



PANTHERS' POST

December 2022

This month we enter into a season that brings much joy to many. Whether it is because of the visiting, cheerful giving, potlucks, or holidays, more joy seems to be woven through the season. For myself, the joy that fills my heart comes from the opportunities we have to share of the goodness of our Maker, Jesus, and His plan of redemption through his birth, life, death, and resurrection.

The liberty that we have in Adventist Education to share with the world of the goodness of our Maker is joy giving. This season, take the opportunity to share with a young child, a teenager, a parent, a spouse, a grandparent, and/or a stranger, of His goodness, and receive the blessings that these opportunity bring.

As I reflect on the past year, I see the many opportunities that I have had to share Jesus with someone, such as praying with someone and giving them hope. As we close off the year my heart is full! My hope for the new year is that we continue to journey together with Jesus as our Chief Commander and that we remember He be glorified in all things.

This is His school. His plan is to have us partner with Him to bring to fruition His agenda for PAA, its staff, students, and community! We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to the springs of joy that will fill our hearts in the new year to come. God bless you all!

Mr. Dani Desjardins - PAA Principal



What's up PAA?

Mission Trip to Kenya

"And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'"



Our students are taking this commission seriously and are working diligently, seeking donations to support this year's mission trip to Kenya. If you can support them and you would like to make a donation to this trip, please send an e-transfer to etransfer@paa.ca. Please label the e-transfer as "Kenya Mission Trip Contribution - YOUR FIRST & LAST NAME). Our students thank you in advance for supporting this venture to fulfill this great commission to *"share the gospel to all the world!"*

Keeping Our School Clean

We are so thankful to have this new building to offer Adventist Education to our community. We want to keep this building in tip top shape for as long as possible and we are looking for a collaborative effort to keep it clean. As we run a student cleaning program, we have found that, at times, it can be difficult to get the job done, due to the debris left behind daily. Therefore, we are asking that we work together to keep our school clean by picking up after ourselves wherever we go within the building. We have also installed a "Boot Boy" in our entrance to help the floors stay free of dirt and grime. If we all do our part, this building will indeed be the brightest place to learn in town!

Photo Retakes

School photo retakes will be in March of 2023.

Friday, Dec. 16 - Christmas Party

Dec. 16 is the last day of school before Christmas. There will be school-wide Christmas parties for each class. All students are expected to attend and should come prepared for a morning of festive activities.



Attendance Reminder

To help our school keep track of student attendance, we are requesting your assistance by contacting the school office at (587) 815-8800 or emailing us at office@paa.ca to inform us of the reason your child may be absent or late. Please bear with us as we navigate a new attendance system that is intended to notify parents and guardians of unexcused absences. You will now be notified by text and/or phone call, should your child be absent. Any unreported absences will be noted as unexcused.



FEATURED STAFF MEMBER

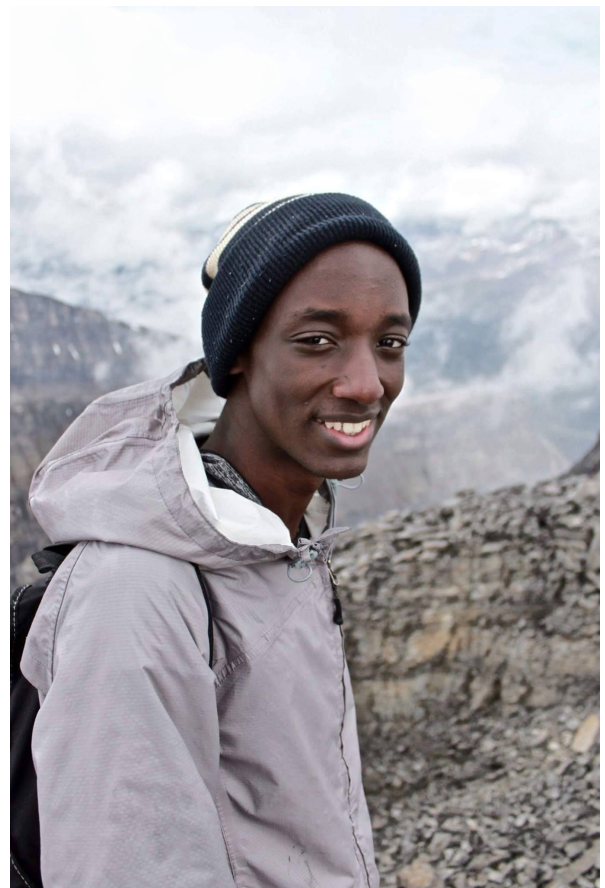
Hey there!

