



September 2021

Raider's Report

Paul Rowe Jr./Sr. High School Newsletter

Paul Rowe Welcomes Students & Families

School Year Resumes with PRSD Back-to-school Re-Entry Plan



The staff at Paul Rowe welcome students, parents & the community to the 2021-2022 school year.

The new school year is underway, and students and staff are settling into our new routines. We are happy to announce that the 2021-2022 Alberta Education School Year Plan and the corresponding Peace River School Division Back-to-school Re-Entry Plan has allowed us to resume some programs and activities previously suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions.

As per the Alberta Government's recent announcement regarding the re-introduction of health regulations, the PRSD plan was updated, with changes taking effect on September 8. The main change for our school is that we are once again required to wear masks in all shared areas of the school. Note: masks are still not required while students are

seated in the classroom, but students who choose to wear a mask and/or social distance will be supported.

Note: To view the PRSD Back-to-school Re-Entry Plan summary, visit www.paulrowehigh.ca and scroll down to "Division News."

As new information and guidelines are released, we feel that it is important that our parents and guardians are informed in a timely manner.

For the most up-to-date information please:

- **Listen to Automated Phone Messages & Read Emails from our school**
- **Follow our Facebook Page**
- **Visit our school website, specifically the "Division News," regularly.**

Also in this Issue:

- * **Message from New PRSD Superintendent**
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- * **Virtual School Council Meeting Date Set**
- * **New Extracurricular Opportunities for Students**
- * **New Family Chromebook Purchase Program**

Upcoming Events:

September

- * **20 No school for students (Staff meeting/PD day)**
- * **21 School Council Meeting**
- * **27 School Photos**
- * **29 Terry Fox Run**
- * **30 Orange Shirt Day**

October:

- * **1 Parent Mail Out**
- * **7 Awards Day for 2020-2021 School Year**
- * **8-11 No School (Thanksgiving Weekend)**

Parents and Guardians:

In Your Family's Mailout:

- * Individual Student Timetables
- * School Photo Ordering Information
- * Chromebook for Education Family Purchase Program Information
- * School Calendar & Bell Schedule
- * Student/Parent Handbook
- * School Cash Online Information
- * Alberta Health Services COVID-19 School Immunization Program Information
- * Graduation Policy (Grade 12s)
- * Scholarship Information (Gr. 12s)

Prefer to receive your newsletter by E-mail?

Please contact Bobbi Lewandowski via the Staff Directory on our school website: www.paulrowehigh.ca.

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Superintendent's Message: Welcome Back!



Welcome back to our students, families, staff, and school communities. We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and are ready to start an exciting new school year. To our new families and staff, welcome to the Peace River School Division family.

As you may be aware, my name is Adam Murray, and I am the new Superintendent for the Peace River School Division. I very much look forward to working with our students, staff, families, and communities to continue to provide high-quality educational experiences in safe, caring and inclusive schools. I believe that no dream is too big, and I am very passionate about ensuring our students are supported, engaged, and nurtured so that they can reach their goals and their full potential.

As outlined in our [Education Plan](#), numeracy, literacy and student health and wellness are top priorities for PRSD, in addition to providing students with a broad range of academic and engaging extra-curricular programming. Wellness in our schools is also a top priority as we know that students need to feel happy and well for students to reach their full potential. Encouraging our students to be a part of a team, a group at school, or in the community is essential. These opportunities help to grow and develop important life skills and attributes such as teamwork, community-mindedness and shared responsibility.

Of course, our parents and guardians play a crucial role in education, and we welcome, value and appreciate your involvement and input. We understand that parental involvement looks different for many families, and as a division, we will continue to ensure parents are aware of ways they can be involved and feel at home in our schools. This November, we also look forward to celebrating our parents and guardians during PRSD's annual "Parents Matter Appreciation Week."

I would also like to take this time to reassure our families and school communities that we take the safety and well-being of students very seriously. We will continue with enhanced cleaning in our schools and facilities, and encourage thorough and frequent hand washing. We respect and support any student or staff who want to continue wearing a mask in school, we will continue to encourage our students and staff to stay home when they are not feeling well and, we are committed to work with Alberta Health Services and the Alberta Government should the nature of the pandemic change. We understand that for some of our families, in-person learning may not be the preferred choice. For our families that would like to learn more about online learning options, please be aware that we offer virtual learning programming for students from grades 1-12 by skilled and dedicated teachers, support staff and our District Principal. Please visit our website at prsd.ab.ca to learn more.

