below

<https://meet.google.com/usi-msew-pay?pli=1>.



Visit [jostens.com](https://jostens.com) to order

# Nomads Athletics Updates



Congratulations to the Senior Girls Volleyball team for bringing home the bronze medal for Zones from High Level. And to the Senior Boys for their showing at Zones last weekend in Fairview.

A special Thanks to all of our Staff and Community Coaches for donating their time to make the Season Great!

## Basketball Season is Underway!

Thank you to all students who came to try outs. The response was overwhelming!

Practices are as follows:

### **Senior Boys**

Mon, Tues, Thursday @ 7:30 - 9:30 pm

### **Senior Girls**

Monday @ 5:30 - 7:30, Weds @ 6-8 pm

### **Junior High Basketball Practices:**

#### **Junior Boys**

Monday@TAN 5:30 -7:30 pm

Wednesday @PH 3:45 - 5:45 pm

#### **Junior Girls**

Tuesday/Thursdays 3:45 - 5:15 @ TAN

*Please have you player pay attention to morning announcements for any last minute changes*



## COVID-19 vaccines for 5-11 year olds – important information for families

As you are aware, Health Canada has approved Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5-11. Yesterday, Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health announced that Albertans can book appointments beginning at 8 a.m. today. You can watch the [news conference here](#).

This is exciting news—as vaccines are highly effective and proven to protect Albertans and communities from COVID-19. The Canadian Pediatric Society is recommending that all eligible children get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Appointments for children aged 5 to 11 can be booked through the [Alberta Vaccine Booking system](#), or by calling Health Link at 811. Appointments will be available primarily at Alberta Health Services clinics around the province as of November 26. Vaccines will not be available in schools at this time.

Parent or guardian consent is required for children to get their vaccine, and it can be provided either in-person at the vaccine appointment or by a [signed consent form](#). Parents and guardians are encouraged to seek out reliable and factual information to inform their decisions on vaccines for their children. We appreciate your support in sharing accurate information with families in your school communities.

The following information may be helpful:

- [Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health letter to parents \(November 24, 2021\)](#)
- Government of Alberta – [Vaccine myths and facts](#) and information on [vaccines for children](#)
- [AHS COVID-19 Immunization for Children Under 12](#)
- Health Canada – [COVID-19 vaccines for children: What you need to know](#) (also [in French](#))

All public health guidelines, including physical distancing, practicing good hand hygiene, masking when in public and staying home when sick remain in effect. It is important to continue to protect one another during this time.

As always, thank you for your support in sharing information with your school communities. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [educationcovidguidance@gov.ab.ca](mailto:educationcovidguidance@gov.ab.ca).

Sincerely,

Kindy Joseph  
Assistant Deputy Minister,  
Program and System Support Division

[Parent Letter \(English\)](#)

[Parent Letter \(French\)](#)





# Superintendent's Message

## Indigenous Education in Peace River School Division

Ensuring that Indigenous perspectives are infused in education is very important to the Peace River School Division (PRSD). It is crucial that First Nations, Métis and Inuit students see themselves and their cultures in the curriculum and school community, and that non-Indigenous students are taught the true history of Canada, including the, at times, painful relationship between Canada and the First Nations, Métis and Inuit.

As you may be aware, the Canadian government declared September 30th as a federal statutory holiday, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We fully support the importance of this day of observance and therefore the PRSD board of trustees voted to make **September 30, 2021 a non-operational day, meaning there will be no school for students and school-based staff**. The board of trustees also voted that **September 27- October 1, 2021 be declared Truth and Reconciliation Week** in PRSD schools. By dedicating a full week to Truth and Reconciliation, schools will have the flexibility to select a minimum of one school day within the week to recognize Orange Shirt Day while students learn about the history and legacy of residential schools. Other learning activities that support Truth and Reconciliation will also be encouraged.

As an educational organization, we have a great duty, responsibility, and opportunity to create change and we take this very seriously. Last year, the PRSD Board of Trustees unanimously voted to form an Anti-Racism Committee. The committee includes representation from the board of trustees, students, and staff, and is committed to further positive systemic change, with the goal of ending racism in all PRSD school communities.

We are very excited and humbled to share that on September 23, 2021, we will demonstrate our respect for, and solidarity with, our Indigenous communities by raising the Treaty 8 flag and the Métis flag at the Grimshaw Shared School Facility. This flag raising Ceremony has been planned in collaboration with Duncan's First Nation, Métis Region VI, Holy Family Catholic Regional School Division, and the Town of Grimshaw. At PRSD, we will continue to demonstrate our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation by collaborating with our local Indigenous communities to plan future flag raising Ceremonies to be held at each of our schools.

In our classrooms it is emphasized that Indigenous history is Canadian history. It is very important to us that all students learn about the important traditions, cultures, and histories of the First Peoples of Canada. We seek out opportunities to have our staff learn from local Elders and knowledge keepers. For example, our school leaders learned more about the significance of smudging from a local knowledge keeper during their first Administrators Association Meeting of the year. This month, students in Peace River and Fairview will be building tobacco bundles with the guidance of a local knowledge keeper to support the local Sisters in Spirit events when our communities gather to remember missing and murdered Indigenous people.

Although pandemic restrictions have prevented large divisional events such as our Hand Games Tournament, other virtual opportunities have arisen. For example, in the coming weeks, all schools will have the opportunity to have students learn Cree songs with Sherryl Sewepagaham through Zoom sessions. Throughout the school year, opportunities are woven into the classroom whether that is a part of a specific event such as Remembrance Day, Métis Week, or Indigenous Peoples Day, or just as a part of what regularly happens day-to-day in the classroom.

This important work is supported by the vision and passion of the Board of Trustees, and through the work of PRSD's management staff, Indigenous Education Program Coordinator, Indigenous Support Workers, school-based Indigenous Education leads, teachers, educational assistants and through the contributions of Indigenous community members and organizations. These programs and initiatives are supported by way of special funding from the Government of Alberta which is determined by self-declaration. Peace River School Division receives funding for each self-declared Indigenous student. Parents can declare their child's ancestry on the school registration form that is completed every year.

Thank you to our students, staff, families, Elders, knowledge keepers, community members and organizations for your important contributions and support.

Adam Murray  
Superintendent of Schools  
Peace River School Division

