



PANTHERS' POST

MARCH 2024

The month of March is upon us. The weather came in like a lion and hopefully we are going out like a lamb. So far the weather forecast seems to be heading into sunnier and warmer days!

I am excited to announce the launch of a new lunch program at PAA. This program is designed to provide healthy, wholefood, and low cost meals to our students. We endeavor to provide a variety of options that help to bring clarity of the mind and nourishment to the body and all its faculties. I extend an invitation to our students and parents to contribute feedback with our office on the menu items, this will help us tailor our meals to our student population.

Our commitment to Christian values remains unwavering, serving as the foundation of our Parkview Adventist Academy community. We ascribe to generate within our learning community the following values - cultivating community, embracing diversity, discovering Jesus, seeking wisdom, serving with purpose and connecting with God and humanity. As such, we hope that these values foster in our students a sense of belonging, an opportunity to explore their faith, and pursue a purpose to become what God has intended for them to become.

Looking ahead, we have 20+ students going to Winnipeg to serve and evangelize in that community. The purpose is to practically engage our youth in the work of ministry Jesus outlines in Matthew 25.

Finally, Spring Break is coming up (March 25-April 1). For some this time will offer our students and staff the opportunity to slow down or recharge. Whether you plan to travel or spend quality time at home, I encourage everyone to utilize this break for rest and rejuvenation.

In navigating the intricacies of March at Parkview Adventist Academy, let us approach the nuances with gratitude, steadfastness in our values, and preparation for the upcoming season.
Best Regards,

Blessings!

Mr. Dani Desjardins - PAA Principal

FEATURED STAFF MEMBER

Hi Friends,

My name is Romando Carey, and I serve at PAA as Chaplain. I also have the pleasure of being Chaplain at CHCS, a Pastor at the College Heights church, and conductor of Ubuntu of Burman University. Ministry is my life! However, I am currently working on making my life a ministry. Yes, there is a difference.

I really enjoy loving and serving people, but I almost missed out on this opportunity because I didn't want to follow Jesus' call to ministry. I felt so much shame because of the person I was before coming to Jesus that I found it impossible to imagine having a happy and meaningful life in ministry. So, I enrolled at the University of the West Indies, Jamaica, and studied Law. While I really enjoyed Law, I found that my relationship with God became less of a priority as the years passed. That first decision to not follow God's clearly revealed will made it so much easier for me to deny God's will in every other area of my life. I became unhappy and barely recognized myself. So, after seven years of running away, I finally accepted that (1) God knows me better than I know myself and (2) His will is perfect. So, I moved to Canada and pursued a Religious Studies degree at Burman University.

The past three years have brought me so much fulfillment and joy. PAA has been a haven for me to learn more about myself and the kind of person and pastor I want to be. I have gleaned so much from my peers on the hilltop and from my students. They keep me accountable, curious and authentic. This place will forever be in my heart and mind, no matter where the future takes me.

In addition to being a proud Chaplain to the world's most beautiful humans, I am a proud brother and a grateful son.

Pastor Romando Carey



Chaplain's Corner

How is it March already?! My apologies. Hi, Family!

I can't believe we are in the third month of the year. Soon it will be Christmas again. All jokes aside, I hope you have been able to take a couple breaths and hopefully spend a lot of time with Jesus this past month. If not, try to be intentional about devoting time and space to cultivating greater intimacy with Jesus this month.

Black History Month

Every February, PAA celebrates Black History Month. We have a robust Campus Ministries team that is devoted to highlighting months and days of emphasis like this and others. This is because we see devotion to God as being devotion to our human family as well.

During our weekly chapels, we explored Black history by way of panel discussions, interviews, Q&A sessions, spoken word poetry and music. We were even fortunate enough to have, for the third year in a row, a community-building and music workshop with Ubuntu of Burman University during which we explored the value of meaningful connection with others and the difference that each of us can make in this world. We also enjoyed a mini-concert of Negro Spirituals.

We ended our month of celebrations with our annual Black History Month Food Festival. It gave me so much joy to see all our students socialising and learning about the foods they were enjoying together. Every meal shared and every conversation had brought us a little closer to understanding each other and experiencing community. Thank you to all our parents and staff who provided food and helped to make this event a success. We deeply appreciate your generosity.

