



Important September Information for Peace River High School!

Terry Fox 40 years of Hope Marathon

September 28 - October 2

Peace High will be celebrating the achievements of Terry Fox and the 40 years of Hope by honouring the marathon all week with activities:

- Fun facts about Terry Fox/Terry Fox Foundation each day celebrating 40 years announced every day!
- Bingo Card with activities to do throughout the week, Full cards will be entered for prize draws for Peace High Swag

As we are not accepting cash or cheques in the building, we encourage charitable individuals to donate online through our website by selecting 'Menu' then 'Donate'.

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Orange Shirt Day

**Join us on September 30, 2020 to
honor residential school survivors
and share in the spirit of**

Reconciliation and Hope
EVERY CHILD MATTERS



Peace River School Division
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Upcoming Dates:

October 9-12 - No School Happy Thanksgiving!

October 13 - School Council Meeting 7pm

October 14 - New Picture Retake Day

October 26 - No School / PD Day

October 28- Parent Teacher Interviews



School Pictures are in! Students will be coming home Friday with their school pictures. We are asking families to please use the online order feature available through Lifetouch as we are not accepting any cash/cheques at the school. Go to mylifetouch.ca to easily order your photos. Order by October 2nd to avoid any shipping and handling fees.

Retakes will be on October 14th. If your student is getting retakes, make sure they bring the order form that is included in their picture package on that day for the photographer.



First School Council meeting for Peace High

Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 pm

Can attend in person (full AHS guidelines with mask wearing, social distancing and sanitizing) or through Google Meet. The Google Meet code will be sent out in the next week.

Discussion will be on return to school, reviewing the School Re-Entry Plan and questions and answers regarding protocols and updates.



We thank you for your patience and understanding as we've been trying to plan the best, and safest, way to celebrate your son/daughter's 2020 Graduation while adhering to the AHS and School Division guidelines.

Although we are unable to hold a formal celebration with the entire Grad class and invited guests in the Gymnasium, we would like to recognize and celebrate the students' accomplishments and Graduation in small family/cohort groups.

We invite Graduates and families to Peace River High School on **Saturday, October 10th** to receive a cap and 2020 tassel and the presentation of certificate and composite from Admin. Banners will also be given to Grads at this time. Graduates may dress in formal attire if they would like.

Each family will have a 15 min time slot, beginning at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in this opportunity we ask that you phone the school at (780)624-4221 to book an appointment.

If you are not planning on attending on Saturday, October 10th you may pick up your banner and cap/tassel at the school office. Please call ahead so that we can have everything ready for you.



As we move into the cold and flu season and our current COVID-19 safety protocols, we understand that some students may have to stay home for periods of time. In order to most effectively support students in their learning and monitor their attendance in class and in Home learning, we have the following guidelines for families:

1. When a student is home with symptoms, medical appointments, personal family reasons and/or sick, please contact the office and students will be marked as excused for the duration of their illness or medical treatment.

For any symptoms please refer to the COVID-19 checklists for directions and guidance from Alberta Health Services. Attendance in Google meet for their classes is accessible, but not required at this time.

2. When a student has been directed by Alberta Health Services and/or family to self-isolate for a period of time, they are expected to sign in and attend virtually to Google Meet for their classes following their regular time schedule. Students who do not sign in will be marked absent unless the office is notified by their parent/guardian. Some courses, such as Physical Education, Industrial Arts and other options may be marked as excused during the isolation period. If your student is self isolating, please make sure they contact their teacher by email as well as have the parent/guardian contact the office directly.
3. Students enrolled in Home Learning for this semester are expected to sign in and attend virtually to Google Meet for their classes following their regular time schedule. Students who do not sign in will be marked absent unless the office is notified by their parent/guardian.

We are all working together to maintain education and learning opportunities for all of our students during this uncertain time. We appreciate your patience, support and feedback as we work towards the most effective strategies in our school community. We hope that this may help to answer some of the questions that have come up to start the school year. If there are any further questions or concerns please contact the school.

Phone: (780) 624-4221

email: peacehigh@prsd.ab.ca



Peace River School Division has introduced our new Online Registration System. We do require a registration form completed every year for each student. This allows us to update information, confirm enrollment and comply with Alberta Education requirements. For returning students, Guardians are emailed a link with a 'snap code' for their students. By following the link, you are able to review the

information in our system and make any changes. Please watch your email for this important link. If you have not received your 'snap code' email. Please contact the school.



Peace River School Division will be going to an online payment system to purchase school items and pay any fees or hot lunch cards. We will no longer be accepting cash or cheques from parents/students. You can pay online by using school cash. It's easy and simple to sign up for. Sign up at www.prsd.schoolcashonline.com. Look further down in this newsletter for information on how to sign up.








Retake day has been moved up to **October 14th, 2020**. For the online students we love for you to get your pictures done to assure you are in the yearbook! Online students can book an appointment by calling the office at (780) 624 4221 or email

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Just a reminder that Peace River School Division is NOT accepting any bus notes at this time as part of their School Re-entry Protocol

Hot Lunch at Peace High

Monday	Kita North 	Low Mein Noodles (Veggie), Chicken Fried Rice, Chicken balls OR California Rolls
Tuesday	Baptist Church 	Check Announcements or at the office for availability. Not running at this time
Wednesday	Subway 	6 inch sub and a cookie (veggie, ham, turkey or pizza) add your own sauce and veggies
Thursday	Matt's Pizza 	Cheese, Hawaiian and Pepperoni/Bacon
Friday	TBA 	Check Announcements

Hot lunch available for \$5

Hot lunch cards can be purchased through School Cash Online, or you can pay with a debit card at time of purchase. No cash accepted



Superintendent Message

Parental Involvement

We know that children experience higher levels of success when their parents are involved in their school and education. Now, more than ever with the Covid-19 pandemic, parental involvement looks different for every family and is based on many factors.

