



PANTHERS' POST

FEBRUARY 2024

It's official! We are halfway through the school year. This past week our students have completed their final exams and diplomas, and today marks the beginning of our second term. On behalf of our staff, I extend my sincere congratulations to each student for their commendable efforts, both within the confines of these four walls and beyond. Our dedicated staff is genuinely proud of the hard work demonstrated by every student. Well done, friends!

Reflecting on 2 Timothy 4:7, "[You] have fought the good fight, [You] have finished the race, [You] have kept the faith," prompts a moment of reflection on the inevitable closures and transitions in our lives. This verse serves as a reminder that individual achievements are often complemented by a collective effort, including the invaluable support of parents and a divine presence that guides and sustains each student. I encourage you to contemplate these words and embrace the peace and guidance that arise from a connection with God.

As we embark on this new semester, I invite you to consider the profound role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of your children. Let us welcome the Holy Spirit to guide our students/your children through the challenges and triumphs that lie ahead. In the midst of academic commitments, it is crucial to emphasize the significance of nurturing their spiritual connection with God.

Just as your children have demonstrated resilience and triumph in overcoming obstacles in the past semester, we place our trust in their ability to face the forthcoming months with strength, determination, and unwavering faith in their Maker. Proverbs 3:5-6 provides timeless wisdom: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Remind your children about this constant promise that we can fully rely on God in every facet of our lives.

As we navigate through this second semester, let us foster a supportive and uplifting community, characterized by shared prayers and words of encouragement. May these next 5 months be a period not only of academic advancement, but also of profound spiritual development.

Blessings!

Mr. Dani Desjardins - PAA Principal

FEATURED STAFF MEMBER

Hello PAA Family!

My name is Devon McAfee and I am Athletic Director for both PAA and CHCS. Along with directing athletics, I teach multiple PE classes and fulfill the role of Jr High VP. I love the opportunity to stay active and build positive relationships with students.

I spent most of my younger years living on an acreage north of Ryley, Alberta. After grade nine, my parents decided to ship me off to boarding school so I landed here at PAA. I'm just kidding. Although I'm sure it was more peaceful at home with me gone, going to PAA was more about receiving a good Adventist education than being shipped away. Both my parents graduated high school from CUC, later named PAA in 1978. I loved my time here at PAA and often refer back to it as "the glory days." Following PAA, I attended AFCOE in northern California. If any student does not know exactly what they want to do following high school, I would strongly recommend attending a program like AFCOE or ARISE. If you are going to attend ARISE, go to Australia because, why not? I can not say enough about how amazing these programs are! They will ground you as an individual in your faith, give you tools and experiences to help maintain your relationship with God, and be the most fun you have ever had.

After attending AFCOE, I went to Walla Walla University and then CUC where I eventually graduated with my Education degree. During my years of education, I was able to convince, with the help of a leather coat and motorcycle, my beautiful wife, Melissa, that marrying me was a good idea. If life were a contest and the winner was determined by the quality of wife one has, then let me tell you, I am a winner! Melissa and I started our family here in Alberta and now have three wonderful children Cole, 12, Jessi-Rae, 10, and Sarah, 8.

Before graduating from CUC, I casually interviewed for a teaching position at PCS in Chetwynd, BC. Thinking it would be a good idea to branch out for a bit, my wife and I decided I should take the position, and that is where I taught for eight years before coming here. I loved teaching at PCS and taught many different subjects, although, most consistently Math and PE. Due to a desire to be closer to family, we decided to look for a position in Central Alberta and were led to the position I currently hold.

Anyway, enough about me. I will leave you with a few pictures, because they are more fun. Also, if you are at all interested in AFCOE or ARISE, please come and talk to me about it.



Mr. Devon McAfee



Chaplain's Corner

Hi PAA Family!

I hope you are having a great start to the new year so far. I pray that you will remember the ways God has been faithfully devoted to you and your families to this point and trust that He will continue to be devoted. He never changes!

Service Projects

We kicked off the new year with worship and service. We used our first Chapel of 2024 to continue creating care packages for the seniors at the Royal Oak Village.

