



# PANTHERS' POST

MARCH 2025

Prayer, simplicity, and joy - these three words capture the essence of my recent mission trip to the Philippines. This past month, I had the incredible opportunity to serve at the Philippine Adventist Medical Aviation Services (PAMAS) base in Palawan, helping to complete an apartment building for missionaries. When this opportunity came to me in December, I prayed about it, and God opened the doors to make it happen. I am so grateful I went and was able to serve in a way that directly supports those spreading the gospel.

While there, I installed plumbing, drywall, taped, mudded, sanded, and primed the spaces for the final touches. In addition to the building project, I connected with missionaries at the main base and even climbed to one of the Indigenous schools in the mountains to witness firsthand the authentic life of the Palawano people. This was, without a doubt, the highlight of my experience. I stood in awe, deeply moved by what God has done and continues to do for the people living in these remote areas.

At PAMAS, I saw a powerful model of ministry—one that integrates faith into every aspect of life. God's blueprint for education, health, agriculture, aviation, construction, community outreach, and Bible work was not just theory, but lived out daily. As I spoke with the missionaries, it became clear that they each valued this divine plan, using it as a foundation for their work.

Through my time with them, three words resonated deeply—**prayer, simplicity, and joy**. These words encapsulate why the missionaries are there and what we, too, can embrace in our own lives.

Prayer is woven into everything they do—before, during, and after each task. Lauralea, a nurse, shared how she begins each patient interaction with prayer, asking God to lead in healing and guidance. Throughout her work, she prays for wisdom and recall, and when the visit concludes, she prays again with her patient. Prayer is not just a practice; it is a way of life.

Luis, another nurse and Bible worker, bakes 20 loaves of whole-wheat bread each week and sells them at the Brooke's Point Market. His mission is simple—build relationships through bread. After connecting with people for a few weeks, he invites them to care groups or health workshops. His market stand is nothing elaborate, yet through these simple, non-threatening interactions, he is able to share the gospel.

The missionaries at PAMAS—and the people of this island—exude a deep, authentic joy. It is not based on material wealth but on something far greater. The students in the mountains demonstrated this joy in a way that brought me to tears. When we gave them simple school supplies, their excitement was like that of children on Christmas morning. Though the items were small, their gratitude was immense, reminding me that true joy comes not from possessions but from contentment and thankfulness.

Prayer. Simplicity. Joy. These three words serve as a reminder that when we depend on God, He provides all we need. In collaboration with Him, life is richer and more meaningful.

As our PAA students prepare for their service opportunity in Jamaica, I ask that you pray for them. Pray that this experience will transform their hearts, that the Holy Spirit will move them to action, and that they will walk in step with Him in amplified ways upon their return. May this journey remind them of the Great Commission—that they are His hands, feet, and voice in this world.

**Blessings!**

**Mr. Dani Desjardins - PAA Principal**

## What's up PAA?

# PAUSE + PRAY

Please join us **Monday evening at 8pm** to pause and pray for our students, staff, parents and other members of our learning community. It is 2025 and God has incredible plans for our school and to know those plans is to sit with Him, listen to Him, and to allow Him the space to unfold His plans before us! We are so fortunate to have the knowledge of prayer and in 2025, let us commit to weekly **30 minute prayer** time as a community.

Please use the following link to connect with this community of prayer:

<https://shorturl.at/W4qjF>

Or use the following meeting ID and Password

**Meeting ID: 993 2864 5014**

**Passcode: 1234567**

**PRAYER** unites us with one another and with God. **PRAYER** brings Jesus to our side, and gives new strength and fresh grace to the fainting, perplexed soul to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil. **PRAYER** turns aside the attacks of Satan.

*Our High Calling, p. 177*



**Please pray for:**

Our students as they prepare for their exams and diplomas;  
Our teachers who will be grading and finalizing the semester;  
Strong bond between home and school;  
Protection over students and staff and their families;  
Parents as they raise their children in The Way;  
Clear direction for the future of God's school.

# Chaplain's Corner

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ISSUE 6

## PASTOR DEE'S DEBRIEF



### EPHESIANS 4:3-6

Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.

### A BUSY MONTH AHEAD

I genuinely don't understand how we are already in March. It feels like the year is running by and not waiting for me to catch up. I am sorry I missed my debrief last month, but thank you for always praying for me and checking in on my mental health.

This is an exciting and busy month. By the time you read this we will have already done our Mission Trip Fundraiser Event and my prayer is that you had fun, we raised a lot of money, and you were able to participate in the joy that Jamaica brings. Please continue to pray for us as we prepare for our mission trip. Our students and sponsors are excited about going to a different country, to dive into a new culture, and live out the gospel through service.

Additionally, this month we will have a worship workshop with Jolly Grace, who is the Worship Pastor at Church in the Valley in BC. The focus on March 7 and 8 will be to learn what worship is, different forms of worship, and the power of worship. We will have a vespers program focused on that and then have a panel and song writing session on Saturday afternoon. The purpose of the workshop is to have an open and engaging conversation about the beauty and power of worship.

