



June 5, 2023

# The Raider's Report

The Official Paul Rowe Jr./Sr. High School Newsletter

## Changes to Options Program Coming

*New Course Options coming for Grades 7, 8, and 9s*



### Important Dates:

#### June:

- ★ 8 Eagle Feather Ceremony
- ★ 8 Open House, BBQ & Orientation for Parents/Guardians of Students of New Grade 10s & New Students
- ★ 12 Grad Parade
- ★ 12 MES Grade 6 After-school Bus Practice
- ★ 13 Diploma exams begin for 30-level courses
- ★ 14 Grade 9 Celebration
- ★ 16 Last Day of Regular Classes (AM) Summer Fun Day (PM)
- ★ 21 National Indigenous Day Activities
- ★ 24 Class of 2023 Grad Ceremony
- ★ 27 Report Cards Released

*Our new Options class format will focus on student choice, and will include new athletic options.*

Some big changes are coming to our grade 7/8/9 options program in September! We are excited to announce that Ice Hockey and Football will be added to our existing selection of junior high options classes.

For the first time ever, junior high students will have the option to choose the options classes that they are interested in taking for each 13 week period. Other choices will include:

- Shop
- Home Ec. (Sewing and/or Foods)
- School Sports Enhancement
- Robotics/Computers/Coding
- Art; Drama
- French/Second Language Learning

In addition, changes are also coming to our current junior high Literacy program, as it is being redesigned to also focus on Numeracy. This means, that in addition to language skills development, students will also spend time developing their ability to apply mathematical concepts to situations in daily life.

To make our new ice hockey and football options as inclusive as possible, our school is looking for donations of new or gently used equipment. Please contact Mr. Olishefski at 780-836-3397 if you can help.

### School Safety Definitions from PRSD:

**Muster Point:** The location that students and staff evacuate to in the event of an emergency. This will ensure everyone inside has a safe area they can reach quickly during an emergency.

To view the full *Emergency Procedure Guide for Parents & Guardians* visit the [PRSD website](#).

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## **PARENTS & GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS ATTENDING PAUL ROWE IN 2023-2024**

### **REGISTRATION FOR NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS IS OPEN!**

Find the PRSD registration link and other 2023-2024 start up information here:

<https://www.paulrowehigh.ca/2023-2024-information>

### **WILL YOUR CHILD BE ENTERING GRADE 10 OR NEW TO PAUL ROWE?**

On Thursday, June 8 join us for an:

**OPEN HOUSE & BBQ** come anytime between 4:30 - 5:45 PM

**PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING** from 5:45 to 6:30pm PM

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## **PARENTS & GUARDIANS OF CURRENT STUDENTS**

### **FINAL EXAM INFORMATION**

Find the final exam schedule, information about tutorials, and attendance expectations for grade 7, 8 and 9 students here:

<https://www.paulrowehigh.ca/documents/june2023finalexaminfo>

### **EAGLE FEATHER CEREMONY**

for our Indigenous graduates &  
their families

is Wednesday, June 8 at 9 AM

### **GRADE 9 CELEBRATION**

for students & their families  
is Wednesday, June 14 at 6 PM

### **CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATION**

is Sat. June 24 at 1 PM at the Jack McAvoy Arena



# SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Education Week &  
Mental Health Awareness Week



**From May 1-5  
all our schools  
were busy  
celebrating  
Education Week  
and Mental  
Health  
Awareness  
Week.**

Valuable conversations and activities were held to discuss the importance of mental health, and students also participated in engaging learning opportunities that highlighted the impact of education in their lives.

All schools throughout the division showed their support in raising awareness for positive mental health by participating in 'Hats on for Mental Health' day. This initiative encourages individuals to wear hats to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health and allows for more conversations to be had about mental health and the supports that are available.

The Peace River School Division is passionate about achieving student success and we continually use our Three-Year Education plan as a vehicle to drive our efforts. Our first two goals ensure our students receive outstanding teaching and learning in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy, but I want to take some time to highlight our division's third goal: **All students are successful through inclusionary practices and engaging culture.**

This inclusionary goal is further divided into multiple educational outcomes, which include, "We believe in the importance that our students are meeting high expectations in learner outcomes that reflect their individual academic needs and interests," and also, "We understand that our students' physical and social emotional wellness needs and interests are met and their academic engagement is increased by ensuring they are learning in a safe and caring environment that celebrates diversity."



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As you can see our third goal does an excellent job at intertwining education and mental health together for our students within the Division.

To achieve these outcomes, PRSD continues to support and implement Wrap Around Services which include trained Social Workers, Project Peace Workers, and Youth Enhancement Support Workers to all divisional students. The school division also meets our student learner outcomes by providing a Collaborative Response to education that ensures we accurately assess where students are at in their learning journey. We also provide targeted instruction in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy to ensure students continue to learn and be successful.

Thank you to students, parents, staff, community members and organizations for your support - the work you do makes a difference, and we appreciate you.

