



# Parkview Adventist Academy

## October Newsletter

October 4, 2022

New beginnings - Everyone experiences them and we all respond to them in different ways. Some of us respond with excitement and some with trepidation. Nevertheless, new beginnings are a part of our lives and how we respond can mold and shape who we become.

This is the second month of a new school year and with that come *new beginnings*. Whether you are entering Parkview Adventist Academy for the first time or your children are preparing themselves for their final year in high school, there will be *new beginnings*. New school staff, new classrooms, new schedules, new relationships, new opportunities and the list goes on. All of which they will respond to in different ways. We want your children to know that they are coming into a school that has their best interest at heart. Know that the staff have their backs and know that we are fully committed to teach them of the *love* that God has for them.

As we embark upon a new school year, our staff at PAA are excited to work with parents and students alike, through their God experience. As we journey forward together, remembering to find our value and identity in Jesus, let us be confident that His love for us goes beyond the farthest reach. God is the captain of this ship. He has brought this school community together and He has empowered us to operate its rudders. God has set this place up, so that we may know Him and that we will testify of His *love* by our words and actions. God has *New Beginnings* paved before us. Are you ready to see what He will do? May God bless each one of you and may you follow Him as he calls you by name!

Mr. Dani Desjardins  
PAA Principal





# What's up PAA?

## 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](mailto:office@paa.ca) to inform us of the reason your child may be absent or late. Please note that Section 31 of the Education Act states that the “student shall attend school regularly and punctually.” This policy ensures success for all of our students and reduces the disruption to their learning. Any unreported absences will be noted as unexcused.

## PAA Cell Phone and Other Smart Devices Policy

At PAA, our teachers have the obligation to create positive learning environments for all of our students in their classrooms. Teachers strive to create engaging lessons with limited disruptions to stimulate the minds of their learners for maximum retention of information. To ensure that this positive learning environment is fostered, we have developed this *Cell Phone and Other Smart Devices Policy* to help our students maximize their learning with limited distractions. With the cooperation of all of our staff and students, we are supporting a caring and respectful culture.



### *Cell Phone and Other Smart Devices Policy*

1. Moderate cell phone/smart device use is allowed in the hallways. However, remember that you're surrounded by people and that you should get to know them face-to-face;
2. Store your cell phone in your locker. Please make sure you lock them up to prevent loss or stolen items;
3. Classrooms are a cell phone-free zone. Please respect your teachers and others when they ask you to return your cell phone to your locker. Better yet, just lock it up before you come to class;
4. Consent should be obtained prior to photos being taken by/of other individuals. Some students have requested that their pictures refrain from any social media. It's their right!
5. Non-compliance to the above will result in a phone call home and further consequence should they be necessary. Let's just avoid getting to that point!

To create our desired learning environment, we are asking for your cooperation with these reasonable requests.



# FEATURED STAFF MEMBER

## Hello and Bonjour,

My name is Dani Desjardins. I am a 2003 Alumni graduate from Parkview Adventist Academy. I have been an educator for the past 15 years and have loved shaping the minds of young people. Recently, God called me to come to PAA, and in partnership with Him, to lead as the school principal. My initial response was shocked, however, as He worked on my heart, He brought me to the point of surrender to His Will by asking me, "Do you trust Me?" and of course I gladly said "I will go!" He reminded me that this is His school and that He has an extraordinary vision and mission for PAA in this community. I am humbled that He has brought me back here to PAA and that He wants to use me. His will is primary and as the Holy Spirit leads within me I will continue to do the work that He has commissioned me to do. I love the atmosphere at PAA; the staff have been incredible and the students are spectacular. My hope is that each student who attends PAA, leaves knowing that their Maker loves them and that He wants a relationship with them.

Here are a few pictures of my family! Meet my wife of 15 years, Leslee, my 9 year old daughter, Brielle, and my two boys Ezra (7) and Tyras (4). These incredible people complete me and are an inspiration to me! I hope that someday you can meet them and find out how awesome they truly are! I look forward to meeting you!

