



PANTHERS' POST

SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear PAA Community,

As we embark on a new school year, my heart is brimming with excitement and gratitude. This summer, I was blessed to spend time with my family in the Maritimes, which reaffirmed the importance of nurturing strong, supportive communities.

Our theme for this year at Parkview Adventist Academy is “God and I,” inspired by our guiding verse, Ephesians 4:9: “Notice that it says ‘he ascended.’ This means that Christ first came down to the lowly world in which we live.” This verse highlights Jesus’ incredible journey from the heights of heaven to our world, emphasizing His deep connection to every aspect of our lives and His role in our spiritual journey.

We are dedicated to embodying our core values: Cultivating Community, Embracing Diversity, Discovering Jesus, Seeking Wisdom, Serving with Purpose, and Connecting with God and Humanity. With Jesus as our example and the Holy Spirit as our guide, we will strive to infuse every aspect of our school life with faith and purpose.

Our Core Purpose—Belong. Believe. Become.—reflects our mission to foster a sense of belonging, deepen our belief in Jesus, and support each student in becoming all that God has created them to be.

As we begin this journey together, let us invite God’s presence, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the teachings of Jesus into our daily activities. I am eager to experience a year of growth, learning, and profound faith with you all.

Thank you for being a cherished part of our PAA family. Here’s to a blessed and transformative year ahead!

In Christ’s Love,

M. Dani Desjardins
Parkview Adventist Academy

BELONG. BELIEVE. BECOME.

Chaplain's Corner

SEPTEMBER

PAA

ISSUE 1

PASTOR DEE'S DEBRIEF



WHO IS PASTOR DEE?

Hey hey PAA students, family and friends! I am truly so excited to start this school year with you. I truly believe it is going to be an amazing year.

My name is Denniala Fray and I am the new Chaplain for PAA and I am also teaching two math classes this school year. The coolest things about this is that all of my time will be spent at PAA which will give me a pretty unique opportunity to get to know many of you in different contexts, whether through Campus Ministries, Math class, Praise Band or mission trip. I am truly looking forward to learn more about you.

Things that are very important to know!

- I am a Bible nerd, I LOVE LEGO, food, deep conversations, and documentaries.

WHAT IS THE PLAN FOR THE YEAR?

This year, there is one main goal. To encourage you to dive deeper into the Bible and allow it to change your lives. For many of us, we were raised in the church and were told to memorize a key text, but never fully given the tools to understand scripture and apply it to our lives.

This theme the year is **God and I** with our key verses being **Ephesians 4:9** *Notice that it says "he ascended."* This clearly means that Christ also descended to our lowly world.

As we walk through the book of Ephesians, I pray that you are reminded at all times to look to Jesus and look for Jesus. We can confidently serve Him because he was actually on earth, he experienced joy, pain, grief and so much more. We serve a God who knows what clothing feels like, He knows what the ground feels like, He knows what water tastes like and He asks us to drink of Him because from Him comes living water.

What does that even mean?

It means He is the source of all of our needs. He is our provider. He is our guide. He is our friend. He is our Father. He is ours and we have FULL ACCESS to Him.

My prayer, is that we can all live a life in accordance with those facts. My prayer, is that we confidently walk into all situations with God, because we can trust Him. God, we are so excited to learn more about You and what You transform our lives.

SEPTEMBER DATES

September 3

Chapel

September 9

Chapel

September 12

Parent Information Night

September 16

Chapel

September 23

Chapel

September 30

Truth and Reconciliation
day (no school)

WEBSITE: PAA.CA
INSTAGRAM: @PAACM

Athletics' Corner

Dear PAA Community,

Grace and kindness to you all! As we welcome a new school year, I'm delighted to connect with you through our newsletter. I'm Devon McAfee, your Athletic Director, and I'm excited to share the latest updates and upcoming events from our athletic programs.

Upcoming Opportunities:

1. **Volleyball Tryouts**

Volleyball tryouts for our boys' and girls' teams are currently happening. Watch for posters with information on dates, times, and what to prepare. We encourage players of all skill levels to join and be part of our teams. I am excited to introduce our volleyball coaches for this year. Coaching the girls' team will be Joeleigh Nichols and Reashana Walters. The guys' coach will be Shanon Hedgcock.

2. **Annual Adventure Race**

Mark your calendars for September 22nd! Our annual Adventure Race is just around the corner, offering a thrilling opportunity for students to engage in teamwork, strategy, and outdoor fun. Be sure to check out the posters around campus for details on how to sign up your team. This is an event you won't want to miss!

3. **Fall Classic Tournament**

We're thrilled to announce that our girls' volleyball and boys' soccer teams will be participating in the Fall Classic Tournament in Walla Walla, Washington, over Thanksgiving weekend. This is a fantastic opportunity for our athletes to compete at a high level and experience the camaraderie of a significant tournament. We look forward to cheering them on and supporting them in this special event.