Sincerely,

*Adam Murray,*  
*Superintendent of Schools*



# MAY EVENTS

## MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



Our Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) students delivered cups of Positivi-Tea!



Bob the Therapy Pony visited our classes! Thank you to Crystal Ferguson for sharing him with us!



Miss Vanessa and Mrs. Schmidt brought all the smiles with their smile cookie deliveries to every student today!



Congratulations to Zachary H., our Hats on for Mental Health winner!

## CHESS TOURNAMENT



The first annual Paul Rowe Chess Tournament is underway, beginning with round robin play! Thank you to Mr. Davidson for organizing this opportunity!

# MAY EVENTS

## R.I.S.K. PROGRAM



On May 18th, Manning students in grades 9 and 10 participated in the R.I.S.K. Program (Reduce Injury through Student Knowledge). The purpose of the R.I.S.K. Program is to provide useful, relevant information to young people about injury that will allow them to recognize potential injury-producing situations, make informed choices about activities, and to adopt behaviours and actions that minimize risk. Several local organizations have worked together on this event, including Alberta Health Services (Health Promotion, Addictions and Mental Health, Public Health) Manning & District Family Community Support Services (FCSS), our local RCMP and Victim Services. Thank you to everyone providing Manning teens with this important information!

## GRADE 7 & 10 TRANSITION VISITS



Grade 6 students from Manning Elementary and grade 9 students from Rosary school visited Paul Rowe to learn about our school. These visits included tours and activities with our current students. We are excited for them to officially join our Paul Rowe family in September!

## FUTURE TRANSITION OPPORTUNITIES

**Monday, June 12:** MES Grade 6 bus students will practice riding home from Paul Rowe

**Wednesday, August 30th, 4pm to 6pm:** Before the first day of classes in September, all students and families will have the opportunity to meet their teachers, get their schedule, access their locker, find their classrooms, ask questions, take a tour, and enjoy a hotdog.

# MAY EVENTS

## REMEMBRANCE DAY POSTER & LITERARY CONTEST WINNERS REVEALED

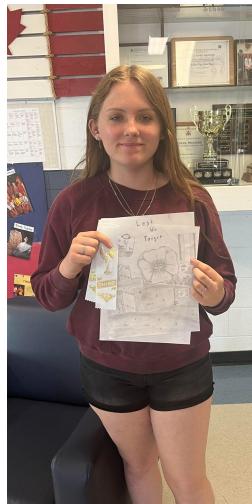
Congratulations to the following students for placing at the school and branch level! Special congratulations go out to senior high students Amanda and Vyllet whose submissions reached and placed at the district level, which encompasses all of Alberta and the Northwest Territories!

### Senior High:

Vyllet G. - Colour Poster - 1st School, 1st Branch  
3rd District (AB and NWT)  
Amanda K. - Black & White Poster - 1st School, 1st  
Branch, 1st District (AB and NWT)  
Ava K. - Colour Poster - 2nd School  
Liam C.- Black & White Poster- 2nd School, 2nd  
Branch  
Tayla C. - Black & White Poster - 3rd School, 3rd  
Branch

### Junior High:

Amber P. - Colour Poster - 1st School, 2nd Branch  
Hayley B. - Colour Poster - 2nd School  
Bob P. - Colour Poster - 3rd School  
Tess K. - Black & White - 1st School, 1st Branch  
- Poem - 1st School, 1st Branch  
Acesa K. - Black & White Poster - 2nd School, 3rd  
Branch  
Emma K. - Black & White Poster - 3rd School



## DOG SHOW PRESENTATION



We were lucky to have Crystal Davies and family come in with her prize-winning pups to share her expertise on dogs and dog showing!

## TWIN DAY



**OUR SUMMER FUN DAY  
will be Friday, June 16!**

Students will be treated to free hotdogs & ice cream, and fun afternoon activities

# PAUL ROWE OFF CAMPUS

## HORIZONS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Two students from each grade were selected to participate in the Horizons Leadership Conference. Students heard from motivational speakers and gained knowledge that they have brought back to our school to help promote positive change and inspire our school community.

Thank you to Paul Rowe staff leaders Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. V. Ristesund for organizing and supervising this activity.

## ABORIGINAL STUDIES ... SWEATLODGE

The Aboriginal Studies 10 class prepared a gift of Protocol before traveling to participate in a Sweatlodge with Elder Dennis Whitford. There they took away a lot of learning about the proper ceremonies involved with a Sweatlodge. It was an amazing experience and we are thankful to Holly Crumpton for helping arrange it and to Elder Denis Whitford for traveling and sharing in his teachings with our students.



## TOWN CLEANUP



Students in grades 7, 8, and 9 headed out to do their part in helping keep our town litter free!



# PAUL ROWE OFF CAMPUS

## ART 10/20/30 POTTERY STUDIO VISIT

The Art 10/20/30 class visited our local pottery studio to create their own snack plates! They took two trips to the studio where they engaged in hands on learning. The first was to learn handbuilding techniques and the second was to learn about glazing.