Mr. Dani Desjardins



# What's up PAA?

Semester 1 Class Schedule Sept 1, 2021 - Jan 28, 2022		Teacher	Classroom
<b>RS Block</b> 8:15-9:00 M-Chapel T-Th-Class	Religion 10a	Desjardins	223
	Religion 10b	Ruzindana	114
	Religion 20a	Ndekezi	224
	Religion 20b	Whitworth	113
	Religion 30a	Loxdale	115
	Religion 30b	MacDonald	222
<b>Block 1</b> 9:05-10:25	Socials 10	Ndekezi	224
	English 10	MacDonald	222
	Math 20-1	Greenlaw	113
	Math 20-2	Ruzindana	114
	Science 30	Whitworth	116
	Physics 30	Loxdale	115
<b>Block 2</b> 10:30-11:50	Math 10C/-3	Ruzindana	114
	Science 10	Loxdale	115
	Biology 20	Whitworth	116
	Socials 30-½	Ndekezi	224
11:50-12:30 <b>FLEX BLOCK</b>			
12:30-1:05 <b>LUNCH</b>			
<b>Block 3</b> 1:05-2:25	PE 10/20/30 Team CALM/wksf/Foodsafe	Ndekezi Fernandez	GYM 114
	English 20-½	MacDonald	222
	Math 30-1 Biology 30	Greenlaw Whitworth	113 116
<b>Block 4</b> 2:30-3:50	Coding/Game Design	Greenlaw	113
	Forensic Studies	Loxdale	115
	Psychology	MacDonald	222
	Choral Music	Ruzindana	114
	Work Experience	Desjardins	

## Friday Rotations

Please note that our weeks operate using a Friday Rotation Schedule. Each Friday rotation consists of two 2-hour blocks.

Schedule A Block 1 & 2

Schedule B Block 2 & 3

Schedule C Block 3 & 1

The rotations for the month of October are:

**October 7th - No School**

**October 14th - Schedule A**

**October 21st - Schedule B**

**October 28th - Schedule C**

Please contact the school with your questions regarding these rotations.





# What's up PAA?

## CLUBS @ PAA

### Board Games Club

Tuesdays and Wednesdays @ PAA  
4:00pm-5:30pm



Come and play what  
you want, or sign up to  
learn a game!

### Board Game Club

Tuesday/Wednesday  
at 4:00 in Greenlaw's  
Room

### Cross Country Running Club

Mondays & Wednesdays @ PAA  
4:00pm- 4:45pm  
Ends Mid-October



## CULTURE CLUB

We meet the last Thursday of each month (4-6 pm) and explore the cultures of the world through their cuisine. We've met already for September and explored the joy of homemade Fettuccine Alfredo from Italy. Upcoming dates will explore Christmas themes and foods from other countries.

If there is a parent out there who would like to share their cultural food, please contact Scott Macdonald ([smacdonald@paa.ca](mailto:smacdonald@paa.ca)) to arrange a presentation!



### Shred Club

Fridays at the Lacombe Skatepark  
(Weather Permitting)  
12:30pm-2:00pm





## PAA School & Grad Photos



- Wear solid colours
- Background will be grey
- Bring a prop, if you want (instrument, sports ball, etc.)

**Grade 10 & 11**  
**Friday, October 21**

 **Grade 12**   
**Friday, November 4**

**Cost is \$50**  
**for digital files.**

Photography by  
**Stephen Densmore Photography\***

\*Please contact Stephen Densmore at  
[smdensmore@live.com](mailto:smdensmore@live.com) to place orders.



**Grade 12:**  
**Use this QR code to sign up.**

# Paying: School Tuition, Fees, and Hot Lunches

Go to

[https://albertasdaedu.powerschool.com/  
public/home.html](https://albertasdaedu.powerschool.com/public/home.html)

