



## W E L C O M E B A C K !

We hope you are having an enjoyable Summer holiday! Welcome to our new students, teachers, and families. We are anticipating an exciting new school year. With Jesus Christ at the helm of our school, we are hopeful for another great year. This school year holds special significance as we are **celebrating 100 years** as a school!

### **2024/2025 INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF**

Kindergarten—Mrs. Peart

Grades 1-2—Mrs. Brooks & Mrs. Tagarao

Grades 3-4—Mrs. Lee & Mrs. Chavez

Grades 5-6—Mrs. Mitchell & Mr. Jereos

Grades 7-8—Mr. Waite & Mrs. Lawal

Grades 9-12—Mr. Ola, Mrs. Young, Mr. Alexis, Ms. Mutya, Mr. Acosta & Pr. Young

### **COMMUNICATION & INVOLVMENT**

While we will periodically send notes and letters home, our primary communication mode with you will be on the phone via **ONECALLNOW**.

#### **Ways Parents can participate @ PCAA:**

- Attending school functions
- Dropping-in to read with students
- Sponsoring/running a school club
- Joining the Home & School Association

Faculty/Staff Return: **September 3rd-4th**    Students Return: **September 5th**

**Satellite Campus (K-2)**

**Doors Open: 8:45 am**

**Dismissal: 3:05 pm**

**Main Campus (3-6/7-12)**

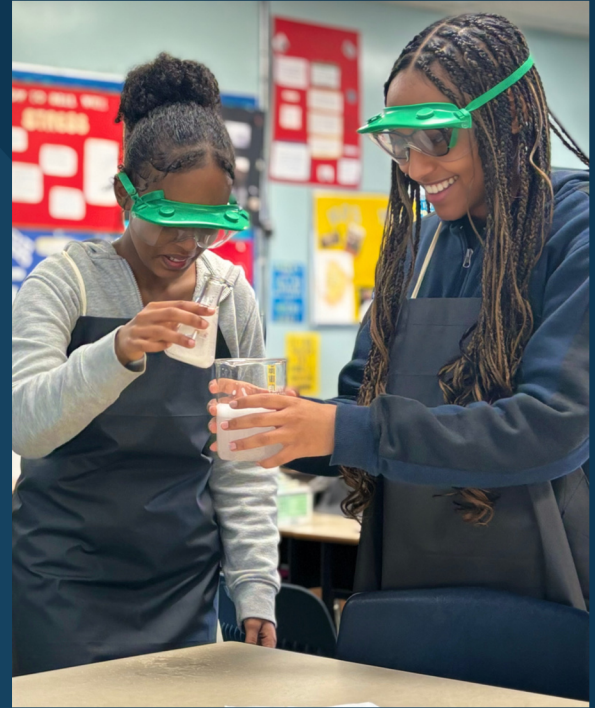
**Doors Open: 8:30 am**

**Dismissal: 3:20 pm/3:25 pm**



## SCHOOL POLICIES TO NOTE

- Punctuality is an important life skill that students should learn. Please ensure your children **arrive on time** for school to gain the most from their teachers and learning experience.
- In accordance with provincial guidelines, **cellphones are banned for students from Kindergarten to Grade 8** . However, **high school students, Grades 9–12 may bring their phones to school but will not be permitted to use them in class.**
- Please **refer to the school handbook** on attire, nail polish, makeup, and jewelry, to ensure attention to modesty and safety.
- All students are to **come prepared with their required school supplies** (please see attached list).
- All students are required to have an **indoor and outdoor** pair of shoes. These are to be non-marking/non-scuffing.
- PCAA is a **nut-free facility**. To ensure the safety of our students, peanuts and nut products are not allowed as part of snacks or lunches.



## SCHOOL BUS

Our school buses are at maximum capacity. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate requests for school bus space at this time.

Mr. Nico will be the bus driver for Route #1. Route #2 will be driven by a driver from Tony's Team Transport.





## HOW TO PREPARE FOR KINDERGARTEN

- **Introduce an earlier bedtime** weeks before school starts.
- **Practice** getting ready for school.
- **Talk with your child** about how they will get to and from school.
- Provide your child with a **healthy breakfast and a nutritious lunch**.
- Choose clothing for your Kindergartener that is **“easy on, easy off”**. Choose pants with elastic waistbands, not zippers and snaps, or overalls, for example, and no belts. Boots must be large enough so the child can put them on independently.
- Allow time for **relaxation & playing** at home.
- **Read to your child daily**. Reading increases vocabulary. Read everything from books to the cereal box!