Our students had a blast hand-making cards, personalising them, and decorating the bags for our care packages. Then, on Friday, January 19, after packing baked treats and snacks into each care package, we went carolling in the halls of Royal Oak and delivering care packages to over 200 residents. This was followed with a concert by our PAA Choir. The residents were so appreciative and we had lots of fun connecting with them. I want to express a big thank you to the parents who assisted by donating baked goods. We really appreciate you.

Constituency Church Visits

On January 20, we led both worship experiences at the College Heights SDA Church, and it was such a blessing. Thank you to CHSDA for welcoming us as always. We enjoy being a part of your family. The next stop on our constituency tour is Ponoka SDA Church on February 27, 2024. You are invited to join us.

Mission Trip

I have partnered with the Youth Department of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference to do an urban mission trip in the city of Winnipeg from March 21-30, 2024. In order that all students have an opportunity to participate, I have established a pattern of alternating between local (more affordable) and international trips each year. This year, we are focusing on Urban Missions to teach our students the value of serving in cities and places of need in our own country. Participating in this trip will give students spiritual, humanitarian and educational experiences that will impact their career path and the ways they understand living a life of service and purpose. They will participate in service projects around Winnipeg with the local youth. We are partnering with the Big Brother Big Sister Program to do clothing and food drives and deliveries, as well as feeding the unhoused in Winnipeg. Public beautification projects and community Agape Feasts are also on the itinerary, and during the evenings we will be joining the local churches for a youth revival series.

Each student is expected to fundraise \$1,000. This includes transportation, meals, hotel accommodations, contributions to service activities & recreation. I have shared letter-writing templates with the students to assist them in their fundraising goal.

Please note:

- Each student who writes an email to the College Heights Church at office@chsda.ca requesting financial assistance for the mission trip will automatically receive \$100 towards their fundraising efforts. **Do this immediately to secure funds.**
- Participation in the mission trip must be confirmed by February 20, 2024.

Here are ways, you or donors may contribute to this mission trip:

1. Online at www.paa.ca then click the "DONATE" button.
2. E-transfer to ctransfer@paa.ca.
3. Cheque by mail:

Parkview Adventist Academy
5102 College Ave, Lacombe, AB T4L 1Z2 Canada

Donations are tax-deductible, and donors need to indicate the name of the student they are sponsoring and that it's for the mission trip. If you have any questions about the trip, you can contact me at rcarey@paa.ca

Blessings,

Pastor Romando

Chaplain, PAA



Athletics' Corner

PAA Panthers are on the go with basketball. Only two more games left in the regular season before playoffs. Both our teams are doing well and will be competing during the playoffs. The boys have a home game on February 7th and an away game on the 12th. The girls have only one game, in Alix on the 12th, left for this season before playoffs.

Badminton is the next athletic opportunity for our students. If you, as a student, are interested in playing badminton, please let me know. Also, if there are parents who would like to support the badminton program, let me know. I often need volunteers to help supervise gym time for the students to practice. All you need is a current police check on file with the school.

I'm sure our athletes are glad their final exams for this semester are finished. It is a lot to balance athletics and academics, along with the rest of life. Learning to find balance as we endeavor to accomplish the tasks set before us is a valuable skill. A skill, which in all honesty, many of us are lacking in. This is a skill that I am not entirely sure how to directly improve. I guess, just like with any other skill, it takes practice. Practice prioritizing the really important things like your relationship with God, then allow Him to direct how you balance the rest of your day. Days where I take the time to connect with Jesus often go smoother. Delight yourself in the Lord and He will direct your paths. That is not exactly what the Bible says, however, if you read Psalms 37 and Proverbs 3, you'll get the idea.

Health Challenge:

Get at least eight hours of sleep each night by going to bed early for a week and then see how you feel.

"Early to bed, early to rise, makes you healthy, wealthy, and wise".

Mr. Devon McAfee
Athletic Director
Parkview Adventist Academy



What's up PAA?

Important Dates

- Feb 1 - First Day of Semester 2
- Feb 3 - Halfway There Potluck Party
- Feb 9 - PD Day, No School
- Feb 13 - Photo Retakes
- Feb 16 - Teachers' Convention, No School
- Feb 19 - Family Day, No School
- Feb 24 - Class Challenge
- Mar 1 - PD Day, No School

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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?