Although the types of opportunities for involvement may look different - one thing that stays the same is the importance of communication. Staying connected with your child's school experience is important and equally important is that your child see, feel, and know through both action and conversation that you are keeping connected. Whether that means attending parent-teacher conferences, helping with homework, emails with staff, reviewing school correspondence or following the school website and social media - being involved demonstrates to your child that you care.

I would like to take a moment to thank and commend our parents for their extraordinary efforts as in-person classes were cancelled in March. The way our families have rallied together to support learning at home, to provide child-care, and to support one another is absolutely incredible. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us what we can accomplish when we work together and our families deserve to be commended for their tireless efforts to support students learning at home. The pandemic has certainly caused a variety of stressors to our lives and for our parents who are already juggling many roles and responsibilities - thank you. I recognize and appreciate the time, sacrifice, coordination and effort you have and are all making.

In the next few weeks, schools will be hosting their first School Council meetings of the year. The meetings run once per month and it is a great way to stay connected and have a voice in education. Please check with your local school to learn more about School Council and how School Council will operate this school year.

Your involvement makes a difference and we truly appreciate the important work you do. We believe that PARENTS MATTER and that is why Peace River School Division declared a week to celebrate the important contributions of our parents. Please mark your calendars for November 16-20, 2020 and join in the celebration of parental involvement at your child's school during PRSD's "PARENTS MATTER Appreciation Week."

Wishing you a wonderful school year and thanking you in advance for your involvement and support.

Paul Bennett,
PRSD Superintendent of Schools

Safety message – PRSD safety protocols and communication

Schools are considered to be the safest places in our communities. However, in reality, an emergency can happen anywhere at any time. It is imperative that our families are informed of various safety protocols and how we will communicate if and when an emergency occurs. This year we have a new challenge to overcome, however we must still meet legislated requirements. To complete our drills we will maintain social distancing and mask requirements to keep our students and staff safe.

Evacuation

- There is a possible danger INSIDE the school. Examples can include fire, chemical spill or gas leak.
- Students will be escorted by staff to a safe location away from the school
- If required, students will be transported to predetermined evacuation centres. Students will be released using student release procedures.
- No one will re-enter the school until the school is safe for re-entry.

Shelter in Place

- There is an ENVIRONMENTAL emergency in close proximity to the school, outside the school on school grounds and/or unrelated to the school. Examples can include; dangerous goods spill, wildlife on the playground or tornado. If the threat is immediate, students and staff will be gathered in to safer spaces, such as away from walls and large vented areas.
- Access to and from the school will depend on the environmental emergency.

Hold and Secure

- There is an emergency situation in close proximity to the school, OUTSIDE the school on school grounds/and or unrelated to the school.
- All exterior doors to the school are locked.
- The school operates as normal inside the school walls. Any outdoor activities, field trips are cancelled.
- As the incident is occurring outside, access to and from the school is restricted and carefully monitored.

Lock Down

- A lock-down protocol is initiated when there is an immediate threat of violence to the students and staff inside the building.
- The main objective of a lock-down is to protect the maximum number of people by getting behind locked doors.
- In a lock-down situation, students and staff will be locked in secure areas and the school will NOT operate as normal. No one will be allowed in or out of the school.

Communication during an emergency

During an emergency, we will make every effort to contact parents directly. Depending on the emergency, it may not be possible to send out information until after the incident has ended. Once it is safe to do so, parents will be contacted through direct phone calls, electronic messages, radio alerts, and website and social media updates. We strongly encourage parents not to come to the school during an emergency unless directed to do so. Although your natural instincts in an emergency may be to go to the school to safeguard your child, please understand that doing so could impede the response to the situation. During any emergency, our first priority is the safety of our students and staff and we work closely with emergency personnel and the appropriate agencies to keep our students and staff safe. Parents and guardians can assist with our emergency planning by ensuring your child's emergency contact information is up to date with the school and transportation office. We also encourage families to follow the PRSD and local school Facebook pages where updates may be posted depending on the emergency.



We often get asked if School Cash Online has an app. Unfortunately at this time we do not, HOWEVER they have worked really hard to make our site extremely mobile friendly AND for easy access, you can add Peace River High School's website to your phone's home screen.

How does a parent add School Cash Online to their phone's home screen?

School Cash Online may not have a mobile app just yet, but by adding the website right on to the home screen, it will look like one.

For iPhone users

1. Open Safari. Other browsers, such as Chrome, won't work for this
2. Navigate to website
3. Tap the Share button at the bottom of the page
4. On the bottom row of icons, scroll over until you see Add to Home Screen and then tap

For Android Users

1. Open Chrome
2. Navigate to the website.
3. Tap the Menu button on the top right corner (3 vertical dots)
4. Tap Add to Home screen,

Please visit the school website <http://www.peaceriverhigh.ca> to check for messages from Teachers, Superintendent Messages, and other information. Also, if you **LIKE** us on Facebook, you can be notified of special items that may be of immediate interest.