



# PANTHERS' POST

DECEMBER 2024

Dear PAA Families,

It's hard to believe the year is almost over, and Christmas is right around the corner! As we take a step back to reflect on everything that's happened in 2024, I'm reminded of how blessed we are to be part of the PAA community. This season is a special time to gather with loved ones and focus on what really matters: relationships, faith, and the joy of being together.

Christmas reminds us of the importance of belonging—of being part of something bigger than ourselves. Acts 2:46-47 (NIV) says: "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people." There's something powerful about coming together—whether it's at home, with friends, or here at school. I pray you experience that sense of belonging this Christmas season, wherever you are.

Christmas also gives us a chance to believe—not just in the festivities, but in the true hope that Jesus brings into the world. John 1:9 (NIV) says: "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world." Jesus is the light that guides us, and this time of year reminds us to embrace His hope, peace, and joy.

As we look ahead to the new year, it's also a time to become—to continue growing, both individually and as a school. Philippians 1:6 (NIV) says: "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." I'm excited for the opportunities ahead, and I know God will continue to guide us as we move into 2025.

I hope you all enjoy a restful and joy-filled Christmas break. Take time to recharge, make memories, and enjoy those extra cookies (because, let's face it, it's Christmas!).

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to all that's in store for us in 2025.

Enjoy the break!

**Blessings!**

**Mr. Dani Desjardins - PAA Principal**

# Chaplain's Corner

DECEMBER

PAA

ISSUE 4

## PASTOR DEE'S DEBRIEF



### EPHESIANS 2:16-22

Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.

He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.

So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

### DECEMBER DATES

**December 2**  
Chapel

**December 6**  
PD Day

**December 7**  
Home and School  
Christmas Party

**December 9**  
Chapel

**December 13**  
Vespers

**December 14**  
Alberta Conference  
Youth Banquet

**December 16**  
Chapel

**December 20**  
Bible Study

**December 23**  
Christmas Break

### PAUL DECLARES UNITY

Ephesians Chapter 2 has taught us much of the heart and practical aspects of relationship with God. There are so many benefits, access to Spiritual blessings, the things in the Heavenly realms and so much more.

Now the difficult part is what it costs. Yes, there is salvation that is free and all we have to do is believe, but that comes at a cost. I know it sounds contradictory but walk with me. To believe in Jesus and unite yourself with Him, means letting go of your own desires and clinging on to Him. Okay, sure, but what does this have to do with Chapter 2?

Chapter 2 presents another cost. When Paul wrote this letter, there was a great divide between the Jews and the Gentiles. He is now bringing this radical message, that, because of what Jesus had done on the cross, there is no longer any separation; we are all united. It costs us our own ideas and expectations. That... is a difficult concept in a time where people where forced into boxes and categories. Now this man is saying there is no more division because Jesus died on a cross and rose again?

That sounds amazing, for them... but what about now?

We see division in our world all the time. We may not be separated by Jew or Gentile, but we often have this "us vs. them" mentality that creates these walls within the faith. We are all members of God's family. When He looks at us, He doesn't see age, gender, occupation, or religion, He simply sees us as His children. One big happy-ish family, living together and trying to spread the good news together.

I challenge you to see the god in all of the people around you. Break down the walls and barriers that are creating divisions within the body of Christ. He wants us to live as one.



# Athletics' Corner

Thank you to Burman University—"the place where we B Learning"—for hosting the Northern Classic Volleyball Tournament! The event was full of energy, excitement, and unforgettable moments.

Our girls' team fought hard, defeating OCS in a thrilling three-set bronze medal match. Meanwhile, the boys' team dominated, winning gold in three straight matches against DLS. Both teams showcased incredible skill, determination, and sportsmanship. Go Panthers Go!

Basketball Season is Underway!

Basketball tryouts have wrapped up, and practices are in full swing as we prepare for an exciting season ahead.

A special thank you to our volunteer coaches, whose dedication and time make these opportunities possible for our students. Your guidance not only helps develop their athletic skills but also builds character and lasting memories.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

—Colossians 3:23

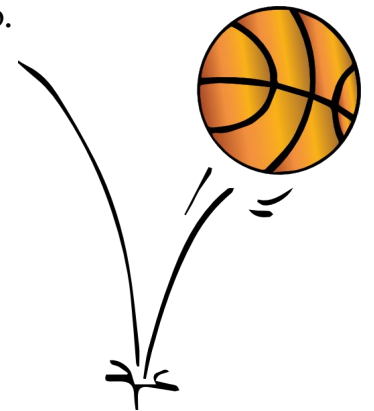
Health Challenge:

This week, take time to listen to one of Dr. Huberman's podcasts. Let me know which one you choose and what you think!