One of my favourites things about being Adventist is the global community that is woven together through our shared beliefs. This is the reason I look forward to Global Youth Day every year, as millions of youth from around the world intentionally go out into the world to serve their communities. There are 10 different GYD sites in Alberta this year, with different speakers and service opportunities. My hope and prayer is that you are able to be a sermon and share the love and power of Jesus Christ.

This will be a busy month, but I am so excited to see how our students continue to grow, learn, and serve, Your prayers are felt and your support brings us so much comfort. Thank you for being a part of this community.

### MARCH DATES

**March 1**

Mission Trip Fundraiser Event

**March 3**

Chapel

**March 7-8**

Worship Workshop

**March 10**

Chapel

**March 14-15**

Global Youth Day

**March 17**

Chapel

**March 21-28**

Mission Trip

**March 31**

Chapel

# Mental Health Corner

Happy Spring!

I always appreciate that no matter when our spring weather comes to stay, we have Spring Break in the month of March regardless! Spring Break is such a bonus in our lives, and a wonderful boost to our mental health.

In my visits to Religion classes and our Open Parachute discussions about mental health, here is what we've been discussing recently:

- In Grade 10 we've been looking at the impact of stress on the brain and its function.
- In Grade 11 we've been discussing the experience and process of grief.
- In Grade 12 we've continued talking about managing stress, and naming and sitting with our emotions.

A phrase I have repeated often throughout the year in a few classroom settings is, "we can't fix what we don't acknowledge." And while our mental health and emotions are not problems that need to be "fixed" per se, these are often areas of life where we would like to bring about change. Starting by acknowledging and naming what we are facing is an important first step.

As always, if you're looking for tools to support yourself and your teen in this journey, check out the [parent login](#) from Open Parachute.

Let's increase our awareness of where we are starting from before getting to all the things we'd like to change. Or, in relation to spring, let's appreciate just how much snow needs to melt and the cleanup that needs to be done, before we get to the beautiful new growth that comes with spring!

Enjoy your spring break later this month and soak in the sunshine!

Kayla Whitworth  
Learning Support Teacher



# Athletics' Corner

When writing this Panthers basketball is about to play their first playoff game. Both the girls' and boys' teams play tonight (February 25th) at home against Alix. The boys' team has worked hard and amidst some difficulty, found the strength to finish strong with three straight wins. One of our star athletes has been deeply missed on and off the court and we pray for his full recovery to health. The girls' team has had a difficult season as there were limited game opportunities. Even so, they came up with an important win in their last season game to clinch 4th place. Our PAA girls' team played our CHCS girls' team in a friendly match-up last week. It was a great game and a fun way for our students from both sides of the street to interact. We had three pairs of sisters in the game, which added to the excitement. CHCS came out strong and played well. In the second quarter, PAA took back control and reminded the Jr. high CHCS players where they stood. All in all, it was a great time.

As basketball closes many other opportunities are approaching. Badminton, track and field, football, and soccer are all on the way. In fact, I just got an email about soccer the other day. If you would like to participate in these opportunities, make sure you keep your eyes open for more information. Please feel free to ask me any questions you may have. I would love the support of some parents or willing volunteers for coaching badminton and our track and field events. Please let me know if you are willing or know someone who is.

PAA goes skiing on March 6th to Lake Lot great opportunity to get out to the mounta Thank you to Mr. Blankenfeldt for organiz this. God is good! Let us enjoy the beauty h has made.

Health Challenge: As warmer weather approaches make sure to get outside for a walk/run at least three times a week.

Mr. Devon McAfee  
Athletic Director  
Parkview Adventist Academy



## What's up PAA?

# Important Dates

- Mar 7 - PD Day, No School
- Mar 14 - Class Challenge, 1-3pm
- Mar 17-21 - Communication Week
- Mar 24-28 - Spring Break, No School
- Apr 4 - 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.

There will be no meeting in March.

Come visit with parents and share your ideas at the April meeting.




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

**What's up PAA?**

# **PAA Class Challenge!**

A vibrant illustration of a summer beach scene. It features a blue sky, a sandy beach, a palm tree, a striped beach umbrella, a lounge chair, a pair of flip-flops, and a drink with a lime wedge.A colorful illustration of a spring scene. It shows a tree with pink blossoms, green grass, and falling pink petals against a light blue sky.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1-3 PM  
in the PAA Gym**

A warm illustration of an autumn scene. It features trees with orange and yellow leaves, a path, and a decorative border of falling leaves.

**As a class, plan an  
entrance that represents  
your selected season  
(and dress accordingly)!**

A serene illustration of a winter scene. It shows snow-covered evergreen trees against a light blue sky.

**This is our big event to get points!**

**\*New permission forms are needed, please make  
sure yours is signed!**

# What's up PAA?

## Communication Week March 17-21

Communication Week is when parents/guardians and teachers meet to discuss a student's progress, strengths, and areas needing improvement.

They promote collaboration between home and school to support the student's success.

**Watch your email for details on booking appointments.**



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS THINKING ABOUT ATTENDING PAA NEXT YEAR?

