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The Raider's Report

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

Paul Rowe Welcomes Students & Families

The staff at Paul Rowe welcome students, parents & the community to the 2024-2025 school year!



Back row: Mr. Adam Rhodes, Mr. Andrew Bullen, Mr. Britain Olisheski, Mrs. Jackie Ristesund, Mr. Matt Taylor, Mr. David Hyatt
Front row: Ms. Debra Perrier, Ms. Blaire Gillies, Mrs. Vikki Presakarchuk, Mrs. Anita Bak, Mrs. Terra Goodzeck, Mrs. Saylor Schmidt
Missing from photo: Mrs. Char Caron, Ms. Lesli Mitchell, Mrs. Lacey Yasinski and Mrs. Meghan Rhodes



TO OUR NEW STAFF!

We are pleased to announce **Mr. Adam Rhodes** and **Mrs. Meghan Rhodes** have joined our math and science teaching staff!



Paul Rowe would like to express tremendous thanks to Mrs. Bobbi Lewandowski for her 22 years with PRSD as Paul Rowe's Information Specialist and School Based Technician in the learning commons. She had an incredible impact on so many students past and present, her influence guiding them throughout the years. She fostered such a welcoming, inclusive and supportive environment for all Paul Rowe students and staff. We will miss her and wish her the best of luck in her next chapter!

Important Information for Parents & Guardians:

The new school year has begun, and it is off to a great start. Along with a huge welcome back to all of the familiar faces, we'd like to extend a special welcome to our new students and staff joining us this year!

Communication is key to student success, make sure to keep an eye out for our monthly scheduled handouts sent via email.

Included in your scheduled Friday, September 6th E-mailout are:

- The revised Personally Owned Devices Procedure Overview
- The Paul Rowe Parent/Student Handbook
- Your individual parent PowerSchool registration code and login instructions (to monitor assignment completion, marks & attendance)
- Current student timetables
- Student or grade specific information

To stay up-to-date with announcements, invitations and events between emails, it is recommended that parents and guardians also:

- ☐ Visit our school website regularly: www.paulrowehigh.ca/
- ☐ Follow our school on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PaulRoweHigh>



PARENTS & GUARDIANS OF CURRENT STUDENTS

We are better together!

We always welcome parents, families and community members into our building. Research demonstrates that there is a direct correlation between parental involvement in schools and student success.

Volunteers are integral members in our school community, many of our programs that help our students achieve success are looking for your support. If you are interested in helping with Food for Thought or Hot Lunch let us know at the office.

Mrs. Presakarchuk invites all parents and guardians to our first School Council Meeting on September 17th , 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in our school library Learning Commons, please come join us! School Foundation Meeting to follow.

HOT LUNCH NEEDS YOU!

Seeking a hot lunch coordinator!

Help! In order to offer our students hot lunch this year we are urgently seeking a hot lunch coordinator.

If you can help, please let us know!

COME JOIN SCHOOL COUNCIL
PAUL ROWE SCHOOL COUNCIL
AND
PAUL ROWE SCHOOL FOUNDATION
ARE HOLDING THEIR AGM

Sept. 17/24 at 7PM

EVERYONE WELCOME!

GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Our Food for Thought breakfast program starts soon and our students LOVE hot breakfast days!

Sign yourself or your group up for a Tuesday or Thursday morning volunteer shift (from 8 to 9AM) by contacting Mrs. Goodzeck at our school office.



September-October Extra-curricular Activities

There are many opportunities for our students to participate in extracurricular groups in the area of athletics, leadership, and the arts!

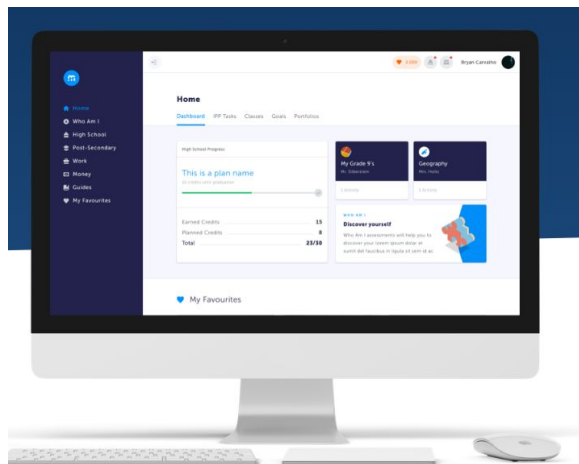
Some of the options available to students in September and October are:

After School

- ❑ **Mighty Moose Band** - grades 4-12 - after school practices will be held at Manning Elementary School beginning soon. (Paul Rowe students can register for inter-school bussing.)
- ❑ **Cross-Country Running** - all grades
- ❑ **Golf**- all grades
- ❑ **Volleyball** - Junior teams Gr. 7, Gr. 8&9, Senior teams Gr. 10-12
- ❑ **Archery**- all grades

