



Peace River High School

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Calendar of Events

November 30-January 8-All students Participate in Online Learning

December 21-January 1 No School

January 4 -Online Learning Resumes

January 11 -Students Return to In School Learning



Transitioning to Online Learning



Peace River High School will continue following our current schedule for classes. Our Bell schedule is posted in the newsletter as well as on our website.

Students will be expected to sign in on time for all classes Core and Electives. Teachers will communicate with the students if there are any exceptions. Students will be marked Online Present, or Online Absent for each class.

Evaluations will continue, so assignments are expected to be completed and handed in on time.

We will be suspending attendance for Mandatory Monday Classes (this includes Grade 9 Health, Learning Strategies, and Mandatory Grade 12 class). We will catch up with those upon the students return. Any outstanding assignments can be completed and handed in during this time. Great time to catch up!

Grade 9's will continue with their supplemental Mandatory Social and Math Classes on Wednesdays and Fridays.

By having accountability through tracked attendance, the students will be able to keep up in their classes and continue their learning process, this will allow a smooth transition back to the classroom in January.

We understand that this may be a difficult time and some students will struggle with the transition. Please don't hesitate to contact the office, or individual teachers if you or your student are having any issues so that we can help with support.



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Online Bell Times

A 8:55 - 10:07	A 8:55 - 10:07	A 8:55 - 10:07	A 8:55 - 10:07	A 8:55 - 10:07
SUCCESS (Teachers will contact students if they are holding a mandatory during this time)	SUCCESS (Teachers will contact students if they are holding a mandatory during this time)	SUCCESS (Teachers will contact students if they are holding a mandatory during this time)	SUCCESS (Teachers will contact students if they are holding a mandatory during this time)	SUCCESS (Teachers will contact students if they are holding a mandatory during this time)
B 11:04 - 12:16	B 11:04 - 12:16	B 11:04 - 12:16	B 11:04 - 12:16	B 11:04 - 12:16
Lunch Break 12:16 - 1:01	Lunch Break 12:16 - 1:01	Lunch Break 12:16 - 1:01	Lunch Break 12:16 - 1:01	Lunch Break 12:16 - 1:01
C 1:01 - 2:13	C 1:01 - 2:13	C 1:01 - 2:13	C 1:01 - 2:13	C 1:01 - 2:13
D 2:18 - 3:30	D 2:18 - 3:30	D 2:18 - 3:30	D 2:18 - 3:30	D 2:18 - 3:30



A Great Way to Stay Informed

If you have not already done so, please contact the school to receive your login information for your students Powerschool Account. It is a great way stay up to date with students attendance, assignments, and comments. You can even email the teachers directly.



The need to be prepared

As our transition to online learning was a sudden one, we realize that not all students will have their supplies at home to be successful in their classes. If your student is missing anything such as textbooks, notebooks or other locker contents, please contact the school and we will be happy to set up a time for you to pick them up.



Connecting Through Google Meet

Student Expectations

We agree to be good digital citizens by following these rules when having class meetings online.

BE SAFE

- ❖ Protect your password by not sharing it with others.
- ❖ No one else should be on camera.
- ❖ Follow school rules for using computers.



Log in on time

If expectations are not met

1. Teacher will give a warning of anything inappropriate
2. After warning if not corrected the student will be removed from the Meet
3. Parents will be contacted if removed to explain why and what needs to be done to correct this.

BE RESPECTFUL



- Raise your hand if you want to talk and your teacher will call on you.
- Ask only appropriate questions through chat about what you are learning.
- Stay focused during class.
- Be kind and respectful to others.
- Nod or give a thumbs up to show you understand.
- Mute your microphone unless you are talking
- Wear clothes that would be appropriate for school.
- Pause your video if you have to step away from your computer.

BE RESPONSIBLE



- Pick a quiet spot and let others around you know you are in a meeting.
- Have your materials beside you before the meeting begins. Look around you. Make sure anything on video is something that can be seen by others.
- Do your best to use correct spelling and grammar in the chat box to ask questions and share ideas.
- Have paper and pencil with you in case you need to write things down.
- Ask your teacher for one-on-one help if you don't understand something.
- Use headphones if you have them.



With the recent announcement by the Alberta Government to switch to online learning, we have to make changes to our Annual Toys for Tots fundraiser. In the past we had a healthy competition between classes to raise the most money for the program. The winning class in the school was able to go out to our local amazing businesses to buy presents for our local youth. One of the great things about our program is that the toys that were purchased were bought by teenagers FOR teenagers, which is the least amount of donations that they get each year. The Salvation Army has told us that their inventory of gifts is very small this year and any donations would be greatly appreciated.