Schools are the hub of our communities, and our students make up the communities of tomorrow. Together as educators, parents, support staff, community members, organizations and businesses, we are given an incredible opportunity to encourage, empower and enable students to develop their unique talents and gifts. Thank you all in advance for your support and involvement in student learning and well-being.

I wish you all a wonderful 2021-2022 school year.

Adam Murray
Superintendent of Schools

PARENTS & GUARDIANS: PLEASE SAVE THE DATES



MEET & GREET FAMILY BBQ

Thursday, September 10

8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

at the Paul Rowe School Foundation to meet our students' families

POSTPONED

**Gluten free options will be available.*

WANT TO PROVIDE INPUT TO ADMINISTRATION ON MATTERS THAT DIRECTLY AFFECT YOUR CHILD?

School Council provides an opportunity for all parents, guardians and students to have input on decision making at Paul Rowe. Meetings are held monthly, however there is no obligation to attend every meeting.



THE FIRST SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING OF 2021-2022 will be held VIRTUALLY on Tuesday, Sept. 21st at 7:00 PM

Please contact the school office at (780) 836-3397 between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM to request the Google Meet link.

SCHOOL FOUNDATION NEEDS NEW PARENT MEMBERS TO CONTINUE FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

The Paul Rowe School Foundation needs new members who are parents of currently enrolled students.

If new members cannot be found, the foundation is in danger of folding, which means that our school will lose thousands of dollars of Alberta charitable gaming funds that are used to purchase items that benefit all students such as equipment & technology for classes, furniture, etc. The time commitment is minimal, as the group meets approximately four times per year.

First meeting date TBA.

Can you help? Please contact our Principal, Mr. Matt Taylor via our school office at (780) 836-3397 as soon as possible.



AWARDS DAY FOR 2020-2021

Thursday, October 7

Further details will be shared in the October 1 issue of the Raider's Report.

PARENTS & GUARDIANS: PLEASE REMIND STUDENTS ABOUT UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

SCHOOL PHOTOS are Monday, September 27 beginning at 9:00 AM

School photo ordering information has been included in the September mail out sent to parents and guardians.



TERRY FOX SCHOOL RUN is Wednesday, September 29

Mr. Taylor will dye his hair pink if our school fundraising goal is met!



ORANGE SHIRT DAY & NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION is Thursday, September 30

Students are encouraged to wear orange shirts in honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. A special school-wide event will also be held in recognition of this day.



GRADE SPECIFIC REMINDERS

SCIENCE FAIR 7-9

All students in grades 7-9 will be completing a science fair project this year. All students will be expected to submit their project idea to Mr. Bullen by Friday, September 17th.

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

Any high school students who are interested in Science Fair should contact Mr. Bullen.

CLASS OF 2022

The Josten's Grad Ring Representative typically visits in September. Students who may be interested in purchasing a grad ring should listen to the school announcements for information on the date and time, as well as where to find catalogs.

For the most up-to-date information about school happenings and updates from Peace River School Division, please check the following regularly:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PaulRoweHigh>