4. **CASA Football in Kelowna (Grade 10s)**

We are excited this year to invite our grade 10s to join the Jr CASA Football tournament. This tournament takes place in Kelowna, BC over the weekend of Oct 17th to the 20th. The first tryout will be on September 13th from 12:45-2:15 pm. This tryout will take place on the lower CHCS football field.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for PAA athletics. Together, let's make this year full of growth, excitement, and memorable moments.

Health Challenge: Go for a run at least once a week. I believe there are at least two running groups on campus. Join one or start a small group of your own.

Mr. Devon McAfee
Athletic Director
Parkview Adventist Academy



Mental Health Corner

Hello PAA families,

WELCOME

Another school year has begun! Whether you are a familiar face or are new to our community at PAA, we are so glad you are here!

At PAA, we want to encourage growth that supports our whole wellbeing. In my role as Mental Health lead, I'm excited to continue visiting each Religious Studies class. We'll be diving into the Open Parachute curriculum, tackling important mental health topics, and building community.

If you'd like to explore tools and resources that you have access to as parents, please access this using the [parent login](#).

Stay tuned to find out more about what we're doing to support our school's mental health at PAA.

Kayla Whitworth
Learning Support Teacher



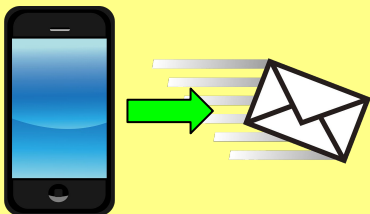
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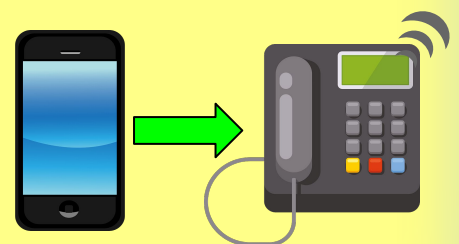
Please call the school to notify if your child will be absent for the day or if they are leaving early.

You can do so by emailing or calling the school office.

Thank you!



587-815-8800
office@paa.ca



What's up PAA?

DOOR SCHEDULE

Monday - Thursday:

8:00am - 4:00pm

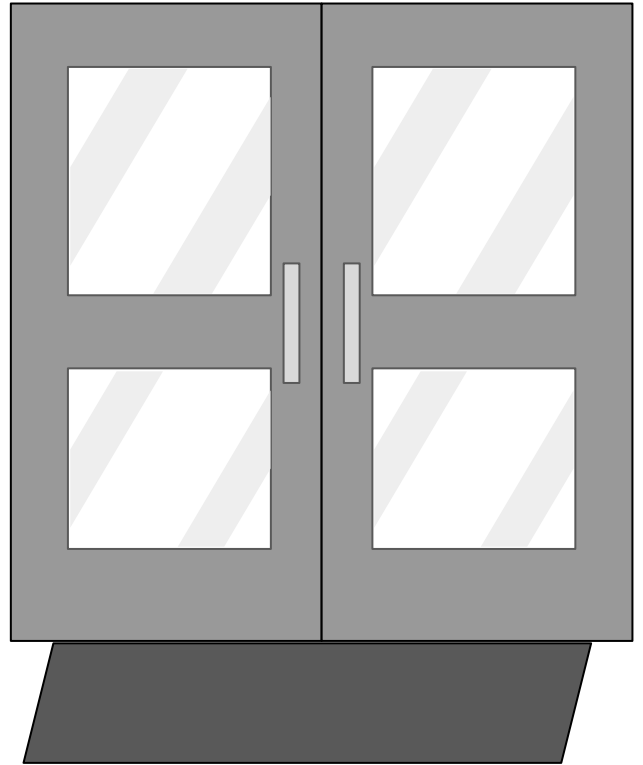
Friday: 8:00am - 1:00pm

CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Thursday:

8:25am - 3:35pm

Friday: 8:25am - 12:35pm



Please note that student drop off and pick up times should be planned according to our door schedule.

Dismissal is at **3:35pm (12:35pm Fridays)** and school doors will be locked by **4:00pm (1:00pm Fridays)**. It is very important that arrangements be in place, as there will be no access to the school past **4:00pm (1:00pm Fridays)**.

If you are not able to come before 4:00pm (or 1:00pm Fridays), your child can arrange to meet you at the Burman library or the Burman gym.

This will be ongoing throughout the school year.
Thank you for your attention to our door schedule!

What's up PAA?



SchoolMessenger[®]

This year, PAA will be using a new communication tool, called SchoolMessenger.

This tool will be used to keep you informed of school closures, emergencies, field trip forms, attendance information, hot lunches, and other important information.

**Make sure you OPT-IN
and get alerts
from Parkview
Adventist Academy
by texting "Y"
to 978338.**



What's up PAA?

PAA CAFE

PAA's Hot Lunch Program

Hot lunches can be ordered Monday-Thursday
for the following week.

Check your email for more details.