This year we would like to continue our tradition, but in a different way. Attached here is a link to the donations page in our division. When you get there here is the details:

1. For the Gift information you can select the amount or enter an amount and the destination would be Peace River High School.
2. This is not a tribute gift
3. In the message please enter that this donation is for the Toys for Tots fundraiser.

We will be keeping track of donations and will do a draw for some cool Peace High items at the end of our campaign. Stay tuned for more announcements next week regarding our donations and how we are doing. We know that this is a tough time for many, and are not trying to force anyone to think that they have to donate something. If you can, please do. If you cannot and times are tough, then I hope that some of these wonderful community programs can be here to support you.

Here is the link to the donation page

<https://prsd.schoolcashionline.com/.../Det.../4/45/false/true>

Stay healthy and safe

Mark Owens

Principal



2020/2021 School Registrations Due



Peace River School Division has introduced our new Online Registration System. We do require a registration form completed every year for each student. This allows us to update information, confirm enrollment and comply with Alberta Education requirements. For returning students, Guardians are emailed a link with a 'snap code' for their students. By following the link, you are able to review the information in our system and make any changes. Please watch your email for this important link. If you have not received your 'snap code' email. Please contact the school.

Peace River School Division will be going to an online payment system to purchase school items and pay any fees or hot lunch cards. We will no longer be accepting cash or cheques from parents/students. You can pay online by using school cash. It's easy and simple to sign up for. Sign up at www.prsd.schoolcashionline.com. Look further down in this newsletter for information on how to sign up.



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Superintendent's Message Parental Involvement

We know that children experience higher levels of success when their parents are involved in their school and education. Now, more than ever with the Covid-19 pandemic, parental involvement looks different for every family and is based on many factors.

Although the types of opportunities for involvement may look different - one thing that stays the same is the importance of communication. Staying connected with your child's school experience is important and equally important is that your child see, feel, and know through both action and conversation that you are keeping connected. Whether that means attending parent-teacher conferences, helping with homework, emails with staff, reviewing school correspondence or following the school website and social media - being involved demonstrates to your child that you care.

I would like to take a moment to thank and commend our parents for their extraordinary efforts as in-person classes were cancelled in March. The way our families have rallied together to support learning at home, to provide child-care, and to support one another is absolutely incredible. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us what we can accomplish when we work together and our families deserve to be commended for their tireless efforts to support students learning at home. The pandemic has certainly caused a variety of stressors to our lives and for our parents who are already juggling many roles and responsibilities - thank you. I recognize and appreciate the time, sacrifice, coordination and effort you have and are all making.

In the next few weeks, schools will be hosting their first School Council meetings of the year. The meetings run once per month and it is a great way to stay connected and have a voice in education. Please check with your local school to learn more about School Council and how School Council will operate this school year.

Your involvement makes a difference and we truly appreciate the important work you do. We believe that PARENTS MATTER and that is why Peace River School Division declared a week to celebrate the important contributions of our parents. Please mark your calendars for November 16-20, 2020 and join in the celebration of parental involvement at your child's school during PRSD's "PARENTS MATTER Appreciation Week."

Wishing you a wonderful school year and thanking you in advance for your involvement and support.

Paul Bennett,
PRSD Superintendent of Schools



Spotlight on Health and Safety

Safety message – PRSD safety protocols and communication

Personal Safety

Children and adults face challenging situations every day at home, at work, at school, online, and in their communities. Discussing and teaching personal safety skills with children is important to their overall well-being and provides them with important life skills.

Examples of personal safety skills that are important for children to learn include: how to be and act aware, calm and confident, how to be prepared for different situations and activities, how to take charge, how to set boundaries, how to get help, and how to protect oneself. It is also very important that children know how to call 9-1-1, know their address, phone number and their parents' names.

As adults, being mindful and present in our daily activities will reflect onto our children, at home, at school and in our communities. Whenever possible, use teachable moments to reinforce personal safety practices and above all, ensure children know how to get help if they need it.

COVID-19 has certainly caused us to look at our personal safety in new ways. Washing our hands, wearing a mask, staying 6 feet apart and maintaining our cohorts are some of the new ways of living we are faced with. These personal safety measures not only protect ourselves but they protect our loved ones and those around us.

Peace River School Division encourages our school communities to continue to look after their personal safety and wishes everyone a safe and healthy holiday season. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our school communities for their ongoing support and patience during these challenging times.

We wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

Joint Worksite Health and Safety Committee