Website: www.paulrowehigh.ca

NEW EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

The Breakfast Club

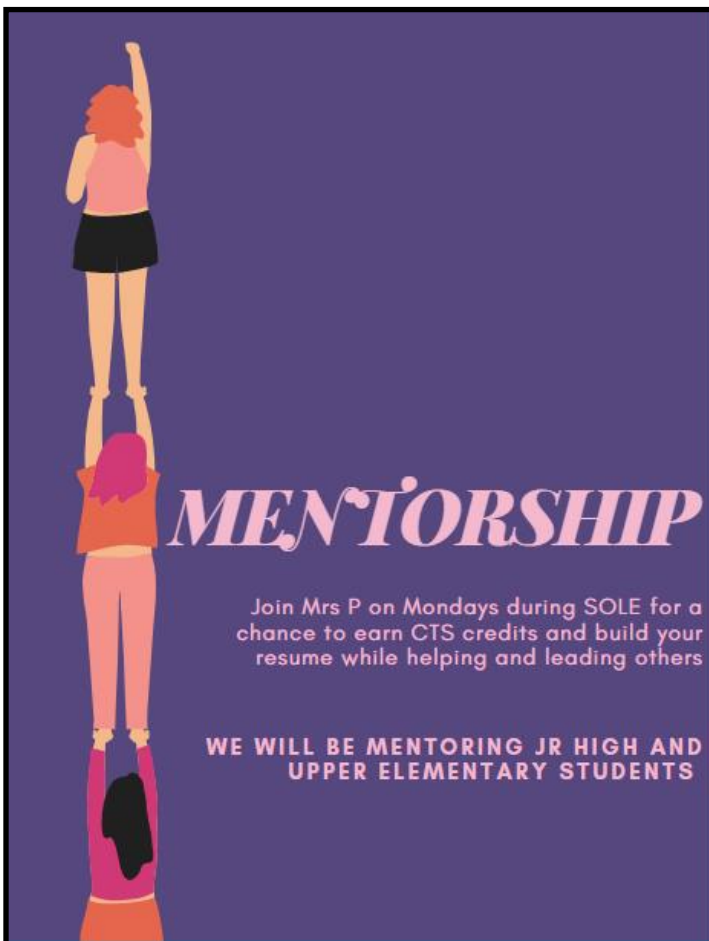
We are excited to announce that our school will be providing free breakfast for students on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings! This program will supplement the existing community Food for Thought program which provides breakfast for Manning students on Tuesday and Thursday mornings!

Breakfast Club students will meet with Mrs. Goodzeck on Tuesdays and/or Fridays during SOLE to help prepare these breakfast foods.

Special Notes for High School Students:

- *Demonstrating citizenship and community involvement are also an important part of many scholarship and bursary applications.*
- *Students who are able to arrive at school early are also encouraged to sign up to set up and/or serve breakfast.*
- *High school students may track these volunteer hours to receive high school credits towards graduation.*

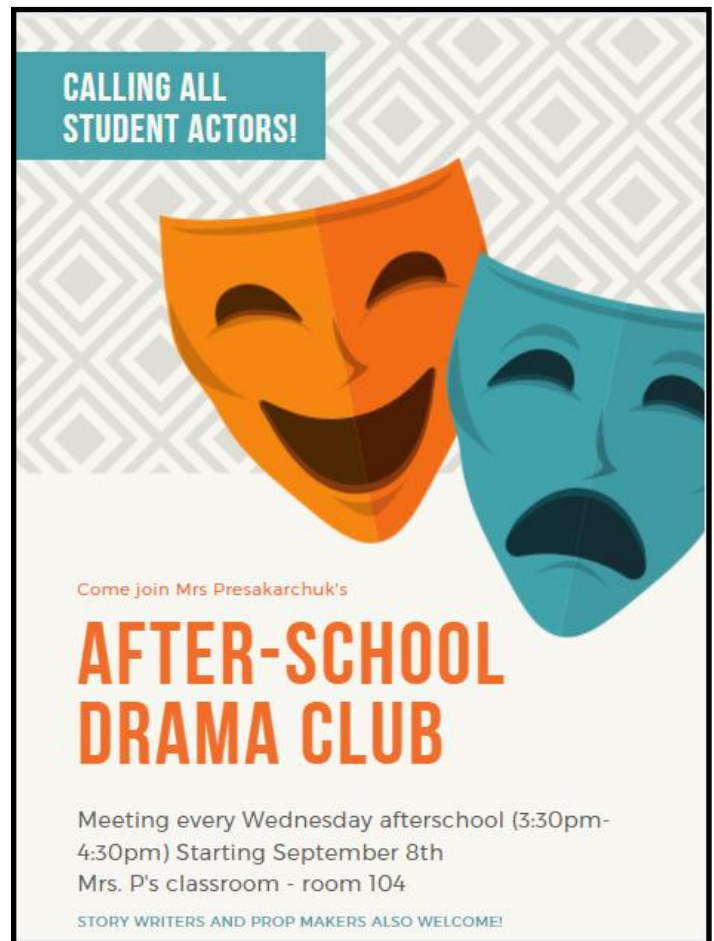
Please contact Mrs. Goodzeck at the school office to sign up or for more information.



