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Calendar of Events



January 25- Last day of Semester 1 classes (Grade 9-12)

January 31 - Semester 1 Marks/Comments Released

February 1 - Second Semester Starts

February 2 - Grad Retakes

February 21 - Family Day (No School)

February 22 - PD Day (No Classes for Students)

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

Rapid Test Kits available at the office. Each box contains 5 tests
[Alberta Daily Checklist](#)

Peace High Parent Council is looking for a Treasurer. If you want to be involved, please contact the school.
Hope to hear from you soon!

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.

Good luck to our Jr. Basketball teams competing in Glenmary's annual Bob Plowman Invitational this weekend. Go Nomads!



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 February 2 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

Safe and Caring Learning Environments and Celebrating Pink Shirt Day

At Peace River School Division (PRSD) 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, parents, local partners, and community members who contribute to creating a culture of kindness and respect in our schools.

We share in the success of our work in this regard with our school communities as our latest survey results show that 87.5% of our students, staff, and parents feel that PRSD schools provide safe and caring learning environments for students. On top of that, our 3-year high school completion rate had a significant jump from 67.8% to 77.6% which tells us that students feel confident, respected, supported and safe in our schools throughout the completion of their education.

The work we do in this regard is on-going through various programs, initiatives and presentations focused on healthy relationships, anti-racism and personal well-being. Examples of such programs and initiatives include the work of our school-based Youth Education Support Workers, Success Coaches, Divisional Social Workers, PRSD Anti-Racism Committee, student leadership groups, mentorship programs, behaviour support programs, wellness programs, the focus on citizenship division-wide, daily learning incorporated into the curriculum and the meaningful support that comes from community involvement and various agencies.

Pink Shirt Day is one day per year where we wear pink in a united stand to 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.

Thank you so much for your involvement and support. We invite you to join us on February 23, 2022, for Pink Shirt Day when PRSD students and staff will wear pink in support of healthy relationships, wellness, and diversity.

Adam Murray

Superintendent of Schools

Peace River School Division