**SAVE THE DATE TO COME SEE OUR SCHOOL!**

### Parent Info Night

for parents of prospective students

APRIL 10, 2025  
7:00-8:00PM

### Open House

for prospective students

APRIL 11, 2025  
8:30AM - 12:30PM

All are invited! More info coming soon.

**Belong - Believe - Become**



What's up PAA?

# Back to the Altar

Parents, look at this!!

**Times:**

March 23-29, 2025  
8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

**Address:**

Red Deer Seventh-day  
Adventist Church

Hungry for More?  
Become a Disciple-maker.

**A Perfect March Break Experience!!**

Pastor Don has a special Passion to train young people!

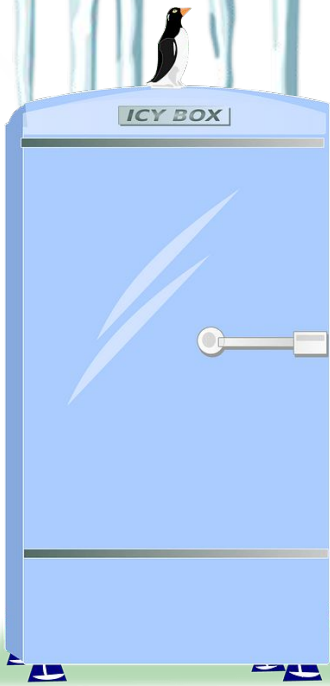
This week-long revival experience, led by **Don MacLafferty**, will give you hands-on, immersive training to become an effective disciple-maker.



[www.albertaadventist.ca/BTTA2025](http://www.albertaadventist.ca/BTTA2025)



# What's up PAA?



**PAA needs a full upright freezer for the kitchen.**

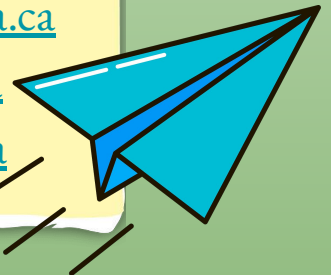
**We are looking for a donation of a full upright freezer or monetary donations towards the purchase of one. If you can help in any way, or know someone who can, please contact the office.**

**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**

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# What's up PAA?

**PLEASE NOTE:  
IF YOUR CHILD HAS EVER ATTENDED ANY OF OUR  
ALBERTA ADVENTIST SCHOOLS YOU ARE A  
RETURNING STUDENT. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR  
SCHOOL FOR THE RETURNING STUDENT  
INSTRUCTIONS.**

**THANK YOU!!**

## NEW FAMILY APPLICATION PROCESS

To complete the form successfully, you'll also need to ensure that you have a copy of the child's citizenship documentation (e.g. Canadian Birth Certificate, Permanent Residence Card, Student Study Permit, etc.). For students who are not Canadian citizens, we are also required to maintain parent documentation on file (e.g. Permanent Residence Card, Work Permit, etc.).

### CREATE NEW PARENT ACCOUNT

Go to: <https://albertaadventist.schoolengage.ca>

Click "Create New Account"

Fill in **PARENT** information and click "Register"

Click on the link in your email address to confirm your account

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### ADD STUDENTS

Log in to your new School Engage Account

Click "Add Student"

Fill in their information and submit

2

### FILL OUT ASSIGNED FORMS

Click on the Graduation Cap

Select your Newly Added Student

Click the Form assigned to your student

Fill in the information

3

### Next Steps:

New Student Applications **might** take a bit longer to process.

Acceptance letters will be sent to the email you used to create your parent account

Your PowerSchool Parent Portal Account will be created at that time and your school will reach out with further instructions.



# What's up PAA?



## RETURNING FAMILY REGISTRATION PROCESS



**WELCOME  
BACK!**

**1**

Log in to your PowerSchool Parent Portal and click the "School Engage" button

**2**

If you need to add a new student: click the grad cap and "Add New Student"

**3**

Click the graduation cap and select your child

**4**

Fill in and submit all forms associated with each child

**5**

Await your "Acceptance" email and further instructions

\*\*Please contact your school administration if you are unable to log in to your PowerSchool Parent Portal

# 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)



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Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada

# Excellence in Education Awards 2025

Nominate  
your Adventist school  
principal or teacher

Deadline April 15

Nomination forms can be found at  
[education.adventist.ca](http://education.adventist.ca)  
Resources - Awards, Scholarships & Internships  
Excellence in Education  
or you may call the  
SDACC Office of Education at  
905-433-0011 for a nomination packet

# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	 3 Chapel	4	5	6	7 No School PD Day	8
9	 10 Chapel	11 PAA Board Meeting, 6:30p	12	13	14 Class Challenge, 1-3pm	15
16	 17 Chapel	18	19	20	21	22
<b>Mission Trip, Jamaica, Mar</b>						
20-28						
<b>Communication Week, March 17-21</b>						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<b>Mission Trip to Jamaica, March 20-28</b>						
<b>SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL, March 24-28</b>						
30	 31 Chapel	Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3	Apr 4 No School PD Day	Apr 5