Mr. Devon McAfee

Athletic Director

Parkview Adventist Academy



## What's up PAA?

# Important Dates

- Dec 6 - PD Day, no school
- Dec 7 - H&S Christmas Party, 5:30pm
- Dec 15 - SA Banquet, 6pm
- Dec 20 - Last day of classes
- Dec 23-Jan 3 - Christmas Break, no school
- Jan 6 - School resumes
- Jan 10 - PD Day, no school

## 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.

The next meeting is Monday, Jan 20 from 6:30-7:30pm.

Come visit with parents and share your ideas.



Contact the Home and School Assoc. secretary today at [hsleader@gmail.com](mailto:hsleader@gmail.com) to see how you can get involved!

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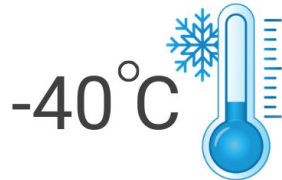
## We have a new communication tool!

HELP US PREPARE FOR SCHOOL CLOSURES AND EMERGENCIES SO WE CAN KEEP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE!

Make sure you OPT-IN and get alerts from your school by texting "Y" to 978338



## ALBERTA CONFERENCE COLD WEATHER POLICY



*With or without wind chill*



*Busses Cancelled  
Schools are closed*

### ROAD CONDITIONS

*Heavy Snowfall, blowing snow, freezing rain and/or heavy fog*



*Busses Cancelled  
Schools may be closed*

**When temperatures or road conditions are extreme, PAA will abide by the following policy.**



# What's up PAA?

You are invited to our annual

# H&S Christmas Party

**DECEMBER 7, 2024**

5:30 PM at PAA

TO BRING: YOUR FAVOURITE  
CHRISTMAS FOOD TO SHARE

Join us for games, crafts, good food, and community.

Prizes for the best dressed Christmas Movie/Character.

Toy Drive - Welcome to bring a new and unwrapped toy.

A PAA Home and School Event. All PAA families welcome.



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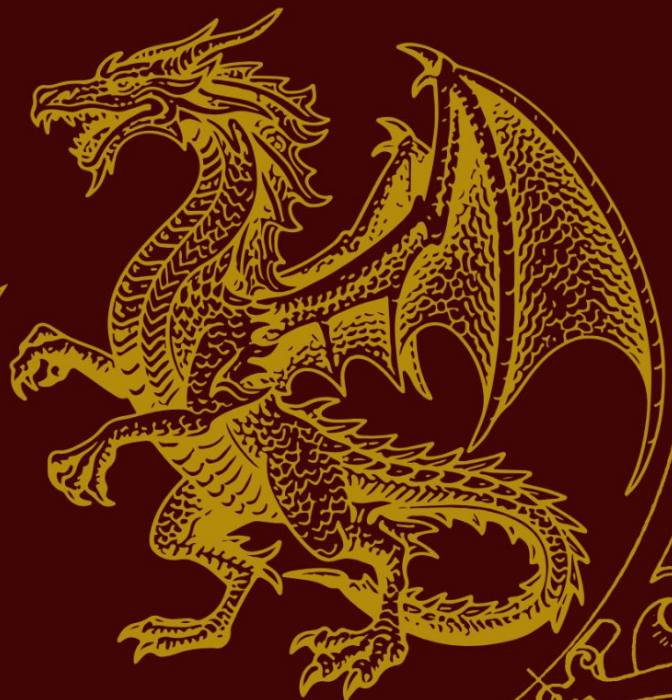
# Medieval Knight

When: December 15th

Time: 6:00-9:00pm

Where: Parkview Adventist Academy

Dress Code: Formal





# What's up PAA?

## Christmas Spirit Week

December

16-20

Monday:

Santa's Workshop



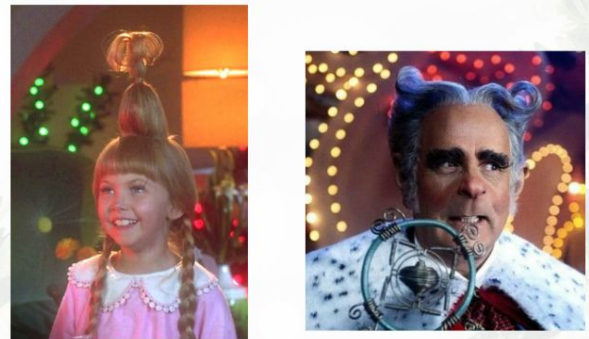
Tuesday:

Christmas sweaters



Wednesday:

Whoville hair day /  
Crazy hair day



Thursday:

Christmas  
Character Day



Friday:

Christmas PJ Day





# What's up PAA?

## HOT LUNCH UPDATE

Forks, spoons, and knives from the kitchen are for use with hot lunches.