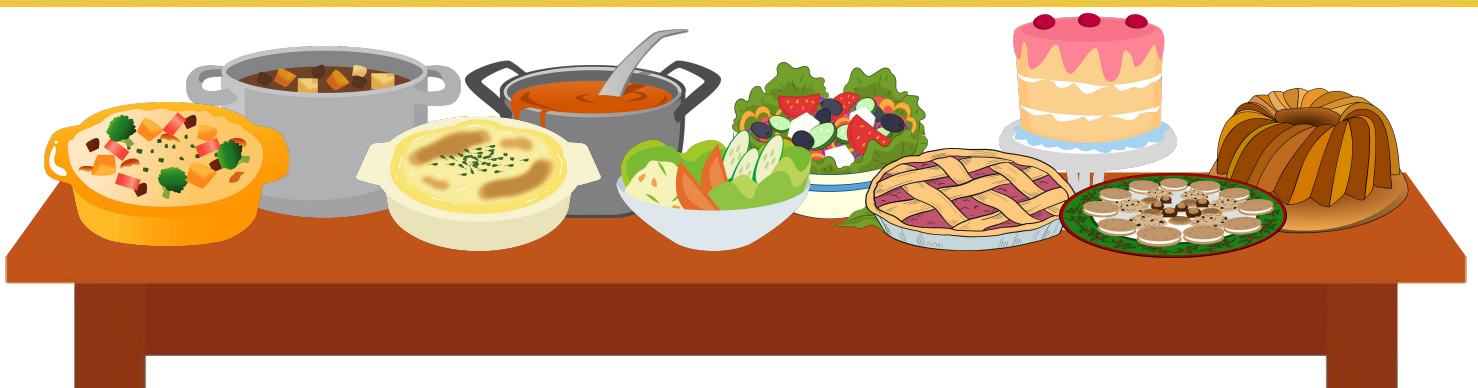
GOOD FOOD. GOOD COMPANY.

It's a half way there Potluck Party!

Join us at PAA with your favourite dish to share.
1:30pm Sabbath afternoon
February 3, 2024

A HOME AND SCHOOL EVENT. ALL PAA
FAMILIES WELCOME!

Stay tuned for another potluck in May.



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, Feb. 25, at 7:00pm [via ZOOM](#).

“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

Mental Health Corner

First semester is complete. Whatever the last number of months have held for you and your family, use this milestone as an opportunity to *reflect* and to *celebrate!* Make a practice of celebrating the little wins, along with the big wins. The big wins are always the culmination of all the little wins along the way, so whatever the outcome, zoom in and celebrate the small things too.

Now get to it! **You've got some celebrating to do!**

Kayla Whitworth
Learning Support Teacher



What's up PAA?

**Please familiarize yourself with our Attendance Policy.
Let's work together for the benefit and success of our students!**

Attendance Policy

A basic yet fundamental way to make a difference in your academic success is to make sure that you attend school regularly and on time. The long term impact of absences or lates is significant and has the potential to result in upgrading post-secondary. Therefore, at PAA we want to avoid that and make sure that all of our students attend school regularly and punctually. Section 31 of the Education Act states that the "student shall attend school regularly and punctually". To this end, PAA has developed these guidelines to support our students' attendance.

Note that the use of the word "absence" in this policy primarily refers to **unexcused absences.*

Attendance Policy

1. Attend your classes regularly. This is for your benefit first and foremost.
2. Beat the bell. Being punctual is a healthy habit to develop not just now, but for the future.
 - a. If you're late, please notify the office and pick up a late slip before coming to class.
 - b. **Anything unexcused past 20 minutes from the start of class will result as an unexcused absence.**
3. Frequent absences will be monitored and will result in appropriate consequences.
 - a. **3+ class absences** - The classroom teacher will monitor the student's attendance and speak directly with the student to help resolve frequent absences
 - b. **5+ class absences** - The classroom teacher will continue to monitor absences followed with a phone call to parents and follow up with an email addressing the student, their parents, and the school administration expressing their concerns and to discuss the impact in learning this has on their child.
 - c. **10+ class absences** - The classroom teacher will notify the school administration who will make a phone call to arrange a meeting involving the parents, the student and teacher to further develop a support plan. Consequently, this may result in being withdrawn from a particular class.

