



Parkview Connections

Special points of **INTEREST**

Our website has a page just for Alumni!
paa.ca/alumni-news.

We have the unique privilege of working with a group of students that actually really like us!

Our new building will be located beside the ABC strip mall and across from CHCS and built by Eagle Builders.

We have 50 enrolled students this year with 5 students in the dormitory.

Our student body represents cultures and ethnicities from all over the globe!

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Parkview Excels Mid-Pandemic



Staff and Students met outside for week of prayer to comply with COVID-19 restrictions

Friday, March 13, 2020 will forever be etched in our minds as the weekend that everything changed.

dents were not experiencing educational gaps.

We gathered our students together to tell them we would not be returning to the classrooms after spring break. It was uncertain times as the foundations shifted beneath us. Our teachers spent their spring break prepping and planning for the shift to online teaching and didn't skip a beat as our classes moved to this new platform.

While we adjusted some of our class times and scheduling, our students continued to receive high level teaching and learning in the midst of some of the strangest times. Teachers and staff worked together to help graduate our seniors and ensure our stu-



Seniors work together on a Biology lab project amid COVID precautions.

This school year we were lucky to be back in our classrooms for August through November and while we know there are some lasting effects of COVID to our students and staff, we are a tight group navigating this together and the success is evident. Our students rave about their teachers and how effectively they shifted to ensure that learning

continued. And as we head back online again, I know they will once again, show their professionalism and commitment to teaching excellence.

Our success is due to your prayers, God's blessings, and the support of our stakeholders. There is a lot of positive happening in our school and we attribute that to the prayer cover for our school and the strong relationships that exist between our students and their teachers.

We thank-you for your continued prayers and support as we adjust to the new "normal" fully comprehending the value of an Alumni body that is praying for and supporting it's school.

Mrs. Holly Kay
Vice-Principal.

Changes at PAA

The last three years has seen some major shifts at our school, from new teachers to new administration and new governance, we are grateful for God's continued work in the lives of our staff and students.



One of the biggest changes coming up is the building of a new facility.

We are looking forward to working closely with Eagle Builders to erect a school (directly across University Drive from CHCS) that will be all our own, more accessible and better suited to the needs of our staff and

students.

The plans for the new school will be available for your perusal on our website once they are finalized.

We are projecting a January 2022 opening date and look forward to any help you all can offer over Christmas break to help us move!

In the midst of all the changes in the last years, we are continually thankful for the blessing of your prayer cover.

Our Alumni are our legacy and we look forward to a continued symbiotic relationship going well into the future.

New Constituency

PAA has a long and wonderful history as a part of the Burman University campus; but the time has come for us to step out on our own and establish an independent identity.

One of the perks of this process is the new constituent churches that now claim us as "their" school. As an Alberta school we are happy to claim these wonderful church bodies and the support that goes a long with that. Our new family expands to include the College Heights SDA Church, The Lacombe Community SDA Church, Sylvan Lake SDA Church, Red Deer SDA Church, Red Deer EPIC Church and Ponoka SDA Church.

We are so grateful you all have agreed to welcome us into your families and we look forward to a



Haylee Bruins preaches at Bentley SDA Church

time when we can come and introduce you to our students and staff!

In the meantime, stay tuned for a special video message we are working on the send out just for you which we will send out to your churches upon its completion. Blessings!!



Our Senior class striking a pose with their team gaiters in full team colours!

"Gamifying" High School

This year, amidst so much uncertainty, our staff came up with a plan to make High School fun when we were no longer able to do all the fun things we usually do because of the pandemic. So we are gamifying high school.

Each grade is their own team and they earn points for participation in school functions, attendance, grades, fun challenges and much, much more. We are looking forward to expanding this program each year and adding to it to make it something students will remember for years to come!

Our Staff



Working in a place where teachers and staff thoroughly enjoy each other creates the opportunity for students to do the same. The laughter, staff banter and communication between colleagues creates a collaborative school culture unique to PAA.

"We are used to hearing 'I love my teacher' from elementary students. But it is rare to hear high schoolers raving about how much they love their teachers like the students at PAA do. You are an incredible group of staff"

-Ronda Ziakris

High school can be stressful enough, but when you have a group of teachers that make it fun, it helps to mitigate that stress.

We thank God every day for His strength and giving us an ability to shield our students from the world around them through a veil of laughter, love and prayer. God is good! All the time!



Our VP Holly Kay and Reashana Walters back when hugging was allowed!

INSPIRATION

Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy burdened, and I will give you rest
Matthew 11:28

Alumni Spotlight Curtis Letniak

Curtis Letniak and his wife Julie and their two teenage children live near Ponoka, Alberta where they are actively involved in their local church as well as volunteer mission work abroad in countries throughout Southeast Asia. Curtis is founder and owner of Spyder Controls Corp. a Canadian electronics design and manufacturing firm that serves a variety of marine, vehicle and equipment manufacturers throughout North America.

He is very grateful for the work and vocational experience gained during his time at PAA, skills that were direc-

tly related to successful business and ministry. Curtis is passionate about developing creativity and innovation in business and dedicating those same skills in ministry to hasten Christ's soon return.



Curtis and Julie Letniak with their two children in Cambodia

Alumni Weekend

With all the uncertainty in the world right now, we really aren't sure what Alumni Weekend will look like this coming summer.

Luckily, we are still planning to celebrate our Alumni as we always have in conjunction with Burman University! Our upcoming honour years are the classes of 2016, 2011, 2006, 2001, 1996, 1991, 1986, 1981, 1976, 1971, 1966, 1961, 1956, 1951, 1946, and 1941.

We look forward to finding creative ways to celebrate you and your milestone this summer for Alumni Weekend 2021!





“Creating Leaders for Relevant Christian Service”

We are excited for the possibilities in store for Parkview Adventist Academy and we encourage you to be a part of the adventure by joining us in prayer and openness to God’s leading. If you would like updates more often, please join us on our Facebook page dedicated to our Alumni and Friends by searching @parkviewadventistacademyalumni

We look forward to connecting with you soon!



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The Last Word with Mr. Weis

Dear: PAA Alumni

Greetings from your school, Parkview Adventist Academy. It was my privilege to teach right here at PAA from 1974 - 1981 and that privilege continued when I returned as the Principal in 2018. I fondly recall so many of you and enjoy our continued relationships throughout the years. I have watched you grow, have families, enter chosen careers and even watched your descendants as they walk through our doors on their own high school journeys.

It is my joy to take on this role and I wish to tell you that PAA is alive and well. We continue to provide quality Christian education to the students of central Alberta and beyond. PAA is now an Alberta SDA Conference school with the full support of the department of education and our

new constituent churches. Many plans are in development for the future of PAA including a new building which we are excitedly planning to occupy by January, 2022.

I look forward to joining with you at the forthcoming ribbon cutting ceremony I am sure will take place soon. We will gather together to bless our new building knowing that it’s really the people that walk through its doors we will always be praying for.

Thank you for praying for the success of PAA as we continue to educate our students. Our success lies in the prayers of our supporters and we are so grateful to you all for that continued belief and support.



Dallas Weis

Principal
Parkview Adventist Academy