Those not ordering hot lunches need to bring their own eating utensils to school. These will no longer be distributed to others.

**It's highly recommended for all students to keep utensils in their locker for reuse whenever needed.**

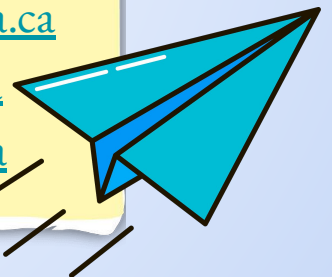
**No hot lunches Dec 16-19.**

**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.**

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## Schoology Parent Access

Schoology is newly accessible to parents.

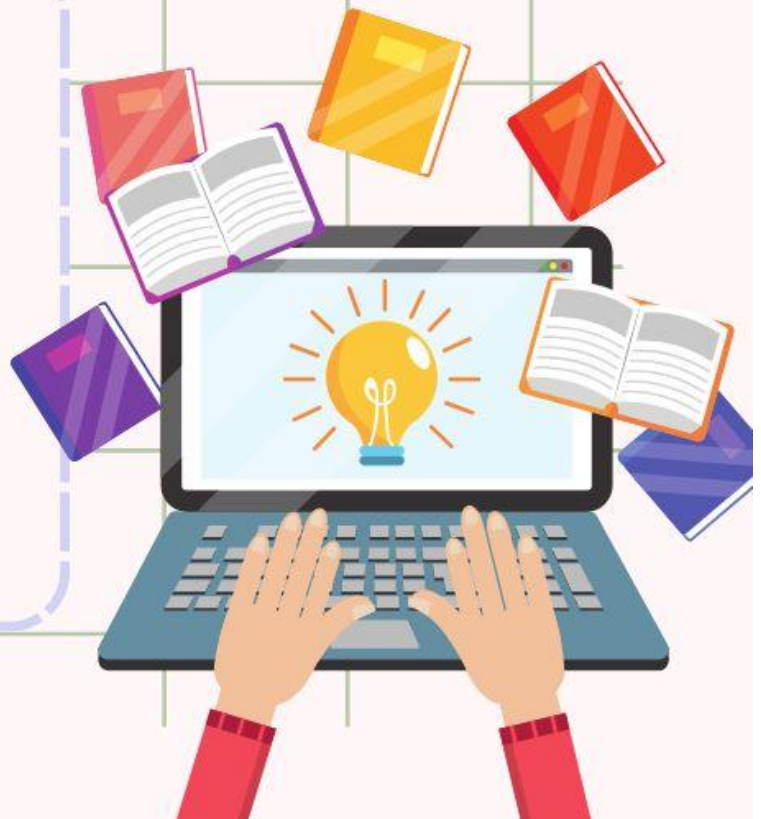
*In Schoology, parents can see assignments for individual classes. Parents, this tool will help you stay involved in your child's education!*

Read through the information below to help you log in to Schoology.



## SCHOOLGY PARENT LOGIN PROCESS

- ★ Go to [app.schoology.com](http://app.schoology.com)
- ★ enter your username and password (should be same as PowerSchool Login)
- ★ Enter your School's Postal Code
- ★ email your school if you have any troubles





# 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](mailto:office@paa.ca)



# What's up PAA?

**Need a  
Christmas  
gift?**

*Custom design  
any piece to  
suit your style.*

**Order  
today!**

## PAA SWAG!

### HOODED SWEATSHIRT

*This sweater is customizable through brands, colours, and symbols. It's also super comfortable! Find it and more at Entripy Shops.*

★★★★★



### SNAPBACK CAP

*This trendy cap is customizable through symbols or colours. find it on entripy shops for \$30.00*

★★★★★



### WATER RESISTANT WINDBREAKER

*This light Jacket is perfect for everyday activities, it is light enough to work out in and heavy enough to keep you warm. Find this and more on the entripy shops website.*

★★★★★



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**Shop here:**  
<https://parkviewadventistacademy.entripyshops.com/>





# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Last day to register for photo retakes	6 No School PD Day	7  H&S Christmas Party, 5:30pm
8	9  Chapel	10 School Board Mtg, 6:30pm	11	12	13	14
15  SA Banquet, 6pm	16  Chapel	17	18	19	20  Last day of classes	21
No hot lunches, Dec 16-19						
Christmas Spirit Week						
22	23	24	25  Merry Christmas!	26	27	28
Dec 21-Jan 5 - Christmas Break - No School						
29	30	31  Happy New Year!	Jan 1	Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4
Dec 21-Jan 5 - Christmas Break - No School						
Jan 5	Jan 6  - School resumes - Chapel	Jan 7	Jan 8	Jan 9	Jan 10 No School PD Day	Jan 11