An automated communication messaging service has been implemented with the purpose to notify parents by text-message and phone call of all unexcused absences.

To ensure the well-being of all our students, our staff will strive to communicate frequent absences.

What's up PAA?

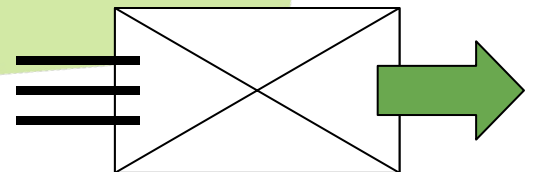
If at any time you wish to meet with a teacher, you can contact them at the email address below to make an appointment.

Name

Mr. Dani Desjardins
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Mr. Colton Greenlaw
Ms Sharline Fernandez
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Hot lunch update...

*Stay tuned for
more information.*

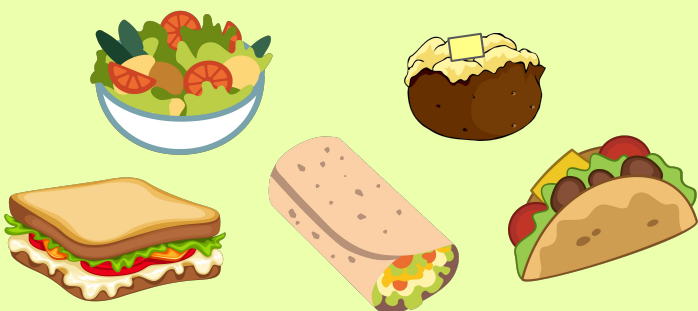


Photo Retakes

***Photo retakes are
February 13, 2024.***

If you have registered
for retakes,
come dressed and
prepared for photos.



What's up PAA?

Dear PAA Family,

Christmas is in the past, but that does not mean we will forget about the giving spirit. Upstairs in PAA, we have an empty tree set up which has been designated a 'Giving Tree.' Throughout the month of February, we will be accepting donations to the Lacombe Food Bank and also the Red Deer Soup Kitchen to distribute as needed. Please have your donations in by the end of February.

Thank you so much for all of your help!

Needs for the Red Deer Soup Kitchen:

- blankets
- towels
- winter jackets
- winter gloves/mitts
- men's size small clothing
- new underwear
- new long underwear
- warm socks
- toques
- travel mug
- Gift cards for McDonalds or Tim Hortons
- nail clippers
- earplugs
- travel-size
 - tissue
 - q-tips
 - deodorants
 - razors
 - shampoo
 - conditioner
 - lotion
 - body wash
 - body cleansing wipes
 - toothbrush and toothpaste
 - feminine hygiene items

Needs for the Lacombe Food Bank:

Non-Perishable Food Items:	Perishable Food Items:	Non-Food Items
Baking ingredients: flour, baking powder, sugar, baking soda	bread	baby diapers
beans	pastries	toiletries
macaroni and cheese	fruit	dish soap
pasta and sauce	vegetables	hygiene products
canned fish or meat		
peanut butter		
powdered milk		
soup		
canned fruits or vegetables		
granola bars		
baby food or baby formula		
juice boxes or other items for school lunches		



What's up PAA?

STUDENT
ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

CLASS CHALLENGE

FEBURARY 24 - 7PM TO 10 PM
AT PARKVIEW ADVENTIST ACADEMY

WHAT IS IT?

- Compete against classes in various challenges
- Gain points to try and win a prize at the end of the year



FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT THE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION INSTA
[@parkview.student.association](https://www.instagram.com/parkview.student.association)



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 office@paa.ca.



February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 First Day of Semester 2	2	3 Halfway There Potluck Party 1:30pm
4	5 Chapel	6 Board Mtg, 6:30pm	7	8	9 PD Day No School	10
11	12 Chapel	13 Photo Retakes	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16 Teachers' Convention No School	17
18	19 Family Day No School	20 Chapel	21	22	23	24  Ponoka SDA Church Visit  Class Challenge 7pm
25  Pause & Pray, 7pm, via Zoom	26 Chapel	27	28	29	Mar 1 PD Day No School	Mar 2