Thank you to Jen Paulovich for sharing your knowledge with our students and for firing the kiln with our students' creations. Thank you also to Mrs. Vikki Presakarchuk for organizing these field trips!



## ON-SITE FARM SAFETY EDUCATION



Thank you to Pharis Farms Ltd for hosting a great day of farm safety education! Big thanks also to Hawk Hills Agricultural Society, Battle River Ag Society, Farm Credit Canada, North Peace Applied Research Association, Hotchkiss Community Club and to all of the organizers and volunteers who helped in creating this opportunity for our students! It was a fantastic day!

# THANK YOU!

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT VOLUNTEERS



May Food for Thought Breakfast Program Volunteers STAT Energy, Vision Credit Union and Terra Goodzeck!

### HELP WANTED!

During final exams  
Food for Thought  
will be served daily!

If any parents,  
community  
members or  
businesses are  
able to help any of  
these mornings  
from approximately  
8-9 AM it would be  
appreciated.

## SWEET TREATS



Mrs. Goddard, Mrs. Schmidt, Ms. Caron and Mrs. Goodzeck for sponsoring weekly Sweet Treats for our students! Thank you in advance to June sponsors Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Presakarchuk, and Mr. Davidson.

## BUS DRIVERS



May 3rd was Bus Driver Appreciation Day and we cannot thank our bus drivers enough for their dedication to our students and their safety. 🧡

### Special thanks also go out to:

- Jodie Reinders for preparing and serving our monthly free hot lunch of Beef on a Bun.
- Cayden K. for the staff treats



# PAUL ROWE ATHLETICS

## TRACK & FIELD

Track and Field has wrapped up for the season, with many of our students advancing from divisionals to zones, and one going all the way to provincials.

### Divisional Results:

Twelve students competed and earned twenty-six 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons.

### Senior High:

- Oddo A. - 2nd in 100m and 200m dash, and 3rd in high jump
- Liam B. - 3rd in the 100m and 200m dash, 2nd in 400m and 1st in 800m
- Liam C. - 1st in the 100 and 200m dash, 1st in the triple jump, and 3rd in the long jump

### Jr. High:

- Emma K. - 2nd in the 100m dash, and 1st in high jump
- Anastasia V. - 1st in the 400m dash
- Tess K. - 1st in hurdles, 3rd in triple jump
- Kenzie W. - 2nd in the 100m dash and discus and 1st in long jump
- Keenan F. - 1st in hurdles and discus
- Our girls team of Khezley, Emma, Hayley and Tess - 1st in 4 x 100 meter dash

### Zone Results:

- Kenzie W. - 3rd in discus and 3rd in long jump
- Emma K. - 1st in high jump and 2nd in 100m dash
- Liam C. - 2nd in triple jump, 2nd in long jump, 2nd in 200 m dash and 3rd in 100m dash.

### Provincial Results:

- Liam C. competed at the provincial level, and while he did not earn a medal, had a great experience overall.

Thank you to Mr. Bullen for coaching our track and field athletes!



**Thank you to all of our coaches, drivers and spectators for supporting our student athletes throughout the year! Thank you to our student athletes for demonstrating sportsmanship and representing Paul Rowe in a positive manner. Way to go Raiders!**



# PAUL ROWE JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL JUNE 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 PHILIPPINE CULTURE WEEK IS JUNE 5-9 AT PAUL ROWE	5	6 Hot Lunch: Subway Grade 8/9 Transition Activity (Splash Park)	7	8 Eagle Feather Ceremony for Grade 12 Indigenous Students 9 AM Philippine Hot Lunch Study Cafe 3:30-4:30 PM **Open House & BBQ for Parents of Students Entering Gr. 10 and/or New to Paul Rowe in September begins at 4:30 PM; Parent Orientation Meeting begins at 5:45 PM	9 Grad Week Door Decorating	10
11 PRIDE WEEK IS JUNE 12-16	12 Grad Parade MES Grade 6 After-school Bus Practice	13 Social 30-1/2 Diploma Exam	14 Grade 9 Celebration 6-7 PM	15 Study Cafe 3:30-4:30 PM	16 Last Day of Regular Classes in AM Free Hot Dog Lunch for Students Summer Fun Day in PM	17
18	19 Final Exams Begin for All Grades	20	21 National Indigenous People's Day Activities	22	23	24 Class of 2023 Graduation
25	26	27 Report Cards Released	28 Last Day for Staff	<b>STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH ANNOUNCEMENTS, INVITATIONS, ETC.</b> Parents/guardians who have Facebook accounts are encouraged to follow us at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/PaulRoweHigh">https://www.facebook.com/PaulRoweHigh</a> . Those who do not have Facebook accounts are encouraged to visit our website regularly at <a href="http://www.paulrowehigh.ca/">www.paulrowehigh.ca/</a> .		