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

If you are creating a new account,  
please email [office@paa.ca](mailto:office@paa.ca)

for your child's

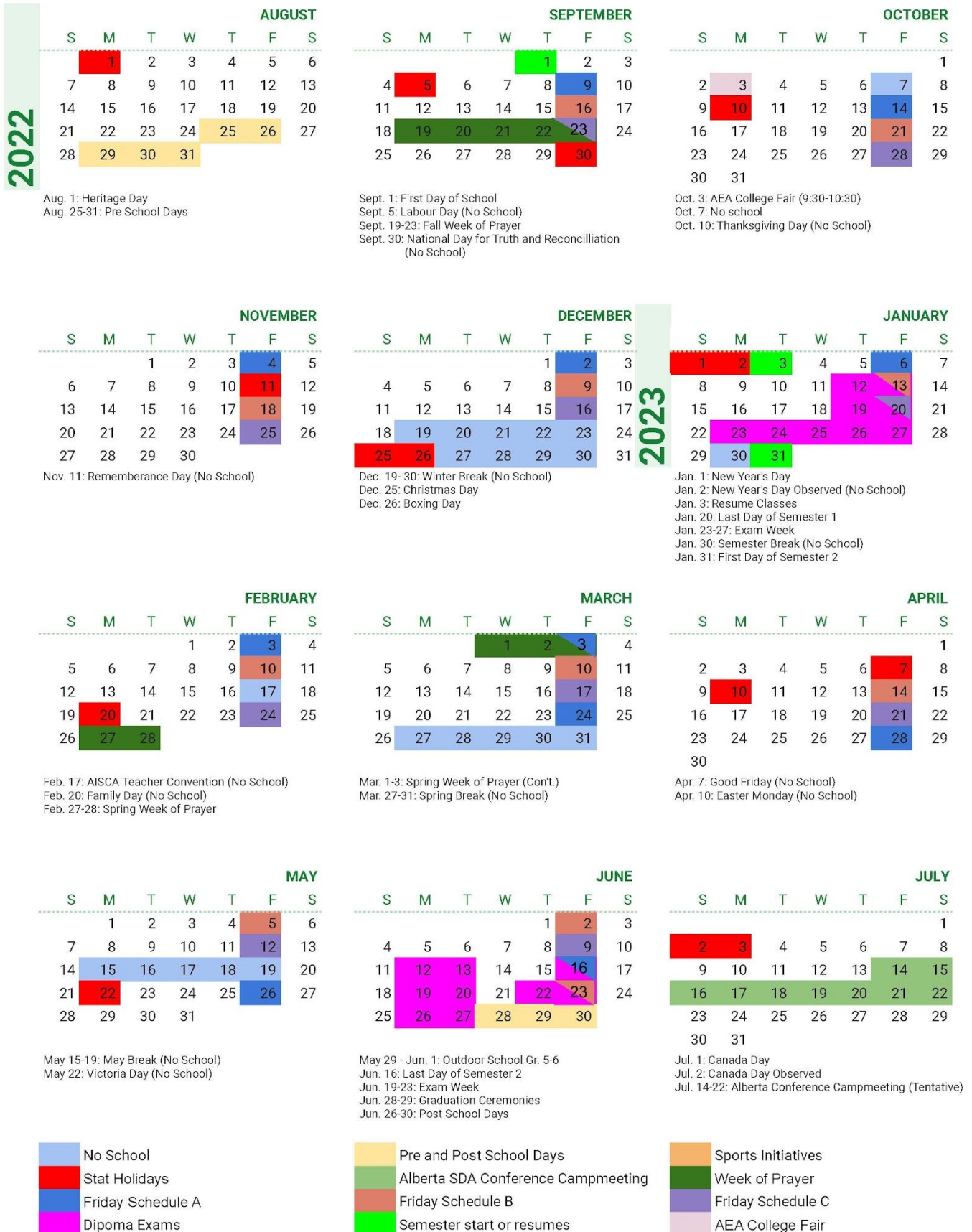
Access ID and Access Password.

Once logged in, click "Pay School Fees"  
on the bottom left side.



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## 2022-2023 Parkview Adventist Academy Calendar





# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	<b>AEA College Fair</b>  Boys & Girls Volleyball Game in Alix	<b>School Board Meeting</b>  4	<b>World Teacher Day</b> Boys & Girls Volleyball Game in Delburn  Cross Country Zones 5	6	<b>No School</b>  7	8
9	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>No School</b>  10	11	12	13	<b>Rotation A</b>  14	15
16	Boys & Girls Volleyball Home Game	18	Boys & Girls Volleyball Home Game	20	<b>Rotation B</b>  Grade 10 & 11 School Photos  21	<b>PAA at Epic Church Red Deer</b>  22
23	24	25	26	27	<b>Rotation C</b>  28	29
30	31					