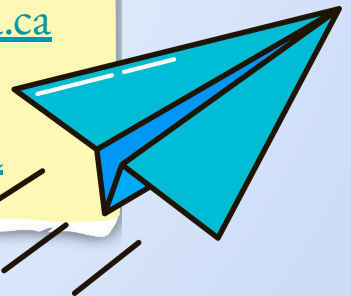
ORDER TODAY!

If you wish to meet or connect with a teacher at any time
throughout the year, please email them
to make an appointment or communicate your needs.

Name

Email

Mr. Dani Desjardins	principal@paa.ca
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Mr. Scott MacDonald	smacdonald@paa.ca
Ms Skyla McCreery	skyla.mccreery@paa.ca
Miss Michelle Mitchell	michelle.mitchell@paa.ca
Mr. Bruce Ruzindana	bruzindana@paa.ca
Mrs. Kayla Whitworth	kwhitworth@paa.ca



What's up PAA?

Important Dates

- Sep 12 - Parent Info Night, 6:30pm
- Sep 30 - No School, National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
- Oct 2-3 - School pictures
- Oct 2 - AEA College Fair, 4:00pm
- Oct 4 - No School, PD Day
- Oct 6 - Pause & Pray, 7:00pm (see pg 11 for details)

Home and School Association

PAA's Home and School Association is a parent led association that assists at PAA as needed. Joining the leadership team, becoming a class parent, supporting financially, and providing snacks and assistance for events are just some of the ways parents can play a part in the Home and School Association.



Contact the Home and School secretary today at hsleader@gmail.com to see how you can get involved!

What's up PAA?

PAA Cell Phone Policy

Purpose:

To help everyone stay focused and safe at school.

Who Does This Apply To?

This is a province wide policy

What's Expected:

Keep your phones, tablets, smartwatches, and headphones on silent or turned off and put away during class.

You can use them during flex or lunch breaks.

Exceptions:

Medical conditions which need permission from a doctor.

For specific learning activities during class.

Social Media:

You won't be able to access social media sites on school Wi-Fi during school hours.

What Happens if You Break the Rules:

1st time: You'll get a verbal warning, and be reminded of the policy.

2nd time: Your device will be turned in to the office until the end of the day, and your parents/guardians will be informed.

3rd time: Your device will be turned in to the office, and your parents/guardians will need to meet with the Principal.

Everyone at school (including students, staff, and parents) is responsible for following these rules.



Clubs at PAA

Culture Club:

See Mr. MacDonald or Ms Fernandez

Campus Ministries
Talk to Pastor Dee

Praise Band:
See Pastor Dee

Chess Club:
Find Mr. MacDonald or Mr. Ruzindana

Photography/Yearbook:
with Ms McCreery and Miss Mitchell

Step Club: using your body
to create rythm
Talk to Miss Mitchell

What's up PAA?

PAUSE AND PRAY

The busyness of life often keeps us from using an incredible tool that connects us with Christ our Lord and Saviour. I implore you to read or re-read Ch. 11 in Steps to Christ - The Privilege of Prayer, specifically p. 94.1. *“Our heavenly Father waits to bestow upon us the fullness of His blessing. It is our privilege to drink largely at the fountain of boundless love. What a wonder it is that we pray so little!...”*

Come Pause and Pray for PAA on Sunday, Oct. 6, at 7pm [via ZOOM](#).
Passcode: 1234567

“Prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence” Steps to Christ, pp. 94, 95. 1892



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PICTURE DAY PARKVIEW ADVENTIST ACADEMY

GRADE 10 AND 11 STUDENTS

Tuesday - October 2, 2024

GRADE 12 STUDENTS

Tuesday and Wednesday - October 2 and 3, 2024

Includes standard photos, cap and gown photos, and one prop of choice.



PHOTOS DONE BY:



What's up PAA?



PowerSchool

Parent Access: Paying School Tuition & Fees

Parent access to PowerSchool is set up and you'll be able to view your child's grades and attendance. You'll also have access to pay tuition and school fees online using the following link.

<https://albertasdaedu.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

To pay for school fees, click "Pay School Fees" in your PowerSchool account (on the bottom left side) and it will open Rycor, where you can submit payments.

Having access issues?
Contact the office: office@paa.ca



What's up PAA?

TACKLING THE TEMPTATIONS OF TECHNOLOGY

WITH MIKE

AND RENÉ



LOW-TO-NO-TECH
EDUCATION

MANAGING
SCREEN
TIME

STRATEGIES
FOR USING
TECH

DANGERS OF
DISTRACTION

EFFECTS ON
THE BRAIN!


MAKING
HEALTHY
CONNECTIONS!



OCTOBER 21ST - 24TH |
6:30-7:30PM

PARKVIEW ADVENTIST
ACADEMY

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labour Day No School	3 First Day of School	4	5	6	7
8	9 ✝ Chapel	10	11	12 Parent Info Night 6:30pm	13	14
15	16 ✝ Chapel	17	18	19	20	21
22 	23 ✝ Chapel	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Truth and Rec. Day No School	Oct 1	Oct 2 School Pictures AEA College Fair 4:00pm	Oct 3 School Pictures	Oct 4 PD Day No School	Oct 5