



PANTHERS' POST

JUNE 2025

We've Made It – Congratulations!

We've officially made it to the final month of the 2024–2025 school year—what an incredible journey it's been! I want to take a moment to express just how proud I am of our entire PAA community.

To our dedicated staff: thank you for your tireless effort in planning events, building thoughtful schedules, preparing for your classes, assessing students, forming meaningful relationships, and most of all, consistently sharing your faith and love for Jesus in all that you do.

To our students: I'm proud of your commitment to learning, your perseverance, your laughter, and your resilience. Some of you were more consistent in your attendance than others—but all of you showed up with courage, curiosity, and heart. Thank you for putting your phones down, engaging with one another, and bringing life into these cement walls. Thank you for shining brightly and believing in a God who carries us through. It's been beautiful to see your faith in action this year.

To our parents and community: your support does not go unnoticed. Thank you for helping us make things happen, for leading by example, for spreading positivity, and for being champions of Adventist education. Your strength and commitment are what sustain our shared mission.

Together, our community is strong.

Together, we set a pattern worth following.

Together, we are one.

A verse that comes to mind often is John 13:35 – *"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."* Each of us has a role to play in this mission, and I'm truly grateful for how we each strive to live up to that calling.

As we step into June, my encouragement is this: keep your eyes fixed on the One who holds this ship together. It is only through God's grace and continued presence in our school that we are able to thrive. I've learned personally that when I lay down my own priorities and surrender to His will, life finds its rhythm. And when the waters get choppy, it's often a reminder to return to my knees and realign with Him in prayer.

To our graduates and returning students: never forget that *"you are the light of the world."* God has incredible dreams for your life. Let Him work in and through you this summer. Take pride in your identity in Jesus, and walk by faith wherever He leads.

I am *thrilled* that June is here and eager to hear about all your summer adventures.

To our Grade 12s—enjoy this next chapter of your lives!

To our returning students—Grade 10s and 11s—we'll see you in the fall!

Mr. Dani Desjardins - PAA Principal

Chaplain's Corner

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PASTOR DEE'S DEBRIEF



JUNE DATES

June 2

Chapel

June 6

Vespers

June 6-8

Alumni Weekend

June 9

Chapel

June 13

Last Vespers

June 13

Last day of classes

Notice that it says "he ascended." This clearly means that Christ also descended to our lowly world. And the same one who descended is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that he might fill the entire universe with himself.

Eph. 4:9-10



THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GRACE

Can I be honest?

This year was really hard. It was truly amazing and I loved it. At the same time it was really hard. Being blessed with this job was a reminder that God always has a plan for my life, which meant I had to truly lean into His knowledge, strength, and joy.

There have been many expectations ... many successes ... many failures ... many laughs ... many mistakes ... many memories ... and most importantly daily opportunities to see and experience the Hand of God.

I got a lot of things wrong, and I am so grateful to this community for showing me grace, for teaching me and holding me up when I felt like I had no strength as I navigated the loss of many people.

I want to also say a huge thank you to the students, teachers, and staff for allowing me to nerd out about the Bible and math!

WE ARE ALMOST AT THE END

We are in the final chapter of Ephesians and it has been such a blessing to be able to walk through this book of the Bible throughout the year.

A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armour so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. (Eph. 6:10-11)

You have gone through a journey, for some it has been smooth, for others it has been rocky, but you are almost at the end of the school year. As you navigate the rest of the year and go into your summer break, remember that you are never fighting alone. Stand **firm** and stand **strong** in the **Lord**. Lean in to Him. Lean on Him. Watch as He fights and wins every battle for you.

When you feel like there is a war going on in your mind, call on the name of the Lord.
When you feel like you can't focus on your studying, call on the name of the Lord.
When you feel lost about your next steps, call on the name of the Lord.
When you feel overwhelmed with joy, call on the name of the Lord.
May the name of the Lord be the sweetest name that you know.

I am so excited for our Grade 12s who are closing a chapter and walking into a new one! For our Grade 10s and 11s, I am excited to continue walking alongside you as you learn more about Jesus and make the decision to follow Him.

Here's to another year ... one with less mistakes ... hopefully, haha.

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Mental Health Corner

Happy summer! Things are sure feeling like summer after a bit of a heat wave and some good thunderstorms! And since this is my last message of the school year, I would like to wish each of you a fantastic summer! It has been such a privilege to spend time with your children this year! I'm so thankful for the interactions we've had and for the growth that I've seen take place in them.

This last month in Grade 12, in our Open Parachute discussions, we've discussed the necessity of stepping outside of our comfort zones to be our best selves. Whether this means dealing with, rather than avoiding, tough situations or conflict, or finding the courage to try new things, getting outside of our comfort zone is necessary for our growth and wellbeing.



In Grade 11, we've discussed the impact of intergenerational trauma, and the importance of safe and supportive relationships that are necessary in order to heal.

And in Grade 10, we've discussed the importance of noticing the stress responses of fight, flight, or freeze, both in ourselves and in those around us. Noticing this is the first step to supporting our nervous systems so we can reset.

And finally, in all of our classes, we got to close out the year by writing thank you notes to some specific individuals in our lives who have supported us in our journey. Supporting good brain health for the writers and the recipients is such a win-win!

Praying for each of you and your children, that you are able to find good support to continue growing in your journey with understanding and supporting mental health and becoming your best self!

Happy summer! :)

Kayla Whitworth
Learning Support Teacher



What's up PAA?

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.

Thank you for your immense support through the year!
We look forward to what next school year has to offer.



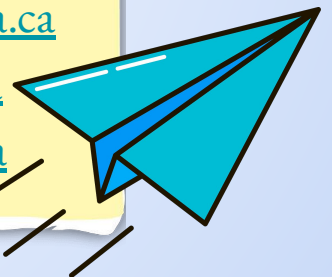
Contact the Home and School
Assoc. secretary today at
hsleader@gmail.com
to see how you can get involved!

**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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Parkview Adventist Academy Proudly Presents

The Graduating Class Of

2025

We invite you to join us in celebrating
this important milestone!



*College Heights SDA Church,
Lacombe, Alberta*

Convocation – Sunday June 22 @ 1:00 pm





HELP IS NEEDED FOR GRAD!

*We would love your help with grad
cleanup on Tuesday, June 24.
Please contact Mr. Ruzindana
or Ms. Fernandez.*

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***Many hands
make light work.
Thank you in
advance
for volunteering!***

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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