## PARKING AREAS

The main school parking lot is designed to accommodate 12-15 parked vehicles. With increasing enrolment, parking is likely to be a challenge. To ensure the safety of our students parking is assigned as follows:

**Parking Area A:** Main Lot (West Side). Parents with students in Grade 3/4 may park here.

**Parking Area B:** Main Lot (North Side) **Reserved for Staff and limited parking due to the temporary storage container against the Northside fence.**

**Parking Area C:** East side on (McCalman Avenue) Parents with students from **Grades 5-8**.

**Parking Area D:** East side on (McCalman Ave behind Holy Cross Church) Parents with students from **Grades 9-12**.

Parents with multiple children can park in the area designated for **their youngest child**. To ensure organization, it is important to establish a routine with your child/children as you pickup and drop them off.



## WELCOME NEW STAFF

**Mrs. Atinuke Lawal:** She enjoys cooking and is excited for the year to begin. She will serve as the homeroom teacher for our second Grade 7/8 class.



**Mr. Luc Alexis:** Joins us from Ottawa. He is a talented musician who will deliver music, French and other subjects.



**Mrs. Lina Rodriguez:** Hails from Peru. She is a teacher and photographer. She will serve as one of our Educational Assistants.



**Mr. Shawn Thomas:** He enjoys working with children and has an interest in STEM. He will serve as one of our Educational Assistants.



## YEARBOOK

The compilation of the 2023-2024 Yearbook was a success. We can't wait until our yearbooks arrive.

If you did not yet order a yearbook, you may place an order when school resumes. We are expecting a few extra's to arrive in September!

**SCAN HERE FOR MORE PCAA  
UPDATES OR INQUIRIES**



## MUSIC CLASSES AT PCAA

This school year, a mandatory music program will be implemented into the K-12 curriculum! **Be prepared to purchase or rent an instrument for your child.**

**Parents are to wait until the first week of school for more information about the instrument their child will need.** The following students will be required to have:



### Kindergarten to Grade 4:

- A **soprano recorder** (if they don't have one already).
- Recorders can be rented, used, or purchased through Long and McQuade for as little as \$5.00.



### Grade 5 to Grade 8 (SELECT STUDENTS ONLY):

- A **guitar or ukulele** (if they don't have one already).
- Guitars and ukulele's can be rented, used or purchased but please wait until you receive more information before renting or purchasing.



### Grade 9 to Grade 12 (MANDATORY HALF CREDIT):

- Instruments will range from **flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, drums, etc** as we're reintroducing our band program!
- Please wait for more information about the instrument your child will need.



## **Private Lessons at Prairie Central Adventist Academy**

**In addition to our school music program, we are once again partnering with the Academy of Music and will be offering private music lessons during the daytime.** Instruction is now available on the **piano, guitar, violin, voice and ukulele!**

Tuition is \$30 per 30-minute lesson payable via credit card or e-transfer. If you do not own an instrument at home, the Academy of Music offers the Kawai Keyboard Club which includes the loan of a piano! For more information, please visit [www.academymusic.ca](http://www.academymusic.ca) or email [academymusic@shaw.ca](mailto:academymusic@shaw.ca)

Students may or may not be required to have an instrument at home to practice on to take the private lessons. The Academy of Music can assist parents with recommendations for a suitable instrument if you do not currently own one.

To register, please complete the online form here  
<https://www.academymusic.ca/register-now/>

**For more information, please contact PCAA or the Academy of Music.**

## PCAA'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION PLANS

**SEPTEMBER - Decade Project Kickoff - Each class will have the year to research and learn about a specific decade, and what it was like during that time at RRVJA/PCAA**

**OCTOBER - Alumni Sports Games - From basketball to volleyball; come watch and play as PCAA alumni and current students compete in these fun competitions**

**NOVEMBER - Week In Spiritual Emphasis - Listen to encouraging messages from RRVJA/PCAA alumni and chaplains**

**DECEMBER - Christmas Concert - Let's celebrate the Christ in Christmas and aim to participate in 100 acts of kindness**

**JANUARY - Blast from the Past Event - Take a moment to step back in time as pictures, videos, and memories will be shared to celebrate PCAA's rich history**

**FEBRUARY - Principal's Reading Challenge - Read and raise money to send Dr. Mighty and four other teachers to sleep on the roof this winter**

**MARCH - Week In Spiritual Emphasis - Listen to encouraging messages from RRVJA/PCAA alumni and chaplains**

**APRIL - Education Sabbath - A Sabbath program celebrating 100 years of Adventist education in Manitoba**

**MAY - 100 Year Mural Project - If a mural were painted to represent PCAA, what would it look like? Well this month, we'll find out as a mural is scheduled to be created**

**JUNE/AUGUST - Decade Project Presentations/ Alumni Homecoming Reunion**



YouTube : *Prairie Central Adventist Academy*



Instagram : *@prairiecentraladventist*  
Alumni Instagram : *@pcaaalumni*



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