During SOLE Block

- ❑ **SCOER**
- ❑ **SADD**
- ❑ **Citizenship**
- ❑ **Student Newsletter**
- ❑ **Paul Rowe Floor Hockey League**
- ❑ **Dungeons and Dragons**



**Hey Parents!
Did you know?**

myBlueprint

Did you know that all students at Paul Rowe have access to an on-line tool called myBlueprint? myBlueprint is a site that helps students organize and plan for their future! Students can access surveys and inventories to learn more about themselves and what careers they may be best suited for. Students can use the planning tool to help map out their high school years and what they should look like to achieve their goals. Students can access information about post-secondary institutions and programs across the country and learn more about each one and what requirements are necessary to get in. Students can use the budgeting features to learn more about how they need to financially prepare for life after high school. This site offers so much to our students in helping to plan for their future and it is so easy to access. To access myBlueprint students just need to go to our school webpage, <https://www.paulrowehigh.ca/>, click on the waffle and scroll down to the myBlueprint link. To login, students use their school division username and password.

If you have any questions about this tool please don't hesitate to contact Vikki Presakarchuk.

HAVE YOU MET MINNIE AND ROXIE?



As part of Paul Rowe's social emotional support for students, we have two emotional support dogs in the school every day! You can find them wherever Mr. Taylor can be found!



Information for Parents

WHAT IS SOLE?

SOLE is our school acronym and it stands for Respect for Self, Others, Learning, and the Environment. Everyday after the first block, students have SOLE time. During this 45 minute period students have some structured and some flexible opportunities to get further help from teachers, do homework, and engage in clubs and activities.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday are geared towards more club and leadership opportunities, and student-led studying. **Tuesdays and Thursdays** are focused on further teacher academic support for grades 7-9 and student-led studying and teacher support for grades 10-12. The intention of this time is to help students develop skills to enhance their social emotional growth, leadership, and academic performance.

On Wednesdays specific teachers meet in literacy or numeracy teams to focus on next steps for school programming based on student need.

This is a mandatory block for all students in grades 7-10 and for students in grades 11 and 12 unless they have a spare in the first or second block. Attendance is taken during this time and students are expected to check in with their designated SOLE supervisor at the beginning of the period. Please contact the administration team if you have any questions about this programming time.



Peace River School Division

UPDATED PERSONAL-OWNED DEVICES & SOCIAL MEDIA PROCEDURES

1

WHAT ARE PODS?

Cell phones, tablets, laptops, smart-watches, and any other device with an Internet connection

2

WHEN CAN STUDENTS USE PODS?

Before and after school and during breaks from class. Devices must be stored away during class times and school events.

3

DOES THE POLICY APPLY TO STAFF?

The PRSD policy does not apply to staff. Staff may use their PODS and/or social media as part of their instructional duties.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The school principal may approve exceptions if a personal device is needed to support the delivery of programming, or to support unique medical or learning needs.



NEW NEW NEW NEW

SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESS

All social media platforms will be inaccessible on all PRSD networks during school hours. Schools may request to have specific computers access social media sites for the purpose of communicating with and engaging the community.

“OUR STUDENTS HAVE TOLD US THEY WANT CLEAR CELL PHONE RESTRICTIONS TO HELP MINIMIZE CLASSROOM DISTRACTIONS”

Crystal Owens,
PRSD Chair of the
Board of Trustees



PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINARY ACTION

If a student fails to follow the guidelines for PODs, there will be a series of steps to address the behaviour.

- **First Time:** We will remind the student about the rules.
- **Second Time:** The student's POD will be taken and securely stored until the end of the school day.
- **Third Time:** We will ask a parent or guardian to come to the school to pick up the POD. There may also be additional consequences such as a suspension.



PAUL ROWE JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
8	9	10	11	12 Study Cafe 3:30-4:30 PM	13	14	
15	16	17 School Council Meeting Everyone welcome 7 PM in the Learning Commons School Foundation Meeting to follow	18	19 Study Cafe 3:30-4:30 PM	20 No School for Students (Professional Development Day)	21	
22	23	24	25	26 Jostens Grad Ring Representative Visits 8:30-10:30AM Terry Fox Run - during SOLE Study Cafe 3:30-4:30 PM	27 Orange Shirt Day (in recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)	28	
29	30 No School National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	October:					
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 E-mail Out to Parents & Guardians • 10 Academic Awards Day for 2023-2024 1PM - 3:30PM • 11 No School (Non-Operational Day) • 14 No School (Thanksgiving) • 16 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4-7PM • 25 No School for Students (PD Day) 					