Constituency Church Visits

On February 24, we led both worship experiences at the Ponoka SDA Church, and it was such a blessing. Thank you to the Ponoka church family who welcomed us and were so hospitable. We enjoy being a part of your family. The next stop on our constituency tour is the Wetaskiwin SDA Church on March 9, 2024. You are invited to join us.

Mission Trip

We are getting closer to our mission trip (March 21-30), and we are very excited to have so many students signed up to devote a little over a week of their break to doing service, sharing the gospel, and building community. Unfortunately, we have now reached capacity for the number of students we can take and have stopped accepting sign-ups.

Deadline for fundraising or paying \$1000 for the trip is March 8.

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 at etransfer@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

Basketball playoffs are underway. On February 26th, our girls had their first game. It was an excellent game with lots of excitement - our all-star three-point shooters couldn't miss! The final score was 59-34 for our girls. Way to go, Panthers!! On February 28th, the girls will play Eckville. It will be a difficult game, however I believe our girls are ready for the challenge. The boys' team got a bye in the first round and will play Caroline on February 28th. Hopefully, they took some shooting lessons from our girls and will be ready to hit some three-pointers themselves. Looking forward to both of these games. The boys' game will be live-streamed in case you can't make it or decide to take in the girls' game live in Eckville.

Thursday, February 29th, our athletes/students will be taking part in our annual skiing opportunity at Sunshine Village. What a great chance to see God's creation and get some fresh, crisp mountain air. Romans 1:20 talks about the invisible attributes of God being seen through what has been made. The invisible being visible, in fact, "clearly" visible. That is an interesting statement. Have you ever wanted to see God - His eternal power and divine nature? Well, when you are standing at the top of the Great Divide Express chair on Thursday trying to collect yourself take a look around. The majesty that you feel and see around you, that's God. He spoke it all into existence. Talk about power! The same power can still be found in His word. Get to know it/Him.

Health Challenge: Try and cut out processed sugar for an entire week. Difficult, I know, but do the best you can! :)

Written Feb. 27.

Mr. Devon McAfee
Athletic Director
Parkview Adventist Academy



Mental Health Corner

“You will never hear another person’s voice more than you hear your own. Be intentional about the way that you talk to yourself.”

- Michelle C. Clark

Another has said that your mind is where you spend the most of your time, make sure it’s a nice place to be. ;)

These are statements that apply to each and everyone of us: students and teenagers, adults and parents alike. On the days when we’re feeling good with our mental health, and on days when we’re struggling. As people of faith, we want to ensure that we are intentional about plugging in to hear God’s voice about who He says we are!

I had the opportunity to share with a few classes this month one of my go-to verses with built in affirmations. So whether you got a Valentine message that spoke to your heart or not, here’s a sample of God’s love letter to you....

“Even before He made the world, God **LOVED us**, and **CHOSE us** in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into His own **FAMILY** by bringing us into Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do and it gave him great pleasure.”
Ephesians 3:4-5

And if you want to listen to these ideas in song form, here’s a link for you:

[Jireh - Elevation Worship & Maverick City](#)

Here are some other examples of affirmations for the teenagers in your life (or for yourself!):

“I give myself permission to show up and do my best and to keep growing.”

“I am capable of making positive choices that lead me to what I want.”

“I am surrounded by people who respect and value me.”

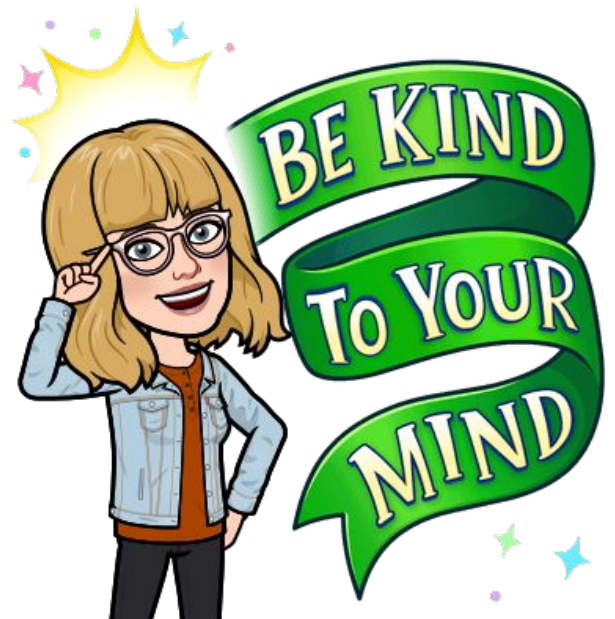
“I am kind to myself, even when things get tough.”