MENTORSHIP

Join Mrs P on Mondays during SOLE for a chance to earn CTS credits and build your resume while helping and leading others

WE WILL BE MENTORING JR HIGH AND UPPER ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



CALLING ALL STUDENT ACTORS!

Come join Mrs Presakarchuk's

AFTER-SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB

Meeting every Wednesday afterschool (3:30pm-4:30pm) Starting September 8th
Mrs. P's classroom - room 104

STORY WRITERS AND PROP MAKERS ALSO WELCOME!

PAUL ROWE JR/SR
HIGH

STUDY CAFE

A CASUAL STUDY ENVIRONMENT

For all students who want some extra time to get their homework done or prepare for exams. Various teachers will be available to lend a hand as needed.

Every Thursday
starting September
2nd
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In the senior high  
student lounge  
3:30pm to 4:30pm



There will be snacks!



See you there!

**INTERESTED IN THE SOLARO ONLINE STUDY PLATFORM  
AFTER SEEING THE DISCOUNTED SCHOOL PRICING INFO  
INCLUDED IN YOUR MAIL OUT?**

This resource can be accessed for FREE with a local public library membership!  
*Visit the Manning Municipal Library or contact Mrs. Bobbi Lewandowski to learn how.*

# CHROMEBOOK FOR EDUCATION FAMILY AND STAFF PURCHASE PROGRAM

Research indicates that using technology in the school setting results in students who are more active, engaged and more likely to take pride and ownership in their learning. Regular technology use will increase self-advocacy skills including seeking assistance, conducting research, problem solving, and communication. Student confidence will grow as they rely less on the teacher and more on their own initiative for knowledge-creation.

The Peace River School Division is proud to partner with BCOM Computers to provide quality Chromebooks designed for our K-12 environment. Preferred discounts are available to the students enrolled within PRSD programs and our staff. To help you in this process we have put together an easy to navigate website:

**BCOM's Educational Portal is located at:**  
[www.b-com.ca/educationportal/](http://www.b-com.ca/educationportal/)

**PRSD's School Access Code is: 18956489**

## **New Users:**

Please click on: **New User? Click here to register.** You will be prompted to enter the School Access Code (**18956489**), your name & email address, and a Username and a Password of your choice.

After you have registered, please log-in with your newly created account (Username & Password).

Current discounted pricing is available after login.

*PRSD does not provide hardware support and repairs for parent purchased devices.*

*Note that current demand is exceptionally high which has led to a world-wide constraint in supply. Stock of available Chromebooks varies and is kept up-to-date on the BCOM BYOD Portal website. Chromebooks which are in-stock are available for order through the website for: shipment or pick-up.*

You may also visit the retail store location:

**BCOM Computer Centre - 15051-118 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB, T5V 1H9**

**FOR ASSISTANCE PLEASE CALL 780-481-8855**



## **CHROMEBOOKS**



## **ACCESSORIES**



## **EXTENDED WARRANTY**





# SEPTEMBER 2021

| Sun | Mon                                                                                      | Tue                                                 | Wed                            | Thu                                                       | Fri | Sat                     |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| 5   | 6<br>No School<br>(Labour Day)                                                           | 7                                                   | 8                              | 9<br>*Study Café<br>3:30—4:30 PM                          | 10  | 11                      |
| 12  | 13                                                                                       | 14                                                  | 15                             | 16<br>*Study Café<br>3:30—4:30 PM                         | 17  | 18                      |
| 19  | 20<br>*No School for<br>students<br>(Staff Meeting &<br>Professional<br>Development Day) | 21<br>*VIRTUAL SCHOOL<br>COUNCIL MEETING<br>7:00 PM | 22                             | 23<br>*Study Café<br>3:30—4:30 PM                         | 24  | 25                      |
| 26  | 27<br>*School photos<br>begin at 9:00 AM                                                 | 28                                                  | 29<br>*School Terry Fox<br>Run | 30<br>*ORANGE SHIRT<br>DAY<br>*Study Café<br>3:30—4:30 PM | 3   | 4<br>*PARENT<br>MAILOUT |

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