My name is Bruce Ruzindana and I teach math, chemistry, choir, and religious studies. I joined the PAA family in the fall of 2021 as a practicum student and I started working here full time in May 2022, immediately after receiving my B.Ed. from Burman University. I am having a blast so far and couldn't have received a warmer welcome from staff, students, and parents as I entered this wonderful profession.

Besides teaching, I am a lover of music and love playing the piano in my free time. I also love language learning, specifically French. One thing some people might not know about me is that after I graduated from U of C in 2018, I moved to France for a year and taught English at an engineering school—I miss the bakeries to this day! I'm always down for a hike in the Rockies or staying in and playing a game of chess.

I was born in Rwanda, but grew up in Calgary, AB. I'm 26, the eldest of four children. After me is Anaïs, 25, then Inès, 23, and finally Boris, 21.

Mr. Bruce Ruzindana



CHRISTMAS THEME DAYS

DECEMBER 12TH - 16TH

Monday: Christmas Character Day

Dress as your favourite Christmas character

Tuesday: Ugly Sweater Day

Wear an ugly Christmas sweater

Wednesday: Winter Wonderland Day

Dress in your favourite winter clothing

Thursday: Christmas Explosion Day

Wear red, white, and green from head to toe

Friday: Festive Day

Wear anything festive

Chaplain's Corner

It's almost Christmas! We had such a great time in the past few months exploring Jesus' invitation to "Come and See." During this season we get to consider the gift that was given to us when the Son of God became Emanuel: God with us. Like the shepherds and magi who came to see, we pray you too will come to see the King even in the most unexpected places.

Mission Trip Update

On **Monday, Dec. 5 at 4pm**, Mr. Eric Rajah, of A Better World Canada, will be doing an in depth Mission Trip Orientation that will answer all your questions. **Parents, with their child going on the trip, are encouraged to attend.**

Participants' Payment Timeline

Dec. 5 - Please get your **\$1500** in. We are hoping to purchase tickets by this date. Prices are constantly changing. So we need to do this ASAP. Ticket costs are non-refundable. So it's time to commit.

Dec. 15 - Ground Deposit of **\$300**

Jan. 15 - **\$1000**

Feb. 15 - remaining **\$1000**

Donations made on behalf of a student cannot be returned to the donor if that student does not go on the trip.

Ways to Fundraise

Letter Writing Campaign - [See template here.](#)

Hot Lunches - Students who assist with preparing hot lunches on Taco Tuesdays will have a share of the profits contributed to their mission trip goal amount.

PAA Helpers - Students, please see Pastor Romando to be added to the bank of PAA Helpers. Community members who request help will contribute to your fundraising goals.

College Heights Mission Trip Fund - Students who write an email/letter to the College Heights SDA Church requesting assistance with their fundraising efforts will receive \$100. **Deadline for making this request is January 18, 2022.**

Campus Ministries and Constituent Church Visits

On November 26 we had the joy of spending time with our Red Deer SDA Church family. As we have come to expect, our students did an exceptional job leading the worship service from start to finish and we couldn't be prouder of them. Thank you to all the staff and parents who participated in this experience. Our next constituent church visit will be to College Heights SDA Church on January 14 at First Service (9:15 am) and Ignite (noon).

Blessings,

Pastor Romando

Athletics' Corner

Are we called to be different? Called to be a peculiar people perhaps. Although I have indeed been called both different and peculiar, context is everything. Maybe it is better to ask if God has changed your life? And if so, does it show? That can be a difficult question for us to answer for ourselves. I would like to take just a moment to tell you about some of the differences I have seen. My first introduction to PAA athletics since being away from the hilltop for 8 years was the Sr. Flag Football tournament in Abbotsford. My team at that time (PCS) saw the difference. The sportsmanship shown by the PAA athletes was noticed. Directly following the game between PCS and PAA both teams gathered at centre field for a cooldown stretch. If I am not mistaken, PAA led in that initiative. This showed an understanding that competitive sports are about more than just winning and losing. There was an importance placed on the social interaction and potential for new friendships. Another difference I have noticed is the gratitude of our athletes. I have been thanked by students for providing athletic opportunities. I have also had students just walk in and see that I am working to set up or tear down the gym for a game and immediately started helping. God has called us to be grateful servants. A while back, a few of our basketball boys allowed me to join a quick pickup game. Although my game was lacking, I was encouraged and thanked for playing with them. I am happy to see these differences and I challenge each and everyone of us to find ways to make the interactions we have through sport positive ones. We have an excellent student body and a great foundation to build from. As parents and support fans, we need to continue to encourage our athletes and hold them accountable for their sportsmanship. However, the only way we can effectively hold them accountable is if we ourselves are accountable. Like I said, I have seen the difference and I love it. Let's keep pushing upward to new heights. Congratulations to our boys volleyball team for winning first place in their division. That last game was a blast. We are now moving into the basketball season with games starting next week. I am excited for this season and all that it will hold. Thank you again to the volunteer coaches that make all this possible. You do amazing things.

“Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation.” Exodus 19:5,6

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

Mr. Devon McAfee



OPEN PARACHUTE PARENT RESOURCE

School Wellbeing Program

Hi, I'm Dr Hayley Watson,

I'm a Clinical Psychologist and the Founder of Open Parachute.

I am so pleased that your child is taking part in this school wellbeing program. I developed this resource because I want every child to **learn practical mental health skills**, so they can truly **thrive**.

This program aims to build a **strong foundation of resilience** so that your child can learn to **trust in their own abilities**, relate to their own feelings in a healthy way, and **change any unhelpful patterns** that may hold them back at any point in their lives.

These conversations can also **continue at home** if you and your child would like to explore these topics further – the **video-based resources** for parents can help **guide** these discussions.

We look forward to working with you to support the wellbeing of your child!

- Dr Hayley Watson,



Watch this short introduction by Dr Hayley Watson

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Resources for Parents

Open Parachute provides you with **free access** to an **online library** of **audio recordings** and **video-based lessons** that teach **skills** on how to support your child's wellbeing at home.

The topics available are listed below:

Click here to get Access

VIEW RESOURCES



CHILDREN'S TOPICS

- Resilience
- Empathy & Accountability
- Social Media & Self-Esteem
- Saying No
- Protecting Your Child



PRE-TEEN'S TOPICS

- Bullying
- Trauma
- Acting Out
- Self-Esteem



TEEN'S TOPICS

- Mental Health
- Addictive Patterns
- Boundaries & Consent
- Anxiety & Depression

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All lessons are video based!

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January Diploma Exam Schedule

Date	Time	Diploma Exam
Friday, Jan. 13, 2023	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Social Studies 30-1 Part A
	9:00 am - 11:30 pm	Social Studies 30-2 Part A
Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Mathematics 30-1
Monday, Jan. 23, 2023	9:00 am - 11:30 pm	Social Studies 30-1 Part B
		Social Studies 30-2 Part B
Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Biology 30
Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Physics 30
Friday, Jan. 27, 2023	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Science 30

*Every accomplishment begins
with the decision to try.*

What's up PAA?

Paying: School Tuition, Fees, and Hot Lunches

Go to

<https://albertasdoedu.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

to pay tuition, school fees, and buy hot lunches online.

The office sent an email on or around Oct. 12 with information on how you can access PowerSchool and Rycor.

In PowerSchool you can view your child's grades and attendance.

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 make payments and order hot lunches.

What's up PAA?

PAA SWAG!

HOODED SWEATSHIRT

This sweater is customizable through brands, colours, and symbols. It's also super comfortable! Find it and more at Entripy Shops.



SNAPBACK CAP

This trendy cap is customizable through symbols or colours. find it on entripy shops for \$30.00



WATER RESISTANT WINDBREAKER

This light Jacket is perfect for everyday activities, it is light enough to work out in and heavy enough to keep you warm. Find this and more on the entripy shops website.



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WISH UPON A STAR

Parkview Adventist Academy Banquet

*Thank you, Student Association and Sponsors,
Pr. Romando and Mr. Ndekezi, and Mrs. Fernandez
for your dedication and commitment to our students
and our school. We had a wonderful time at
our Winter Banquet December 4th!
The food and entertainment were phenomenal!
We are blessed to have such wonderful people
planning and organizing our events.
Merry Christmas!*

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Core schedule A	3
4 SA Winter Banquet 6-9:30pm	5 Mission Trip Orientation 4-5pm	6 School Board Meeting 6:30pm	7	8	9 Core schedule B	10
11	12 	13 	14 	15 	16  - Class Christmas Parties (AM) - Community Service Day (PM) *optional	17
Christmas Theme Days						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Christmas Holidays (no school)						
25  Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Holidays (no school)						
Jan 1 Happy New Year! 	Jan 2 Christmas Holidays (no school)	Jan 3 School resumes	Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6 Core schedule A	Jan 7