For more ideas see [150 Powerful Daily Affirmations](#).

Be encouraged to speak life and truth over ourselves and those we’ve been entrusted with!

Kayla Whitworth

Learning Support Teacher



Important Dates

- Mar. 1 - PD Day, no school
- Mar. 15 - Deadline to order school photos
- Mar. 18-24 - Communication Week
- Mar. 25 - Apr. 1 - Spring Break



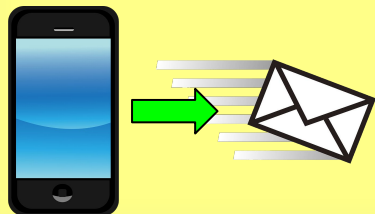
Contact the Office

Part of our role at PAA is to ensure the safety of all of our students and knowing where students are throughout the day.

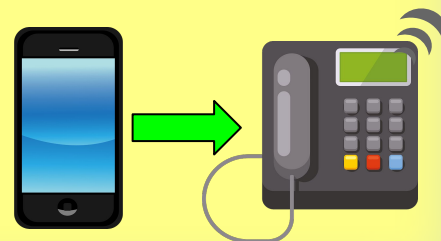
Please call the school to notify if your child will be away for the day or if they are leaving early.

You can do so by emailing or calling the school office.

Thank you!



587-815-8800
office@paa.ca



What's up PAA?

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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**



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.).

- 1 **CREATE NEW PARENT ACCOUNT**
Go to: <https://albertaadventist.schoolengage.ca/#/home>
Click "Create New Account"
Fill in **PARENT** information and click "Register"
Click on the link in your email address to confirm your account
- 2 **ADD STUDENTS**
Log in to your new School Engage Account
Click "Add Student"
Fill in their information and submit
- 3 **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

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.

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PowerSchool Parent Access

Paying School Tuition & Fees

and to re-register for 2024-2025!

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.

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, **Mar. 17, at 7pm 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

Communication Week March 18-22

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.



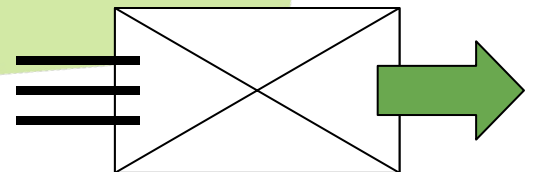
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If at any time you wish to meet with a teacher, you can contact them at the email address below to make an appointment.

Name

Email

Mr. Dani Desjardins	principal@paa.ca
Mr. Karel Blankenfeldt	karel.blankefeldt@paa.ca
Mr. Colton Greenlaw	cgreenlaw@paa.ca
Ms Sharline Fernandez	sfernand@paa.ca
Mr. Scott MacDonald	smacdonald@paa.ca
Ms Skyla McCreery	skyla.mccreery@paa.ca
Mr. Bruce Ruzindana	bruzindana@paa.ca
Mrs. Kayla Whitworth	kwhitworth@paa.ca



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!

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NOW OPEN!!



PAA CAFE

PAA's Hot Lunch Program

Whole food meals, freshly prepared at PAA,
are now available for order.




**The weekly order deadline is
every Thursday at 11:59pm.**

Find the order link on the PAA website or scan this QR code.



ORDER TODAY!

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 PD Day No School	2
3	4 ✝ Chapel	5	6	7 Sewing Class Field Trip 	8	9  PAA to Wetaskiwin SDA Church
10	11 ✝ Chapel Board Mtg 6:30pm	12	13	14	15 Deadline to order school photos	16
17  Pause & Pray, 7pm, via Zoom	18 ✝ Chapel	19	20	21	22	23
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24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
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SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL, March 25-April 1						
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