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Calendar of Events



January 10 - First Day back to school
January 19 - Grad Photo Retakes
January 25- Last day of Semester 1 classes (Grade 9-12)
January 31 - Semester 1 Marks/Comments Released
February 1 - Second Semester Starts

Peace River School Division has created a School Re-entry Plan working with Alberta Health Officials and Alberta Education. Please read through the entire release, as it contains important information regarding Masking, testing and what to do if your student shows symptoms.

[PRSD School Re Entry Plan January 2022](#)

Please remember to keep your student home if they are sick and follow the Alberta Health Daily Checklist.

Important
Information

All Peace High Staff are looking forward to seeing our students back in the building next week! Enjoy your weekend!

Peace River School Division (PRSD) has made the decision that there will be no school based end of course final cumulative exams in any course for Semester 1. PATs for Grade 9 students have been delayed by a week, and there could be further announcements regarding PATs in the days ahead.



Please scroll down for the full media release and more information regarding final exams, PAT exams and Diplomas.

Peace High School Council will be having a meeting on January 11, 2022 at 7:30 pm by Google Meet.

All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of the upcoming meeting minutes.

Access the Google Meet through the Link below:

<https://meet.google.com/cnq-xnyy-mg>

January 6, 2022

Direction Regarding End-of-Semester Cumulative Examinations

Context:

In the wake of ongoing challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, Alberta Education has decided to cancel the administration of the End-Of-Semester One Diploma Exams, which had earlier been determined to be weighted at 10% of the students' final grade in each course for this year only.

Furthermore, the administration of PATs for those Grade 9 students doing semesterized programming has been delayed by a week, and there could be further announcements regarding PATs in the days ahead. As part of our collective efforts to support students and their parents during these challenging times, the following decisions have been made regarding the administration of school-based end-of-semester cumulative exams in January 2022. These decisions are aligned with Alberta Education's recent decisions regarding student participation in exams.

Decisions:

1. There will be no end-of-course final cumulative examinations in any courses for the end of Semester 1. This will include all Grades 10-12 courses as well as semesterized Grade 9 courses for the two schools that offer this programming option.
 - a. For Diploma Examination courses, the school-based course work that is normally worth 70 percent of the course grade (that was earlier this fall determined to be worth 90% of the grade for this year only) will now be worth 100 percent of the course. As such, no additional work will be required of students beyond what would be normally required during the semester. That is, with the Alberta Education decision to exempt students from writing diploma exams, staff will not add anything extra to the course expectations in response to the "diploma examination exemption" decision.
 - b. For courses that normally have a school-based cumulative final exam worth 30% (i.e., non-diploma courses), students' final grades will now be based on the work completed throughout the course. That is, the coursework will be worth 100 percent instead of the typical 70 percent value.
 - c. For Grade 9 PAT courses, the PAT results will not be used in the calculation of students' final grades. Although the division's AP 360 indicates that teachers can use the PAT results in generating students' final grades, this provision is being suspended for the current semester. As such, the coursework will have a 100 percent value and teachers will make judgments about overall grades based on the evidence of the work completed during the semester.

1. There will be no mid-year cumulative examinations for Grades 7-9 non-semesterized courses.
 - a. For Grades 7-9 courses that normally included a school-based mid-year cumulative exam, the value of this exam will now be redistributed to other important work that students do throughout the year to demonstrate their understanding of the essential course outcomes.
3. Notwithstanding the above noted directions in Item 1 regarding end-of-course cumulative exams, in very exceptional circumstances where it is felt that a student can possibly benefit from completing a cumulative project or written exam, the school principal has the authority to approve a cumulative assessment on an individual case-by-case basis, but only with the full support of the student and his/her parents/guardians. This “exceptional case” option will only be exercised for the small number of students who may be able to salvage a course or improve a grade by being afforded this opportunity (for example, a student who was not as successful throughout the course who wants to complete a final cumulative project/exam to demonstrate that s(he) does have a good grasp of course content). This exceptional circumstance flexibility can also be extended to those students writing Grade 9 PATs as part of their semesterized programming.
4. In situations where a principal decides to offer the above-noted opportunity to students, their overall grades will not be negatively impacted by a poor performance on the cumulative exams. That is, if a student does write a final cumulative exam to improve his/her overall grade, but performs poorly on the exam, such poor performance will not negatively impact the grade the student had acquired prior to being given the opportunity to write the exam. Likewise, Grade 9 PAT results can only be used if it improves the student’s overall final grade in the course.

Other Important Considerations:

1. For the last unit of work at the end of a course, teachers may choose to administer an end-of-unit assessment (paper and pencil test, open-book test, research project, video production, etc.) they deem appropriate, fair, and reasonable, but such an assessment will only assess the content from the last unit and will therefore be non-cumulative in nature.
2. With the suspension of cumulative exams, the instructional time for semester 1 has been extended to January 25, 2022, and teachers will continue to work hard to ensure students have every opportunity to submit outstanding work and to otherwise demonstrate what they know and can do in relation to the essential learning outcomes in their courses. This is an important time for students to achieve a passing grade or to improve their performance in various courses to help ensure they are prepared to successfully progress to the next phase of their K-12 educational journey or to enroll in post-secondary studies. We thank parents for their support in helping to ensure their children’s overall success in semester 1.

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

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

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 January 19 for Grad Photo Retakes. Sign up will be coming soon!

The Grad '22' has now been uploaded to the Entripy Shop. Go online and order your Grad Swag!

Important Reminders!

Grad date is Thursday, June 30, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the Peace High gymnasium

-Payment of Grad fees of \$125 is due ASAP and can be paid through School Cash

-Please email a baby and candid photo to use in the slideshow to knoblalo@prsd.ab.ca

Thank you to all the parents that signed on for the parent Grad Meeting. Please see the link below to the minutes from that meeting.

[Grad Parent Meeting Minutes](#)



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Superintendent's Message

Parent Surveys

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 survey can be confusing and often the questions seem like they are not directed at your child's grade level. Please refrain from answering with "I don't know", as this response gives the School Division a negative result on the survey. If you have any questions, you can contact me at Central Office or please reach out to your school's principal for assistance.

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.

I would also like to take this time to highlight our achievements and to showcase some of the great things we've been implementing within the Division. We currently have a partnership with Grande Prairie Regional College for Trades Instruction — which is something we are very proud of. This initiative is making it easier for Grade 12 students to transition into fulfilling careers and pursue their academic dreams beyond high school. We have also had an increase in our 3-Year High School Completion Rate, which is an excellent accomplishment during a pandemic. Principals, teachers, and educational assistants have gone out of their way to support students and their collective hard work has paid off!

In the Division, we are still sticking to our Literacy, Numeracy, and Inclusionary culture goals. We are working hard to ensure that all students are reading and writing at or above their grade levels or meeting their individualized program goals. Extra attention is also being given to ensuring that students are performing at or above grade level in numeracy and are confident in their mathematical abilities. The Division is also focused on inclusive learning for all students, and each school is ensuring a safe and caring environment that celebrates diversity. All schools are making sure that their students' physical, social, and emotional wellness needs are met so that their overall academic engagement is increased.

I am also happy to announce that we are instituting the Learning Loss Intervention Program for Grade 1 to Grade 3 students. This initiative will be providing supports for students who may need extra assistance with literacy and numeracy and is being funded by the Alberta Government to close the gap on learning losses that have occurred due to the pandemic.

We are looking forward to a successful year ahead and we thank you all for your continued support.

Adam Murray

Superintendent of Schools

Dec. 10, 2021

