

PSO Newsletter

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Welcome Back

Hello Parents & Guardians!

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful winter break. I'm excited to welcome you back to school. Just a quick reminder that the last day of classes for Semester 1 is Friday, Jan. 26th. It's important to ensure that all your assignments and homework are complete before the last day. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact your teachers directly via email or phone the school at 250-395-2461. And remember, it's important to stay on top of your studies as course failures at the Grade 10-12 level may have an impact on your graduation eligibility. Let's make this semester a great one!

Grad Scholarship and Meeting

There will be a mandatory Grad scholarship meeting and Dry Grad information meeting on January 18th at 10:20 am during B block in the cafeteria. There will be important information regarding the process for scholarships and information regarding Dry Grad events. The deadline for scholarship applications is March 15th at 3pm.

If you have any scholarship questions, please speak to Mr. Watson in the counselling area or Mrs. Jackson in the office.

Dates to Know

Jan. 13 - PSO Art Exhibit opens at the Parkside Art Centre

Jan 18 - Grad Scholarship Meeting
10:20 am

Jan. 22 - 25 - Gr 10 & 12 Assessments (see schedule on Pg3)

Jan 26 - End of Semester One

Jan. 29 - Start of Semester Two (New schedules will be handed out in your A block class - Stay tuned)

Feb 2 - Grad Photo Retakes

Feb 14 - Valentine's Dance

Feb 16 - Pro-D Day

Feb 19 - Family Day (School Closed)



Grad Photo Retakes

Grad Photo retakes will take place on February 2nd in the morning. Sign up for times will be available at the office closer to the date.

Sports

There are 4 spots left for the Vancouver HSBC 7's Series rugby trip! If you are still interested in going, let Mr. Taylor know and we can solidify for a spot. The trip is from Feb 23rd-25th!

The Weight room is open on Monday, Thursday and Friday's

Wrestling on Tuesday's at lunch in the weight room

School Messenger

PSO is using School Messenger automatic callout module. The program is linked to MyEd BC and sends out emails, phone calls and messages to parents whose children did not go to class for that morning or afternoon (unexcused absence). Parents can respond in kind to the message indicating that the child is ill etc. The system also allows parents to indicate that their child will be away for the day by calling 1 (833) 582-6944, using the phone app, website login or calling the school. <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>

Volunteering at the School

All volunteers volunteering their time to support school events must have a criminal record check completed before they start helping out. This includes driving students, dry grad, coaching, helping in a classroom, etc. To apply online go to the link below and enter the password. Online Link:

<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>
PSO Access Code: V5L5RVHL5M

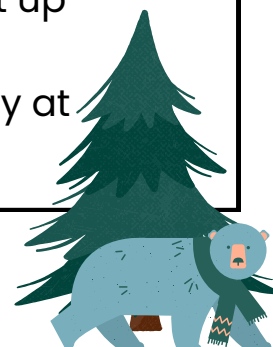
PAC Meeting

The next PAC meeting is on Monday, January 15th at 5:30 in the school library.

A strong relationship between the school and parents is very important in a child's education, and one way of being involved with the school is to be a member of the PAC. All Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend meetings to hear what is happening at each school.

Attendance

There is a direct correlation between student attendance and success. Please talk to your child about attending regularly and staying caught up with homework and assignments. If your child is struggling with attendance and/or falling behind, please contact their teacher directly at any time.



Gr. 10 & 12 Assessments

Our next Grade 10 & Grade 12 Assessment week is fast approaching. These assessments will take place during the week of January 22nd to January 25th. The schedule is as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9am-12pm (Rm 070) English 10 - Giesbrecht	9am-12pm (Rm 070) English 10 - Verbeeten	9-12 (Rm 070) Gr 12 Catch Up	9am-12pm (Rm 120) Numeracy 10 - Murray
12:30 -3:15 (Rm 070) English 10 - Keller	12:30-3:15 (Rm 147) Gr 12 Catch Up	12:30-3:15	12:30 - 3:15 (Rm 147) Numeracy 10 - Barriault

Gr 12 assessments in this exam period are for students who have previously missed Gr 10 or 12 assessments. On Monday, Jan 15th, there will be a Gr 12 list posted in the counselling area with a sign up sheet.

Valentines Dance

We will be hosting a Valentine's Day dance on February 14th for Gr 10, 11 & 12's. Tickets will be on sale during lunch time. Tickets sale dates will be announced soon. There will be a Gr 8 and 9 dance coming in April.

Semester 2 & Course Changes

The schedules for Semester 2 will be distributed in D block on Wednesday, January 17th. If you need to make any changes to your courses, please book an appointment at the counselling office.

Gr 9 Immunizations

Consent forms have been distributed to all Grade 9 students for the upcoming immunizations. It is important to fill out and return the forms to the office as soon as possible. If your child has NOT received a consent form from their A block teacher, please check with the office. The immunization date is set for January.

Course Selection for 2024-2025

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting evening meetings for parents to discuss course selection for the upcoming school year. Stay tuned for the official dates. During the meeting, we will cover a range of topics, including graduate programs, work experience, and TRU trades program opportunities.

Incomplete Days Information

"I" Days—in the past, PSO has scheduled "I" or "Incomplete" Days on the last day of a semester for students who are not passing their courses. As we believe that meaningful learning occurs throughout the semester and a whole semester of learning cannot be made up in a single day, we have not included these days in our timetable this year. Students who are not currently on track to pass their course should receive communication home from their teacher by Jan 11th. If you have any questions about your student's progress, please reach out to their classroom teacher.

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**OPENING
JAN. 13**

**PSO
Student
Showcase**

PSO Student Showcase

January 13 - February 24, 2024

Opening reception Saturday, January 13 from 11-2pm

Parkside Art Gallery